

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Gerald Clark as a Commissioner of the Cambridge Housing Authority for a term of 5-years, effective Jan 26, 2015.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Whitehead Institute Rezoning Petition.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$10,000 for the Healthy Aging through Healthy Community Design grant from the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging to the Community Development Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow for the Community Development Department to collaborate with the Council on Aging and the Cambridge Public Health Department to ensure that the bicycle network planning process incorporates measures of and actions for mobility and accessibility for the 55+ population on bicycle infrastructure.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-149, regarding a report on gathering data on the number of minority and veteran owned small businesses in the City.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the status of the reconstruction plan of Pearl Street.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a communication from Director of Environmental Health Sam Lipson relative to proposed amendments to the Tobacco Ordinance along with new red-lined draft amendments addressing the most recent changes requested by the Council at its meeting of Dec 15, 2014 regarding e-cigarettes being banned in workplaces and hookahs being allowed in restaurants. Also attached is the Appendix A list of parks and plazas (Option B) that was previously sent to the Council.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-125, regarding a report on changing the name of "North Point Boulevard Extension" to Education Circle."
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-63, regarding a report on rodent control operations, and the possibility of providing rodent-proof trash barrels to residents.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-141, regarding a report on improvements to the sidewalks abutting Newtowne Court and Washington Elms.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-133, regarding a report on property damage to private property during City street reconstruction projects.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-116, regarding a report on Cambridge Youth Programs usage rates and space.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Flatbread Benefit Night donation in the amount of \$558.25 to Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support activities including monthly nutrition and healthy eating classes to the Haggerty Preschool.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$18,700 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$18,281) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$419) which will fund advising and coaching for the Bridge Program, advising for the ESOL/Certified Nursing Assistant Program, education and career advising for other CLC students and partially support staff salaries and program supplies.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$271,400 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$31,743), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$237,657), and to the Travel and Training account (\$2000) for the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Joseph Barr as the Director of the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department, effective Mar 2, 2015.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-136, regarding a report on resident parking at the Kendall Square Garage during snow emergencies.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-138, regarding a report on feasibility of implementing a pay-by-phone parking meter program; Council Order No. 6, dated 12/15/14, regarding Pay-by-Plate at Smart Parking Meters; and other inquiries on Pay by App.
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-128, regarding a report on the crosswalk at Cadbury Commons on Sherman Street.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment and reappointment of the following persons as members of the GLBT Commission for three year terms, effective Jan 26, 2015: Maya Escobar, LaTayna Purnell, Jessica Daniels  
Reappointments: Bill Barnert, Neil S. MacInnes-Barker, Rachel Oppenheimer, Kara Smith

21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-103, regarding a report on making the Foundry Building available for a major installation of the 2015 Fab Lab Conference.
22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-144, regarding the drafting of a framework for a Community Benefits and Mitigation Plan.
23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Incentive Zoning Nexus Study.
24. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Disposition Report for the Foundry Building.

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. An application was received from Muireann Glenmullen, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 48 Middlesex Street; 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Two of Jan 5, 2015.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back on any progress made in acquiring state funding for design and construction of the portion of the Watertown branch B&M Line railroad property to construct the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway and on the feasibility of a low-cost, temporary paving solution for the Greenway in order to realize the community benefits while the path awaits permanent construction. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Two of Jan 5, 2015.]
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the implementation of the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance and what property owners should expect. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Order Number Six of Jan 5, 2015.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to abandon the "Complete Street" plan for Pearl Street. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Seven of Jan 5, 2015.]

#### **ON THE TABLE**

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council to determine the types of spaces that are most needed within the local arts community with the view of using the Foundry to fill those needs and to allocate appropriate funds to make appropriate upgrades for the purpose of creating a community arts center. (Order Amended by Substitution.) [Order Number Ten of Jan 27, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Mayor Maher on Jan 27, 2014.]
6. An application was received from Ting-hsu Chen requesting permission to widen the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 14 Soden Street; 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. [Applications and Petitions Number Six of Feb

24, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Feb 24, 2014.]

7. That the City Council go on the record in opposition to any type of casino project in the Greater Boston area whether constructed and managed by Mohegan Sun or Wynn Resorts. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons on Order Number Five of June 16, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Cheung on June 30, 2014.]
8. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on June 18, 2014 to discuss revisions to the Cambridge Municipal Code Section 9.04.050 (A) Defacing public property of Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property". [Committee Report Number Five of June 30, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on June 30, 2014.]
9. That as we undertake the Cambridge Conversations and the Master Planning Process, the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to study emerging business types in Cambridge and how they are affected by the use regulations in the Zoning Ordinance, and to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance that will help classify such businesses in a clear, rational way that supports the long-term interests of the community and instruct the Community Development Department to evaluate appropriate ways to facilitate home-based businesses above and beyond what is currently allowed. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Five of Sept 22, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor McGovern on Sept 29, 2014.]
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Planning Board to begin testing strategies to enhance such engagement at the earliest opportunity by methods such as requiring developers to hold a public meeting in the neighborhood and provide a report along with the permit application describing public input and changes to the project as a result of such input and to suggest changes to the Planning Board rules, which could be adopted by the Planning Board and/or Zoning Ordinance, which could be enacted by the City Council to codify successful community engagement strategies. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Six of Sept 22, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor McGovern on Sept 29, 2014.]
11. Congratulations to Marvin Gilmore on the release of his biography Crusader for Freedom. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Maher on Resolution Number Twenty-seven of Oct 20, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Maher on Oct 27, 2014.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Nov 22, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 8.68 entitled "Concussion Prevention and Management in Youth Activities at City Facilities." The

