



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA • DECEMBER 4, 2017

Regular Meeting

Sullivan Chamber

5:30 PM

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

HEARING SCHEDULE

Monday, December 4, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 11, 2017	5:00 PM	Special Presentation for the Mayor's Luminary Awards. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 11, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 18, 2017	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 1, 2018	10:00 AM	<i>City Council Inaugural Meeting</i> (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 8, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 22, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, January 29, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 5, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 12, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, February 26, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 5, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 12, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting

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Monday, March 19, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, March 26, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 2, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 9, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 23, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 30, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 7, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 14, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 21, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 4, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 11, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 18, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 25, 2018	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$55,580 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Emergency Communication/Ordinary Maintenance Account to procure Universal Power Supply (UPS) for the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility and the Fire Department facilities.
CMA 2017 #300
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointments and reappointments of the following persons as a members of the Cambridge Peace Commission: NEW APPOINTMENTS: 1-year terms - Kazimiera Fraley, Elka Kuhlman; 2-year terms - April Crehan, David Seeman; 3-year terms - Margot Cronin-Furman, Amelia Joselow. REAPPOINTMENTS: 1-year - John Ratliff; 2-year terms - Georges Atallah, Gladys Friedler; 3-year term - Larry Kim.
CMA 2017 #301
3. 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 for \$1,760.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account which will be used to create a Teen Intern Program at the Moore Youth Center.
CMA 2017 #302
4. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$37,500.00 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support Youth on Fire/Fenway Health in the continued operation of the Youth on Fire drop-in service for young adults experiencing homelessness.
CMA 2017 #303
5. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-99, regarding a report on the feasibility of hiring more students for the various youth employment programs in the City with a goal of having them assist City staff with community engagement programs.
CMA 2017 #304
6. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the Beekeeping Zoning Petition with proposed amendments to the petition.
CMA 2017 #305
7. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as members of the Citizens Committee on Civic Unity for a term of three years, effective November 1, 2017: Susie Flug-Silva, Danielle Ring Boudrow, Kenny Likis, Steven Lee, Betsy Bard, M. Chanta Bhan and Eva Martin Blythe.
CMA 2017 #306
8. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-118, regarding a report on an update on the City's plan to expand the curbside composting program citywide.
CMA 2017 #307

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9. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-57, regarding Fern Street.
CMA 2017 #308

10. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 17-81, regarding speeding on Field Street and Awaiting Report Item Number 17-106, regarding West Cambridge (Alewife) Sewer Separation.
CMA 2017 #309

11. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-27, regarding the feasibility of a Homelessness Trust Fund.
CMA 2017 #310

II. CALENDAR

ON THE TABLE

1. 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 MAZEN ON JUNE 27, 2016.
POR 2016 #184***

2. 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***

3. 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***

4. 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***

5. 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. TABLE
ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG ON A VOICE VOTE OF 8 MEMBERS ON
MARCH 6, 2017.
POR 2017 #53***

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6. That the City Manager is requested to create a permanent office or public-private initiative for the purpose of fostering charitable giving in Cambridge and to work with non-profits to study the local charitable giving landscape, measuring the estimated maximum charitable carrying capacity of the city.

Tabled as amended by substitution on a motion of Councillor Mazen on May 8, 2017.

POR 2017 #120

7. That the City Manager is requested to appoint a Transportation Task Force to develop a large and comprehensive street safety and education plan that speaks to the needs of bicyclist, motorists, and pedestrians, and that can be easily disseminated and understood by all citizens.

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY MAYOR SIMMONS ON OCTOBER 30, 2017. PLACED ON THE TABLE ON MOTION OF MAYOR SIMMONS ON NOVEMBER 13, 2017.

POR 2017 #300

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge on Beekeeping.

THE QUESTION COMES ON PASSING TO BE ORDAINED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 6, 2017. PLANNING BOARD HEARING HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2017.

PETITION EXPIRES JANUARY 3, 2018.

