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Please find below highlights from the January 22, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting. For an official record, members should continue to refer to minutes prepared by the City Clerk. Council summaries represent information that the Mayor's Office considers relevant for both bodies, and may not include all actions taken by the Council. They are for informational purposes only.

Regular Meeting of the City Council: January 22, 2018

City Manager Agenda Item CMA 2018 #7: Requesting an appropriation of \$23,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Election Department for voter user guides.

APPROVED. The Council approved a request by the City Manager appropriating \$23,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Elections Department to publish voter user guides for all Cambridge residents. During discussion, Executive Director Tanya L. Ford reported that during the 2017 election season, 53,000 copies of the guide were printed. Most were distributed to every door in Cambridge, and copies were made available at public buildings. The Commission received excellent feedback from the public. *Voter guides included names of candidates for both City Council and School Committee, 2017 version may be viewed under tips and FAQs at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/Departments/electioncommission>*

CMA 2018 #13: Communication relative to an update on the Gore Street construction project

PLACED ON FILE. Following extensive discussion, the Council voted to place materials pertaining to the Gore Street construction project on file. Councillors expressed their desire for more explanation from the City of ongoing work, regular updates, and involvement from abutters. The Mayor stated that the public hears all the time that infrastructure is crumbling, and that the only way to repair our systems is to undergo construction.

CMA 2018 #14: Communication relative to the appropriation of \$5 million for the City's first contribution to the Green Line Extension (GLX) project

APPROVED. The Council approved the first installment of \$5 million from Free Cash to fund the Green Line Extension Project. Cambridge agreed to a combined \$25 million contribution to the GLX project, distributed from 2018-2022, half of which will come from DivcoWest (\$12.5 million).

Policy Order and Resolution POR 2018 #6: On efforts to expand increasing charging stations for electric vehicles throughout the City, creating incentive programs, and electric vehicles in City fleet

CHARTER RIGHTED. After considerable debate on the merits of the policy order, and the need for a more detailed debate in a Committee, the policy order was Charter Righted.

POR 2018 #7 & 10: On enforcing a "zero tolerance" policy on space savers and achieving greater levels of snow clearing

ADOPTED. The Council pulled both policy orders to discuss jointly. Councillors discussed the ability of the Department of Public Works to enforce the measure, and the need for creating rules that can be followed. During discussion, it was stated that parking on the public way is a privilege, not a right, and there cannot exist "murky policy."

POR 2018 #11: Requesting City Manager to follow up on information promised in Sira Naturals agreement letter

ADOPTED AS AMENDED. In April 2016, the Council received a signed letter of commitment from Sage Cannabis, Inc. (now Sira Naturals) stating that the company would provide data to the City regarding the operation of the facility on a biannual schedule in January and July. Sage Cannabis also promised \$25,000 contributions to the City of Cambridge annually for the first three years of operation. The Council adopted this policy order asking for an update on the commitment made for information and sums.

Communications and Reports from City Officers COF 2018 #5: Communication regarding objectives of a successful City Surveillance

PLACED ON FILE. The Council placed on file a communication from Councillor Kelley transmitting objectives of a successful surveillance ordinance. The document was offered to initiate a drafting process for a Cambridge ordinance.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marie McE", is written below the word "Respectfully".