- question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 23, 2013.
13. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Dec 19, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.67 entitled relating to Plastic Bag Reduction. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 24, 2014.
  14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on the Foundry Building process, including the City's plans to collaborate with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (the "CRA") to redevelop the Foundry building in a way that meets the vision and objectives expressed by the City Council and the community. City Manager Agenda Number Seventeen of Dec 15, 2014 Referred to Unfinished Business.
  15. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 30, 2014 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 5, 2015.
  16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the authorization to borrow an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing existing General Obligation Bonds to acquire lower interest rates than those currently being paid. The question comes on adoption on or after Jan 19, 2015.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jen Craft, 30 Holworthy Place, regarding funding and temporary paving of the bike path.
2. A communication was received from John Campbell, Strawberry Hill, regarding the bike path to Watertown.
3. A communication was received from Arthur Strang regarding a variety of homelessness issues.
4. A communication was received from Aaron S. Weber regarding the Teague Petition.
5. A communication was received from Arthur Strang transmitting support for the Mayors for Peace initiative.
6. A communication was received from Arthur Strang regarding the bike path to Watertown.
7. A communication was received from Jamie Porreca, Reservoir Street, regarding the bike path to Watertown.
8. A communication was received from Torgun Austin, 28 Bristol Street, regarding the Teague Petition Part 2.
9. A communication was received from Anker Lerret, 15 Locust Street, regarding the connection to Watertown bike path.
10. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street, regarding clarification of Special Permits.
11. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding Policy Order Resolution 5 regulating use of drones.
12. A communication was received from Margaret Desjardins, 261 Lakeview Avenue, regarding bike paths.
13. A communication was received from Joy Hackel, 25 Alpine Street, regarding the Concord Avenue to Watertown bike path.
14. A communication was received from Anastacia and Jorge Salcedo, 196 Appleton Street, regarding acceleration of paving of Fresh Pond bike path and purchase of New Street spur.
15. A communication was received from Shelley Rieman regarding Mayors for Peace.
16. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding City Council Reconsideration - Legal Opinion "may" v. "will normally" grant.
17. A communication was received from Arthur DaPrato, 209 Erie Street, regarding Special Permits and Teague Petition Part 2 needs Law Department opinion in writing.
18. A communication was received from Christine Mastal, 30 Holworthy Place, regarding bike path to Watertown.
19. A communication was received from Alice Heller, 22 Corporal Burns Road, regarding Planning Board/Special Permitting.
20. A communication was received from Nicolai Cauchy, 387 Huron Avenue, regarding Teague Petition Part 2 needs Law Department opinion in writing.
21. A communication was received from Arthur Strang, Fresh Pond Parkway, regarding Teague Petition Part 2 needs Law Department opinion in writing.
22. A communication was received from Tom Stohlman, 19 Channing Street, regarding 1/5/2015 Reconsideration.
23. A communication was received from Claudia Majetich, 329 Concord Avenue, regarding various matters.
24. A communication was received from Rafael Jaramillo, 63 Reservoir Street, regarding the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway.
25. A communication was received from Kimberly Simonsen, 76 Fayerweather Street, regarding the bike path.
26. A communication was received from Barbara Broussard, President, East Cambridge Planning Team, regarding the Whitehead Institute Zoning Change.
27. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, regarding the Walden/Sherman Rezoning Petition.
28. A communication was received from Genevieve Coyle, 230 Lakeview Avenue, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.
29. A communication was received from Lee Farris, for the Cambridge Residents Alliance Executive Committee, regarding Council/Planning Board Roundtable and the Cambridge Residents Alliance response to the Manager's Report on Planning Board Improvement Goals.
30. A communication was received from Michael Hawley, 101 Third Street, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.
31. A communication was received from Langley C. Keyes regarding written opinion needed on PB discretion on Special Permits.
32. A communication was received from Roy Kring, 2240 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.
33. A communication was received from David Levitt, 14 Notre Dame Avenue, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.
34. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding City Council Reconsideration - Legal Opinion "may" v. "will normally" grant.
35. A communication was received from Joseph Poirier, 78 Highland Avenue, regarding the Pearl Street Policy Order.
36. A communication was received from Helen Privett, 463 Concord Avenue, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.

37. A communication was received from Mairi Staples, 145 Concord Avenue, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.
38. A communication was received from Jane Tenenbaum, 159 Concord Avenue, regarding written Law Department opinion needed on the Planning Board's discretion to deny Special Permits.
39. A communication was received from Andy Zucker, 35 Winslow Street, regarding legal opinion about the Planning Board's review of Special Permits.
40. A communication was received from William A. Van Dam, Director, Community Relations, NSTAR Gas Company, transmitting the schedule for the upcoming public hearings scheduled by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities to increase gas distribution rates.
41. A communication was received from Marianna Murphy Zazzaro transmitting thanks for the kind words and expression of sympathy for her brother James E. Murphy.
42. A communication was received from State Senator Sal DiDomenico transmitting support of the Whitehead Institute zoning petition.
43. A communication was received from Paul Steven Stone, 219 Harvard Street, regarding remarks made about an Ombudsman.
44. A communication was received from Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, regarding the Planning Board process improvements.
45. A communication was received from Jamie Porreca, 57 Reservoir Street, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
46. A communication was received from Russell Windman, 78 Fresh Pond Parkway, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
47. A communication was received from Nancy W. Menzin, 56 Alpine Street, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
48. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding further action on the Olympics.
49. A communication was received from Torgun Austin, 28 Bristol Street, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
50. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
51. A communication was received from Margaret Weyerhaeuser, 261 Lakeview Avenue, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
52. A communication was received from Ellen Baker, 18 Saville Street, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
53. A communication was received from Steve Harris, 4 Malcolm Road, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
54. A communication was received from Genevieve S. Coyle, 230 Lakeview Avenue, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
55. A communication was received from Peter Klinefelter, 220 Erie Street, regarding an Ombudsman Policy Order.
9. Happy Birthday wishes to Beverly Neugeboren. Councillor McGovern
10. Happy Birthday wishes to Christopher Knight. Councillor McGovern
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Janice Sallum. Councillor McGovern
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Blaine Yesselman. Councillor McGovern
13. Happy Birthday wishes to Domenico Ferrante. Councillor McGovern
14. Happy Birthday wishes to Laurie Gaines. Councillor McGovern
15. Happy Birthday wishes to Caitlyn Roberts. Councillor McGovern
16. Happy Birthday wishes to Holly Zellweger. Councillor McGovern
17. Happy Birthday wishes to Nancy Nagle. Councillor McGovern
18. Happy Birthday wishes to Carolyn Fuller. Councillor McGovern
19. Happy Birthday wishes to Irene Pappadopoulos. Councillor McGovern
20. Happy Birthday wishes to Robert Downing. Councillor McGovern
21. Happy Birthday wishes to Steven Milosavljevic. Councillor McGovern
22. Resolution on the death of Patricia A. (Teevan) McCaffrey. Mayor Maher
23. Resolution on the death of Theresa (Desjardin) Fitzmaurice. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Patricia F. Lydon. Councillor Toomey
25. Congratulations to Steve Carter on being named as Senior Vice President of Information Technology at Chief Information Officer for the Cambridge Health Alliance. Vice Mayor Benzan
26. Retirement of Susan Harris from the School Department. Mayor Maher
27. Retirement of Daniel J. Turner from the Fire Department. Mayor Maher
28. Resolution on the death of John J. "Bim" Daniliuk. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
29. Congratulations to Amy Poehler on being named the Hasty Pudding Theatricals' 2015 Woman of the Year. Councillor Cheung
30. Congratulations to Jenna Wiens for being named in the Forbes 30 under 30 list. Councillor Cheung
31. Congratulations to Vivek Hallegere Murthy on being named Surgeon General. Councillor Cheung
32. Congratulations to Patrick Hsu for being named in the Forbes 30 under 30 list. Councillor Cheung
33. Congratulations to Fadel Adib for being named in the Forbes 30 under 30 list. Councillor Cheung
34. Congratulations to Erinn Danielle on being honored by the Bay State Banner showcasing her dedicated service to the Cambridge community. Vice Mayor Benzan
35. Congratulations to Jason Sheltzer for being named in the Forbes 30 under 30 list. Councillor Cheung
36. Congratulations to Vinit Sukhija for being named in the Forbes 30 under 30 list. Councillor Cheung
37. Thanks to the TTT Mentor Program mentees for participating in the TTT Mentor Program. Councillor Simmons
38. Thanks to the TTT Mentor Program Mentors for participating in the TTT Mentor Program. Councillor Simmons
39. Resolution on the death of Muriel Best. Mayor Maher
40. Resolution on the death of Claire (Josselyn) O'Brien. Councillor Toomey

