



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2018

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

~MINUTES~

MEETING Monday, January 8, 2018
TIME 5:30 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor Marc C. McGovern

CALL TO ORDER

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 C. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PRESENTATIONS

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

SUBMISSION OF THE MINUTES

On motion of Vice Mayor Devereux the submission of the Minutes for the December 4, 2017 and the January 1, 2018 were accepted on a voice vote of seven members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Lafuente, 519 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, spoke on Calendar Item #2. He stated that as it relates to this awning, he is the sign fabricator hired to do the re-cover the existing awning. He said that he spoke to his client who has decided to recover this awning in the original fabric color of forest green.

Robert Winters, 366 Broadway, spoke on Policy Order #1. He stated that during the period when University Park and Forest City was seeking curb cuts and permits, it was in the wake of a time that Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive had recently closed. He said that they stepped up to the plate to put in a supermarket but it also sweetened the deal. He stated that he hopes the people of University Park and Forest City will attempt to have a supermarket in this location. He said that the arrival of the Star Market was something that was needed at the time. He asks for moral persuasion for Forest City to give their best effort to provide basic goods at reasonable prices.

Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. He stated that people need a food store at University Park.

Ruth Ryals, 115 Upland Road, President, Porter Square Neighborhood Association, spoke on Calendar Item #2. She stated that she is happy to see that issues can be discussed followed by a resolution.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, expressed her support for Councillor Kelley's distaste of late orders. She said that the City Council could consider simply having a standing procedure that if there is a late order that is known about then the public is allowed to comment on this order. She said that regarding the lengthy discussion of snow operations, she noted that she agrees that a pretty good job has been done. She said that streets seem more constricted than she is used to but she didn't run into anyone that was being unreasonable. She said that a neighbor offered to help her shovel. She said that regarding the streets that were made one-way in East Cambridge a few years back, these streets were not universally loved. She stated that she will fight tooth and nail if the City Council decides to do that again.

I. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Public Planting Committee for a term of 2 years, effective January 8, 2018: Sophia Emperador
CMA 2018 #1

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Commission effective January 8, 2018. 3-year terms: Bill Barnert, Jessica Daniels, Maya Escobar, Rachel Oppenheimer, Susan Bernstein, Linda Daniels, Kimm Topping.
CMA 2018 #2

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee for a term of the 5 years, effective January 8, 2018: Michael McDonough and Victoria Bergland.
CMA 2018 #3

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

SNOW REMOVAL

Mayor McGovern stated that he asked the City Manager to give an update on snow removal.

Councillor Simmons moved suspension of the rules to discuss a matter not on the agenda; that being an update from the City Manager on snow removal. The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were –

Suspended.

City Manager DePasquale thanked the City staff for the work done since the storm began. He stated that the department of Public Works, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Police, Fire, Emergency Communications, Human Services, Water and Inspectional Services have been exceptional with the amount of work done. He noted that there is a lot more work to be done with fifteen inches of snow. He commented that the residents and the business community have shared the responsibility with the City in an effort to clear snow from their property. He noted that this is day four and the City will continue to work on this. This has to be a team effort. He further stated that with the exceptional cold weather the Inspectional Services Department has taken over fifty calls on off hours regarding heat issues.

Commissioner of Public Works, Owen O’Riordan, explained that with the fifteen inches of snow a snow emergency was declared on Wednesday to provide adequate space for the City to begin to pile the snow during Wednesday night and during the day on Thursday. He stated that over 200 people have been employed in this effort. He stated that after the snow was pushed to the curb the effort was later focused on public facilities snow removal. He stated that space on New Street and Danehy Park was used to pile the snow. He stated that there are a number of streets where there is restricted parking at this time and are listed on the City’s snow page. The inspectors are inspecting sidewalks as well as responding to Commonwealth Connect complaints. He stated that the average time to respond is fourteen hours. He apologized for the impacts that have occurred in business areas of the City. He stated that the primary focus has been on public safety, access to transit facilities, sidewalks, public spaces and city parks. He commented that the drifting snow presented problems and areas had to be plowed numerous times.

