

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**INAUGURAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 1, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

**SULLIVAN CHAMBER**

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MEETING	Monday, January 1, 2018
TIME	10:02 AM
PRESIDING OFFICER	City Clerk Donna P. Lopez

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INAUGURATION EXERCISES**  
**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, JANUARY 1, 2018**

**Pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Cambridge, Chapter 43 Section 97 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Councillors-elect of the City of Cambridge met in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge at 10:02 AM on January 1, 2018.**

**Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, presided and called the meeting to order. She stated that this is the Inaugural Ceremony under the Plan E form of government which took effect over seventy years ago.**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jan Devereux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig A. Kelley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sumbul Siddiqui	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Pursuant to an order adopted by the City Council on February 23, 1970 the Presiding Officer led the members of the City Council-elect and all assembled in the Sullivan Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by a Moment of Silence.**

**On behalf of the City Council-elect and City Manager Louis DePasquale, the Presiding Officer stated that she was pleased to welcome those who are here with us today, as well as the viewing audience, to witness the swearing in of our newly elected Cambridge City Councillors for the term 2018-2019. Mrs. Lopez stated that as City Clerk it is her duty to serve as the Presiding Officer for this morning's ceremony. It is also my pleasure and honor to serve in the capacity of Presiding Officer.**

**The Presiding Officer stated that assisting her today is Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk and Sandra Albano, Executive Assistant to the City Council. Also joining me on the rostrum today is the Chaplain Bishop Brian Greene from the Pentecostal Tabernacle.**

## **MUSICAL PRESENTATION**

While awaiting the procession of the Councillors-elect and their ushers a music presentation was performed by Deputy Superintendent Pauline Carter-Wells from the Cambridge Police Department.

The Deputy City Clerk Paula Crane and Executive Assistant to the City Council Sandra Albano escorted the Councillors-elect, with their ushers, into the Sullivan Chamber.

## **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was offered by Bishop Brian Greene from the Pentecostal Tabernacle.

Father we understand that the word Inauguration is derived from a French word meaning “installation and consecration.” So, Father we are here to install these wonderful new councillors: Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey and Councillor Zondervan. We pray Father that you will set them aside for your use and that you honor them with favor, honor them with grace and help them to lead this City with wisdom. In your name, we ask it. Amen.

## **CHAPTER 43 SECTION 97**

At this time Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, stated that Chapter 43 Section 97 of the Massachusetts General Laws prescribes today’s ceremony. City Clerk Lopez read Section ninety-seven of Chapter Forty-Three which reads as follows:

### **CHAPTER 43 SECTION 97**

The city council shall have and exercise all the legislative powers of the city, except as such powers are reserved by this chapter to the school committee and to the qualified voters of the city.

The city council, elected as aforesaid, shall meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Monday of January following the regular municipal election, and the members of the city council shall severally make oath, before the city clerk or a justice of the peace, to perform faithfully the duties of their respective offices, except that any member-elect not present shall so make oath at the first regular meeting of the city council thereafter which he attends. For the purposes of organization, the city clerk shall be temporary chairman until the mayor or vice-chairman has qualified. There upon the City Council shall, by a majority vote of all the members elected, elect a mayor and a vice-chairman from its own members and the persons elected as such shall likewise make oath to perform faithfully the duties of the respective offices to which they are so elected, and they may so make oath at the same meeting at which they are so elected. The organization of the city council shall take place as aforesaid, notwithstanding the absence, death, refusal to serve or non-election of one or more of the members; provided, that a majority of all members elected to the city council are present and have qualified. If the office of the mayor or vice-chairman becomes vacant, the city council shall in like manner elect one of its members to fill such office for the unexpired terms; provided, that no such vacancy shall be filled so long as there is any vacancy in the council.

## **EXAMINATION OF THE CREDENTIALS**

The Presiding Officer designated Councillors-elect Dennis Carlone and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. as a committee of two to collect the credentials of the elected members of the 2018-2019 City Council.

