



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • JULY 27, 2020

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Special Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

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

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## I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointments of the following persons as member of the Human Rights Commissioner for a term of three years, effective July 27, 2020: Bonita Cox, Mercedes Evans, Joshua Stadlan, Sabrina Selk and Kathryn Stack  
**CMA 2020 #148**  
*This item was placed on file on the consent agenda (no discussion).*
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Board of Trustees of the Cambridge Health Alliance to fill a vacated seat representing Somerville from July 21, 2020 through June 30, 2022: Bryan Simmons  
**CMA 2020 #149**  
*This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.*
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Surveillance Technology Impact Report for electronic poll pads, requested by the Election Commission.  
**CMA 2020 #150**  
*This item was placed on file.*
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund Electrical Department Salary and Wages Account to the General Fund Electrical Travel and Training Account (Judgments and Damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.  
**CMA 2020 #151**  
*This item was adopted on the consent agenda.*
5. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY21 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant in the amount of \$23,743 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which supports administering quality assurance for the emergency medical protocol used by Emergency Communications staff to provide pre and post-dispatch instructions for medical emergencies.  
**CMA 2020 #152**  
*This item was adopted on the consent agenda.*

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6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$10,489,930 received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund as part of the Federal Cares Act, to the Grant Fund Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will support expenditures related to core municipal services; public health; and services and supports to residents.

***CMA 2020 #153***

This item was adopted.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-16, regarding feasibility of eliminating Library late fines.

***CMA 2020 #154***

This report responds to a policy order Mayor Siddiqui and I filed earlier this year asking the City Manager to eliminate late fines in Cambridge Public Libraries. Late fines have devastating impacts on our community; young and low-income residents are disproportionately likely to be blocked from using library services after accumulating late fees, while the administrative costs associated with collecting late fees often equals or exceeds revenue collected. That's why I'm excited to hear the Library will pilot eliminating fines for late and lost youth materials, and eliminating late fines for adult materials. While all fees are currently suspended due to COVID, the year-long pilot will begin once normal Library services resume. Library card access will be restored to all 5,748 blocked Cambridge patrons, 24% of who are under 18, so this pilot will critically expand access to those who need library services the most. When the pilot begins, I'm hopeful that the Library will get creative in informing residents about the change, and consider offering personalized outreach to previously blocked patrons, especially blocked youth.

This item was placed on file.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Awaiting Report 20-1, regarding report on the work that has been done to coordinate efforts to strengthen the local small business community and the arts through tourism.

***CMA 2020 #155***

This item was placed on file.

9. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,064,930 received from HUD as part of the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) Grant (\$1,802,640), which the City of Cambridge manages; as well as from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides HOPWA funds (\$262,330) through the CARES Act to address the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States; to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used for assisted living programs and supportive services; shelter services, rental assistance and housing search services.

***CMA 2020 #156***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-08, regarding working with neighbors in the vicinity of Eustis Street to implement traffic calming measures on this street.

***CMA 2020 #157***

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-127, regarding public utilities' load forecasting and infrastructure planning.

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### **CMA 2020 #158**

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

12. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-28, regarding parking restrictions associated with the Port Infrastructure Improvement Project.

### **CMA 2020 #159**

This item was referred to the Health and Environment Committee for further discussion.

13. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 19-132, regarding a report on tree planting at Magazine Beach Park.

### **CMA 2020 #160**

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

14. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-11, regarding renaming the fleet maintenance area of the Ryan Garage in honor of Sydney Cox.

### **CMA 2020 #161**

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.

15. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Agenda for Children's Talk and Read grant in the amount of \$500.00 received from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$500.00) which will be used to cover refreshment and food costs for Community Engagement Team (CET) networking events.

### **CMA 2020 #162**

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

16. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Summer Food Program grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Education in the amount of \$380,250 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wage account (\$10,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$370,250) which will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at the same 8 sites utilized by Cambridge Public Schools when the COVID-19 crisis began through September 4, 2020 as well as to fund dinner sites in conjunction with the Book Bike and Food for Free.

### **CMA 2020 #163**

This appropriation will be used to fight food insecurity by funding regular summer meal sites run by the Department of Human Service Programs, as well as dinner sites overseen by the Book Bike and Food For Free. Summer food insecurity is a major concern for young residents every year, but the financial impacts of COVID we're facing this year make these programs even more crucial. [Click here](#) for more information about the City's Summer Food Program.