Mr. Lee Gianetti provided the City Council with information as to how the City notified the community about the upcoming storm. He stated that the Cambridge Snow Center is used (cambridgema.gov/snow) for all information related to snow. As a storm is approaching social media is used and individuals are encouraged to sign up for CodeRed (cambridgema.gov/alertnetwork). When a snow emergency is declared the City uses a number of tools to notify the public. He stated that during the storm updates are provided coming from the Public Works and Traffic Departments. He stated that 25% of the traffic went through the Snow Center for a total of 27,000 views. He gave statistics from the City accounts. Individuals are notified when the snow ban has been lifted. He stated that Commonwealth Connect is used by individuals to report issues such as sidewalk not shoveled.

Councillor Kelley commented that one would think that winter comes as a surprise to us all. He spoke about unrealistic expectations by all on how to get around. He stated that before a storm comes and certain streets are too narrow for passage the street should become a one-way street. This may relieve the anxiety for people. He stated that he struggles with where the boundary for civic responsibility and the City responsibility lies. He spoke about the difficulty for individuals to clear a snow bank that is plowed at a corner by a snow plow. He noted that some of these items seem to be reoccurring so often that they would bear more intentional thought.

Vice Mayor Devereux stated that she observed that Public Works does have a triage approach to snow removal. She questioned how the decision is made to lift the emergency parking ban. Commissioner O’Riordan explained that the plowing operations began at 3:00 AM on Thursday with a full crew of 250 working throughout the storm for thirty-one hours. He stated that the City had maximized what could be achieved by plowing early Friday morning. He stated that the ability to continue to plow was exhausted at this point. The next phase is removal of snow which is a separate crew with logistical problems. He stated that as a reasonable measure given what had been achieved it was the appropriate time to lift the parking ban. He stated that the expectation was that this was to be a shorter storm with less snow and in reality was a larger storm and was more difficult and challenging. City Manager DePasquale commented on the thought that goes into putting on the parking ban and removing it is incredible. He stated that many departments are involved in this decision and there are many issues.

Councillor Carlone spoke about corners where there is a parking lot or a gas station located at the corner because this is where the snow is piled. He questioned what do visually impaired individuals do in a situation such as this. From an ADA point of view snow cannot be piled on sidewalks. He stated that the bike lane had been cleared and he assumed that this was the snow that was being trucked offsite. He asked if the bike lanes on Cambridge and Brattle Streets offered more opportunities to truck snow off the street. He asked if this affected where snow is put. Commissioner O’Riordan explained that Inspectors were working Saturday and Sunday visiting commercial spaces. He stated that there is a \$50.00 daily fine for those who do not clear snow, but it is more effective to knock on the doors of the businesses and telling them that they should remove the snow. This is arduous for the Inspectors to do; but it was done. He stated that large amounts of snow at intersections, as part of plowing there is the effect of causing mounds of snow at intersections. This is an unfortunate reality. A day or two later the snow is pushed back beyond the intersection. He stated that removing snow from the bike lanes is not work that would have been done previously. He stated that motorists can kick snow into the bike lanes while getting into their car. He added that there is a lot of maintenance required to keep the bike lanes operable. He wanted to revisit to see if there is a better way to ensure that cyclists are comfortable and safe after a snow event. Councillor Carlone stated that the corners are critical and pedestrians are being made to walk where they should not be. He felt if people need to be fined they should be fined.

Councillor Zondervan spoke about the reality of climate change which impacts snowstorms. He stated that the City should reconsider how it deals with this type of snow event. He stated that a 1.5 feet of snow in one storm is a lot; historical Boston received 3 feet of snow per year. He stated that this is a significant change. He questioned whether the City needed to rethink its strategies and techniques for this type of a snow storm. He stated that fines should be issued and the City should actively removing the snow if the abutter is not and charge the abutter for the service because ultimately the goal is to get the sidewalks clean and enforce the rules.

Councillor Mallon questioned the temporary parking ban that was implemented last night on Pearl Street and if there is a way for individuals who have to move their car after the snow event can park in one of the parking garages free or at a reduced cost. City Manager DePasquale responded that it is unknown if there are spaces available in the Green Street Parking Garage. The administration needs to look into this and will have an answer hopefully before the next storm.