The committee performed their task and returned the credentials to the Presiding Officer who stated that the credentials were in order and that the members were duly elected.

The City Clerk now called the roll of the Councillors-elect and requested that each member as his or her name was called to stand, answer present and introduce their ushers.

In answer to the call of the chair, the following responded and took the opportunity to introduce their ushers:

Dennis Carlone  
Janis Devereux  
Craig Kelley  
Alanna Mallon

Marc McGovern  
Sumbul Siddiqui  
E. Denise Simmons  
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Quinton Zondervan

The Presiding Officer directed the Councillors-elect, when their names were called, to proceed to the Rostrum where the oath of office would be administered by the City Clerk.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The Councillors-elect to wit:

Dennis Carlone  
Janis Devereux  
Craig Kelley  
Alanna Mallon

Marc McGovern  
Sumbul Siddiqui  
E. Denise Simmons  
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Quinton Zondervan

arose in answer to the call of the City Clerk and presented themselves severally before the City Clerk and presented the following oath to which they then subscribed to.

I do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof.

So help me God.

I do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Councillor of the City of Cambridge according to the best of my ability and understanding agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America.

So help me God.

Middlesex, SS

January 1, 2018

Sworn to before me.

Donna P. Lopez

**City Clerk**

The requirements of Section 97 having been met, the City Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor.

**ELECTION OF A MAYOR**

The City Clerk now read the following to the City Council before proceeding to the next order of business.

**RULING OF THE CHAIR RELATIVE TO THE CHANGING OF THE VOTE.**

The Chair rules that a member may change his/her vote any time in the proceedings before the result of the vote is declared by the Chair.

He/She may change it before the result of the vote is verified and after the vote is verified, but the calling of the roll cannot be interrupted for the changing of a vote before all the members have voted.

A member may be recorded as "Present."

The Presiding Officer will ask for any corrections or changes after the vote is announced.

When the vote is finally declared, the Presiding Officer will gavel once to indicate that the ballot is closed, and then proceed to the next ballot.

Each member, as his/her name is called, will indicate his/her choice for the office of Mayor.

When a choice of Mayor is made, three (3) gavels will signify the election.

The City Council now proceeded to the next order of business, which was the election of a Mayor for the years 2016-2017.

City Clerk Donna P. Lopez now called the roll for the following results:

**BALLOT NUMBER ONE**

**FOR COUNCILLOR MARC MCGOVERN**

Councillors Carlone, Devereux, Kelley, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui and Zondervan - 7 in number

**FOR COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY J. TOOMEY, JR.**

Councillors Simmons and Toomey - 2 in number

At this time, the City Clerk announced the vote and asked if there were any changes or corrections – and hearing none announced the results of Ballot Number One.

Councillor Simmons moved to make the vote unanimous. The Presiding Officer announced that there was a negative vote on this motion.

The City Clerk asked if there were any changes or corrections.

Thereupon Councillor Simmons moved to change her vote to Councillor McGovern.

At this time, the City Clerk announced that the vote as follows and asked if there were any changes or corrections.

**FOR COUNCILLOR MARC MCGOVERN**

Councillors Carlone, Devereux, Kelley, Mallon, McGovern, Siddiqui, Simmons and Zondervan - 8 in number

**FOR COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY J. TOOMEY, JR.**

Councillor Toomey - 1 in number

At this time, the Presiding Officer struck the gavel three times and declared that Councillor Marc McGovern has been elected Mayor of the City of Cambridge for the term 2018 - 2019.

The City Clerk requested Councillor Kelley to escort the Mayor-elect to the rostrum for his oath of office.

At this time the City Clerk asked the Mayor-elect if he was willing to accept and assume the duties of Mayor of the City of Cambridge?

Mayor-elect Marc McGovern responded in the affirmative.

At this time, the City Clerk administered the following oath of office:

### **OATH OF OFFICE OF MAYOR**

I, Marc McGovern, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof.