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Yoni Appelbaum on being named the Atlantic's politics editor. Councillor Cheung
2. Congratulations to Dave Bisceglia for being named in the Forbes 30 under 30 list. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Isis Pharmaceuticals on being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Moderna Therapeutics on being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Accion Systems on being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
6. Speedy recovery wishes to Jean McGuire. Councillor Simmons
7. Happy belated birthday wishes to Bishop Brian Greene of the Pentecostal Tabernacle. Councillor Simmons
8. Speedy recovery wishes to Ethel Ampey. Councillor Simmons

41. Resolution on the death of Florence (Nicoloro) Renna. Councillor Toomey
42. Resolution on the death of Mary A. Fabiano. Mayor Maher
43. Resolution on the death of James F. McCarthy, Sr. Councillor Toomey
44. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. (O'Brien) Sullivan. Mayor Maher
45. Resolution on the death of Peter Koutoujian. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
46. Resolution on the death of Brandon Boliver. Councillor Toomey
47. Resolution on the death of Marie E. (Petersen) Hazlett. Councillor Toomey
48. Retirement of Cheryl Baines from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Maher
49. Retirement of Roseline Merondel from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Maher
50. Retirement of Anne Sezak from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Maher
51. Retirement of Martha Sweezy from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Maher
52. Retirement of Janice Lovejoy from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Maher
53. Resolution on the death of Monica (Wulff) Steinert. Councillor Cheung
54. Resolution on the death of Christine Curran. Councillor Cheung
55. Congratulations to Adam Bry for is pursuit to develop algorithms that can build a map of a plane's environment on the fly. Councillor Cheung
56. Welcome Governor Patrick to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
57. Congratulations to Apple INC on it expansion in Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung
58. Congratulations to Jeff Sabados on his pursuit to research new drugs that could provide cure for PTSD. Councillor Cheung
59. Congratulations to Dance in the Schools on being awarded additional funding. Councillor Cheung
60. Thanks to Jim Braude for his years at the helm of NECN's "Braudeside" program. Councillor Simmons
61. Resolution on the death of Bob Costa. Councillor Simmons
62. Congratulations to Lori Lander and Many Helping Hands 365 for a successful 5th Annual Many Helping Hands-MLK Day of Service. Councillor Simmons
63. Thanks to Evan Martin Blythe and the Cambridge YWCA for organizing the Many Helping Hands-MLK Day of Service. Councillor Simmons
64. Thanks to Keith Harvey for speaking at Cambridge's Annual MLK Day Commemoration and Remembrance. Councillor Simmons
65. Thanks to Reverend Dr. Christian Brocato and St. Peter's Episcopal Church for opening their doors to allow the people of Cambridge to observe the Annual MLK Day of Commemoration and Remembrance. Councillor Simmons
66. Condolences to the family of Eugene Goosby. Councillor Simmons
67. Resolution on the death of Joseph S. Ronayne. Mayor Maher
68. Happy Birthday wishes to Estelle Disch. Councillor Simmons
69. Congratulations to the members of the Cambridge Gridworks team for competing in the EF Glocal Challenge. Mayor Maher
70. Congratulations to the members of the Cambridge L.E.A.V.E.S. team for successfully competing in the EF Glocal Challenge. Mayor Maher
71. Congratulations and best wishes to Holli Banks and the Scout Magazines staff on their relocation to The Center for Arts at The Armory in order to accommodate their growing business. Vice Mayor Benzan
72. Congratulations to Fanshen Cox DiGiovanni for bringing her show "One Drop of Love" to the City of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern
73. Happy Birthday wishes to Nereida Becerril Carrasquillo. Vice Mayor Benzan
74. Happy Birthday wishes to John Hills. Vice Mayor Benzan
75. Happy Birthday wishes to Ray Shurtleff. Vice Mayor Benzan
76. Happy Birthday wishes to Nicole Meehan. Vice Mayor Benzan
77. Happy Birthday wishes to Lorraine Woodson. Vice Mayor Benzan
78. Happy Birthday wishes to Alan Dobson. Vice Mayor Benzan
79. Happy Birthday wishes to Maria Silverio Benzan. Vice Mayor Benzan
80. Happy Birthday wishes to Javier Benzan. Vice Mayor Benzan
81. Happy Birthday wishes to Denise Cosby. Vice Mayor Benzan
82. Happy Birthday wishes to Matt Nelson. Vice Mayor Benzan
83. Congratulations to the members of The Eco League team for successfully competing in the EF Glocal Challenge. Mayor Maher
84. Congratulations to the Green Monsters team for competing in the EF Glocal Challenge. Mayor Maher
85. Congratulations to Jessica Lander and Jean Dany Joachim for organizing the Many Voices project. Mayor Maher
86. Congratulations to Jim Braude on being named the new host of Greater Boston. Councillor Toomey
87. Resolution on the death of Cheryl Ann Brown. Vice Mayor Benzan
88. Congratulations to Brad Berkson, CEP of Cambridge-based N12 Technologies on being awarded a \$2.5 million dollar state loan. Councillor Cheung
89. Congratulations to Moderna Therapeutics on raising a record amount of funding for a biotech company last year. Councillor Cheung
90. Congratulations to CoUrbanize for helping Boston residents track city development projects. Councillor Cheung
91. Congratulations to Eddy Zhong and Leangap on its recent successes and best wishes in future endeavors. Councillor Cheung