Councillor Toomey stated that there are young capable cyclist who are using the City’s streets and seniors and those with mobility issues cannot navigate the sidewalks. He added it is great that the bike lanes are clear but he wanted to see the same attention given to all the other intersections where people are having difficult times getting through. He stated that Cambridge Street is a disaster. He added it is not just young capable cyclists that are using the City’s streets. He stated that pedestrians cannot traverse the sidewalks. City Manager DePasquale stated that this has been discussed. He stated that Public Works has cleared 23 miles of sidewalks in the City. This storm was difficult and Public Works is trying to do it

all, the sidewalks, streets and bike lanes. Commissioner O’Riordan spoke about the work clearing sidewalk. He stated that above this there were seven inspectors ticketed property owners who did not remove snow from their properties. He spoke about the average amount of tickets that have been issued over the past few years. He acknowledged that it is difficult for seniors and those with disabilities to get back and forth at this point in time. City Manager DePasquale stated that to date 200 tickets were issued.

Councillor Kelley spoke about putting cyclists where there will not be cars behind them. He commented that he would like to see bike racks installed in front of City Hall. He noted that cars are given ultimate priority over everything, including walking. He stated that the City is not going to be able to ticket itself out of the snow. He stated that people cannot physical remove the snow. He stated that the approach is fundamentally flawed. He did not want cyclists being pointed at as equally deserving safety on the road.

Mayor McGovern spoke about other communities where the parking ban is lifted on the even or odd side of the street and the snow is removed from that side of the street. He asked why Cambridge does not do this. He commented on Western Avenue where the bike lanes were clear and the parking spaces had snow piles in them. He asked when will this snow be cleared. Commissioner O’Riordan stated that there are sections of ten streets where there are parking restrictions today. To ask people to remove their cars from where they would typically park is a modest request that the City makes to people. If the operational model that is used in Somerville were adopted and parking is removed on the even side of the street Cambridge does not have alternative parking lots as Somerville to offer. He stated that in terms of removing snow the City is trying to capture every contractor it can to help in this effort. There has been a reasonable amount of success with snow removal. Mayor McGovern asked if the priorities of the City are posted on the Snow Center webpage. Commissioner O’Riordan stated that it is there and more can be done.

Councillor Kelley noted that with the amount of hours that workers are working it becomes dangerous to operate equipment when one is tired. There is a human limit that Public Works runs up against.

II. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Porter Square, LLC, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 1 White Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

APP 2017 #82

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN ON DECEMBER 18, 2017

Vice Mayor Devereux noted that the Charter Right was exercised when the color orange was under discussion and now that the City Council has been informed that the color will go back to green this satisfies the neighborhood concerns to keep a consistent town square look. She moved adoption of the order, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR ITEM # 1).

The order was -

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF 9 MEMBERS

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, regarding assessing and approving Neighborhood-Based Resiliency. **COF 2017 #36**
TABLED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR KELLEY ON DECEMBER 18, 2017

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

III. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Joseph Rose, 72 Spring Street, regarding Courthouse parking and traffic.
COM 1 #2018

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. A communication was received from Marie Elena Saccoccio, 55 Otis Street, regarding reconsideration of long term parking at he municipal garage in East Cambridge.
COM 2 #2018

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. A communication was received from Donna Hill, Somerville MA, regarding Bike lanes on front of businesses on Cambridge Street.
COM 3 #2018

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

4. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding beneficially recycle waste.
COM 4 #2018

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

5. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Destruction of Charles River getting worse.
COM 5 #2018

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

6. A communication was received from Ruth Ryals, 115 Upland Road, regarding Dunkin Donuts putting orange awnings.
COM 6 #2018

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

IV. RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Gather Here Stitch Lounge on their successful "Gather Here Holiday Market" event.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership.
RES 2018 #1

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

2. Thank you to the administration for the addition of the paramedic engine and expanding paramedic service in the East Cambridge area
Councillor Toomey and entire membership.
RES 2018 #2

