



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA • MARCH 30, 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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## HEARING SCHEDULE

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Monday, March 30, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	3:00 PM	The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will meet for a hearing to discuss challenges and opportunities that exist in City purchasing, procurement and programs for MWBEs and other historically disadvantaged businesses and non-profits in Cambridge. <b>THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CANCELED</b>
Thursday, April 2, 2020	11:00 AM	The Human Services and Veterans Committee of the City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss harm reduction in Cambridge, hear input from community partners and legal scholars, and host a mock-SIS demonstration, and discuss a policy order out of committee asking the City to move forward with approving a supervised injection services location. <b>THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CANCELED</b>
Monday, April 6, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, April 7, 2020	3:00 PM	The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will meet for a hearing to discuss a report back from the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department on steps the City of Cambridge has taken towards developing a vacant storefront registration policy. <b>THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED</b>
Monday, April 13, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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Tuesday, April 14, 2020	5:00 PM	The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Affordable Housing Overlay Petition. <b>THIS MEETING WILL BE TELEVISED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	3:00 PM	The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing on the Affordable Housing Overlay Petition. <b>THIS MEETING WILL BE TELEVISED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Thursday, April 16, 2020	5:30 PM	The Health and Environment Committee to hear a progress report and recommendations from the Climate Resilience Zoning Task Force. <b>THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CANCELED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, April 27, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	5:30 PM	The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing to discuss the Harvard Square Conservation District Study Committee report. <b>THIS MEETING WILL BE TELEVISED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, May 4, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, May 11, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	9:00 AM	The Finance Committee will meet for a public hearing on the FY21 budget. <b>THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	5:00 PM	The Finance Committee will meet for continued public hearings on the FY21 budget. <b>THIS HEARING WILL BE TELEVISED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>

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Monday, May 18, 2020	4:00 PM	Cambridge Scholarship Awards Ceremony <b>THIS CEREMONY WILL BE TELEVISED</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, May 18, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, June 1, 2020	5:30 PM	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>

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### **I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

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1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$52,890.00 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account for the support of the continued operation of the Y2Y Youth Shelter for the next few weeks.  
***CMA 2020 #74***
2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the recommended reappointment of Christopher Bator as a member of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term of 5-years.  
***CMA 2020 #75***
3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 20-3, regarding the feasibility of purchasing sensory bags for Police vehicles as a pilot program.  
***CMA 2020 #76***
4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the use of the War Memorial Recreation Center and Field House on Cambridge Street, which is adjacent to and part of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School campus, for an emergency shelter for the homeless due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.  
***CMA 2020 #77***

## II. CALENDAR

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### ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor, Community Development, Public Works, Inspectional Services and any other related departments to review the proposed amendments regarding the prohibition of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings.  
**TABLED ON JANUARY 27, 2020**

**POR 2019 #339**

2. That the “2020 Cycling Safety Ordinance” be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for discussion and recommendation.  
**TABLED ON MARCH 23, 2020**

**POR 2020 #50**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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**

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### **III. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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1. An application was received from Sam Kachmar, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 207 Lakeview Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.  
*APP 2020 #19*

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### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

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1. A communication was received from Risa Mednick, 20 Maple Avenue, regarding a report that makes clear recommendations regarding shelters during the COVID crisis.  
*COM 135 #2020*
2. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, regarding Remote Participation.  
*COM 136 #2020*

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**V. RESOLUTIONS**

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1. Congratulations to the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church on their 130th Anniversary.  
**Councillor Simmons**  
*RES 2020 #86*
2. Moratorium on rent payments, mortgage payments, evictions and foreclosures  
**Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Carlone**  
*RES 2020 #87*
3. Deepest Sympathy for the family of Pauline Paris  
**Councillor Toomey**  
*RES 2020 #88*
4. Condolences on the death of Barbara Toomey  
**Councillor Toomey**  
*RES 2020 #89*



## **VI. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST**

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1. That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority and other appropriate personnel to enforce compliance with this order in publicly owned housing, publicly subsidized housing, and federally assisted housing.  
**Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
*POR 2020 #66*
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation on streets in each neighborhood that could be closed to all non-essential traffic for the duration of the Health Emergency and report back to the council as soon as possible.  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
*POR 2020 #67*
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with DCR to explore closing Memorial Drive for the duration of the Stay at Home order to give people in Cambridge a safe space to exercise and be outside without violating social distancing practices.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler**  
*POR 2020 #68*
4. That the City Manager explore short-term solutions to expand essential internet access to Cambridge residents who lack it during the pandemic until such time that a municipal broadband network can be implemented  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Nolan, Councillor McGovern**  
*POR 2020 #69*