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to advocate for the creation of tax credits specifically geared towards incentivizing the creation and support of transitional housing and services at his next meeting with the new Secretary of Housing and Economic Development. Councillor Cheung and Councillor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to review current staffing levels at the Multi-Service Center to ensure adequate staffing to meet the needs of families who will be turned away from the housing wait list. Mayor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Human Services Department, Community Development Department, Health Department and any other relative departments as well as local shelters to determine a way to fund and supply an additional 100 shelter beds as soon as possible so that the City can better address the immediate shelter needs of our homeless community members while

- ongoing conversations are taking place regarding long-term solutions to this crisis Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Mayor to reach out to representatives and city officials in Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Everett and Somerville to gauge interest in forming an inter-city committee which would meet three times per year to discuss and develop strategies for common issues that would be best handled regionally with support from the state. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
  5. That the City Manager is requested to partner with TicketZen following Boston's announcement of a year-long extension to the successful pilot program allowing residents to pay for parking tickets with their cell phone. Councillor Cheung
  6. That the attached amendment to the Municipal Code entitled "Prohibition on the Use of Polystyrene Based Disposable Food Containers," together with the input of the Recycling Advisory Committee, be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report. Councillor Cheung
  7. That the City Manager is requested to contact the current owners of the Vail Court property and demand that graffiti be removed, exterminators assess the property, and any other maintenance that would improve the appearance and safety of this building be conducted immediately. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Simmons
  8. That the City Manager is requested to ask all City Departments to have documents and presentations made available to the public and the City Council at least three business days in advance of the scheduled meeting to allow ample time for review. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Carlone
  9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and elected officials from Somerville to arrange a public meeting of the two cities to discuss regionalism and potential regular scheduling. Councillor Mazen
  10. That the City Manager is requested to create and fund the position of ombudsman, with degrees of both organizational independence to serve as an advocate and organizational ties to be effective, to serve as a liaison with and an internal advocate for community members. Councillor Cheung
  11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the Council with a list of variance requests and applications results (approved, disapproved, withdrawn) since Jan 1, 2010. Councillor Kelley
  12. That the City Manager is requested to take the necessary measures to formally designate the 2nd Floor meeting room at the City Hall Annex, located at 344 Broadway, as the Bayard Rustin Meeting Room. Councillor Simmons
  13. That the City Manager is requested to allocate \$10,000 to help fund the Cambridge African-American Heritage Alliance's work in hiring a research assistant and in updating of the African-American Heritage Trail booklet. Councillor Simmons
  14. City Council support for President Obama's plan to significantly lower the cost of community college making it possible for more Americans to have access to higher education to be better prepared for the workforce of the 21st Century and to have more opportunity for economic mobility. Vice Mayor Benzan
  15. That the City Manager is requested to work with applicable boards and commissions to assist them in clarifying yearly goals and initiatives, to provide increased administrative oversight and accountability where necessary, and where possible, discuss ways to increase resident involvement. Councillor Mazen
  16. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council any existing agreements that may have been signed between the City of Cambridge and Boston 2024, the US Olympic Committee, or any other organizations representing Olympic interests and that the City Manager is requested to bring any proposed agreement regarding the Olympics to the City Council for discussion and debate prior to signing. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Kelley
  17. That the City Council go on record in support of the We the People Act. Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
  18. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested not to enter into any future contracts to obtain electricity from TransCanada and to investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement to obtain up to 100% renewable power for all municipal electricity needs. Councillor Carlone
  19. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City Staff to explore the potential for installing composting facilities inside City Hall and other key municipal buildings. Councillor Carlone
  20. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City Staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing an agreement with ride-share services such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar, to provide the City with "Smart Data" that will help inform future policymaking decisions related to traffic planning, congestion reduction, safety regulations, and other issues. Councillor Carlone
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27. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of renaming Area 4 "The Port." Vice Mayor Benzan

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee and Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee conducted a STEAM Summit on Dec 10, 2014 to present research by the STEAM Working Group and to present the Working Group's recommendations.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public hearing held on Jan 7, 2015 to discuss discretionary budgeting and the feasibility of introducing Home Rule Petitions regarding an increase to the residential exemption, a tax credit for benevolent landlords and a property transfer for those coming to Cambridge to speculate on land.

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

1. A communication was received from Councillor Leland Cheung regarding Unfinished Business Item #11 on the Concussion Proposal.