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

V. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

5. That the Mayor is requested to change one of the upcoming regular City Council meetings to a Roundtable/Working Meeting discussion regarding the draft version of the Climate Change Preparedness & Resilience Plan for the Alewife Area to be held before the Plan is finalized.
POR 2018 #5
Vice Mayor Devereux

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

NON-CONSENT POLICY ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to representatives of supermarkets other than Star Market, such as Market Basket, to determine the possibility of their opening a location at 20 Sidney Street, and to report back to the City Council on this matter.
POR 2018 #1
Councillor Simmons

Councillor Simmons stated her support for this Policy Order. She stated that twenty years ago with this area was coming together one of the community benefits was a super market. When it came to her attention that Star Market was not going to renew its lease it is important to have this conversation with Forest City and MIT to keep their promise. She stated that there are rumors. She noted that Forest City does not have plans and are willing to discuss this matter. It is important to get this information out to the general public to prevent the rumors. She asked that The Port be added to the community meeting to be scheduled by the Mayor with Cambridgeport, Wellington-Harrington and East Cambridge to discuss this matter. She stated that an affordable food market is wanted by the community. She requested her colleagues to support this Policy Order.

Councillor Carlone stated that Star Market was progressive to maximize the number of their stores because they were planning to sell the company. He added that this location was part of that move. This is not an ideal location even for a high-end store. He stated that it will be difficult to get a store back in this location. He stated that the notion of making it a priority to get a super market in Central Square on MIT land is not diminished. He spoke about the relationship to parking and a high-density base for a supermarket. He stated that a different location in the area may make more sense. He stated that the developer of the area does have a responsibility to replace Star with an appropriate market.

Councillor Zondervan supported the Policy Order. He spoke about access to food in the neighborhood. He agreed that a super market may not make sense in this location. He stated that the rents in commercial areas are becoming so high that some of these critical uses that are needed are no longer economically viable to provide these services. He stated that the City could end up with narrow retail options for residents. He stated that other options need to be reviewed, such as a farmers' market. He asked if there are other options to offer the neighborhood other than a supermarket option because it may not be economically viable in this location.

Councillor Mallon spoke about the industry standard of having a grocery store within one-half mile of where people can walk. She noted that the area in which this store is located has a high concentration of people without cars. She stated that she feels strongly that people should have access to an affordable grocery store. She supports this and looks forward to having this conversation with Forest City about this space and the community benefits.

Vice Mayor Devereux stated that second floor space should be cheaper. She added that both Forest City and MIT need to be involved in this conversation because it serves the MIT community as the land owner. She stated that Forest City has control of the leasing. She stated that the super market may not need to be as large as the current layout.

Mayor McGovern explained that Mr. Kiely has heard from City Councillors and Community Development Department on this matter. He stated that rather than having severally meetings one community meeting would be scheduled. He stated that once the community meeting is scheduled the notification will be expanded. He stated that Star Market was open 24 hours and provided late service which will be lost. He further stated that the Trader Joe's space will be redeveloped and the City would also lose Trader Joe's. He explained that Mr. Kiely informed him that the space would be gutted so that it could be envisioned differently than it is laid out now. He spoke about stores such as Target that is adapting to urban spaces. He stated that he thought that the location was good and provided parking. He further stated that Mass + Main will be built and will provide residents. He stated that a super market is a necessity.

Councillor Carlone spoke about the Special Permit that was needed for the development has conditions. It is possible that this is a condition in the Special Permit. He explained that super markets include a "death clause" into the land lease that states no other super market can be located in the space.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 1).

The order was –

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

2. That the City Manager is requested to reach out to the owner of the Fresh Pond Apartments to inquire as to what is being done to repair and maintain the elevators in those apartment buildings.

POR 2018 #2

Councillor Simmons

(HERE INSERT ORIGINAL POLICY ORDER # 2)

Councillor Simmons stated that 362-364 Rindge Avenue Apartments have been fraught with a number of issues. She stated that she hoped to use the City Manager’s Office to write a response to the building owners. She noted that these buildings are tall buildings and residents are waiting up to thirty minutes for an elevator. She wanted the letter sent to be posted in the buildings so that the residents know that the property owner has been approached to do something about this situation.