So help me God.

I, Marc McGovern, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Mayor of the City of Cambridge according to the best of my ability and understanding agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth.

I, Marc McGovern, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America.

So help me God.

s/ Marc McGovern,  
Mayor

Middlesex, SS

January 1, 2018

Sworn to before me.

**Donna P. Lopez  
City Clerk**

## **MAYORAL SPEECH**

**At this time Mayor Marc McGovern addressed the City Council and the audience.**

**I wish to start by thanking my family, especially my wonderful and patient wife, Mary Anne. I love you. I want to thank my children: Nicolas, William, Connor and Addison for all of your sacrifices and being such amazing children. Thank you to my mother and father, my step-mother, and my siblings. And a special thank you to my great-aunt, Eddie who is home watching on TV.**

**I wish to thank those who helped me return to the City Council. I couldn't possibly name everyone but a special thanks to my core team of Pamela Thilo, Katie Lee, Victoria McGroary, Chase Duffin, Johanna Shulman, Sharron Britton and Jack Mulhern.**

**I wish to thank my City Council Assistant Jamila Bradley, who has been a tremendous help and will be leaving us in February to start a Master's program at BU. And to Manny Lusardi who has served as my liaison for immigrant affairs. Thank you.**

**I would like to thank the members of the community, especially those who voted in the municipal election, no matter who you voted for. It was a great turnout and I hope that we can build on that momentum moving forward.**

**I would like to thank the City Staff for all of their tireless efforts on behalf of our city. There is so much that these folks do that people don't realize. Just last night the City Manager and I were on the phone at 9:00 pm because there was a heating issue in a building, and staff from Inspectional Services left their families on New Year's Eve to take care of it. We have truly dedicated people who work in our city, and I am grateful for all that you do. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that one of those people will be leaving us after 47 years of public service. Can we please all rise and give an ovation to Sandy Albano for her years of service.**

**Now, I don't need to tell those of you gathered here today what a great city Cambridge is. We are doing things here that most other communities can't even think about. We have a lot to be proud of. Yet despite our best efforts, despite being surrounded by world class universities, being the innovation capital of the world and our AAA bond rating, we have far too many in our community who are not accessing the prosperity that surrounds us. Cambridge has a higher poverty rate than the state average. On any given night, upwards of 500 people are in our shelters or on our streets. Death by overdose doubled from 2015 to 2016, and although we send many of our high school graduates to Ivy League universities, far too many find themselves out of school or not employed just a few years after graduation. So, although we need to take time to acknowledge and appreciate our accomplishments, of which there are many, we must never be complacent, because there are still far too many of our friends and neighbors who are struggling.**

**I've spent a lot of time thinking about how we move forward as a community, a city staff, a council and a school committee to meet these challenges. What I keep coming back to as an inspiration was something that may seem a bit strange.**

**When I was growing up, I had the pleasure of playing Cambridge Youth Soccer. I was on the same team with pretty much the same kids from the time I was 12 to 18. Our team was named: Cambridge United. As a team, we were a true representation of the Cambridge community. We came from different neighborhoods. We were different races, cultures and religions. You were just as likely to hear plays called out in Spanish, Portuguese or Creole as you were in English. And although we were teenagers, we took great pride in putting on that uniform and what it represented, especially when we travelled to towns like Needham, Wellesley and Lexington. We were proud of our diversity and our common goals. When I thought about what I wanted for us moving forward, that team name kept coming to mind. Cambridge United.**

**The name appeals to me because I believe that there is much more than unites us as a community then divides us.**

**I believe we are united in our desire for Cambridge to be a diverse and affordable city. I believe we are united in our desire for every Cambridge Public School student to receive a world class education. I believe we are united in our desire to ensure that every resident, regardless of legal status, age, race, sexual identity or zip code is safe in our community. And I know we are united in resisting and rejecting the racism, sexism and hatred that is plaguing our country.**