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

17. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Adult and Community Learning Services, in the amount of \$842,930.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$790,872.00), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$51,233.00),

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and to the Travel and Training account (\$825.00) which will fund: the Community Learning Center's primary ESOL and ABE teaching, educational and career advising, and assessment; the coordination of services to students with documented disabilities, curriculum development and coordination for math and English Language Arts, technology coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach activities and child care services to the ESOL family literacy class at the Peabody School; administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking; and the second CNA training program for FY21. **CMA 2020 #164**

**This item was adopted on the consent agenda.**

18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in the amount of \$58,995 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$33,441) and to Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,554) which will fund the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program, and will provide an integrated education and training program for immigrant adults in the Metro North area who are interested in becoming certified nursing assistants and home health aides (CNA/HHA).

**CMA 2020 #165**

**This item was adopted on the consent agenda.**

19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in the amount of \$79,992 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$47,084), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$32,908) which will be used to provide an integrated education and training program to adults in the Metro North area who want to start a career in the Information Technology field and work as Computer User Support Specialists, Help Desk Technicians, etc. Upon graduation, they will be able to take the COMP TIA+ exam and earn an industry recognized credential.

**CMA 2020 #166**

**This item was adopted on the consent agenda.**

20. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult and Community Learning Services grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$222,472 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$198,729), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$23,743) which will fund ESOL teaching, advising, and assessment, the grant provides for technology integration activities and coordination, and tech support for students to be able to access remote classes and revision of tech policies. It also includes administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking.

**CMA 2020 #167**

**This item was adopted on the consent agenda.**

21. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$292,308, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$32,875), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$259,433) which will be used to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.

**CMA 2020 #168**

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This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

22. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds for the Community Learning Center's Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)/Community Learning Services state grant in the amount of \$1,250 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to pay for office supplies.

**CMA 2020 #169**

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

23. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation to the Multi-Service Center in the amount of \$1,200 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support rental assistance for low income residents at risk of losing housing.

**CMA 2020 #170**

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

24. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Project Bread Summer Eats grant in the amount of \$4,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will fund the Summer Food Program by Project Bread and will be used to enhance promotion and outreach, support activities, and for program related supplies.

**CMA 2020 #171**

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

25. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of new Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$236,500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$21,500) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$215,000) which will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic among individuals and families who are homeless and will support shelter operating costs and provision of essential services to homeless persons outside of a shelter setting.

**CMA 2020 #172**

This item was adopted.

26. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the ESOL Grant for \$88,766 funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$81,972), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,394), and to the Travel and Training account (\$400) which will support core ESOL services provided by the Community Learning Center and will also support ESOL curriculum development and coordination, civics education activities and coordination as well as administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work and fiscal tracking.

**CMA 2020 #173**

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

27. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-33, regarding implementing a Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification Act that would require owners and management companies to include tenants' rights and resources information when issuing eviction notifications including at the initial Notice to Quit stage.

**CMA 2020 #174**

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This item suggests language for a Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification Act, which would require property owners to distribute tenants' rights and resources information when initiating an eviction. When the Massachusetts eviction moratorium lifts in October, we'll see a tsunami of evictions, so it's pivotal that tenants understand their rights and the resources available to help them in these difficult times. To ensure this Act would take effect before the eviction moratorium ends in October, the effective date was changed from 90 days after passage, to 60 days. It was further amended to ask the City Solicitor to explore a requirement to include tenants' rights information at the initial leasing stage, as many tenants encounter problems with their landlords, like maintenance issues, that are completely separate from evictions.

This item was passed to a second reading as amended.

28. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to an updated response to Calendar Item #9, regarding Gas Infrastructure Ban.

***CMA 2020 #175***

Although the City Council is currently considering a Natural Gas Infrastructure Ban, the Massachusetts Attorney General recently opined that a similar ban in Brookline violates state law and the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Therefore, this item was referred to the Health and Environment Committee, so Committee members can evaluate next steps.

This item was referred to the Health and Environment Committee.

29. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a proposed restatement of and amendment to the Mayor's Disaster Relief Account, entitled "The City of Cambridge Restated and Amended Mayor's Disaster Relief Account" ("Account").

