

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi Manager, relative to Kid's Council name change and appointment of the following members of the Youth and Family Policy Council (formally referred to as the Kids' Council). Appointments: City Councillor Jan Devereux (Mayor's Representative) and School Committee Member Manikka Bowman.

Feb 1, 2016

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the appointment of the following persons as members of the Youth and Family Policy Council: City Councillor Jan Devereux (Mayor's Representative) and School Committee Member Manikka Bowman.

I am also advising that at the Jan 21st Kids' Council meeting, the members voted to stop referring to the Coordinating Council for Children, Youth and Families as the Kids' Council and to now call it the Youth and Family Policy Council.

Very truly yours, Richard C. Rossi, City Manager

2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the calendar year 2016 at MICH-LIN transfer station, 45 Mooney Street: Bryan Burdge, James Mabardy, Joseph Mabardy, Jr., Justine Bonitatibus, Jo Ann Del Vecchio, Michael Guerriero, Daniel Pasquarosa, Nicholas Santolucito, Charles Mabardy, Steven McColgan and Robert Kousoulos
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the calendar year 2016 at Boston Sand & Gravel Co., 500 Front Street: Dean Francis Boylan, Al Bishop, Mike Denahy, Mark Gilroy, Nicole Janey, David Kelley, Joe Olsen, Scott Prentiss, Faith Richardson, Wei Li.

CHARTER RIGHT

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.

ON THE TABLE

2. An application was received from Capital One, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 24 JFK Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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.]

4. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge" in Title 6 entitled "Animals," a new Chapter 6.18 be added entitled "Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses." The question comes of passing to be ordained on or after Feb 8, 2016

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Blue Hills Bank, requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 200 Concord Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and Abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the family of Ann Marie E. (Rudgis) Johnson, transmitting thanks for the kind words of sympathy.
2. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street, regarding renaming "Columbus Day."
3. A communication was received from Jeanne Koopman, 248 River Street, regarding Indigenous Peoples Day.
4. A communication was received from Ann Fleck-Henderson, Richdale Avenue, regarding Indigenous Peoples Day.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy Birthday wishes to former Mayor and City Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves. Councillor Maher
2. Congratulations to Melissa Russo and Tucker Lewis on the birth of their son August Lewis Russo. Vice Mayor McGovern
3. Commending the efforts of the organizers of the 2016 Chinese New Year Gala & Community Enrichment Forum for bringing Asian American organizations across New England together to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Miriam Klapper on her retirement as Executive Director of Temple Beth Shalom. Vice Mayor McGovern
5. Resolution on the death of Nancy Maguire Hoffman. Councillor Carlone

ORDERS

1. That the Cambridge City Council go on record in full support of H.3019/S.1810, H.3073/S.1807, and S.1809 as needed protections for area bicyclists. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the intention of organizing a Volpe Task Force made up of representatives from abutting neighborhood groups and Kendall Square residents and businesses. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Information Technology Department and any other relevant City departments on ways the City of Cambridge can implement such a service with the goal of notifying residents of city-wide and neighborhood events and meetings via automated calls or text messages. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
4. That the City Council go on record in support of The Bike Transit Act. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Health, the Cambridge Health Alliance, local hospitals and the medical community on appropriate strategies for public outreach, education, and support for residents who may be concerned about the Zika virus. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Council go on record supporting the expeditious treatment of House Bill 3944 and Senate Bill 2022 such that Massachusetts can not only protect its first responders but also be better prepared to address drug addiction and prevention. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
7. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from the Clark family for a corner dedication in the vicinity of Concord Avenue and Corporal Burns Road in honor of Emory J. Clark. Councillor Devereux
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate City departments and to report back to the City Council on the current total number and locations of sandwich board and A-frame signs, details on the process and criteria for approval and annual renewal, details on the enforcement of non-compliant and unpermitted signs, whether the annual \$75 fee remains appropriate, whether reasonable design guidelines could be encouraged or required in historic districts, and whether the application process could be improved to include more detail to better inform decision makers. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen, Mayor Simmons
9. City Council support of a grant application by the City of Cambridge to the U.S. Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge, proposing the development of an automated, connected-vehicle transportation system that has the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Councillor Toomey