**Now, being united in our ultimate goals does not mean that we will always agree on how to achieve them, in fact I can promise you that we won't. Being united does not mean that we won't get frustrated with each other from time to time, I can promise you that we will. Being united does not mean that individually or collectively we won't make mistakes, I can promise you that we will do that as well.**

**But during those times of disagreement, frustration or mistake, let us not forget what binds us together as a community. Let us not forget that all of us: councillors, school committee members, city administrators, city employees and community members all care deeply about our city. We are all united in our desire for Cambridge to be a socially and economically just community for all who live here. That is how we are going to move forward. This is how we are going to reach our ultimate, shared goals.**

**This is the first time I have sworn in without my grandmother here to see it. She passed away a year and a half ago at the age of 99.**

**When I think about the type of Mayor I want to be I think about my grandmother. She was respectful but firm when necessary. She was smart but knew that she didn't have all the answers. She was grounded in her values but always willing to listen to others.**

**This is what I pledge to you. To be respectful but firm. To approach issues intelligently but know enough to ask questions. To be true to my values of social and economic justice but be willing to listen to others.**

**To my colleagues on the City Council, I thank you for your faith in me. It is truly an honor to be elected by my colleagues. I believe this is a very special Council. We're special because we are a mix of new members, with four or less years of service, who bring new energy, and we are also guided by the experience and wisdom of three members, in Councillors Simmons, Toomey and Kelley who have a combined total of 48 years on the City Council. I want to give a special thank you to Mayor Simmons, who led this city for the past two years through some challenging times, not the least of which was the horrible Berkshire Street fire that left so many homeless during the**



holidays. And your leadership in bringing the City together in the face of changes in Washington, which left many residents fearful for their future, was truly inspiring.

Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve as Mayor for the city I love. I will not take your faith in me for granted and I will work as hard as I can to be a Mayor you can be proud of. Thank you.

## **ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR**

The City Council now proceeded to the election of the Vice Mayor.

### **BALLOT NUMBER ONE**

#### **FOR COUNCILLOR JAN DEVEREUX**

Councillors Carlone, Devereux, Mayor McGovern, Councillors Siddiqui and Zondervan - 5 in number

#### **FOR COUNCILLOR E. DENISE SIMMON**

Councillors Kelley, Mallon, Simmons and Councillor Toomey - 4 in number

The City Clerk asked if there were any changes or corrections.

At this time Councillor Mallon changed her vote to Councillor Devereux and was so recorded.

Councillor Kelley changed his vote to Councillor Devereux and was so recorded.

The City Clerk asked if there were any changes or corrections – hearing none the Presiding Officer announced the result of Ballot Number One as follows:

#### **FOR COUNCILLOR JAN DEVEREUX**

Councillors Carlone, Devereux, Kelley, Mallon, Mayor McGovern, Councillors Siddiqui and Zondervan - 7 in number

#### **FOR COUNCILLOR E. DENISE SIMMON**

Councillors Simmons and Councillor Toomey - 2 in number

At this time, the Presiding Officer struck the gavel three times and declared that Councillor Jan Devereux has been elected Vice Mayor of the City of Cambridge for the term 2018-2019.

The City Clerk requested Councillor Carlone to escort the Vice Mayor-elect to the rostrum for the administration of the oath of office.

At this time the City Clerk asked the Vice Mayor-elect if she was willing to accept and assume the duties of the Vice Mayor of the City of Cambridge?

Vice Mayor-elect Jan Devereux responded in the affirmative.