***CMA 2020 #176***

This item asks that the Mayor's Disaster Relief Account be broadened to allow arts organizations to receive funding through the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund (MDRF). Since the beginning of the pandemic, nearly \$5 million has been raised through MDRF to provide housing assistance to tenants, much-needed relief to small businesses, and support to residents displaced after fires, and has been constantly evolved to respond to community needs. The Arts are in a uniquely vulnerable position; they can't offer curbside pickup or delivery to your door. State and federal relief efforts falling flat, and with significant venue improvements needed to ensure a safe reopening, this entire sector will disappear without City support. If that happens, the ripple effects will overwhelm our community. Not only will countless creatives and their support staff lose their livelihoods, but the surrounding Main Street economy, like the gift shops, restaurants, and hotels that rely on Arts event attendees for business, will suffer too. Despite their immense struggles, the Arts have continued to give back to our community throughout this pandemic, lifting our spirits and enriching our lives when we've needed it the most. That's why I was disappointed to see Councillor Simmons exercise her charter-right on this item, ending our discussion, and delaying a vote from being taken until the next regular meeting, September 14th, due to unnamed concerns. This is time the Arts don't have, and the artists and Arts organizations that make up the heart and soul of the Central Square Cultural District will suffer from this inaction. Learn more about why the Arts desperately need your support, and how you can advocate for them, by [clicking here](#).

Councillor Simmons exercised her charter-right.

30. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-34, regarding a report on an itemized statement of all materials, tools, and property owned by the Cambridge Police Department.

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### *CMA 2020 #177*

Last month, the City Council passed a policy order asking for a full list of all materials owned by the Cambridge Police Department. This report details all of these materials, with the photos I requested included. Given the enormous inventory, the City Council referred this report to the Public Safety Committee for a more in-depth conversation. In the Committee, we'll learn about the use of these items, and consider how to move forward as a community to ensure public safety feels safe for everyone.

This item was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

## II. CALENDAR

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### ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings.

**TABLED ON JANUARY 27, 2020**

**POR 2019 #339**

No action was taken. See City Manager's Agenda Item #28 for discussion.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.



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III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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1. A Re-Submission of a Rezoning Petition has been received from Salvatori Zinno, Vice President, Development, BMR-THIRD LLC., regarding rezoning petition for a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge which upon adoption, would result in a new Planned Unit Development ("PUD") District CDK.

**APP 2020 #26**

This application was referred to the Ordinance Committee on the consent agenda.

2. An application was received from Jeff Perenti, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Education 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 2020 #27**

This application was approved on the consent agenda.

3. An application was received from David Biancaville, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 10 Acorn Park Drive; 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 2020 #28**

As he has heard concerns from the neighborhood association on this project, Councillor Zondervan exercised his charter-right.

Councillor Zondervan exercised his charter-right.

4. An application was received from Patrick Conte, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 40 Thorndike 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 2020 #29**

This application was approved on the consent agenda.

5. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Arvind Srinivasau regarding zoning language for the Alewife Quadrangle Northwest Overlay district.

**APP 2020 #30**

This application was referred to the Ordinance Committee on the consent agenda.

6. A Zoning Petition Has been received from Francis E. Donovan regarding new zoning amendments to increase Affordable Housing.

**APP 2020 #31**

This zoning petition submitted by residents combines specific zoning changes with amendments to the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO), and general policy suggestions. Although some of my colleagues and I are concerned over the provisions outlined in the petition that would restrict multifamily housing and undermine the AHO's intent and scope, we were required to send the petition to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for discussion. The petitioners have since asked that only the zoning amendments be considered. I hope the Planning Board can review

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the petition and report back on it before the City Council holds an Ordinance Committee hearing, to ensure my colleagues and I are well prepared for a robust conversation.

This application was referred to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board.

## VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

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1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department and provide an update on the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association union contract negotiation at the City Council's regular meeting on September 14th, 2020.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui**

***POR 2020 #165***

I filed this policy order with Councillor McGovern and Mayor Siddiqui to ask the City Manager to keep the City Council informed on the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' union contract negotiations. Although the City Council doesn't have the authority to intervene in contract negotiations, it has a vested interest in staying informed on these conversations, especially amid increased scrutiny on the police. This policy order complements [a previously adopted order](#) requesting all collective bargaining agreements between the City and unions be posted online, and is part of a broader effort to increase transparency within the Police Department and broader City government.

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

2. The Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for members of the City Council and School Committee for Tuesday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, in the Sullivan Chambers, 795 Massachusetts Ave, to discuss CPSD reopening school plans.

**Mayor Siddiqui**

***POR 2020 #166***

Tune in to the City Council's Roundtable with the School Committee by visiting [the Open Meeting Portal](#).