**APPENDED INFORMATION**

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**AWAITING REPORT LIST**

- 16-101. Report on the potential of building below market rental housing on City-owned parking lots along Bishop Allen Drive. On a communication from Councillor McGovern requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.  
**Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (O-4) 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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.  
**Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toomey (O-4) from 12/19/2016**
- 18-38. Report on inventory of all City-owned vacant buildings and lots and the City's plans for them, if any.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor Siddiqui (O-2) from 3/26/2018**
- 18-60. Report on a small business parking pilot that would allow temporary on-street employee parking during typical daytime operating hours.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #1) from 5/14/2018**
- 18-73. Report on establishing and implementing a dynamic new initiative that will seek to place Port residents (ages 18 and over) on paths to jobs with family-sustaining wages.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-6) from 6/25/2018**
- 18-119. Report on evaluating the existing capacity of fire stations in the Kendall Square area and whether a new fire station is needed, and if so, determining the feasibility of locating a plot of land for this use.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 11/5/2018**
- 19-3. Report on establishing a Central Square Improvement Fund and allocate no less than 25% of funds generated to the arts.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern (O-6) from 1/7/2019**

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- 19-21. Report on the process for establishing a formal, thorough review of the City's Affordable Home Ownership programs, incorporating a plan for obtaining and analyzing substantial quantitative data inclusive of all types of units.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey (O-3) from 2/25/2019**
- 19-22. Report on the feasibility of allowing small businesses to host live acoustic music performances without a license, and if feasible, present the City Council with a proposal to allow such performances.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern (O-5) from 2/25/2019**
- 19-45. Report on compiling a full accounting of streets, schools, and public buildings that may be named in honor of those who have ties to the American slave trade, and to work towards renaming all of these streets, schools, and buildings.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-4) from 4/8/2019**
- 19-49. Report on recommending restrictions on signage specific to retail establishments that sell e-cigarettes and other vaping devices.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey (O-15) from 4/8/2019**
- 19-58. Report on working with the Recycling Advisory Committee and other stakeholders to draft an ordinance banning single-use plastic items in Cambridge.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone (O-6) from 5/13/2019**
- 19-62. Report on drafting a formal Anti-bias /Cultural Competency Strategic Plan for eventual adoption and implementation.  
**Councillor Simmons (O-2) from 5/20/2019**
- 19-66. Report on whether it is possible to reduce or eliminate Building Permit Fees for 100% affordable housing development projects, through an exemption or other means and investigate what types of real estate tax abatements are possible for 100% affordable housing moving forward.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern (O-3) from 6/3/2019**
- 19-74. Report on establishing a working committee to review the monuments, memorials, and markers throughout Cambridge to determine whether any of these commemorate those who were linked to the slave trade or engaged in other similarly shameful acts and to determine which individuals should be newly recognized with a monument, memorial, or marker.  
**Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Devereux, Vice Mayor Mallon (O-2) from 6/10/2019**

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- 19-75. Report on exploring the feasibility of partnering with a local research institution to conduct a study that determines how many ridehail vehicles are on the roads during both on and off-peak times and their impacts on congestion and safety.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Devereux (O-4) from 6/10/2019**
- 19-86. Report on developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan (O-5) from 6/24/2019**
- 19-100. Report on the feasibility of implementing an additional regulatory requirement for listing a registration/license number for Short-Term Rentals.  
**Councillor Kelley, Councillor McGovern, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons (O-19) from 7/30/2019**
- 19-106. Report on conducting City directed environmental testing on the Sullivan Courthouse building and water in basement, to determine the risk posed to the public, and provide a timeline of completion and to establish an operational understanding directly with DCAMM officials and ask for a state designee for communication/coordination on how the building will be secured and monitored.  
**Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Mallon (O-5) from 9/9/2019**
- 19-123. Report on the feasibility of closing some portion of Harvard Square to vehicular traffic on a select number of days during the summer of 2020 to have open market-style events.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan (O-1) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-127. Report on instituting regularly scheduled public conversations between Public Utilities' representatives from Eversource, the Water Dept. Comcast, Verizon and any other appropriate entities to keep the City and public informed.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone (O-8) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-130. Report on requesting to allocate more funds in the FY21 budget for the small business improvement grants and to confer with the Massachusetts Attorney General's office on whether other cities in Massachusetts have been facing similar issues with ADA compliance and what can be done to protect the small businesses.  
**Councillor Toomey (O-14) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-132. Report on planting new trees in Magazine Beach Park in the Spring of 2020 with a special focus on the eastern end of the park and the grove area.  
**Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Mallon (O-18) from 10/7/2019**

