



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

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Regular 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 an update on COVID-19.

***CMA 2020 #180***

City Manager Louis A. DePasquale and Chief Public Health Officer Claude Jacob provided a COVID-19 update.

**Emergency Homeless Shelter Update:** In August, [the City announced plans](#) to relocate the temporary emergency homeless shelter, currently located at the War Memorial Recreation Center, to the vacant east wing of Spaulding Hospital. City contractors are currently working to renovate the space to better accommodate shelter guests. While the Spaulding Hospital location has an expected activation time of mid-November, supply chain disruptions may push that date farther back.

**Testing Update:** To date, the City has administered more than 11,000 COVID tests to residents, free of charge. [Click here](#) for more information on getting tested. The Public Health Department has also been working with our local universities, and will create a separate COVID testing dashboard for universities on their [case count webpage](#), as it did for nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Finally, the Public Health Department is working with the Cambridge Public Schools to develop a voluntary testing program, to begin the week of October 5th. One round of testing was already conducted at the King Open School during the last week of August. Learn more about school testing [here](#).

**Flu Season Update:** As we're rapidly approaching flu season, the Public Health Department will soon launch a flu vaccination campaign. Vaccine clinic schedules will be available later this week, with more details coming in the following days. As many residents may feel apprehensive in a traditional flu clinic setting, we have to get creative, and explore options like drive-thru clinics to encourage as many residents as possible to get vaccinated.

**Public Health Update:** [Cambridge's COVID case count](#) currently stands at 1,333 cases, 900 of which have recovered. The fatality rate remains at 99 deaths, a devastating loss to our community that has fortunately stabilized across these past several weeks. Overall, Cambridge has a 14-day positivity rate of just .18%, lower than other municipalities with similar population sizes; Springfield stands at .9%, and Quincy at 1%. This is thanks to the conservative, careful approach the City has taken to reopening, and the Public Health Department warns we must remain vigilant.

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Since launching in July, the [Cambridge Community Corps](#), a team deployed in local parks, tot lots, and other open spaces to establish community connections and educate on mask use, physical distancing, and proper hand hygiene, has recorded over 600 interactions. This program will continue into the fall, and will help residents navigate the upcoming flu season in these extraordinary times.

The Public Health Department and [COVID Expert Advisory Panel](#) are currently examining the potential roles workplaces and large, outdoor gatherings play in COVID transmission. As the work the Expert Advisory Panel does has significantly informed the City's COVID response, I previously requested that their meeting notes be made available to the public for transparency. These notes are expected to be available online sometime before the City Council's next meeting on Monday, September 21st.

This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective January 1, 2020: John Graziano

***CMA 2020 #181***

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

3. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$52,158.29 received from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Shared Streets and Spaces Program Grant, to the Grant Fund Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for expenses associated with the Starlight Square temporary place-keeping intervention in Municipal Parking Lot 5 in Central Square.

***CMA 2020 #182***

To learn more about Starlight Square's incredible offerings, [click here](#).

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an FY21 State 911 Department Training grant in the amount of \$138,113 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account (\$92,735), and Grant Fund Emergency Communications Travel and Training account (\$45,378) which will support training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, classroom fees, and training materials.

***CMA 2020 #183***

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 Support and Incentive Grant in the amount of \$494,531 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$278,831), and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$215,700) which will support the costs of Emergency Communications Center personnel salaries and overtime and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.

***CMA 2020 #184***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

6. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 received through donations from Cambridge Savings Bank (\$25,000) and Divco

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West/Cambridge Crossing (\$25,000) to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to cover costs associated with My Brother's Keeper Summer Empowerment Program.

**CMA 2020 #185**

This item was adopted.

7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-35, regarding an update on the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association union contract negotiations.

**CMA 2020 #186**

This communication responds to [a policy order](#) I filed with Councillor McGovern and Mayor Siddiqui in July asking for an update on contract negotiations between the City and the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Union to promote transparency. Their last contract expired on June 30th, and negotiations are continuing in good faith. The City expects to resolve the contract negotiations shortly. The City Manager also shared that all City union contracts will soon be made available online.

This communication was placed on file.

