



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA • MARCH 6, 2017

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

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

HEARING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 6, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, March 8, 2017	3:30 PM	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.12.010 entitled "Self-service station regulations." (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 13, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) MEETING CANCELLED
Thursday, March 16, 2017	3:30 PM	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Richard Harding et al to amend the Central Square Overlay District by amending Sections 20.307.8.1(a) and (b) and 20.307.6.2(a). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 20, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, March 22, 2017	3:00 PM	The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from City Staff on recent changes regrading leaf blowers made since a hearing held in June 2016, including enforcement, the purchase and pilot of green landscaping equipment, plans for a pilot program in spring 2017 to use green equipment in two parks, and any other updates on efforts the City is taking in regards to leaf blowers, and any other changes to the existing leaf blower ordinance that the City Council may wish to consider. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 27, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting

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Wednesday, March 29, 2017	3:30 PM	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to strike out Section 8.23 entitled “Non-conformity” and substitute in place thereof a new Section 8.23. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 3, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 24, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, April 26, 2017	3:00 PM	The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update on the City’s urban forestry programs, tree inventory and maintenance, planting programs, the role of the Committee on Public Planting, the impacts of the drought on the urban forest, and any other matters related to trees. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 1, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 2, 2017	9:00 AM	The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss <i>FY2018 City Budget</i> . This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 8, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 9, 2017	6:00 PM	The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss <i>FY2018 School Department Budget</i> . This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	9:00 AM	The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss <i>FY2018 City Budget</i> . This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Thursday, May 11, 2017	9:00 AM	The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss <i>FY2018 City Budget</i> . (IF NECESSARY) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

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Monday, May 15, 2017	4:00 PM	2017 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 15, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 22, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 5, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 12, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 19, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 26, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, August 7, 2017	5:30 PM	Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 11, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 18, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 25, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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I. RECONSIDERATION LIST

1. Councillor Toomey filed Reconsideration of the vote taken at the City Council meeting of February 27, 2017 on Policy Order #7 stating that the City Council support the 10-citizen petition recently presented to the Cambridge Historical Commission, asking for a tiered designation system and other amendments to the Harvard Square Conservation District guidelines and possibly to its boundaries.

REC-2017-1

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II. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$175,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will fund expenses incurred to repair the garage gate at the Main Library that was damaged by a motorist as well as increased costs related to the Main Library's HVAC system and cleaning services contract.
CMA 2017 #52
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request to establish the Richard C. Rossi Housing Assistance Fund (the "Fund"), and that \$35,641.46 in donations received be appropriated into this Fund.
CMA 2017 #53
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-3, regarding a review of the parking meter usage in Porter Square to be sure that the time limits appropriately consider the needs of local businesses and to review other areas where parking meter operating hours have been adjusted.
CMA 2017 #54
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-11, regarding installing signage related to the newly-implemented 25 MPH speed limit and increase the use of electronic signage to increase driver awareness of bike safety.
CMA 2017 #55

III. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to establish the requirement that all appointments to the City's commissions, advisory committees, and task forces reflect the City's diversity and that the Civic Unity Committee is asked to sign off on all such appointments going forward.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY MAYOR SIMMONS ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017.
POR 2017 #53

ON THE TABLE

2. An application was received from Mundo/Lux, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2 Bow Street.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG ON DECEMBER 19, 2016.
PLACED ON TABLE ON A VOICE VOTE OF 8 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
ON JANUARY 9, 2017.
APP 2016 #106

3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods.

***CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN ON JUNE 20, 2016. TABLED
ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN ON JUNE 27, 2016.
POR 2016 #184***

4. The City Manager coordinate with the Finance Department, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, and community stakeholders to outline a proposed system of governance, management, and stakeholder engagement for the Foundry, to be discussed in a public forum with the Council and community.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY ON OCTOBER 31, 2016.
PLACED ON THE TABLE ON VOICE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS ON MOTION OF
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY.
POR 2016 #286

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5. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant City department to survey of city residents, work, and visitors to determine who is interested in parking in the City.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR KELLEY ON JANUARY 30, 2017.
PLACED ON TABLE ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG VV8 ON FEBRUARY 6,
2017.

