



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA • NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Conservation Commission for a term of three years, effective November 18, 2019: Erum Sattar
CMA 2019 #289
This item was placed on file.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as new members of the Cambridge Immigrant Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective November 18, 2019: Tsamchoe Dolma, Ashebir Gezmu, Aleksandra Ibrahim, Subandha Karmacharya, Ana Mejia
CMA 2019 #290
This item was placed on file.
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective November 18, 2019: Kaileigh Callender
CMA 2019 #291
This item was placed on file.
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.
CMA 2019 #292
The Fuel Assistance Program is an initiative under the Department of Human Services Programs that helps pay for the heating bills of eligible residents who fall below the federal poverty line. Renters and homeowners can both be eligible for heating assistance between the months of November and April. Each year, the City serves over 1,000 low-income residents through this program. For more information on what the Fuel Assistance Program is, how to apply, and more, [click here](#).

This item was placed on file.

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5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt with comments and suggested improvements, the CambridgeSide Galleria Associates Trust Zoning Petition.

CMA 2019 #293

This petition received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board during their October 29th meeting, which can be viewed [here](#). Last Thursday, November 14th, the City Council held an Ordinance Committee Meeting to further discuss the matter. Representatives from the CambridgeSide Galleria and New England Development gave a brief presentation of their proposed upzoning, as well as the community benefits package accompanying their petition. The Ordinance Committee voted to move the petition to the full City Council with NO recommendation, and will be on the agenda for Monday, November 25th and could be moved to a second reading by the full City Council. On Tuesday, November 26th, a [special City Council meeting](#) will be held to hear from an independent financial consultant, who was instructed to determine if the offered community benefits are a sufficient return for granting the petitioner's upzoning request.

This item was placed on file.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$4,475,844.18 from Free Cash to the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund which will be used to fund specific future projects, requiring individual appropriations by the City Council at a later date.

CMA 2019 #294

Vice Mayor Devereux asked what the breakdowns of what the special projects were. These capital projects were related to the sewer system, biking docks, and the Harvard Square Improvement Fund.

This item was adopted.

7. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Local Cultural Council grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of to the Arts Council in the amount of \$27,600 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Arts Council's Artist Grant Program through which financial grants will be made to support individual artists, creative partnerships, and to arts organizations doing work in Cambridge and for local audiences.

CMA 2019 #295

See below. This item was placed on file.

8. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Mass Cultural Council Cultural Investment Portfolio grant made by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the amount of \$4,120 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide operating support for administration and programming costs.

CMA 2019 #296

The funding outlined in CMA items 7 and 8 is the only financial support the Cambridge Arts Council receives from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and therefore Cambridge artists and arts organizations receive, from the State. As this funding is not sufficient to properly support our artists and arts organizations, as well as Central Square, a state designated Cultural District, it is important

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that the City seek to find ways to fill in funding gaps to support the arts and the creative economy in Cambridge.

This item was placed on file.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 MOVA Victim Services Training Grant for \$5,050 received from the Victim and Witness Assistance Board through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide funding to the “Trauma-Informed Approaches to Law Enforcement” training in collaboration with the Cambridge Domestic and GenderBased Violence Prevention Initiative.

CMA 2019 #297

This item was placed on file.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the Exterior Building Insulation Zoning Petition.

CMA 2019 #298

This item was placed on file.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt Article 22 Green Building Requirements Zoning Petition.

CMA 2019 #299

This item was placed on file.

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I. CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the following ordinance: and proposed amendments to Chapter 14.04 of the Cambridge Municipal Code (the "Fair Housing Ordinance). Fair Housing (passed to a 2nd reading) **AWAITING HOME RULE LEGISLATION-BEFORE PROPOSAL CAN BE ORDAINED**
CMA 2018 #234
No action was taken.
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 18-108, regarding a report on offering early voting in City Council and School Committee Elections. **PENDING RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATURE**
CMA 2018 #286
No action was taken.
3. A petition was received from Stephan Badige et al, regarding amending the Municipal Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.78.090 subparagraph E and I by changing six months to twelve months twice in each paragraph to permit the Cambridge Historical Commission to delay the issuance of a demolition permit for twelve months. **PASSED TO A SECOND MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AND BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR ORDINATION**
APP 2019 #52
This item was ordained.
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the creation of a new municipal Renewable Energy and Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Reduction Revolving Fund ("Revolving Fund") to serve the City of Cambridge's ("City") municipal energy aggregation, and adoption of the proposed new ordinance, Chapter 3.24, entitled "Departmental Revolving Funds." **PASSED TO A SECOND MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AND BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR ORDINATION**
CMA 2019 #288
This item was ordained.

II. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Violette Bakers, requesting permission for an A-Framed sign in front of the premises numbered 1786 Massachusetts Avenue.

APP 2019 #89

This application was adopted on the consent agenda (no discussion)

2. An application was received from New England Wax Enterprises, LLC, requesting permission for an AFrame sign in front of the premises numbered 1868 Massachusetts Avenue.

APP 2019 #90

This application was adopted on the consent agenda.

3. An application was received from Blick Art Materials, LLC, requesting permission for an A-Frame sign in front of the premises numbered 619 Massachusetts Avenue.

APP 2019 #91

This application was adopted on the consent agenda.

III. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to delay trash collection on Lexington Avenue, Lakeview Avenue and Standish Street until after 9:00 a.m. to alleviate traffic congestion in the area prior to the start of the Tobin school day, and to ensure on-time school bus schedules on Tuesdays.

Councillor Mallon

POR 2019 #369

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to fully restore sharrows to Broadway, alongside the new door-zone bike lane, as a reminder to motorists that cyclists are always allowed to take the full lane.

Councillor Zondervan

POR 2019 #370

Vice Mayor Devereux was added as a co-sponsor.

This order was adopted as amended.

3. That the City Council go on record condemning former Attorney General Sessions' decision in Matter of A-B-, and recognizing the decision as a shameful attempt to eviscerate protections for women, children, LGBTQ+ people, and families fleeing harrowing violence.

Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Siddiqui

POR 2019 #371

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report from Vice Mayor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee, for a public meeting held on November 14, 2019 to discuss the Solicitor's Response to Policy Order O-9 from the June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting

CRT 2019 #75

Vice Mayor Devereux

During this Committee Meeting, Councillors discussed municipally financed elections, the registration of lobbyists, limiting donations from individuals with business before the Council, and overarchingly, how to ensure that campaign finance is equitable. Committee Members reemphasized their interest in forming a Taskforce to deal with this issue. The City Solicitor was asked if the Council would need to submit a Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to restrict donations, but was unsure if one was required. The possibilities of a voucher system, where residents are given a voucher to contribute to candidates, and creating a lobbyist database, were discussed. At the City Council Meeting, Councillor Zondervan moved to amend the contained Policy Order to prohibit donations from non-residents with business before the Council, and to restrict contributions from residents with business before the Council. The amendment was passed.

This report was accepted and placed on file, and the contained, amended Policy Order (below) was passed.

That the City Manager be requested to have the City Solicitor report back to the City Council about (1) whether the City must file a home rule petition to require that lobbyists register with the city and disclose campaign contributions to municipal officials, (2) whether the City must file a home rule petition to limit donations from non-residents who have business pending before the council; and (3) reiterate the Council's previous request to form a task force to explore public financing for municipal elections, particularly focused on vouchers and matching donations.

POR 2019 #372

Vice Mayor Devereux

2. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on November 12 at 12 PM to discuss Green Building requirements

CRT 2019 #76

This report was accepted and placed on file, and the contained item (below) was adopted.

A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a petition to amend provisions in Section 22.20, which governs Green Building Requirements, and also applicable definitions contained in Article 2.000.

CMA 2019 #256

3. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on November 12, 2019 to discuss the Insulation Zoning proposal

CRT 2019 #77

This report was accepted and placed on file, and the contained item (below) was adopted.

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A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a petition to amend provisions in Article 5.000 and Article 22.000 pertaining to setback requirements and exterior building insulation.

CMA 2019 #257

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor McGovern, transmitting Cambridge Girlx in Sports Working Group.

Mayor McGovern

COF 2019 #61

This communication announces the institution of a Cambridge Girlx in Sports Working Group, a collaboration between the Women's Commission, Cambridge Recreation, and the City Manager's Office. The Working Group will be responsible for ensuring girls and young women have equal access and opportunity to engage in sports, whether it be access to fields and coaches, or measures to encourage participation. When I asked if there was a timeline for this Working Group, Mayor McGovern answered that there was not one yet, but he hopes to have one by spring.

This item was placed on file.