ORD 2017 # 12

III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Good Vibrations, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 52 JFK Street.
APP 2017 #74
2. An application was received from HR Block, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 674 Massachusetts Avenue.
APP 2017 #75
3. An application was received from Hunt's Photo, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 99 Mount Auburn Street.
APP 2017 #76
4. An application was received from Zambrero, requesting permission for an internally illuminated projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 71 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and Historical Commission. No abutters approval received.
APP 2017 #77
5. An application was received from Mark Lechmere, LLC, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 227 Cambridge Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
APP 2017 #78

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IV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from David Mancuso, 303 3rd Street, regarding Recind the pet ban/make it right.
COM 548 #2017
2. A communication was received from Virginia Payson, 63 Magazine Street, regarding speed limit on Magazine Street.
COM 549 #2017
3. A communication was received from Barrie Gleason, 109 Summer Street Somerville, regarding closing of Petco.
COM 550 #2017
4. A communication was received from Mo Noorae, 769 Concord Avenue, regarding work on the Sufi Service Center.
COM 551 #2017
5. A communication was received from Amanda Dausman, Somerville resident, regarding Petco and pet ban.
COM 552 #2017
6. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille,, Individually and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding Harvard Square "Conservation" District.
COM 553 #2017
7. A communication was received from Joseph E. Connerton Executive Director PERAC, regarding Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019.
COM 554 #2017
8. A communication was received from Peter Wallace, regarding Unfair to ban the sale of small animals/PETCO.
COM 555 #2017
9. A communication was received from Alicia Prentice, regarding keep PETCO open.
COM 556 #2017
10. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding the Participatory Budgeting.
COM 557 #2017
11. A communication was received from John Roberts, 321 Huron Avenue, regarding explosive Alewife development, the sewer project, and the fragile environment in the Alewife Floodplain.
COM 558 #2017
12. A communication was received from Nancy Wolfe, regarding new regulations regarding Outlaw of pet stores selling small pets.
COM 559 #2017

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13. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding developing an education system for the homeless.

COM 560 #2017

14. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding recent history of the three manager Cambridge City Manager Machine.

COM 561 #2017

V. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Kathleen P. (Tracy) Carlisle.
Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #483
2. Resolution on the death of Robert Bejoian.
Councillor Maher
RES 2017 #484
3. That the City Council go on record proclaiming the 30th Jose Mateo production of The Nutcracker a phenomenal gift to the community this holiday season.
Mayor Simmons
RES 2017 #485
4. Resolution on the death of William F. Brennan.
Councillor Maher
RES 2017 #486
5. Congratulations to Education First for being named by Boston Globe as the #1 Top Place to Work on its list of largest employers in Massachusetts.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #487
6. Resolution on the death of Kathleen P. (Tracy) Carlisle.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #488
7. Resolution on the death of Meta K. Williams.
Mayor Simmons
RES 2017 #489
8. Congratulations to Vivian Poey on being named Higher Education Art Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Arts Educators Association.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #490
9. Resolution on the death of Martim de Arruda.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #491
10. Resolution on the death of Maria A. (Torres) Andrade.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #492
11. Resolution on the death of Luisa Couto.
Councillor Toomey
RES 2017 #493

VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

1. That the City Manager is requested to mail the “Street Code” Booklet to all households in Cambridge as an educational outreach measure for road safety.
Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons
POR 2017 #306
2. That the City Manager is requested to meet with the Superintendent of Schools, the head of the Finance Department, and any other pertinent City personnel to determine how to best combine their separate budgetary pamphlet mailings into a single, easy-to-read pamphlet that can then be posted on the City’s website, the Cambridge Public Schools’ website, and mailed to all Cambridge households.
Mayor Simmons
POR 2017 #307
3. That the City Manager request an investigation by the State Department of Public Utilities into the maintenance of the district energy system and ask appropriate officials from the State Department of Public Utilities to appear before the City Council to report on the state of repair of the district energy system in Cambridge and to discuss why there are no state regulations governing steam energy systems in Massachusetts when it is widely known that these operations create potential serious public health hazards and risks.
Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons
POR 2017 #308
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Immigrant Rights and Citizenship Commission and area non-profits to set up legal clinics that will be available on a regular basis to provide legal advice and assistance to those impacted by the repeal of Temporary Protected Status.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons
POR 2017 #309
5. Dedication in honor of Dominic De Francisco.
Councillor Toomey
POR 2017 #310