POR 2017 #31

6. An application was received from Reviewed.com, requesting permission for two projecting sign at the premises numbered 19 Brookline Street and 147 Green Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

TABLED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

APP 2017 #4

IV. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from James Desrosiers for approval of the surety.
APP 2017 #7

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V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, regarding Vacant & Abandoned Properties.
COM 99 #2017
2. A communication was received from Lawrence Bluestone, 18 Centre Street, transmitting a letter of support for Central Square Restoration Zoning Petition.
COM 100 #2017
3. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, in support of the Central Square Restoration Petition.
COM 101 #2017

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VI. RESOLUTIONS

1. Celebrate Peter Valentine's contributions to the City of Cambridge.
Councillor Mazon, Mayor Simmons
RES 2017 #72
2. Congratulations to Frederick Wiseman for being awarded an Honorary Oscar Award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Councillor Devereux
RES 2017 #73
3. Declare April 2, 2017 as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Cambridge.
Mayor Simmons
RES 2017 #74
4. Congratulations to Sulmona on the occasion of their grand opening at 608 Main Street.
Councillor Cheung
RES 2017 #75
5. Resolution on the death of Mrs. Eva Madeilne Philpott.
Mayor Simmons
RES 2017 #76

VII. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. City Council support of the ACLU's call for Massachusetts to withdraw from the 287 (g) program.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Mazen
POR 2017 #67
2. That the Ordinance Committee is requested to hold a hearing on the future of zoning in Alewife and to review previous zoning changes made to the area.
Councillor Cheung
POR 2017 #68
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back on how the City can mitigate the impact of work to the conduit property in Watertown and how it will be managed in the future, what efforts can be made to preserve the two mature trees that were marked but not removed, and how to involve the Watertown Tree Warden and Watertown Town Council in ensuring that Cambridge's right to protect its water conduit is carried out while also preserving harmonious relations with the residents of Watertown.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley
POR 2017 #69
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Arts Council about the possibility of a temporary mural to be created to screen the project site along Cambridge Street.
Councillor Toomey
POR 2017 #70
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Council on Aging and the Cambridge Police Department on outreach efforts that can be provided to seniors to educate them about scams and to determine if additional educational materials can be created and distributed in the Senior Centers and Senior Housing and for Cambridge Police Department to determine if they have seen an increase in this behavior.
Councillor Toomey
POR 2017 #71
6. That the Ordinance Committee is requested to hold a public hearing on the draft language for short-term rentals.
Councillor Cheung
POR 2017 #72

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on January 17, 2017 to receive an update from the Homelessness Task Force, updates on the creation of a Homelessness Trust Fund and sobering centers, and an emergency cold weather plan for the homeless and how the City and Police Department work with homeless enclaves in the City, including at the Route 2/Route 16 intersection.

CRT 2017 #8

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on February 15, 2017 was to conduct an additional public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access to Tobacco Products" and on "Definitions for Prohibition of Smoking in Workplaces" to expand the definition of "Workplace" to include construction sites.

CRT 2017 #9

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IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, regarding Open Meeting Law Training.
COF 2017 #9
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting appropriate documentation for your review regarding two signs at 19 Brookline Street and 147 Green Street.
COF 2017 #10

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LATE RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution on the death of Ernie Coppola.

Councillor Toomey

(ID # 4293)