At this time, the City Clerk administered the following oath of office:

## **OATH OF OFFICE OF VICE MAYOR**

**I, Jan Devereux, do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof.**

**So help me God.**

**I, Jan Devereux, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Vice Mayor of the City of Cambridge according to the best of my ability and understanding agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth.**

**I, Jan Devereux, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America.**

**So help me God.**

**s/ Jan Devereux,  
Vice Mayor**

**Middlesex, SS**

**January 1, 2018**

**Sworn to before me.**

**Donna P. Lopez  
City Clerk**

## **VICE MAYOR SPEECH**

**At this time Vice Mayor Jan Devereux addressed the City Council and the audience.**

**Vice Mayor Devereux wanted to thank everyone. This is a tremendous honor to be in this position. I look forward to being part of Cambridge United with our new Mayor and especially with our new councillors joining us and the returning councillors. I think we are going to be a great team and I think that we are going to build bridges and are going to unite the city because we have to. We have some huge challenges facing us as a city and as a country. And I want to do everything I can to bring people together. Thank you all. Thank you to my family for being here and thank you to Nora who has been a wonderful aide for the last two years. Happy New Year everyone.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**At this time Councillor Simmons submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:**

**ORDERED:** That the City Council Rules for 2016-2017 be adopted as the City Council Rules for 2018-2019 provisionally in an effort for the City Council to have an opportunity to review to ensure that the rules are conforming to the times and will make any changes necessary.

The question now came on the adoption of the order and on a voice vote of nine members the order was –

**Adopted.**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

City Clerk Donna P. Lopez stated that she would like to take a moment to thank the members of the Inaugural Committee, Councillors Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Alanna Mallon, Sumbul Siddiqui and Quinton Zondervan. I would also like to thank our City Manager and welcome him to his First Inaugural as City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Cable for their assistance and the many departments who have worked tirelessly to make this Inaugural Day a very special day for all.

Also, a very special thank you to the crew who spent all day yesterday here making such every inch of the building sparkled. They are Steve Aruba, Kate Joyce, David Kanode, Jean Bracken, Benny Rosa and Troy Davis. And most of all the Queen of City Hall Sandra Albano.

At this time Councillor Simmons moved suspension of the rules in order to give a brief thank you to a very special person as well.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were -  
**Suspended.**

Councillor Simmons acknowledged Ms. Albano for the extraordinary job for each Inauguration. She thanked Ms. Albano and stated that she is the glue that keeps the City Council together. She mentioned former city councillors and mayors: Anthony Galluccio, Michael Sullivan, Alice Wolf, Marjorie Decker, Kenneth E. Reeves and Kathy Born whom Ms. Albano referred to as “her children.” Councillor Simmons stated that she would personally miss Ms. Albano because of her expertise, woman, leader and her work.

Councillor Toomey stated that as the longest service City Councillor under the tutelage of Ms. Albano stated that it has been an extraordinary experience. He stated that Ms. Albano is truly a public servant, serving the City Council and the public at large. He stated that it is a difficult office to operate, but Ms. Albano always put things into perspective. He stated that forty-seven years of someone’s life to the community is extraordinary and most of the time done with grace. Ms. Albano was not only a colleague but was a personal friend for many years. He grew up with her in the Wellington-Harrington neighborhood. Their families have been close over the years. The most important fact is that Ms. Albano treated all with dignity and respect. He stated that Ms. Albano will be missed. We admire and love you. He wished Ms. Albano and her family all the best.

Councillor Kelley thanked Ms. Albano, not just for her competent, logistical support over the years, but for the wisest political advice he has received in the last several years. Putting the human face

on government she stated to him “Craig government is not a start-up.” It is the people that make government work and Ms. Albano understood this better than anyone.

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

At this time Deputy Superintendent Pauline Carter-Wells offered a musical interlude.

## **BENEDICTION**

Bishop Greene expressed thanks on behalf of the Clergy to Ms. Albano. He stated that he met her in 1981 as Sandy Moretti.

At this time, the Benediction was offered by Bishop Brian Greene from the Pentecostal Tabernacle.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:19 A.M. Councillor Toomey made a motion to adjourn.

The motion carried on a voice vote of nine members.

**A TRUE RECORD:**

**ATTEST:-**

**Donna P. Lopez  
City Clerk**