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, for a public hearing held on October 10, 2017 to discuss feedback on bike safety related issues, and to plan for future bike safety measures in the City of Cambridge.
CRT 2017 #56
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on November 15, 2017 to discuss Zoning Petition by Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.
CRT 2017 #57
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on October 18, 2017, to discuss recommendation on a surveillance ordinance broadly, and to evaluate proposed surveillance ordinance first submitted in November 2016, as well as decisions passed in other cities since this time.
CRT 2017 #58
4. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on October 25, 2017 to review the City Manager's selection of Victoria Bergland as the tenant representative on the Cambridge Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners and will also begin reviewing the Comprehensive Housing Policy that was referred to this committee by the City Council at the September 18, 2017 meeting.
CRT 2017 #59
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Transportation & Public Utilities Committee, for a public hearing held on October 10, 2017 to discuss implementing a program that would provide instant notification via e-mail to individuals that their motor vehicle has been towed and the location of where the vehicle has been towed pursuant to Policy Order # 20
CRT 2017 #60

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern, transmitting Opioid Working Group Report.
COF 2017 #28
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a response to an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Patrick Higgins against the City Council alleging that the Chair of the City Council violated the Open Meeting Law because it was not announced at the beginning of the City Council meeting of November 13, 2017 that the meeting was being recorded.
COF 2017 #29
3. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, transmitting a review of Cambridge bicycle citation and collision data as they impact bicycle and general street safety planning.
COF 2017 #30
4. A communication was received from Tanya L. Ford, Executive Director, Cambridge Election Commission, transmitting the Final Official Results from the Municipal Election held on Tuesday November 7, 2017 for City Council.
COF 2017 #31
5. A communication was received from Tanya L. Ford, Executive Director, Cambridge Election Commission, transmitting the Final Official Results from the Municipal Election held on Tuesday November 7, 2017 for School Committee.
COF 2017 #32
6. A communication was received from Councillor Jan Devereux, transmitting information regarding Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience Plan.
COF 2017 #33
7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a letter from Joseph Maguire with amended language to the Alexandria Real Estate Petition per the motion made at the Ordinance Committee hearing held on November 15, 2017 together with a correction to a scrivener error.
COF 2017 #34

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LATE RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution on the death of Warren Leeman.

Vice Mayor McGovern

(ID # 6010)

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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
- 16-51. 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
- 16-53. 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
- 16-74. 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
- 16-83. 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
- 16-94. Report to consider higher frequency enforcement in key transit junctions and corridors.
Councillor Mazen (O-8) from 11/7/2016
- 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

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- 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
- 17-14. 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
- 17-20. Report on whether a Municipal ID program could be established in Cambridge.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazen (O-11) from 2/27/2017
- 17-22. 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
- 17-27. Report on the feasibility of a Homelessness Trust Fund.
Vice Mayor McGovern (O-7) from 3/6/2017
- 17-28. Report on the feasibility of creating a warming shelter in the City of Cambridge.
Vice Mayor McGovern (O-8) from 3/6/2017
- 17-30. Report on the City of Cambridge partnering with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Cambridge Neighborhood Association to revitalize Magazine Beach.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (O-1) from 4/24/2017
- 17-33. Report on bringing Massachusetts closer to 100% renewable energy by 2035, and ensure that the benefits of renewable energy are realized by Massachusetts residents from all walks of life and supporting a goal of using 100% clean and renewable energy in Cambridge, including in building energy use and transportation, by 2035.
Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-13) from 4/24/2017
- 17-40. Report on the practicality of buying the Tokyo site and converting it into affordable housing units.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux (O-1) from 5/1/2017

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- 17-34. Report on the feasibility of installing a traffic light at the intersection of Raymond Street and Walden Street and to determine whether other traffic-calming measures are needed in this location.
Mayor Simmons (O-5) from 5/8/2017
- 17-41. Report on how Visual Preference Surveys (VPS) could be incorporated into the planning and zoning process.
Councillor Carlone (O-4) from 6/12/2017
- 17-42. Report on whether the City of Cambridge has an active voice in any future iterations of the Boston Calling festival in order to address the concerns raised by Cambridge residents.
Mayor Simmons, Councillor Devereux (O-5) from 6/12/2017
- 17-43. Report on if there are family oriented parks or playgrounds where the City could install a Portland Loo.
Councillor Cheung (O-6) from 6/12/2017
- 17-44. Report on providing appropriate playground equipment at the King Open playground at the Longfellow School.
Councillor Toomey (O-7) from 6/12/2017
- 17-51. Report on what options may exist to modify the Sullivan Chamber with an air conditioning system and what the costs for these options might be in a timely manner.
Mayor Simmons (O-8) from 6/19/2017
- 17-53. Report on determining if new facilities are needed by either DPW or CFD to best carry out their respective missions in the future and, if so, what type of facilities they would need and how much space that would require and where they might possibly be located.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-7) from 6/26/2017
- 17-56. Report on monitoring the conduct of any individuals who exhibit aggressive and hostile behavior towards City employees in the workplace, and that if such behavior does occur, that the City Manager take action immediately to ensure the safety of City employees, particularly female employees.
Councillor Toomey (O-11) from 6/26/2017
- 17-57. Report on the use of the Fern Street path as currently designed and consider options to ensure that the path functions as a safe, shared bicycle and pedestrian path and to work with the Department of Public Works to consider whether it is appropriate and feasible for a skateboarding feature to be included at Danehy Park.
Councillor Devereux (Calendar Item #2) from 8/7/2017

