

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Toomey filed reconsideration on the vote taken on Jan 11, 2016 on passage to be ordained as amended the proposed zoning ordinance regarding Carsharing.

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective Jan 1, 2016: Edward A. Otero.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Human Services Commission for a term of three years, effective Jan 25, 2016:  
Reappointments: Christine Elow - Cambridge Police Department; Christopher Hall; Lore Likis; Khari Milner; Nan Stone; Rev. Lorraine Thornhill

New Appointments: Ana Leslie; Linda Naval; Sumbul Siddiqui

3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members of the Council on Aging Board effective Jan 25, 2016:

Reappointment (3-year term): Lois Carra

New Appointments (2-year term): Jennifer Chisholm; Mary Ann Dalton; Kathleen Connolly

4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board not to adopt the Alexandrov, et al. Zoning Petition.
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds to the Adult Basic Education (ABE) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$9,747 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$6,849), and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,898) which will be used to add two classes for current students (a spelling class and a job readiness class), advising for those classes, and additional staff development for part-time teachers.
6. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds to the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$9,591.40 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which is an increase in the current DHCD family shelter contract.
7. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds to the Civic Education Grant for \$1,739 funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$706), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$297), and to the Travel and Training account (\$736) which supports ESOL/Civic Education classes provided by the Community Learning Center.
8. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Flatbread

Benefit Night donation in the amount of \$484.75 to Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be utilized to support activities including monthly nutrition and healthy eating classes to the Haggerty Preschool.

9. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of HUD Planning Grant funds from the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account in the amount of \$2,600 to the Travel and Training account to be used for attendance at the national Housing First Partners conference in March, 2016.
10. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$12,500 from the General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Clerk Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover current and anticipated costs for required legal advertisements.
11. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Point Emergency Communications Center Support (PSAP Support) Grant funded from the State 911 Department for \$301,330 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$225,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$76,330) which will partially support three Emergency Communications dispatch positions, training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, fees, and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. That the Council go on the record to state that the second Monday of October henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge, in recognition of the indigenous people of America's position as native to these lands, and the suffering they faced following European conquest of their land. [Order Number Fifteen of Oct 19, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan. Motion to amend by substitution by Councillor Mazen carried on affirmative vote of 8 substitute text placed on Unfinished Business by Councillor Mazen affirmative vote of 8.]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Fitness Together requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 143 Hampshire Street.
2. An application was received from Capital One, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 24 JFK Street.
3. An application was received from Spindler Confections, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2257 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. A constable bond was received from Ronald DiGiorgio for approval of the surety.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Alice LoCicero 119 Dudley Street, transmitting support for the resolution to have Cambridge stand against the Trans Pacific Partnership.
2. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, regarding the policy order on the Trans Pacific partnership.

3. A communication was received from Dr. Paula Gutlove, 27 Ellsworth Avenue, transmitting support for the anti-TPP resolution.
4. A communication was received from Chris Summerfield, 153 Lexington Avenue, regarding the proposed amendment to Section 12.16.030 which seeks to prohibit the fastening or attachment of bicycles and similar motorized and non-motorized vehicles to trees.
5. A communication was received from Susan Redlich, 19 Sacramento Street, transmitting support for TTP, Mass. Solar Loan Program and drafting a zoning ordinance to allow solar installations.
6. A communication was received from Dr. Jeanne Koopman, 248 River Street, transmitting support for the resolution on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and urge its defeat in the Congress.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Retirement of Gerald McDonough from the Office of the State Auditor. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Lesley University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for receiving Food Recovery Challenge Regional Achievement Certificates from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung
3. Resolution on the death of Rosalie (Shaw) Riggins. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Russell J. Bonvie. Councillor Maher
5. Congratulations to Cambridge native Nate Albert for being named Executive Vice-President at Capitol Records Music Group. Vice Mayor McGovern
6. Resolution on the death of Josephine Dottin. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Manuel Andrade. Councillor Toomey
8. Thanks to Many Helping Hands 365 and all participants for their work for Cambridge's MLK Day of Service on Jan 18, 2016. Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Lydia Dodds. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of John W. "Jack" Hamilton. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Frances (Ciaccio) Ciolo. Councillor Toomey
12. Thanks to former Senator Petrucci for his contributions to the Cambridge community. Councillor Cheung
13. Commend the Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School for their excellent achievements in providing a quality education to their students. Councillor Cheung
14. Commend the Community Charter School of Cambridge for their excellent achievements in providing a quality education to their students. Councillor Cheung

### **ORDERS**

1. City Council support of H.3933 which will create a parity between the effective tax rates paid by the richest and poorest in Massachusetts. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to communicate the Cambridge City Council's full support of the Cambridge

Housing Authority's proposed project funding to the Commonwealth and MassDevelopment and to convey the immediacy of the Cambridge Housing Authority's need in requesting that the Commonwealth approve tax-exempt bond financing without delay. Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern

3. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to report back with a rough estimate of capital and operating expenditures for a pilot City of Cambridge tool library for the year 2017. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Commissioner of Public Works about increasing evening patrols when the vandalism might be occurring and increasing efforts to remove the graffiti from private property. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress of contract negotiations with the Police and Fire Unions. Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk's Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Council go on record in support of the Green Line Extension, without any cut in the number of stations, despite any recent budgetary concerns. Councillor Mazen
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Community Development Department to work with Eversource and other power providers to plan and implement infrastructure improvements to fully support future development in Cambridge and further to confer with the appropriate departments to draft an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance that would see projects needing a special permit undergo a power needs assessment as part of the permitting process. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux
9. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs with a view in mind of scheduling two finance committee hearings to be chaired by a Councillor of the Mayor's choosing, one as an update from the head of the Finance department and the other to review budget priorities, to be held in the middle of February. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. 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 Dec 14, 2015 to discuss the climate change vulnerability assessment.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Bengan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 17, 2015 to discuss the proposed amendment to the Municipal

Code entitled Exotic animal Ordinance which appeared on the City Manager's Agenda on Oct 19, 2015 as Agenda #22.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a response to amend Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich dated Jan 5, 2016.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a response to an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Hasson Rashid dated Jan 8, 2016.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting information on the Cohen Zoning Petition - Legal Ad.

## **HEARING SCHEDULE**

### **Mon, Jan 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Feb 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Feb 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Feb 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Wed, Feb 24**

5:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Peter L. Cohen, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to restrict garage development in dimensionally nonconforming lots. [[Click here to view the petition](#)] This hearing to be televised (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Feb 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Mar 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Mar 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Mar 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Mar 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Apr 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Apr 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Apr 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, May 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, May 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, May 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, May 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, June 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, June 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, June 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, June 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

## **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Jan 25, 2016

### **COUNCILLOR TOOMEY**

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts House of Representatives is considering House Bill 3933 which is constitutional amendment that would create an additional 4% tax on income over \$1 million; and

WHEREAS: H3933 is a straightforward proposal that will create a parity between the effective tax rates paid by the richest and poorest in Massachusetts, and in doing so will raise an estimated \$1.9 billion annually to finance public education, roads and bridges, and public transportation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting H.3933; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Jan 25, 2016

### **COUNCILLOR CHEUNG**

### **MAYOR SIMMONS**

### **VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN**

WHEREAS: The Manning Apartments has provided a home to 198 low-income elderly and disabled Cambridge families since 1976 on land owned by the City of Cambridge; and WHEREAS: Affordable housing is a precious resource to maintain the ability of low-income families to continue to live in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) has worked tirelessly to maintain Manning Apartments as a resource for its residents and the City of Cambridge by transferring the building from state to federal assistance, saving the state millions in annual operating subsidy as well as the significant capital costs the building, and working for many years to create a path to comprehensive updating and rehabilitation of the aging structure and systems in the building and the adjacent public Martin Luther King Plaza; and

WHEREAS: CHA applied for and received approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to convert Manning Apartments to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, which permitted it to access necessary private resources to perform the rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS: Sixty families have already been relocated from the site and a construction company has commenced on-site preparation for construction; and

WHEREAS: CHA is facing a February 19 deadline to close on its financing based on HUD requirements; and

WHEREAS: CHA expected MassDevelopment approval of its \$57 million tax-exempt bond financing request on Thursday, Jan 14, which had received preliminary approval in February 2014 from MassDevelopment, but was precipitously informed that a reduction in bond cap

allocation from the Commonwealth's Department of Administration and Finance resulted in no action on the requisite approval; and

WHEREAS: Failure to obtain the required approval and to close on the Manning transaction before Feb 19, 2016 would result in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) withdrawing its approval for the property to convert to project-based assistance under its Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and further delay in the approval of the tax-exempt bond financing puts the entire project in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS: The project relies primarily on private equity and debt and does not rely on any public expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Since being notified of the tremendous pressure on private activity bonds and on MassDevelopment, CHA has identified a path forward for Manning that would revise the proposed funding approach, lowering the required bond amount from \$57 million to \$42 million, and spreading the allocation over two years and is working with MassDevelopment and others to identify a solution to that will enable the project to proceed; and

WHEREAS: If the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through MassDevelopment or another entity, does not approve the tax-exempt bond financing immediately, the Manning project stands to lose nearly \$60 million in private funds, and would result in the complete suspension of the Manning project and it is unclear if the project would be able to muster sufficient resources in the future for it to ever proceed; and

WHEREAS: Absent RAD and tax credits, there is no other vehicle currently available to the CHA and its residents to preserve and protect Manning Apartments as a scarce resource for the Commonwealth's neediest residents, low-income families with incomes below 30% of AMI; and