2. A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. transmitting a copy of a letter sent to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Board expressing gratitude for their actions to advance the construction of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Jan 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

##### **Tues, Jan 27**

5:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from the City Manager's Office on the measures it has taken to increase diversity and fairness within the City's workforce since taking office. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

##### **Thurs, Feb 5**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on the zoning petition filed by Whitehead Institute to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 14.32.1 and 14.32.2 to provide for an increment of 60,000 square feet of GFA to be allowed by special permit in a portion of the MXD District, in Section 14.70 by retitling "Special Provisions Applicable Within the Ames Street District" and by adding a new Section 14.72 "Special Provisions Applicable Outside the Ames Street District. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

##### **Wed, Feb 11**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code entitled Plastic Bag Reduction together with proposed amendments and regulations for Checkout Bags. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

##### **Mon, Mar 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 11**

4:00pm 2015 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Homelessness continues to present a challenge for residents and policy makers in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In a previous committee meeting, the Director of Human Services cited the need for more transitional housing and services; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to advocate for the creation of tax credits specifically geared towards incentivizing the creation and support of transitional housing and services at his next meeting with the new Secretary of Housing and Economic Development.

O-2 Jan 26, 2015  
MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the wait list for placement in the Cambridge Housing Authority is now closed due to ongoing and future renovations at Cambridge public housing sites; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to review current staffing levels at the Multi-Service Center to ensure adequate staffing to meet the needs of families who will be turned away from the housing wait list; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider this potentially difficult situation for Cambridge families when developing the Fiscal Year 2016 City Budget.

O-3 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council and City Administration is very much concerned with the challenges faced by those struggling with homelessness in our community; and

WHEREAS: A recent Boston Globe article pointed out that on any given night there is a shortage of approximately 100 shelter beds in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Human Services and Veteran’s Committee will be evaluating the City’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, which is currently in year nine and focuses on many long-term solutions to this crisis; and

WHEREAS: Although the City must focus on these long term solutions such as transitional and affordable housing; job training; mental health and substance abuse care; and hunger, there is an immediate need to shelter and feed people each and every night, particularly during these cold winter months; and

WHEREAS: The closing of the Long Island Shelter in Boston has further added to the lack of shelter beds in the metropolitan area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Human Services Department, Community Development Department, Health Department and any other relative departments as well as local shelters to determine a way to fund and supply an additional 100 shelter beds as soon as possible so that the City can better address the immediate shelter needs of our homeless community members while ongoing conversations are taking place regarding long-term solutions to this crisis; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible regarding any recommendations or plans to address this immediate need.

O-4 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge shares state elected officials with the surrounding communities of Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Everett, and Somerville; and

WHEREAS: These communities share many of the same challenges including the lack of affordable housing, education needs, poverty, public transportation, and environmental issues; and

WHEREAS: Despite sharing these challenges and being geographically close to one another, elected officials and city administrators from these communities never gather together to discuss these regional and shared interests; and

WHEREAS: The gathering of elected officials and city administrators from these communities to discuss these issues could lead to a unified effort to lobby the state for greater support to address these and other issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Mayor to reach out to representatives and city officials in these other communities to gauge interest in forming an inter-city committee which would meet three times per year to discuss and develop strategies for common issues that would be best handled regionally with support from the state.

O-5 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to partner with TicketZen following Boston’s announcement of a year-long extension to the successful pilot program allowing residents to pay for parking tickets with their cell phone.

O-6 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: On Nov 19, 2012, the City Council adopted Policy Order #10 instructing the City Manager to direct the Law Department to draft language for a Municipal Code amendment to ban the use of polystyrene-based disposable food containers; and

WHEREAS: On July 29, 2013, the City Manager transmitted the draft ordinance language together with the attached input from the Recycling Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS: The proposed draft ordinance was referred to the Ordinance Committee; and

WHEREAS: On Dec 16, 2013, pursuant to Policy Order #1 and no action having been taken by the Ordinance Committee, the proposed amendment was placed on file without prejudice; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached amendment to the Municipal Code entitled “Prohibition on the Use of Polystyrene Based Disposable Food Containers,” together with the input of the Recycling Advisory Committee, be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

O-7 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The property located at Vail Court has long been a blight on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS: The current owners have shown no willingness to maintain this abandoned property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the current owners of the Vail Court property and demand that graffiti be removed, exterminators assess the property, and any other maintenance that would improve the appearance and safety of this building be conducted immediately; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to levy any fines legally allowed by the City if the property owners fail to address these needs.



O-8 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: City Departments are often asked to present complex and important information to the City Council at roundtables, special meetings, and committee meetings; and

WHEREAS: This information takes great effort and time to create; and

WHEREAS: This information is often not made available to the public or the City Council until the day of the meeting and often at the meeting itself; and

WHEREAS: The comments and questions raised by the community and City Council would be greatly enhanced if this information was presented prior to the scheduled meeting; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask all City Departments to have documents and presentations made available to the public and the City Council at least three business days in advance of the scheduled meeting to allow ample time for review.

O-9 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge faces a number of issues that are also pertinent to neighboring municipalities, including: urban planning, affordable housing and education; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and Somerville are closely interconnected communities and should explore opportunities to collaborate on regional issues; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Councillors and City officials ought to have regular opportunities and incentive to directly coordinate with their Somerville counterparts; and

WHEREAS: Corresponding departments between Cambridge and Somerville could form partnerships and share information on issues that affect both cities such as the upcoming Green Line extension; and

WHEREAS: A committee, working group, or department initiative could be formed to explore the best methods of forming regional partnerships across the Greater Boston Area; and

WHEREAS: Somerville has already been through the Master Plan process, sharing of information on this process would be beneficial for Cambridge, and similar reciprocity could be established for Somerville; and

WHEREAS: These meetings could eventually include surrounding municipalities such as Arlington, Belmont, Boston, and Watertown; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and elected officials from Somerville to arrange a public meeting of the two cities to discuss regionalism and potential regular scheduling; and be it further

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

O-10 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Residents are most in touch with the needs of their respective neighborhoods and are instrumental in implementing lasting positive change in the community; and

WHEREAS: Residents may recognize a need for advocacy, but may find it difficult to vocalize their proposals to the various boards and agencies of the city, since those most affected may not necessarily have prior experience with the inner-workings of our municipal government; and