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- 17-59. Report on contacting the owner of the vacant U.S. Petroleum gas station at the corner of Concord Avenue and Walden Street to inquire what plans are being made to remove this blight from the neighborhood.
Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung (O-2) from 8/7/2017
- 17-60. Report on the feasibility of making the section of Kinnaird Street between River Street and Western Avenue into a one-way. REFERRED BACK TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ARRANGE COMMUNITY MEETING ON MOTION OF VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN ON NOVEMBER 13, 2017 .
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-4) from 8/7/2017
- 17-68. Report on establishing a public fund that can be utilized in the event that the Trump Administration withholds federal funds from Cambridge as a Sanctuary City.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-18) from 8/7/2017
- 17-70. Report on the status of the City's plans to review and possibly implement a municipal Broadband system.
Councillor Kelley (O-22) from 8/8/2017
- 17-71. Report on a proposal to design, fund and implement a bike and electric personal vehicle transportation study to provide the City with a comprehensive explanation of who is going where, why and under what conditions via bike or personal electric vehicle.
Councillor Kelley (O-23) from 8/7/2017
- 17-73. Report on the Municipal Broadband Task Force being reconstituted and on successful cost-effective procurement for phase II by the end of calendar year.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Mazen (O-25) from 8/7/2017
- 17-75. Report on streamlining recording and transcription requirements in line with those currently in place for the Planning Board for the Board of Zoning Appeal and the Historical Commission.
Councillor Devereux (O-2) from 9/11/2017
- 17-77. Report on the intersection of Cedar Street and Rindge Avenue with the goal of clarifying traffic patterns through the intersection.
Councillor Kelley (O-6) from 9/11/2017
- 17-79. Report on progress for the goal of 1,000 New Affordable Units by the end of the decade.
Mayor Simmons (O-10) from 9/11/2017
- 17-81. Report on what additional measures or actions can be taken to discourage the speeding of vehicles along the Field Street and Fayerweather Street area.
Mayor Simmons (O-14) from 9/11/2017

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- 17-82. Report on possible solutions to regulatory or legislative gaps on the local or state level that would help clarify how emerging types of conveyances can most safely and effectively be incorporated into Cambridge's Urban Mobility planning and infrastructure investments.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung (O-15) from 9/11/2017
- 17-85. Report on the total amount of incentive contributions that have been received in the past two years, the number and types of incentive projects that have been built (or are in the process of being built), and when the City anticipates initiating a reevaluation of the housing contribution rate.
Mayor Simmons (O-3) from 9/18/2017
- 17-86. Report on the necessary steps to enforce the anti-idling state law in residential areas by the September 25, 2017 City Council meeting.
Councillor Toomey (O-6) from 9/18/2017
- 17-87. Report on a schedule for resubmitting a revised draft of the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance that incorporates clearer wording and/or more clearly explains each section in less technical jargon and is more coherent in its entirety, with the goal of seeing such an Ordinance adopted by the end of this City Council term.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-8) from 9/18/2017
- 17-88. Report on providing clarification for the benefit of residents, visitors, and business owners on how the City views its obligations and constraints regarding marijuana enforcement and regulation.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey (O-9) from 9/18/2017
- 17-89. Report on establishing a comprehensive and robust skilled labor trades program, with a view toward increasing the number of Cambridge residents working in the skilled labor trades.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey (O-10) from 9/18/2017
- 17-91. Report on establishing an aggressive outreach program to all property owners, with a view towards purchasing any properties possible and converting these properties into affordable housing.
Mayor Simmons (O-13) from 9/18/2017
- 17-93. Report on recommended traffic calming measures for the area near the intersection of Thorndike and Eighth Street.
Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 9/25/2017