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

APPENDED INFORMATION

AWAITING REPORT LIST

- 16-26. Report on the possibility of the City Council implementing a zoning change, on the permitting of all new restaurants where a wood-fired oven is used as a significant method of food preparation.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-5) from 4/4/2016
- 16-42. Report on plans for the former Riverside Community Health Center on Western Avenue, including transfer of ownership of the building to the City and the process for determining future usage.
Vice Mayor McGovern (O-1) from 5/2/2016
- 16-47. Report on ways to improve the public noticing of proposed building demolitions consistent with the outreach used for variances and special permits and to consider extending the amount of time to consider whether a property is historically significant.
Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux (O-6) from 5/23/2016
- 16-50. Report on the use of City office and meeting space for non-City appointed functions by non-City officials.
Councillor Kelley (O-4) from 6/6/2016
- 16-51. Report on the City's policies and best practices in the use and supervision of City Council interns.
Councillor Kelley (O-5) from 6/6/2016
- 16-52. Report on the City's use of push-button caution lights at crosswalks and to determine any decrease in pedestrian legal rights should they be hit.
Councillor Kelley (Calendar Item #3) from 6/13/2016
- 16-53. Report on the feasibility of either using City funds to subsidize the cost of installing and removing air conditioning units from Cambridge Housing Authority-owned apartments at a reduced cost.
Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #4) from 6/13/2016
- 16-56. Report on creating Sobering Centers and a Cold Weather Plan prior to the winter of 2016.
Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-7) from 6/20/2016

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- 16-64. Report on reinstating trash and recycling pick up for small businesses.
Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher (O-8) from 8/1/2016
- 16-66. Report on how traffic laws pertaining to crosswalks are currently enforced throughout the City and whether there can be stricter laws to ultimately increase pedestrian safety.
Mayor Simmons (O-12) from 8/1/2016
- 16-68. Report on implementing a nomination based "Artist of the Month" program along with a \$2,000 grant and to remove the long-form application in favor of a nomination-based system.
Councillor Mazen (O-15) from 8/1/2016
- 16-71. Report on the feasibility of creating a temporary jobs program geared toward Cambridge's homeless population and/or determine the feasibility of awarding homeless with priority in the City's 9-week temporary jobs program.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Mazen (O-8) from 9/12/2016
REFERRED BACK TO CITY MANAGER ON MOTION OF VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
- 16-72. Report on resolving the audio and visual issues in the Sullivan Chamber.
Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen (O-10) from 9/12/2016
- 16-74. Report on producing a new status report that reviews the Harvard Square Conservation District's effectiveness since 2005, and that considers whether new zoning regulations may be necessary to fulfill the community's goals.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-18) from 9/12/2016
- 16-75. Report on a suitable replacement for the crumb-rubber turf used on City playgrounds.
Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 9/19/2016
- 16-76. Report on implementing an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer.
Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Mazen (Calendar Item #1) from 9/26/2016
- 16-82. Report on testing for any presence of chromonium-6 in the City's drinking water and plans to deal with this issue.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #2) from 10/31/2016

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- 16-83. Report on drafting possible legislation and other recommendations for interim actions to identify and address the public health impacts of any commercial wood-fired ovens.
Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #4) from 10/31/2016
- 16-84. Report on determining which pedestrian crosswalks are in need of additional on street signage.
Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 10/31/2016
- 16-86. Report on which public campaign finance options are legal for municipal elections in Cambridge.
Councillor Mazen (O-14) from 10/31/2016
- 16-89. Report on conducting a traffic safety review of the Brattle Street, Sparks Street, and Craigie Street intersection.
Councillor Devereux (O-1) from 11/7/2016
- 16-90. Report on requesting permission from the DCR to continue Sunday closings on Memorial Drive year-round, starting in early 2017.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-4) from 11/7/2016
- 16-94. Report to consider higher frequency enforcement in key transit junctions and corridors.
Councillor Mazen (O-8) from 11/7/2016
- 16-95. Report to make street markings and street signage more ubiquitous in an effort to market the rules of the road to the users of all transportation modes.
Councillor Mazen (O-9) from 11/7/2016
- 16-100. Report on suggested changes to Cambridge's policy regarding advertising revenue that could help support the continuation and expansion of Hubway in the City of Cambridge.
Councillor Toomey (O-1) from 12/12/2016
- 16-101. Report on the potential of building below market rental housing on City-owned parking lots along Bishop Allen Drive.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-4) from 12/12/2016
- 16-103. Report that all money raised during this campaign is distributed to the Wellington Harrington residents impacted by this incident and when all funds are distributed.
Councillor Toomey (O-6) from 12/12/2016