8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a new member of the Cambridge Water Board for a term of 5-years, effective September 14, 2020: Michael J. McNeley

**CMA 2020 #187**

This communication was placed on file on the consent agenda.

9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-38, regarding a report on lessons learned from 2016 and on plans in place to institute water savings measures and to inform the public as soon as practicable about the possibility of dry and drought conditions.

**CMA 2020 #188**

For more information on the drought and water conservation efforts, [click here](#).

This communication was placed on file.

10. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000, received from Harvard University, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which combined with City funding of \$150,000, will support the operation of the Y2Y Shelter from August through December.

**CMA 2020 #189**

Y2Y is a youth-to-youth shelter that offers homeless young adults a safe living space, case management services, and pathways to stable, permanent housing. Y2Y's operations were threatened when COVID forced the students who typically run the shelter to leave campus. Since then, the City has been working with Harvard to fund shelter operations and bring in professional staff. Councillor McGovern and I have been long-time advocates of supporting this invaluable community resource, so I was pleased to see that Y2Y has been guaranteed funding through the rest of the year. Councillor McGovern also shared during discussion that several Y2Y shelter guests recently received Section 8 Housing Vouchers, and will soon be transitioning into permanent housing.

This item was adopted.

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11. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$100,218.00 funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$3,000.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$97,218.00) which will allow the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.

***CMA 2020 #190***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

12. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$12,500 received from the Cambridge Housing Authority for the College Success Initiative (CSI), to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support a portion of the salary costs for one of the college success coaches to work with students attending Bunker Hill Community College and UMass Boston.

***CMA 2020 #191***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

13. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,000 received from the Cambridge Community Foundation for the College Success Initiative (CSI), to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support part of the salary costs associated with a college success coach who will provide individualized college coaching for students attending UMass Boston and for graduates of the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program who attend Bunker Hill Community College.

***CMA 2020 #192***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

14. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$83,650.00 received from the Cambridge Housing Authority for the Cambridge Employment Program, to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program by continuing to fund a vocational case manager to provide career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment, particularly those residing in public housing.

***CMA 2020 #193***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

15. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$36,750.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$31,053.00) and the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,697.00) which will be used by the Center for Families to support family programs targeting parents of children up to eight years, which include a variety of family support and parent education programs and resources.

***CMA 2020 #194***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

16. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Moore Youth Center, in the amount of \$750.00, to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$750.00) which will be used to continue the Teen Internship Program at the Moore Youth Center.

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### ***CMA 2020 #195***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

17. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$9,335.00, received from donations to Cambridge Individuals with Special Needs, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support participant and program needs including team uniforms, Special Olympic costs, theatrical production costs, mobility and physical therapy equipment, and art supplies.

### ***CMA 2020 #196***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

18. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition/Shannon Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$24,040.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$22,032.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,008.00) which will be used to support the design and implementation of the City Peace program, a violence prevention peer leadership internship for teens through the Youth Centers.

### ***CMA 2020 #197***

This item was adopted.

19. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Family Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$498,600.25 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used by the YWCA operate its family shelter from July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, including the provision of case management and housing search and stabilization services for up to ten homeless families referred by the DHCD.

### ***CMA 2020 #198***

This item was adopted on the consent agenda.

20. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to additional amendments to the draft amendment to the Municipal Code introducing a new ordinance entitled Chapter 8.71- Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification.

### ***CMA 2020 #199***

This communication offers slightly altered language to the Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification ordinance that Mayor Siddiqui, and Councillors Simmons, Sobrinho-Wheeler, and McGovern sponsored. The new language now requires that landlords provide tenants with a notice of basic housing rights and resources at the start of tenancy, in addition to the start of eviction proceedings. The amendments also exclude short-term rentals from the list of included residences. This ordinance was amended by substitution with the updated language. As we prepare for the inevitable tsunami of evictions that will follow the expiration of Massachusetts' eviction moratorium, it's crucial we do everything we can to promote housing stability and ensure tenants know their rights and the resources available to help them in difficult times.

This item was ordained as amended.

21. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-39 and 20-40, regarding contacting the new owners of Jerry's Pond and discussing next steps in the potential restoration and improvements to Jerry's Pond and its surrounding areas.

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### ***CMA 2020 #200***

As she still has unanswered questions on this communication, Mayor Siddiqui exercised her charter-right.

Mayor Siddiqui exercised her charter-right (discussion ended, no vote was taken, and it will appear on next week's agenda).

22. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt, following further study and refinement, the Fossil Fuel Zoning Petition (Amendments to Article 22.000 of the Zoning Ordinance).

### ***CMA 2020 #201***

This communication expresses the Planning Board's support of the proposed Fossil Fuel Zoning Ordinance proposed by Councillor Carlone. The ordinance would require developers to study and analyze the costs and feasibility of using fossil fuels and renewable energy sources for large projects. It wouldn't require developers to use renewable energy sources, but hopes to encourage them to make the greener, and often more cost-effective, choice, while also collecting important data. During discussion, Councillor Carlone shared that he is working with the Community Development Department to revise the ordinance's language.

This item was placed on file.

23. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) Zoning Petition.

### ***CMA 2020 #202***

See Committee Reports Item #7 for discussion.

This item was placed on file.

24. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition CDD staff follow-up on items requested by the Ordinance Committee at its hearing on August 19, 2020.

### ***CMA 2020 #203***

See City Manager's Agenda Item #23 for discussion,

25. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) for FY2021.

### ***CMA 2020 #204***

Each year, the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) solicits and discusses proposals for CPA projects. This year, a total of \$15,3330 is going towards CPA projects to support affordable housing (80% of funds), historic preservation (10%), and open space (10%). For a full list of CPA projects for the 2021 fiscal year, [click here](#).

This item was adopted

26. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees: 3-year terms, Susanne A. Martz, PhD, William L. Lahey, Paula Paris. 1-year terms: Alexander White, MD, Joshua Posner, Gerald McCue

### ***CMA 2020 #205***

This item was placed on file on the consent agenda.



## II. CALENDAR

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### CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a proposed restatement of an amendment to the Mayor's Disaster Relief Account, entitled "The City of

Cambridge Restated and Amended Mayor's Disaster Relief Account" ("Account").

**CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR SIMMONS IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020**

**CMA 2020 #176**

No industry has been hit harder by this pandemic than the Arts and Culture Sector. Arts organizations were the first to close their doors, and will be the last to reopen, and as their ability to offer programming, and to profit from it, largely relies on safe access to physical space, they are placed in a uniquely vulnerable financial position. That's why Mayor Siddiqui and I were proud to advocate for this amendment to the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund to include these arts organizations, in the hopes of providing immediate relief to the mid-sized cultural institutions that make up the heart and soul of Cambridge's Central Square Cultural District. However, Councillor Simmons exercised her charter-right due to unnamed concerns, delaying the distribution of this desperately needed relief by over a month. With this wait, our already endangered Arts institutions are now barely hanging on, and without this relief, most wouldn't survive to see the next several weeks. Once these sorts of institutions close, they never return. This would send devastating rippling effects through the surrounding, struggling small businesses that rely on Arts event attendees to stop for dinner at their restaurant, have a drink at their bar after the show, or grab a souvenir at their gift shop. This relief could not have come quickly enough, and while I was glad to see this crucial amendment be supported by most of my colleagues on the City Council, this one effort isn't enough. We must remain committed to the Arts organizations that have lifted our spirits and eased our stress during these unprecedented times, and we have to get creative about providing additional financial support to those who have given us so much back. Learn more about how you can help support the Arts by [clicking here](#).

This item was adopted.

2. 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

**CHARTER EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MALLON IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020**

**POR 2020 #178**

This policy order from Councillors Zondervan and Sobrinho-Wheeler asks the City Manager to explore moving traffic enforcement responsibilities to a trained, unarmed civilian group. I previously exercised my charter-right on this policy order to give the co-sponsors time to determine whether this order would conflict with a Massachusetts state law stating that only police officers can issue traffic citations. After speaking with [the Justice Collaborative](#), Councillor Zondervan determined that this wouldn't violate state law as long as the civilian group doesn't issue citations, but rather serves in a mainly educational role. I look forward to discussing this proposal further in the Public Safety Committee, and continuing to serve as a leader in re-imagining policing so that public safety feels safe to everyone.