WHEREAS: Developers often have the funds to hire lawyers to advocate for their positions in front of the City Council and Boards, presenting their position with a unified and singular voice; and

WHEREAS: Residents may not have access to, nor the means to procure, such experienced representation; and

WHEREAS: Differences in opinion presented by different members of the public, while valued, present a spectrum of opinion to our boards and agencies which may diminish their collective bargaining position, as compared to a unified voice; and

WHEREAS: An Ombudsman could not only advocate on behalf of residents' interests, but could also mediate disputes within the ad-hoc collection of residents to present to our boards and commissions and unified voice; and

WHEREAS: It has been suggested that some sort of municipally appointed ombudsman would be a welcomed addition for residents looking to navigate the intricate process of municipal policies, regulations and ordinances, and effectively advocate for a neighborhood's best interests; and

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department has a primary fiduciary responsibility to the city as a whole, and has not routine, nor should not, argue for one side or another; and now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create and fund the position of ombudsman, with degrees of both organizational independence to serve as an advocate and organizational ties to be effective, to serve as a liaison with and an internal advocate for community members.

O-11 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Repeated variance requests for relief from Cambridge zoning restrictions for signage, setbacks, parking and more indicate that there is a disconnect between what the City's current zoning allows and what some property owners want to do; and

WHEREAS: This disconnect results in many property owners seeking variances for dimensional relief, table of uses relief, setback relief and more rather than accepting the limitations placed on properties by zoning; and

WHEREAS: Variances are only to be granted in narrow circumstances; and

WHEREAS: Repeated requests for variances, many of which are granted, creates a general concern that the City's zoning code is not working properly, especially if many variances are granted; and

WHEREAS: Trends in both variance applications and variance approval would give City planners and the City Council information on what changes might be considered in the zoning code or what communications might be sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and, if appropriate, the Planning Board, on the importance of narrowly construing relief of a zoning code the Council has affirmatively adopted; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the Council with a list of variance requests and applications results (approved, disapproved, withdrawn) since Jan 1, 2010.

O-12 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, a beacon of diversity, tolerance, and inclusivity, has long been celebrated as a community that forever strives to acknowledge, honor, and commemorate the rich tapestry of people who make this community so special; and

WHEREAS: It was in this spirit of celebrating diversity, and of forever striving to better understand and appreciate the various ethnic, gender, and religious backgrounds of those who comprise our community, that in 2011 the City established the Annual Bayard Rustin Award for Public Service, which was named in honor of the late Civil Rights champion, and which is bestowed each year at the City's LGBT Pride Brunch; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to work towards creating a more inclusive, more diverse, more tolerant society, both within our city borders, and as an example to others; and

WHEREAS: It was the spirit of these same ideals and this kind of striving to increase tolerance and acceptance for all that led

President Obama, on Nov 20, 2013, to posthumously award Bayard Rustin the Presidential Medal of Freedom on what would have been Mr. Rustin's 100th birthday; and  
WHEREAS: Bayard Rustin was one of the architects of the March on Washington in 1963, and he was a close advisor to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but his role in history was long obscured due to his sexual orientation, and it is only now, decades after his passing, that Mr. Rustin's work and legacy are starting to be granted the recognition they deserve; and  
WHEREAS: In the spirit of continuing to acknowledged the life, work, and legacy of Bayard Rustin, of helping him reclaim his rightful place in American history, and of recognizing how his work and ideals match the ideals of the City of Cambridge, it would be fitting for this City to designate a room designed for conversation, deliberation, and collaboration as the Bayard Rustin Meeting Room; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take the necessary measures to formally designate the 2nd Floor meeting room at the City Hall Annex, located at 344 Broadway, as the Bayard Rustin Meeting Room.

O-13 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to one of this nation's oldest African-American communities, and since 1991, the Cambridge African-American History Committee has been working to collect, cultivate, and preserve that aspect of our local history; and  
WHEREAS: Cambridge has always prided itself for being a community that is concerned with preserving and celebrating our rich history, and the Cambridge African American Heritage Alliance has been working to update the African-American Heritage Trail book to ensure that it is current and readily available, and this project is in keeping with the kind of historical preservation the City should supportive of; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate \$10,000 to help fund the Cambridge African-American Heritage Alliance's work in hiring a research assistant and in updating of the African-American Heritage Trail booklet.

O-14 Jan 26, 2015  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN  
WHEREAS: On Tues, Jan 20, 2015 President Barack Obama unveiled a major plan for free community college education thus making the case that government has a role in ensuring equal opportunity for all in his penultimate State of the Union address; and  
WHEREAS: In addressing the nation, President Obama said he would send Congress a bold new plan to lower the cost of community college to zero; and  
WHEREAS: The President's plan, first announced on Jan 8, would make two years of community college free for students of any age who earn a C+ average, attend school at least half-time, and are making steady progress toward their degree; and  
WHEREAS: The program would be available at community colleges with academic programs whose credits transfer to local public four-year college and universities; and  
WHEREAS: Part of the community college push would be to help students gain technical training and jobs in high-demand fields as greater educational attainment does indeed reduce Americans' chances of being unemployed; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for President Obama's plan to significantly lower the cost of community college making it possible for more Americans to have access to higher education to be better prepared for the workforce of the 21st Century and to have more opportunity for economic mobility.

O-15 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
WHEREAS: The City has over forty boards and commissions each with specific goals and objectives; and  
WHEREAS: Many of these board and commissions are public facing and are intended to facilitate vibrant resident discussion and input or community-led research; and  
WHEREAS: The public could benefit from a clear understanding of the goals and upcoming initiatives and could benefit from understanding the timelines associated with those goals and initiatives, for each board and commission; and  
WHEREAS: Developing these goals and timelines can also facilitate increased organization, efficiency, public input, and public service, maximizing value to the community; and  
WHEREAS: These efforts would not present a burden to these boards or commissions or the City Manager's office; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with applicable boards and commissions to assist them in clarifying yearly goals and initiatives, to provide increased administrative oversight and accountability where necessary, and where possible, discuss ways to increase resident involvement; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter by budget time.