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- 19-134. Report on increasing funding to the City's HomeBridge program so that access to homeownership may be made available to a wider range of incomes, as the program intends.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toomey (O-20) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-137. Report on determining if ISD can be given the authority to issue citations for smoking in non-smoking buildings and to report back to the City Council.  
**Councillor McGovern (Calendar Item #4) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-139. Report on determining whether it would be possible to allow a permitted area for serving alcoholic beverages on Danehy Park property during special community-wide events.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Simmons (Calendar Item #5) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-141. Report on looking into the idea of hiring a social worker in the FY2021 budget for the Central Square Library branch.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern (Calendar Item #8) from 10/7/2019**
- 19-142. Report on determining the feasibility of expediting the Demolition and Rebuilding permitting process in the event of a natural disaster.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon (O-1) from 10/21/2019**
- 19-144. Report on determining the feasibility of instituting and funding a Fire Cadet Program.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons (O-4) from 10/21/2019**
- 19-145. Report on reviewing all the City's policies and procedures related to the procurement, installation and disposal of artificial turf.  
**Vice Mayor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Zondervan (O-7) from 10/21/2019**
- 19-147. Report on installing hearing loop technology inside the Sullivan Chamber as part of the upcoming renovations to City Hall, and in other critical City meeting venues wherever possible and other accessibility improvements.  
**Councillor Zondervan (O-4) from 10/28/2019**
- 19-151. Report on the feasibility of making Porter Square and Massachusetts Avenue between Roseland Street and Beech Street a quick-build Complete Street with bus priority.  
**Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan, Vice Mayor Devereux (O-10) from 10/28/2019**

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- 19-153. Report on plans designed to mitigate the impact of the closing of Windsor House upon Cambridge seniors.  
**Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern (O-4) from 11/4/2019**
- 20-1. Report on the work that has been done to Support Small Business and the Arts through Tourism.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor McGovern (O-2) from 1/13/2020**
- 20-3. Report on determining the feasibility of purchasing sensory bags for Police vehicles as a pilot program and report back to council for FY21 Budget.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern (O-2) from 1/27/2020**
- 20-4. Report on the feasibility of instituting and funding a fare-free pilot bus program.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui (O-5) from 1/27/2020**
- 20-5. Report on the potential for implementing sufficient traffic-calming solutions on Upton Street.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor McGovern (O-7) from 1/27/2020**
- 20-6. Report on the acquisition and implementation of interpretation services for City Council meetings and other public City meetings.  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern (O-8) from 1/27/2020**
- 20-7. Report on reviewing the roles, responsibilities, and compensation of City Council Aides with an eye toward designating this as a full-time position.  
**Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone (O-1) from 2/3/2020**
- 20-8. Report on working with the residents in the vicinity of Eustis Street to implement traffic calming measures on this street.  
**Councillor Toomey (O-4) from 2/3/2020**
- 20-9. Report on allocating the necessary funds, and develop a comprehensive public safety plan, including contingency plans so that the event can take place in a secure time and place, even in the presence of significant threats that can be anticipated.  
**Councillor Zondervan (Calendar Item #2) from 2/3/2020**
- 20-10. Report on renaming the Agassiz neighborhood.  
**Councillor Simmons, Mayor Siddiqui (O-1) from 2/10/2020**
- 20-11. Report on the process for renaming the maintenance area within the Ryan Garage at 147 Hampshire Street in honor of Sydney Cox, with this becoming known as the "Sydney James Cox Maintenance Facility."  
**Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 2/10/2020**

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- 20-12. Report on the feasibility of instituting a program to install rings on parking meters to expand bicycle parking options.  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Mayor Siddiqui (O-4) from 2/10/2020**
- 20-13. Report on expanding the Head Start program hours and adding additional scholarships to improve access to high-quality, early childhood educational resources.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern (O-6) from 2/10/2020**
- 20-15. Report on the feasibility of limiting the number of Saturdays and holidays any one developer can be permitted for any one construction project.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon (O-2) from 2/24/2020**
- 20-16. Report on the feasibility of eliminating Library fines.  
**Mayor Siddiqui, Vice Mayor Mallon (O-3) from 2/24/2020**
- 20-18. Report on the feasibility of implementing additional dedicated bus lanes, as well as fully separate protected bicycle lanes.  
**Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Vice Mayor Mallon, Councillor Zondervan, Mayor Siddiqui (O-6) from 2/24/2020**
- 20-19. Report on producing a Request For Proposal for the municipal broadband feasibility study that was called for by the City's Broadband Task Force in August 2016.  
**Councillor Nolan, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sobrinho-Wheeler, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Zondervan (O-7) from 2/24/2020**
- 20-21. Report on preparing a report on any steps the city has taken to work towards developing a Vacant Storefront Registration Policy.  
**Vice Mayor Mallon, Mayor Siddiqui, Councillor Zondervan, Councillor Carlone (O-4) from 3/2/2020**
- 20-22. Report on working with the Inspectional Service Department to increase the fines for absentee property owners who continue to have violations stemming for rodent infestations.  
**Councillor Toomey (O-4) from 3/16/2020**