



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA JANUARY 13, 2020

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30PM

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

I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19- 117, regarding data from 2019 Summer Meals Program.

CMA 2020 #1

This report regards Cambridge's 2019 Summer Meals Programs, a federally funded meals program for children 0-18 to access free meals during the summer, and reflects the large changes that were made this past summer. After some of Cambridge's open food sites lost their federal funding eligibility, the City began directly funding those food sites. Along with park open sites, meals were also distributed at basketball games, public housing buildings, and movie nights as part of a successful pilot program. Over the Summer of 2019, there was a 12% increase in the number of meals and snacks served from Summer 2018. In addition, comparable vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals were allowed to be served at the same time at the same food site, making greater choice and accessibility. For the coming summer, the City will look to increase community outreach and knowledge of the Summer Meals Program with the goal of distributing more summer meals to food insecure children during the summer.

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective January 13, 2020: Olinda Marshall

CMA 2020 #2

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda (no discussion).

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as new member of the Historical Commission for a term of three years, effective December 18, 2019: Elizabeth Lyster and Caroline Shannon

CMA 2020 #3

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

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4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$39,600 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures Account (\$37,089), and the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training Account (\$2,511) which will fund the purchase of 6 laryngoscopes with a camera attached to a viewable screen to better assess the patient, and also fund the training cost and uniforms for 12 members who will be added to the existing 28 member Cambridge Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Bicycle Team.

CMA 2020 #4

This appropriation includes funding both for six laryngoscopes, and for uniforms for 12 additional members of the Fire Department EMS Bicycle Team, to increase the team to 40 total. Laryngoscopes are a medical device that are inserted into an individual's throat to see what is blocking the airway. Five of these devices will be kept on the Paramedic Advanced Life Support Units, while the sixth will be used for training. The data collected from the camera of the laryngoscopes will be subject to the City's Surveillance Ordinance. The additional Bicycle Team members will be deployed to events to ensure that immediate action can be taken if an emergency occurs. They will also serve a public relations role in their community through engaging with the public.

This item was adopted.

5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Traffic Enforcement Grant Program in the amount of \$37,500 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicle laws related to speeding, impaired driving and occupant protection.

CMA 2020 #5

This appropriation will be used by the Police Department to fund additional traffic enforcement measures, which a particular emphasis on high-risk areas where there have been a significant amount of accidents or other incidents in the past. Enforcement will be conducted by officers primarily using motorcycles and bicycles, and patrol cars where necessary. This appropriation is part of a bigger plan for traffic enforcement being implemented on February 1, 2020, which will include a greater focus on ensuring bike lanes are unobstructed, and using smaller vehicles, like Police Motorcycles or Bicycles to ensure that the enforcement of the issues are not exacerbated by the solution.

This item was adopted.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY20 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP Grant for \$46,302.29 received from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to the Grant Fund Police Department Salaries and Wages account (\$41,250) and the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,052.29) which will provide funds to continue contracting with a civilian advocate to implement the Police Department's Trauma Informed approach to policing. ***CMA 2020 #6***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Scott Kenton, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Pine Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

APP 2019 #94

Last year, the Council received this application, but had not received any response from abutters or from the neighborhood association expressing either support for or opposition to the application. These support or opposition letters hold weight in whether or not the Council approves the application. Therefore, Councillor Zondervan exercised his charter-right (meaning no vote was taken at that meeting on this application, and that this application appears on the agenda for the next City Council meeting) to allow time to receive responses from abutters. By the time of this meeting, no responses have been received from the neighborhood association, nor abutters, so the Council did not feel comfortable approving the application.

This item was placed on the table.

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the Surveillance Use Policy and related documents.

CMA 2019 #319

This item was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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.

4. Amendment to Chapter 8.12 of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge
**PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON OF AFTER DECEMBER 16, 2019 TO BE
ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 29, 2019**

POR 2019 #349

This amendment to the Municipal Ordinances would ban mobile on-demand fueling services. Mobile fueling is a service where cars' gas tanks are filled at the owners' home or workplace, rather than at a gas station. After being passed to a second reading last year, the order was brought

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before the Council for this meeting, as it was the first City Council Meeting after the waiting period for voting on ordination had passed. Councillor Zondervan moved to suspend the rules and have Committee Report #1 brought forward with this order, which was approved.

This item was ordained.