O-16 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has gone on record as being opposed to the Boston 2024 bid for the Olympic Games; and  
WHEREAS: Boston 2024, a private organization, did submit such a bid without meaningful public input or any real community engagement; and  
WHEREAS: The United States Olympic Committee selected Boston to represent the United States as the host city for the 2024 Olympics; and  
WHEREAS: Cambridge venues are proposed as part of this bid, with MIT hosting archery and Magazine Beach hosting the triathlon, with routes that include Memorial Drive and Massachusetts Avenue; and  
WHEREAS: Public documents have revealed that Boston Mayor Marty Walsh signed a non-disparagement agreement with the US Olympic Committee, prohibiting the City and its officers and employees from making statements that "reflect unfavorably upon, denigrate, or disparage, or are detrimental to the reputation or statue of the IOC, the IPC, the IOC Bid, the Bid Committee or the Olympic or Paralympic movement;" and  
WHEREAS: The bid documents further require that officers and employees of the City of Boston shall each promote the Bid Committee, the USOC, the IOC Bid, and the Olympic and Paralympic movements in a positive manner; and  
WHEREAS: A private organization restricting the freedom of speech of officials who represent their citizens is anti-democratic; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council any existing agreements that may have been signed between the City of Cambridge and Boston 2024, the US Olympic Committee, or any other organizations representing Olympic interests; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to bring any proposed agreement regarding the Olympics to the City Council for discussion and debate prior to signing; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby go on record in support of City Staff providing their unbiased, professional

opinions and judgments about the Olympics, both positive and negative, as the case may be; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of democratic processes for evaluating the question of the Olympic Games, including popular ballot initiatives and referenda.

O-17 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the city council that Massachusetts State Senator James Eldridge and Massachusetts State Representative Cory Atkins have recently filed the We the People Act; and  
WHEREAS: The We the People Act calls on the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution to affirm that the rights protected by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons (i.e. human individuals) only; it further affirms that Congress and the states shall place limits on political contributions and expenditures while also making it clear that the spending of money to influence elections is not protected free speech under the First Amendment; and  
WHEREAS: The We the People Act also calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention if Congress has not proposed such an amendment within six months of passage of the act; California, Vermont and Illinois have already called for such a convention; and  
WHEREAS: The We the People Act has already garnered strong support from local organizations such as Move to Amend, MassVote, the Massachusetts Sierra Club, and many others, now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of the We the People Act; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the state and federal legislative delegations on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-18 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge obtains electricity for municipal operations through a contract with TransCanada Corporation; and  
WHEREAS: TransCanada is the driving force behind Keystone XL, a proposal to create a 1,179-mile pipeline to deliver tar sands oil from to the United States; and  
WHEREAS: Jim Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, has stated that the Keystone XL pipeline would mean "game over" for the environment, because exploitation of tar sands oil would make it implausible to stabilize climate and avoid disastrous global climate impacts; and  
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that our contract with TransCanada is set to expire at the end of the year; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested not to enter into any future contracts to obtain electricity from TransCanada; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement to obtain up to 100% renewable power for all municipal electricity needs; 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-19 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to expanding composting programs and services; and  
WHEREAS: Composting is nature's way of recycling and is one of the best and easiest things that can be done to reduce waste; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City Staff to explore the potential for

installing composting facilities inside City Hall and other key municipal buildings; 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-20 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City Staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing an agreement with ride-share services such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar, to provide the City with "Smart Data" that will help inform future policymaking decisions related to traffic planning, congestion reduction, safety regulations, and other issues.

O-21 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: A number of months ago, the City of Cambridge fenced off portions of the area around Cambridge Common in anticipation of a major rehabilitation project; and  
WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern and frustration over that fact that much time has elapsed without many visible signs of work or progress on the project; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Cambridge Common renovation project along with an update on next steps and the projected date of completion.

O-22 Jan 26, 2015  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The median strip on North Massachusetts Avenue helps define traffic and constrain turning movements; and  
WHEREAS: The majority of bicycle/car collisions involve turning movements; and  
WHEREAS: The North Massachusetts Avenue reconstruction project was specifically advertised as not impacting the median strip (see attached); and  
WHEREAS: The reconstruction of the Russell Street/Massachusetts Avenue intersection nonetheless resulted in the removal of roughly 65' of median strip to alter southbound automobile traffic flow; and  
WHEREAS: The removal of this section of median strip allows southbound cars to make a left turn on Russell Street at a higher speed and an easier angle than when the median strip was in place, as the median strip required a 90 degree turn to access Russell Street (see attached); and  
WHEREAS: This expanded vehicular access to Russell Street makes the intersection for northbound cyclists more dangerous as cars angle at greater speed across the northbound lane and onto Russell Street; and  
WHEREAS: The median strip was specifically not be altered during the project; and  
WHEREAS: There has already been one bicycle/car collision at this intersection since its reconstruction; and  
WHEREAS: The City's suggested solution to the new and more dangerous traffic flow is to review in in the spring and possibly install a concrete rumble strip that cars could also easily drive over, though not as smoothly as the current yellow lines; and  
WHEREAS: This suggested solution is neither timely enough nor effective enough to maintain adequate street safety; now be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff to determine how the median strip was removed despite official documents that clearly stated that the median strip would not be affected; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff to determine an appropriate way to physically keep automobiles from making a left hand turn at this intersection of less than 90 degrees so that drivers will be more

attentive to making the turn, will make the turn at a slower speed and will pose less of a threat to oncoming bicycle and motor vehicle traffic; and be it further

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

O-23 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority has taken action to begin construction on the first parcel of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path sometime in Spring 2015; and

WHEREAS: MIT recently submitted their feasibility study for their portion of the multi-use path and identified some possible conflicts and pinch points that need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is planning for the design and development of the parcel between Broadway and Binney Street as part of the Connect Kendall project; and

WHEREAS: The portion of the path between Little Binney and the Somerville border is the remaining stretch of the path that needs to be examined and it is potentially the most complicated do to various land owners and special conflicts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to determine if they can be of further assistance in understanding how the portion of the path from Binney to the Somerville border can be completed and to report back to the City Council.