This order was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

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3. That the city manager be and hereby is requested to look into suspending street cleaning on September 1, 2020 and November 3, 2020; that he work with the Elections Commission to order 8 additional drop boxes and to inquire whether CHA will have additional locations for drop boxes.

### **CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY IN COUNCIL AUGUST 3, 2020**

#### **POR 2020 #184**

The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed each aspect of life, including the ways we vote. To stay informed about your voting options as we approach the Tuesday, November 3rd general election, [click here](#).

This order was adopted.

4. 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.

### **CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR ZONDERVAN IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020**

#### **APP 2020 #28**

Councillor Zondervan initially exercised his charter-right after hearing concerns on this application from the local neighborhood association. During discussion, he shared that the petitioner plans on submitting a new petition soon that addresses the neighborhood association's concerns, and recommended this application be placed on the table.

This application was placed on the table (no action was taken, and the City Council must vote to take the item off the table if they later want to consider the item).

### **ON THE TABLE**

5. 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.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. 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.

7. That the Cambridge City Council amend the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to insert a new Chapter 8.71, entitled Tenants' Rights and Resources Notification.

### **PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020.**

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**CMA 2020 #178**

See City Manager's Agenda Item #20 for discussion.

This item was ordained.

8. 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.

**PASSED TO A SECOND READING IN COUNCIL JULY 27, 2020.**

**TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

**POR 2020 #180**

The Domestic Partnerships Ordinance, filed by Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, and I, would expand the definition of a domestic partnership to include relationships of more than two people. As we are waiting to hear feedback from the City Solicitor and the LGBTQ+ Commission, no action was taken.

No action was taken.

### III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

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1. An application was received from Theresa Freni representing Santander, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 599 Massachusetts Avenue approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and proof of abutters has been received.

***APP 2020 #32***

This application was approved on the consent agenda.

2. An application was received from Heather representing Bank of America, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 212 Hampshire Street approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

***APP 2020 #33***

This application was approved on the consent agenda.

3. A Zoning Petition Has been received from BMR–Third LLC c/o BioMed Realty, L.P. regarding a Zoning Amendment Petition for a new Planned Unit Development PUD District CDK

***APP 2020 #34***

Zoning amendment petitions received are always procedurally referred to the Ordinance Committee and to the Planning Board for discussion.

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

## VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

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1. Request the reopening of the Danroy "DJ" Henry case and charge officer Aaron Hess for excessive use of force, negligent treatment of life in the death of DJ Henry

**Councillor McGovern**

***POR 2020 #185***

This policy order asks that DJ Henry's case be reopened. DJ was tragically murdered by Westchester County Police in 2010, and Aaron Hess, the officer responsible for this act of police brutality, was never held accountable. As DJ's parents both attended CRLS, this loss particularly devastated our community. This order was amended to include Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, and Councillor Zondervan as co-sponsors.

This order was adopted as amended.

2. Policy Order re Illegal Parking in Front of LBJ Apartments

**Councillor Simmons**

***POR 2020 #186***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

3. Policy Order re Trash on Columbia Street

**Councillor Simmons**

***POR 2020 #187***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Economic Development Department, the Harvard Square Business Association, the Harvard Square Neighborhood Association and Harvard University on the implementation of closing several blocks of streets in Harvard Square as soon as possible to vehicular traffic, with the exception of deliveries, using the attached map as one possible vision

**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone**

***POR 2020 #188***

This policy order, filed by Councillors Nolan, Sobrinho-Wheeler, Carlone, and I, coordinates with a larger effort to uplift struggling small businesses and promote pedestrian safety in Harvard Square. Councillor Simmons exercised her charter-right.

Councillor Simmons exercised her charter-right.

5. That the City Council go on record recognizing September 2020 as Recovery Awareness Month in the

City of Cambridge

**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey**

***POR 2020 #189***

This order was adopted on the consent agenda.