Councillor Siddiqui stated that she also has been contacted by residents about the elevators and other issues. The building is twenty-two stories and there are problems. At this time Councillor Siddiqui moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding the words “as well as other maintenance issues” after the word “elevator.”

Councillor Kelley stated that buildings over three stories whether residential or commercial and if the electricity stops working the upper floors are not useable. He stated that the City is going to look at things in terms of vulnerability, and not just these elevators, but the backup systems for any elevator system and life and safety issues and how long is someone expected to survive if there is no access to the grid. He further stated that we are see what happens in other parts of the world when the grid goes down.

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment –
Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED POLICY ORDER # 2)

The order was –

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED
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3. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council on progress made in regards to the Stated Goals of the City Council, as outlined during the 2016-2017 City Council term.

POR 2018 #3

Councillor Simmons

Councillor Kelley stated that this should be a more useful discussion in the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee. He stated that if this were sent to the City Manager for a report back, seeing that there are currently twenty reports on the Awaiting Report list, the City Council will not get the answer wanted as quickly as wanted as if there were a two hour discussion on the Goals. He suggested amending the order to refer to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee.

Vice Mayor Devereux asked if the intent was to get the City Manager to report on work being done by the administration. She stated that when the City Council agreed to the Goals the administration was to come back with a set of short, medium and longer-term actions that flow out of each of the Goals that were adopted. She thought that this work was underway for at least a couple of months. She did not know if a committee hearing was needed or that the administration was ready with this information because this all ties into the budget process. She stated that Guiding Principles were created for the budget. She asked what is the intent of this Policy Order.

Councillor Simmons stated that there are three new City Council members and this work has been done. The budget process is beginning and as committees are formed anything that needs action will be taken up in the committee process. She stated that she did not want to wait this long. She added that before the City Council gets too far into this legislative session she wanted the new members to have an opportunity to review the document and then it may speak to what Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee wants to take up. This is an opportunity to get the document back in front of the City Council for review, update and assess where the City Council wanted to go with the information.

Councillor Siddiqui asked if it is too late to set goals. Councillor Simmons responded that the Goals Statement is a living document and it is not too late. She stated that this an opportunity to review the document with fresh eyes.

Mayor McGovern noted that the Goals get set by the previous City Council and the new members are not part of setting the Goals. He commented that the City Council needs to think about how the Goals are set. He stated that between the election in November and the Inauguration on January 1st would be a good time for the new City Council to meet and set the goals; this will be the City Council that implements the Goals.

Councillor Simmons hoped that the Policy Order would be adopted as submitted. She moved to suspend the rules to bring the subject of the Ad-Hoc Rules Committee before the body to state that in this process it could be discussed about how regularly the Goals could be discussed. The Goals have not been reviewed since 2014. She spoke about codifying the practice of doing this.

Mayor McGovern moved the amendment offered by Councillor Kelley which was to refer this to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee rather than to the City Manager. The question now came on the amendment and on a voice vote the amendment –
Failed.

The question now came on adoption of the order which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #3)

The order was –

RESULT:	ORDER ADOPTED
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4. That the City Manager is requested to schedule no less than two, and no more than four, cultural sensitivity training sessions for his leadership team and for the City's elected officials over the course of the next two years.

POR 2018 #4

Councillor Simmons

Councillor Kelley supports the idea and stated that it would be better referred to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a discussion rather than to have the City Manager schedule the training. He questioned what training would be provided. He moved to amend the order to refer this to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee.

Councillor Simmons noted that the administration did a great deal of work after the last two trainings. This is cultural sensitivity training which was started in the 2016-2017 legislative session. She stated that as a policy making body the City Council did not receive this type of training. She stated that the new members may benefit from this training. This is requesting the City Manager to look at dates to continue this training. This is continued training and she felt that this does not need to be referred to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee. Also, the City Council committees have not been appointed. She spoke about the timing of scheduling a hearing versus the City Manager's ability to schedule a training quicker.