O-24 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Planning for the Grand Junction Multiuse Path continues to advance and portions of the first portions of the path are slated for construction starting in Spring 2015; and

WHEREAS: While support for the path grows there are many design and land issues that need to be resolved along the corridor to ensure a future where the Grand Junction Multiuse Path is a safe and viable transportation option through all of Eastern Cambridge; and

ORDERED: Providing flexibility to property owners along the Grand Junction by creating a Grand Junction Overlay District could help to solve some of the conflicts that have been identified in various feasibility studies, preserve safe setbacks needed to create a viable path, and eliminate any conflicts with possible additional rails; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and report back to the City Council with language that could create a Grand Junction Overlay District that would help to create incentives and ensure the completion of the Grand Junction Multiuse Path.

O-25 Jan 26, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Educational equity is critical for economic mobility and for addressing structural inequality; and

WHEREAS: For the past ten months representatives from local universities, corporations, community non-profits, the School Department, and the Human Services department have been meeting regularly as part of a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) working group; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Working Group mandate is to develop a plan that improves coordination within and between out of school time STEAM programs for youth and adults, ultimately increasing the breadth and scope of educational opportunities for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS: The Working Group builds off of the work conducted by former Mayor Henrietta Davis's city-wide STEM inclusion

roundtable and the work of various City departments, as well as work done by previous councils; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of many months of research and citywide conversation, the STEAM Working Group has officially recommended that the City of Cambridge: make a citywide commitment to becoming a world-class STEAM city; establish a STEAM portal for internships and opportunities; create a STEAM Center in the city for learners of all ages; create a comprehensive network of internships to match the skill level and interests of all learners; and launch a communications and outreach campaign drawing all families into the full range of educational and economic opportunities in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Center will provide hands-on STEAM learning activities, exhibitions, workshops, presentations, and job training, eventually establishing satellite neighborhood STEAM Centers; and

WHEREAS: Achieving " comprehensive network of internships requires the City to inventory and categorize existing internships, facilitate collaboration with potential host organizations to create new internships, and collaborate with researchers to evaluate and improve the entire network's existing internship experiences; and

WHEREAS: A communications and outreach campaign launched by the City should sponsor "Wow" projects to engage students, adults, and the entire community in complex interdisciplinary projects, should: use branding, newsletters, social media, email, mailings, and street teams to assure an increase in equity and participation; hold frequent neighborhood information sessions and focus groups to build residents' knowledge about STEAM and Out of School Time opportunities, and to garner feedback on program activities; offer STEAM tours to build excitement and interest; establish a STEAM youth advisory group; and engage STEAM stakeholders and industry in leading this campaign; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM portal will function as a searchable database of STEAM/Out of School Time internships, activities, and opportunities, including an integrated calendar, searchable map, feedback options for learners and families, and feedback options for Out of School time programs, also including a digital badge system that will allow learners to track their own activities, progress, and options while communicating accomplishments to mentors and OST programs; and

WHEREAS: The most critical, central STEAM Working Group recommendation charges the City to establish and gather funds for a 3-4 person STEAM Coordination Office to implement the set of working group recommendations over 3-5 years or beyond; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Coordination Office will work across city departments, the schools, companies, universities, nonprofits, and other organizations fulfill these recommendations as a community-wide effort; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Working Group also recommends convening a standing STEAM advisory group that includes members from the current STEAM Working Group, STEAM professionals, community members, parents, educators, learners, and other stakeholders, to bring valuable feedback to the STEAM Coordination Office and to review accomplishments, short-term goals, and long-term vision; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of executing the above recommendations with the appropriate City departments; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a plan for shared city and corporate financing of the STEAM Coordination Office and report back to the City Council; and be it further

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

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VICE MAYOR BENZAN  
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WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council passed the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance in 1998 and has since created 822 units of affordable rental and ownership housing completed in new developments located throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: With an emphasis on creating affordable units on-site as part of new residential developments, the Ordinance has become a model for other communities looking to address affordability for lower-income residents in high-cost areas, and has worked to ensure that the socio-economic diversity of the community is reflected in new housing; and

WHEREAS: Article 11.200 of the Zoning Ordinance states that the purposes of incentive zoning provisions and inclusionary housing provisions are to promote the public health, safety and welfare by encouraging the expansion and upgrading of the City's housing stock while accommodating the expansion of housing and commercial opportunities in the City; and to provide for a full range of housing choices throughout the city for households of all incomes, ages and sizes in order to meet the City's goal of preserving diversity; and

WHEREAS: Article 11.200 of the Zoning Ordinance also states that the purposes of incentive zoning provisions and inclusionary housing provisions are to mitigate the impacts of commercial and residential development on the availability and cost of housing and especially housing affordable to low and moderate income households; to increase the production of affordable housing units to meet existing and anticipated housing and employment needs within the City; and to provide a mechanism by which commercial and residential development can contribute in a direct way to increasing the supply of affordable housing in exchange for a greater density or intensity of development than that otherwise permitted as a matter of right, among other things; and

WHEREAS: The Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance is often undervalued and misunderstood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of creating a survey in collaboration with the Community Development Department and other appropriate departments to gather data on the positive impact of the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance on the lives of Cambridge residents and families; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of hosting a town hall meeting where tenants and families who benefit from the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance can come together to share their experiences and provide valuable feedback on how to perfect the program, and report back to the Council.

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VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Prior to the filling in of Boston's Back Bay and Charles River marshes, brackish saltwater reached into what is now Area 4; and

WHEREAS: After landfill allowed Cambridge to expand over the area now known as Cambridgeport, this entire portion of Cambridge was known as the "Old Port;" and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's "Old Port" was split into two planning zones, Area 4 and Area 5, by the Cambridge Community Development department, with Massachusetts Avenue as the dividing line; and

WHEREAS: The "Port" name went to Area 5, today known as Cambridgeport, where the waterfront is currently located, and inland Area 4 lost its name and became known by its neighborhood planning designation, which is also its police zone; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of renaming Area 4 "The Port" and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.