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

3. That the City Council go on record in support of S. 2785, an "Act Promoting Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention through a Right to Counsel Pilot Program in Massachusetts in Response to the COVID Emergency,"

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #167***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

4. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, to expand testing dates and locations for the months of August and September. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Public Health Department to create an overall testing plan for the upcoming late fall and winter months ahead.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2020 #168***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

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5. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Department and City Solicitor to generate a report detailing the Sole Assessment Process, the Civil Service HRD process, the reason for choosing the Sole Assessment Process over the Civil Service HRD process, and the projected costs associated with both processes. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to present this report at the September 14th regular City Council meeting.

**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #169***

I filed this policy order with Councillors McGovern and Sobrinho-Wheeler to address concerns I've heard from the Firefighter's Union on the selection process for the next Fire Chief. Instead of using the Civil Service process developed by the State available in October 2020 and April 2021, the City Manager announced plans to instead use a different Sole Assessment Process, that the City has not used in the past. This order asks for an overview of both processes, including the projected costs associated with each, and an explanation of why the Sole Assessment Process was chosen over the Civil Service process, so the City Council can have a better understanding of the decision.

This order was adopted.

6. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Cambridge Public Library, the Library Board of Trustees, and any other appropriate City personnel to consider formally renaming the Central Square Library in honor of Maria Baldwin and Rep. John Lewis, with the building being known as "The Maria Baldwin and Rep. John Lewis Library and Center for African American/Black History and Culture" going forward, or to otherwise find another suitable location for this dedication

**Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #170***

This order asks that the Central Square Library be renamed to honor Maria Baldwin, the first black woman to serve as a principal in Massachusetts, and Representative John Lewis. Some other Cambridge public libraries, such as the O'Connell and Valente branches, are named after significant figures. The Library Board of Trustees has the final say in whether the Central Square Library will be renamed.

This order was adopted.

7. The City Manager is requested to consult with the Water Department and report back on lessons learned from 2016 and on plans in place to institute water savings measures, and to inform the Water Board of this request. The City Manager is requested to inform the public as soon as practicable about the possibility of dry and drought conditions, so as to encourage the community to save water whenever possible.

**Councillor Nolan**

***POR 2020 #171***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

8. The Mayor be and hereby is requested to call a Special Meeting of the City Council and invite a representative from the Collins Center to present on the process and benefits of Charter Review and Reform

**Councillor Nolan**

***POR 2020 #172***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

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9. That the City Council goes on record standing in solidarity with our international students and their right to study, contribute and succeed in the City of Cambridge, regardless of any future proposed policy submitted to the contrary by DHS or ICE.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan**  
**POR 2020 #173**

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

10. That the Cambridge City Council pass the attached Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition  
**Councillor Carlone, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
**POR 2020 #174**

As the affordable housing crisis continues to plague our community, instituting a Real Estate Transfer Fee is one of the critical ways we can generate funding for the Affordable Housing Trust. Although the City Council has asked the City Solicitor to produce language for a Real Estate Transfer Fee Home Rule Petition many times, we haven't received any drafts, so this policy order suggests such language. Under this provision, both sellers and buyers in residential and commercial real estate transactions would be taxed 1% of the purchase price **above \$1 million**. Although the \$1 million threshold seems low amid skyrocketing housing prices, I'm looking forward to discussing this further with my colleagues in the Ordinance Committee. We should explore the possibility of raising the fee to 2% for commercial real estate transactions, to generate even more funding for affordable housing.

This order was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

11. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to Contact IQHQ and engage the relevant city departments regarding next steps for restoration, health and environmental protection, improvement, beautification, and making the surrounding areas of Jerry's Pond publicly accessible and incorporating Jerry's Pond into the adjacent public parklands, with pedestrian and bicycle connections to the MBTA Station, the Alewife Reservation, Minuteman Bikeway, and the Linear Park

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan**  
**POR 2020 #175**

Jerry's Pond and the surrounding areas are in a unique position. The site is polluted with hazardous materials like asbestos, but is the closest green space for many countless North Cambridge residents, including 4,000 people who call Rindge Towers their home. As Jerry's Pond and its surrounding areas were recently purchased by IQHQ, there may be an opportunity to work with the new owner to restore the green space for safe and accessible use, so the order asks the City Manager to work with IQHQ and relevant City departments to develop such a partnership. After hearing requests from stakeholder groups to be included during public comment, this order was amended to ask the City Manager to include the Alewife Study Group, Friends of Alewife/Green Cambridge, and more stakeholders in the conversation.

This order was adopted as amended.

12. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to take steps to improve the surrounding landscape for residents who live in the neighboring community and the many individuals who commute through the area via the Alewife Red Line, the Minuteman Bikeway, Rindge Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan**  
**POR 2020 #176**

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

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13. The City Council go on record in enthusiastic support of H.2836, H.826, and H.761, and in urging the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Baker to enact all three bills into law before the end of the session

**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #177***

This order affirms the City Council's support to three bills being considered at the State Legislature to promote environmental justice and renewable energy. However, as these bills recently failed to advance out of the State Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, this order was amended to urge the State Legislature and Governor to include their provisions in any piece of climate legislation.

This order was adopted as amended.

14. The City Manager look into transferring primary traffic enforcement responsibilities from the Cambridge Police Department to unarmed, trained enforcement personnel in the Traffic & Parking Department, Department of Public Works, Health & Human Services, or another suitable department

**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #178***

This order asks the City Manager to transfer traffic enforcement responsibilities from the Police Department, to unarmed and trained enforcement personnel from other City departments. However, as the [Massachusetts General Laws](#) seem to indicate that only police officers can perform traffic enforcement, I exercised my charter-right to give the order's sponsors time to confer with the City Solicitor. With guidance from the City Solicitor, the City Council will be better informed on our options moving forward - if this is legal, if this should take the form of a Home Rule Petition or some other state-level advocacy effort, and how we should proceed.

I exercised my charter-right.

15. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to conduct street cleaning without towing for the remainder of the 2020 season, and to employ other methods including (but not limited to) an escalating ticketing schedule that would continue to incentive compliance

**Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2020 #179***

This policy order would have asked the City Manager to conduct street cleaning without towing for the rest of the 2020 season, and explore the possibility of permanently abandoning towing for street cleaning. However, this order failed. COVID-19 pushed our regular street cleaning schedule back, and when the City experimented with resuming street cleaning without requiring vehicles to move in June, we were met with poor results and unclean streets. Ensuring our streets are clean is vital for both environmental and public health, especially as more people opt to walk or cycle instead of taking public transportation.

This order failed.

16. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City of Cambridge Law Department to review the above changes to the language of the Domestic Partnerships Ordinance and report back to the Council

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan**

***POR 2020 #180***

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This order, filed by Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, and I, would amend the City's Domestic Partnerships Ordinance to recognize domestic partnerships between more than two adults. Somerville recently made such a change to their own ordinance, and this presents a crucial opportunity to promote inclusivity, and ensure nontraditional families feel heard and represented in our community. This ordinance will be sent to the City Solicitor to review the proposed changes. As the LGBTQ+ Commission discussed this topic at their recent Commission meeting, the order was amended to ask the City Manager to gather insight and any suggestions from the LGBTQ+ Commission.

This ordinance was moved to a second reading as amended.

17. That the City Council go on record to support funding by the City of Cambridge of an additional \$30k per month for the Y2Y Network to operate in the fall. That the City Council go on record to request that Harvard University partners with the City on funding the Y2Y Network, and provide the additional \$20k per month that the shelter needs to remain operational.

**Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon**

***POR 2020 #181***

This late order from Councillor McGovern and I asks the City and Harvard University to partner on funding the Y2Y Network. Y2Y is a youth-to-youth shelter and resource network, offering shelter, case management, programming, and more to vulnerable unhoused young adults. As it's typically run by Harvard students, this shelter was put in jeopardy when local colleges closed in March. The City stepped in to fund Y2Y's operations, but that funding is set to expire in August, so this order asks the City Manager to work with Harvard to fill in this critical gap, and ensure a continuum of services.

This order was adopted.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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1. A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee Meeting on Feb 19, 2020 to discuss amendments to the City Council's Rules

*This report was accepted and placed on file.*

2. A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee Meeting on Mar 12, 2020 to discuss the City Manger's request to extend his contract.

*This report was accepted and placed on file.*

A. That the city council authorize the chair of the government operation rules and claims committee to meet with the city manager to discuss his contract extension

*This order was adopted.*



## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

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1. A communication was received from Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, transmitting information from the School Committee's summer meetings

***COF 2020 #43***

This communication from Mayor Siddiqui outlines the work she and her colleagues on the School Committee are doing in subcommittees to prepare for the upcoming school year. Mayor Siddiqui and I have also been working with the City Manager, the Superintendent, and the Public Health Department to advocate for a robust pool testing system in the school community. Read the full communication [here](#).

This communication was placed on file.