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6. The City Manager is requested to work with Claude Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department to appoint a Vaccine Task Force to develop a plan that keeps equity at the forefront

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #190***

*This order was adopted on the consent agenda.*

7. That the City Manager confer with the CPS Food and Nutrition team and Cambridge Complete Count Committee on deploying Census outreach at food distribution sites for the remainder of September.

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

***POR 2020 #191***

*This order was adopted on the consent agenda.*

8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and any other appropriate City personnel to establish a means of providing technical support to marginalized, underrepresented business owners and non-profit arts organizations in applying for and obtaining the critical funds from the Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund Grant and Loan program, and/or from other similar State and Federal assistance programs, and to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner

**Councillor Simmons**

***POR 2020 #192***

*This policy order asks that the City work to expand minority-owned businesses' access to financial relief efforts by offering technical support. As the Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee and a long-time champion of small, local businesses, I was pleased to see that women and minority owned businesses were well-represented in the recipients of [the Small Business Relief Programs](#), and I am happy to support any effort to uplift our struggling minority-owned small businesses. This order was amended to exclude language that would require the needs of Arts non-profits and underrepresented business owners be addressed concurrently. Arts organizations have been shut out of crucial relief efforts despite bolstering our economy and providing much-needed stress relief, and cannot wait for a report back. See Calendar Item #1 for further discussion.*

*This order was adopted as amended.*

9. That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works, the Cambridge Water Department and other relevant partners to create a pilot program for wastewater testing for evidence of COVID-19.

**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Toomey**

***POR 2020 #193***

*This order was adopted on the consent agenda.*

10. That the City Manager examine expanding visitor permit access for Permit Area 14

**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**

***POR 2020 #194***

*This order was adopted.*

11. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department to examine what traffic calming measures may be implemented for these sections of Walden Street

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

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***POR 2020 #195***

This order was adopted.

12. That the Cambridge City Council go on record in strong support of H.4878, and in urging the legislature to pass it immediately

**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
***POR 2020 #196***

H.4878, the COVID-19 Housing Stability Act, offers a set of critical housing supports, including an extension of the state's eviction moratorium, rent freezes set to pre-COVID levels, and so much more. During these unprecedented times, no one should have to worry if they'll have a roof over their head, so I was proud to co-sponsor this order alongside Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, and Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler to urge the State Legislature to pass H.4878 immediately.

This order was adopted.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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1. A report of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on June 25, 2020 to receive an update from the Department of Human Services and the School Department of Summer Camp programming for Cambridge Youth.

***CRT 2020 #7***

This report was accepted and placed on file.

2. A report of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held on July 7, 2020 regarding Cycling Safety Ordinance.

As a cyclist, I know firsthand how difficult and scary getting around Cambridge can be on a bike. That's why I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of the Cycling Safety Ordinance, which sets a timeline for City implementation of much-needed protected bike lanes on major streets. The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the transit justice issues, and as more residents opt to bike rather than use public transportation, it's crucial that they have a network of healthy streets so they can safely get to where they need to go. By making streets safer, we're also taking a much-needed step in advancing our climate change mitigation goals by encouraging more residents to choose a greener mode of transportation. I was happy to support the Cycling Safety Ordinance and see it pass to a second reading; however, I hope we can work harder to give small businesses a seat at the table and include them in these conversations in a more meaningful way in the future. Major street changes such as these could have a significant impact on the way residents can patronize their stores, and, as a City Council, it is our responsibility to juggle our goals for promoting transit safety with our goals for supporting small businesses.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

A. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to convene a stakeholder group of City staff, business, resident, and bicycle representatives no later than spring 2021 to create a viable plan for Cambridge St to be implemented by 2026, and for this process to happen alongside of the process created by the ordinance

***POR 2020 #197***

**Councillor Toomey**

This order was adopted.

B. Adopt Proposed Amendments by the Ordinance Committee

C. That the "2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance" be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation.

***POR 2020 #50***

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

This item was passed to a second reading.

3. A report of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held on July 8, 2020 regarding the Affordable Housing Overlay

This report was accepted and placed on file. See Committee Reports Item #7 for discussion.