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- 16-106. Report on an outreach and communications plan for renters in Cambridge about the importance and availability of renters insurance and assist low- and moderate-income tenants in acquiring affordable renters insurance policies.
Councillor Devereux (O-10) from 12/12/2016
- 16-108. Report on whether people displaced and qualify for Emergency Status who are using Section 8 in other cities or towns can retain their resident preference for the purpose of Inclusionary Housing.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 12/19/2016
- 17-2. Report on improving the audio visual set-up at the Citywide Senior Center.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Carlone (O-4) from 1/23/2017
- 17-3. Report on parking meter usage in Porter Square to ensure that appropriate time limits are being considered for local businesses and other areas where parking meter operating hours have been adjusted.
Councillor Toomey (O-5) from 1/23/2017
- 17-4. Report on potential future public-private partnerships that could deliver an operational Foundry that consists of significant community space for the community.
Councillor Toomey (O-6) from 1/23/2017
- 17-6. Report on how the success of "pop-up" lanes will be measured and what lessons we expect to learn from them to help implement safer bicycling facilities throughout the City.
Councillor Kelley (O-9) from 1/23/2017
- 17-7. Report on a full update on the City's Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan.
Councillor Cheung (O-1) from 1/30/2017
- 17-8. Report on a full report from the Urban Agriculture Task Force.
Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 1/30/2017
- 17-9. Report on ways the City can help small businesses offset other costs, included but not limited to the possibility of DPW picking up trash from these small businesses during their regular routes.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 1/30/2017
- 17-10. Report on drafting a Home Rule petition that would allow Cambridge residents to easily round up their sewer/water bill to help support local non-profit organizations.
Councillor Cheung (O-7) from 1/30/2017

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- 17-11. Report on installing proper signage at major points of entry to the city stating Cambridge's commitment to the 25 mph speed limit and to bike safety.
Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 2/6/2017
- 17-12. Report on the possibilities of using salt in a more judicious manner, finding non-salt options or removing excess salt when the ice threat has stopped while the salt still remains.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-3) from 2/6/2017
- 17-14. Report on exploring whether designating the portion of Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and South Street as "one way" would decrease the opportunities for future accidents in this area.
Mayor Simmons (O-5) from 2/6/2017
- 17-15. Report on update of the potential surveillance ordinance language.
Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 2/6/2017
- 17-16. Report on establishing a Tree Task Force to better protect the urban canopy.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Mayor Simmons (O-1) from 2/13/2017
- 17-17. Report on ways to preserve the historic stained glass located at 50 York Street, prior to this building's demolition.
Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 2/27/2017
- 17-18. Report on compiling a list of legal resources and a list of frequently-asked-questions for undocumented people living in Cambridge, and to post this information on a new "Immigration Concerns" resource page on the City's main website and to determine what other specific steps the City can and should take to protect undocumented persons living in Cambridge during the Trump Administration.
Mayor Simmons (O-5) from 2/27/2017
- 17-19. Report on whether a stop sign can be re-installed at the intersection of Green Street and Hancock Street, and whether there are additional measures the City can and should be taking to make this intersection safer for vehicles and pedestrians alike.
Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 2/27/2017
- 17-20. Report on whether a Municipal ID program could be established in Cambridge.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazon (O-11) from 2/27/2017

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- 17-21. Report on the potential growth of next-generation wireless technology in the City, to include: the expected footprint of citywide coverage from just one company and what market competition might produce; the integration of public and private infrastructure to support the network; what local standards the City might hope to maintain relative to aesthetics and safety; and how this new technology fits into our Broadband access plans.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung (O-14) from 2/27/2017
- 17-22. Report on if a stop sign can be erected at the intersection located between 150 Cambridgepark Drive and 160 Cambridgepark Drive and to determine if additional traffic safety measures are needed in this area.
Mayor Simmons (O-15) from 2/27/2017
- 17-23. Report on options for the old Harvard Square Theater within 30 days of receiving said notice, with their long-terms plans for this property.
Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-16) from 2/27/2017