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- 17-95. Report on the status of the all-electric, leaf-blowing park pilot, the effectiveness of the battery-operated equipment, the potential for expanding the all-electric park program, and steps being taken on enforcement and training and to inquire the feasibility of requiring or advising landscape companies to provide or require safety masks for workers.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-6) from 9/25/2017
- 17-96. Report on increased traffic enforcement and increased signage of speed limits throughout the city.
Councillor Toomey (O-9) from 9/25/2017
- 17-98. Report back to the City Council and Ordinance Committee prior to the next Ordinance Committee meeting on October 3, 2017 with a simple synopsis of specifically what the city needs from MIT in order to fully realize its vision for the Grand Junction Railroad.
Councillor Cheung (O-11) from 9/25/2017
- 17-99. Report on the feasibility of hiring more students for the various youth employment programs in the city with the goal of having them assist city staff with community engagement programs.
Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-2) from 10/2/2017
- 17-100. Report on implementing transportation, pedestrian, environmental and humanitarian systems in Harvard Square.
Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 10/2/2017
- 17-102. Report on the cost and feasibility of installing lighting at city dog parks to allow for greater use of these well utilized and popular parks during the darker months.
Vice Mayor McGovern (O-6) from 10/2/2017
- 17-103. Report on discussing with Harvard University a plan of action that will resolve the matter of defective windows in such a way that the cost is not placed on the building's residents.
Mayor Simmons (O-9) from 10/2/2017
- 17-104. Report on the feasibility of subsidizing the rate of the "100% Green" option in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program to ease any financial burden that residents who want to use entirely renewable energy may feel when purchasing, using existing income thresholds such as the Fuel Assistance Program.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-10) from 10/2/2017
- 17-105. Report on repairing Rufo Road as soon as possible.
Councillor Toomey (O-13) from 10/2/2017

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- 17-106. Report on evaluating the Huron Avenue sewer separation project.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux (O-14) from 10/2/2017
- 17-107. Report on how to best repair the sidewalks in and around 349 Norfolk Street and at 32 Elm Street.
Mayor Simmons (O-1) from 10/16/2017
- 17-108. Report on the feasibility of requiring developers to post a signboard at development sites requiring Large Project Review or a Special Permit with contact information for a site manager, a brief description of the project (including whether it is residential, commercial, or mixed-use, and, if residential, the total number of units and inclusionary units, an expected completion date, and a rendering of the street-facing elevation), and a web link where more information is available.
Councillor Devereux (O-2) from 10/16/2017
- 17-109. Report on providing an update on the pilot program regarding feminine hygiene products in public facilities.
Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 10/16/2017
- 17-110. Report on the status of the implementation of the EnerGov software across various City departments to streamline the permitting process.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Cheung (O-5) from 10/16/2017
- 17-111. Report on the feasibility of implementing neighborways on certain streets in Cambridge, propose two streets to pilot as neighborways, and create a process by which a group of residents can request that their street be considered as future neighborways.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung (O-7) from 10/16/2017
- 17-112. Report on immediate and forward-looking measures to improve and prioritize conservation of Cambridge's tree canopy before the Urban Forest Master Plan is in place.
Councillor Devereux (O-8) from 10/16/2017
- 17-114. Report on the plan for snow removal relating to the new bike infrastructure in Cambridge.
Councillor Toomey (O-4) from 10/23/2017
- 17-115. Report on the feasibility of placing "No Smoking" and "No Littering" signage throughout Clement Morgan Park as well as greater lighting and trimming of tree branches.
Mayor Simmons (O-5) from 10/23/2017

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- 17-116. Report on following up with the MWRA and DivcoWest for an explanation detailing the background of the North Point Development project.
Councillor Toomey (O-9) from 10/23/2017
- 17-117. Report on the elevator breakdowns at Millers River Apartments as well as the reasons for the continual breakdowns of these elevators.
Councillor Toomey (O-3) from 10/30/2017
- 17-118. Report on the City's plans to expand the curbside composting program citywide.
Councillor Cheung (O-1) from 11/13/2017
- 17-119. Report on whether anything further can be done to better educate parents, coaches, referees, and players about concussions.
Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 11/13/2017
- 17-120. Report on the feasibility of installing stretching, body weight, and low-impact fitness equipment at various parks throughout the City.
Councillor Cheung (O-4) from 11/13/2017
- 17-121. Report on exploring the feasibility of implementing The Sprint 1 Million Project.
Councillor Toomey (O-5) from 11/13/2017