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4. A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee Meeting held on July 20, 2020 regarding an extension of the City Manager's Contract.

The City Council voted to signal its desire to extend City Manager DePasquale's contract for 18 months, through July of 2021. There are some areas where the City Manager has served in an invaluable role, and other areas where he needs improvement, but as we continue to feel the effects of the COVID pandemic, it's clear we need a strong leader to guide us through these unprecedented times. Many municipalities across the country are facing financial difficulties, and while Cambridge is comparatively doing well, the City Manager's strong background in finance will help us ensure no services will have to be cut in the next several months. 18 months also gives us a reasonable timeframe to articulate the direction we want Cambridge to go in, and complete the process of finding the next City Manager. Since our meeting, Councillor Nolan filed for reconsideration of this vote. As such, the contract extension will appear on next week's City Council agenda, where we'll vote to reconsider the original vote, and potentially reopen discussion on this matter.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

A. That the city council extend the current contract with city manager Louis DePasquale for a period of 24 months.

**POR 2020 #198**

**Councillor Simmons**

This order was adopted as amended. Councillor Nolan filed for reconsideration (reconsideration must be requested by a member of the prevailing side, it will appear on the following week's agenda, and the City Council will vote to reconsider the original vote, with a simple majority needed to reopen discussion).

5. A report of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on July 21, 2020 to receive a report from the Housing Liaison to the City Manager's Office on her proposed priorities for the remainder of the 2020-2021 City Council term.

**CRT 2020 #8**

This report was accepted and placed on file.

A. That the City Council confirm the appointment of Louis Bacci, III to the Cambridge Housing Authority Board.

**POR 2020 #199**

**Councillor McGovern**

This order was adopted.

B. That the City Council confirm the appointment of Gerald Clark, to the Cambridge Housing Authority Board.

**POR 2020 #200**

**Councillor McGovern**

This order was adopted.

6. A report of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee Meeting held on July 22, 2020 regarding amending the rules of the Cambridge City Council.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

A. Order to amend the rules of the Cambridge City Council

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***POR 2020 #201***

**Councillor Simmons**

This order was adopted.

B. That the City Manager confer with the City Solicitor regarding certain questions regarding the City Council Rules

***POR 2020 #202***

**Councillor Simmons**

This order was adopted.

7. A report of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held on August 19, 2020 regarding the Affordable Housing Overlay

The Affordable Housing Overlay proposes easing certain zoning requirements for 100% affordable housing developers, making it easier to build affordable housing within Cambridge. As our pre-existing, acute affordable housing crisis is now joined with widespread housing instability caused by COVID, the AHO will have a potentially transformative effect on Cambridge. Just-A-Start, one affordable housing developer in Cambridge, shared that they're already considering two projects that wouldn't be possible without the AHO. This effort has been over a year in the making, and is a crucial step in promoting socioeconomic and racial equity throughout the City we love. I am incredibly grateful for the tireless advocacy from some of my colleagues on the City Council, affordable housing developers, and countless residents that have made this effort possible. The City Council voted to pass the AHO to a second reading, and, moving forward, we must continue to invest in fair, affordable housing by further examining restrictive zoning, expanding source of income housing discrimination testing, funding additional staff support in the City Manager's Housing Liason's Office, and so much more. The next, and final, vote to ordain the AHO will be on Monday, October 5th.

This report was accepted and placed on file.

A. Adopt Proposed Amendments by the Ordinance Committee

B. 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning Petition 2020.

**REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE IN COUNCIL JUNE 10, 2020**

***POR 2020 #129***

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

This item was passed to a second reading.

## IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

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1. A communication was received from Councillor Simmons regarding the City Manager's Contract extension

**Councillor Simmons**

***COF 2020 #46***

See Committee Reports Item #4 for discussion. This communication was placed on file.

2. A communication was received from Mayor Siddiqui regarding Communicating information from the School Committee's summer meetings

**Mayor Siddiqui**

***COF 2020 #47***

This late communication from Mayor Siddiqui outlines the work she and the School Committee are doing to prepare for this school year. [Click here](#) to read the Mayor's full communication.

This communication was placed on file.