5. That the Amendment to Chapter 2.128 Surveillance Ordinance Technology be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for a hearing. **PASSED TO A SECOND READING ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 9, 2019 TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 23, 2019 POR 2019 #255**

This amendment to the Surveillance Technology Ordinance would ban the use of facial recognition technology. Facial recognition technology is used by governments across the world to identify and track individuals, often with unjust or inhumane results. Local governments in the United States, including Chicago and Detroit, have installed this technology within their public surveillance cameras, allowing them to identify anyone within the camera's view, while China has actively used this technology to track religious minorities, allowing the government to control and oppress them. Facial recognition software not only presents concerns surrounding privacy and civil rights, but can also endanger vulnerable communities through identification errors. Women, people of color, the elderly, and children are all less likely to be correctly identified than their male, white, and middle aged counterparts. These misidentifications could have significant consequences, should facial recognition technology be used to, for example, find someone accused of committing a crime. Transgender individuals are also routinely misgendered by this technology. With the ordination of this policy order, Cambridge is joining Somerville, Brookline, and Northampton, Massachusetts, as well as other cities across the country in protecting our residents by banning the use of facial recognition technology.

This item was ordained.

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Christopher Schmidt, regarding an amendment to Section 2.000 of the Zoning Ordinance.

APP 2020 #1

The current Zoning Ordinance does not allow four or more unrelated (non-family) individuals to live together in the same housing unit. This application requests that the Zoning Ordinance be changed to remove this rule.

This item was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. Dedication Request for William J. Brathwaite Sr.

Councillor Simmons

POR 2020 #1

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

2. Supporting Small Business and the Arts through Tourism

Vice Mayor Mallon

POR 2020 #2

Tourism, small business, and the arts are all interconnected, as non-residents visiting the city for an arts and culture event are likely to spend money on expenses such as food, ground transportation, lodging and more. For this reason, the Council asked the Cambridge Office of Tourism, the Cambridge Arts Council, and the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department to meet and coordinate efforts to strengthen the small business community and the Arts through tourism. This order asks that the City Manager update the Council on the work that this group has done, so their insight can be considered during the FY21 Budget Hearings. This order was amended to include Councillor McGovern as a co-sponsor.

This order was adopted as amended.

3. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Toomey for a suitable dedication in the vicinity of Mount Auburn Hospital in honor of William Sarchrioni Sr.

Councillor Toomey

POR 2020 #3

This order was adopted.

4. TPO Extension PO

Councillor Zondervan

POR 2020 #4

Last year, temporary amendments were made to the City's Tree Protection Ordinance that restrict the removal of "significant" trees on private property. This was done to take immediate action while giving the Council time to review recommendations made by the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force Report. The Report came out later than anticipated, so this Order asks that the Tree Protection Ordinance amendments are extended to give the Council more time to review the Report beyond its original expiration date of February 25, 2020. By referring the Order to the Health and Environment Committee, the Council will be able to hear feedback from members of the public and receive information from relevant City Officials before making a decision on whether to extend the expiration date of the amendments.

This order was referred to the Health and Environment Committee.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on December 10, 2019 to discuss Mobile Fueling and Fuel pump warning labels

CRT 2020 #1

This report was accepted.

Fuel pump warning labels

POR 2019 #327

Councillor Devereux, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Zondervan

This item was passed to a second reading.

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VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor McGovern, transmitting a memorandum regarding ordaining face recognition technology ban.

Councillor McGovern

COF 2020 #1

This item was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information from the January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting of the School Committee.

Mayor Siddiqui

COF 2020 #2

This communication regards the first School Committee Meeting of the year, where the focus was on the budgeting process for Cambridge Public Schools. We're currently on Phase 2 of the Budgeting Process, meaning expenses of current and new or expanded services have been calculated, and the Superintendent is beginning to collaborate with the City Manager to develop a proposed budget. To encourage collaboration between City and School leaders, as well as to gain valuable insight from educators and parents, a series of crucial meeting dates were also announced. Included in these meetings are a series of Budget Retreats for School Committee and City Council members, and community meetings on January 21st and 24th. A Joint Roundtable between the School Committee and City Council will be held on February 11th, and the Superintendent will present the proposed FY21 budget on March 12th before the City Council Budget Hearing in May. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Cambridge Public Schools budgeting process.

This item was placed on file.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, announcing the formal 2020-2021 appointments to the City Council Committees.

Mayor Siddiqui

COF 2020 #3

Click [here](#) to see the 2020-2021 Committee assignments.

This item was placed on file.

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**X. LATE AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
PER RULE 36A**

1. That the City Council encourage the citizens of Cambridge to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by performing acts of kindness through service to others and participating in Many Helping Hands – Cambridge MLK Day of Service.

Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui

(ID # 11159)

Cambridge MLK Day of Service is an annual event that invites residents to take part in service opportunities across Central Square on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Projects include making Valentines for seniors, sorting food donations, creating kids activity kits for emergency rooms, and more. For more information on the Many Helping Hands Day of Service and how to participate, click [here](#).

This order was adopted.