WHEREAS: A contractor has been publicly procured to complete the nearly \$60 million in rehabilitation at Manning; has been working on-site since November 2015 to ready for the February 2016 project construction start; and will assist in creating 594 total jobs and an additional \$46 million of output through indirect and induced activities during the more than three years of construction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of immediate approval of bond financing for Manning Apartments and strongly objecting to any action by the Commonwealth that would impede the progress of closing on Manning Apartments; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of Administration and Finance, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, and the President and Chief Executive Office of MassDevelopment on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Jan 25, 2016  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Tools for home maintenance, yard work, and other residential projects are often expensive, out of financial reach, and bulky to store between infrequent uses for many Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Tools are often purchased and used only once by some residents, representing an unnecessary waste of natural resources and a waste of excess capacity; and

WHEREAS: Zero-cost or low-cost access to tools for youth can help develop creativity and problem-solving skills; and

WHEREAS: Municipally-operated tool-lending libraries, or "tool libraries," where residents can borrow tools for a short period of time at no cost, have proliferated around the United States and around the world as extensions of local public library systems; and

WHEREAS: Tool libraries are not space-intensive endeavors and can be easily sited on municipal property in dense urban areas; and

WHEREAS: The ability to perform basic maintenance at home should be within reach of all residents of the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to report back with a rough estimate of capital and operating expenditures for a pilot City of Cambridge tool library for the year 2017.

O-4 Jan 25, 2016  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge Street between Lechmere Station and Inman Square has experienced an increase in graffiti and vandalism; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Commissioner of Public Works about increasing evening patrols when the vandalism might be occurring and increasing efforts to remove the graffiti from private property.

O-5 Jan 25, 2016  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Both the Cambridge Police and Fire Department are regularly recognized on the local, state, and national stages as leading examples of professionalism, compassion, and competence in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS: The unions representing these exemplary departments have been engaged in contract negotiations with the City of Cambridge for some time; and

WHEREAS: Support has been voiced for a more expedient negotiation process, recognizing that the City should honor the service of those who put their lives on the line for the City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress of contract negotiations with the Police and Fire Unions.

O-6 Jan 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts State House has adopted an electronic public comment display system which projects a list of speakers, the speaker's affiliation, and a timer; and

WHEREAS: During Cambridge City Council meetings and committee hearings there is presently no system which clearly displays a speaker's name and affiliation for the public present at the meeting or watching at home; and

WHEREAS: The City Council meetings and committee hearings have no system for allowing the public comment speaker to see how much of the allotted three minutes remains during their comment; and

WHEREAS: An electronic public comment display system installed in the Sullivan Chamber of City Hall would improve the clarity and logistics surrounding public commentary during City Council meetings and committee hearings; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk's Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer.

O-7 Jan 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The Green Line Extension (GLX) is an initiative to extend MBTA transit services into the Greater Boston areas of Somerville and Medford by extending the Green Line by 4.3 miles beyond Lechmere Station in Cambridge, MA; and

WHEREAS: The future of the GLX has recently come into question due to the project being over budget, with talks of the project being scaled back and the number of final stations reduced; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA estimates that GLX will create a projected reduction in regional daily Vehicle Miles Traveled by 25,728 miles, improving air quality, and reducing automobile congestion; and

WHEREAS: The construction of the GLX may help ease high rider volume on the Red Line, by providing alternate public transit routes to those traveling to Cambridge, Somerville and surrounding communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the Green Line Extension, without any cut in the number of stations, despite any recent budgetary concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation, the Office of Governor Baker, and MassDOT Secretary Pollack on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Jan 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Cambridge requires the grant of a special permit by the Planning Board for all uses listed as "PB" in article 4.000 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: The special permit process is intended to comprehensively and holistically review developments in the City, ensuring that proposed uses align with the intent of district's zoning, character, and needs; and

WHEREAS: In keeping with the special permitting, the City of Cambridge should seek to update required submissions for the grant of special permits when there are important factors in the construction of some special permitted developments that are not being accounted for; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the development at H Mart was delayed due to unaccounted for power supply infrastructure needs, and now the hotel at Porter Square faces a similar unanticipated delay; and

WHEREAS: The unplanned for power infrastructure needs have resulted in the significant and obtrusive installation of unplanned for transformer vaults, electrical conduit, switching equipment, gas meters, HVAC systems, and other similar devices; and

WHEREAS: Such unanticipated and costly delays and obtrusive structures for some major projects can be traced back to the lack of a detailed power supply infrastructure plan; and

WHEREAS: These negative consequences could be avoided if a detailed power needs assessment was a requirement of the special permit review process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Community Development Department to work with Eversource and other power providers to plan and implement infrastructure improvements to fully support future development in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to draft an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance that would see projects needing a special permit undergo a power needs assessment as part of the permitting process; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-9 Jan 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City Council Goals are in need of revision; and

WHEREAS: Council Goals help the city structure budget priorities; and

WHEREAS: The City's budget processes and hearings are underway, necessitating urgent City Council action if the City Council wishes to impact priorities in the budget process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs with a view in mind of scheduling two Finance Committee hearings to be chaired by a Councillor of the Mayor's choosing, one as an update from the head of the Finance department and the other to review budget priorities, to be held in the middle of February.