Councillor Zondervan stated that he supported the Policy Order and informed the City Council that the principal at the Cambridge Street Upper School has been doing culturally sensitive training with the teaching staff and it seems to be effective. He suggested using this model and having conversations on this matter.

Councillor Mallon supported having cultural sensitivity training. She stated that she had to attend a full day of Diversity Training as a former employee in the Mayor's Office. She stated that it has always struck her as odd that elected officials do not have to attend this training.

Councillor Siddiqui supported the order and it goes along with the Goal of eliminating bias.

Vice Mayor Devereux noted that the first cultural sensitivity training was held with the City Council was finishing up the Goals. She stated that Councillor Simmons added the Goal of eliminating bias. She spoke about the difficulty of scheduling to get all the parties involved to be able to attend.

Councillor Kelley commented that no one disagrees with the need for the training but the City runs the risk of not getting the best training possible without figuring out what this training looks like. He stated that there is a variety of ways that this training could go and defining the training.

Councillor Simmons explained that this is a follow up on the work already started. She is speaking about the work that has already been started. She spoke about reviewing what the School Department or the Interfaith Community is doing on this subject. This is about the City Council doing its own work. She requested that the Policy Order remain as submitted.

Mayor McGovern explained that the City Manager asked him if he was interested in continuing the work started on cultural sensitivity, diversity and the Affirmative Action policy. Mayor McGovern stated that he wanted this work to continue.

Mayor McGovern moved the amendment offered by Councillor Kelley to refer the matter to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee. The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment –

Failed.

The question now came on adoption of the order which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 4)

The order was –

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

VI. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Councillor Kelley, regarding the City Council's use of suspending our Council rules to accept late Policy Orders that lack a urgent time constraint.

COF 2018 #1

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Mayor McGovern moved suspension of the rules to introduce two late Communications and Reports from City Officers.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were –

Suspended.

2. A communication was received from Mayor McGovern, appointing a Special Ad-Hoc Rules Committee to review the City Council rules, and to recommend any changes. Given that this committee may suggest changes to council committees, I am refraining from naming council committee members at this time, excepting the selection of Ordinance Committee co-chairs.

COF 2018 #2

Councillor Simmons expressed concern with the time frame for reporting back from the Ad-Hoc Committee. She suggested that the report back be due the second week in February.

Vice Mayor Devereux stated that she will try hard to meet the deadline of January 22, 2018. She invited any member of the City Council who were not on the committee to attend the hearing and suggestions for changes to the rules.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. A communication was received from Mayor McGovern, to communicate the selection of Councillors Dennis Carlone and Craig Kelley as Ordinance Committee Co-Chairs for the 2018-2019 Council term.

COF 2018 #3

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LATE RESOLUTION

3. The City Council congratulates Deputy Superintendent Robert Lowe of the Cambridge Police Department who has been selected and will be joining the FBI's National Academy.
Councillor Mallon and entire membership.
RES 2018 #3

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor Kelley the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Vice Mayor McGovern (O-1) from 5/2/2016
- 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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #4) from 10/31/2016
- 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.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (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.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 12/19/2016
- 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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung (O-14) from 2/27/2017

- 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. On a communication from Councillor Devereux requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-13) from 4/24/2017
- 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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-7) from 6/26/2017
- 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 . On a communication from Councillor McGovern requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-4) from 8/7/2017
- 17-70. Report on the status of the City's plans to review and possibly implement a municipal Broadband system. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Kelley (O-23) from 8/7/2017
- 17-77. Report on the intersection of Cedar Street and Rindge Avenue with the goal of clarifying traffic patterns through the intersection. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Kelley (O-6) from 9/11/2017

- 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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung (O-15) from 9/11/2017
- 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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley and Councillor Devereux requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
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. On a communication from Councillor Kelley requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Toomey (O-9) from 9/18/2017
- 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. On a communication from Councillor Devereux requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-6) from 9/25/2017
- 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. On a communication from Councillor Devereux requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.
Councillor Devereux (O-2) 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. On a communication from Councillor Devereux requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.

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. On a communication from Councillor Devereux requesting that this matter be forwarded to the 2018-2019 Legislative Session.

Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung (O-7) from 10/16/2017