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting notification from the President of the Massachusetts State Senate, calling for a special election to be held on Tues, May 10, 2016, to fill an existing vacancy in the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senatorial District.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting a series of articles regarding the affordable housing crisis.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: There are currently several bills before the

Massachusetts Joint Committee on Transportation that will expand protections for bicyclists and pedestrians of this and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 3019, Senate Bill 1810 will protect bicyclists and pedestrians by requiring all large vehicles, such as the flatbed tractor-trailer truck that struck and killed Cambridge resident Anita Kurmann in August of 2015, to be equipped with sideguards and blind spot mirrors; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 3073, Senate Bill 1807 will protect "vulnerable users" – defined as pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, scooter operators, and suchlike – traveling on public ways by requiring approaching motorists to slow down and pass only at a safe distance of not less than three feet; and

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 1809 will protect bicyclists by making it legal for them to occupy the crosswalk, and by expanding the protections for pedestrians in crosswalks to bicyclists as well; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in full support of H.3019/S.1810, H.3073/S.1807, and S.1809 as needed protections for area bicyclists; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation in the House and Senate as well as to the House and Senate Joint Committee on Transportation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Volpe Transportation site presents a unique opportunity for the City of Cambridge and Kendall Square; and
WHEREAS: The rezoning of the site has proven to be complex for various reasons; and

WHEREAS: Community involvement during the process is important so that residents are in tune with both the vision being presented in the petition as well as the complexities of the process; and

WHEREAS: Abutting neighborhood groups have expressed interest in creating a Volpe Task Force with the City of Cambridge to better understand and provide feedback during the rezoning process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the intention of organizing a Volpe Task Force made up of representatives from abutting neighborhood groups and Kendall Square residents and businesses and to report back to the City Council.

O-3 Feb 1, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the City Council are always looking for ways to effectively communicate with and inform the community regarding important meetings and events; and

WHEREAS: Many residents either do not have access to, or are not comfortable, using the internet and social media; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public School District uses automated calls to inform public school parents and families of important school and district events, emergencies, and vital information; and

WHEREAS: This service has proved to be valuable and effective; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Information Technology Department and any other relevant City departments on ways the City of Cambridge can implement such a service with the goal of notifying residents of citywide and neighborhood events and meetings via automated calls or text messages; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the possibility of implementing such a system.

O-4 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: As city populations within the U.S. continue to increase, so does the need for innovative forms of transportation systems; and

WHEREAS: Bike sharing programs in the U.S. have proven to be a cost effective and an environmentally sound form of transportation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has seen firsthand how the "Sharing Economy" and our Hubway Bike System can help commuters and visitors to easily and conveniently travel the city; and

WHEREAS: On Jan 7, 2016 Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Representative Vern Buchanan (R-FL) introduced the Bike share Transit Act in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: This legislation would make it easier for federal transit and highway programs to fund bike share systems and related improvements; and

WHEREAS: By clarifying that bike share projects are eligible for federal funds, the Bike share Transit Act will make it easier for communities to create and improve bike share systems; and

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of The Bike Transit Act; 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 U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The World Health Organization is convening an emergency session on Feb 1, 2016 to discuss the "explosive spread" of the Zika virus in the Americas and whether to declare a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many residents of Central and South American heritage whose loved ones may live in regions affected by the Zika virus; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Health, the Cambridge Health Alliance, local hospitals and the medical community on appropriate strategies for public outreach, education, and support for residents who may be concerned about the Zika virus, and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-6 Feb 1, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an interest in protecting the residents of the City as well as those who work and serve here; and

WHEREAS: A widely documented opioid crisis is affecting the greater Boston area and beyond, including Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The drug Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is an important tool for first responders in emergency situations involving opioid overdose; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Police, who are often first on the scene of overdose situations, have expressed an interest in carrying Narcan, but have concerns regarding legal civil liability associated with administering the drug; and

WHEREAS: Two bills; House Bill 3944, An Act relative to substance use, treatment, education and prevention and Senate Bill 2022, An Act relative to substance abuse prevention; are progressing through the Massachusetts State legislature, each presents a variety of initiatives and amendments to law designed to effectively address drug addiction, and each includes the following language: "Any person who, in good faith, attempts to render emergency care by administering naloxone or any other opioid antagonist as defined in section 19B of chapter 94C to a person reasonably believed to be experiencing an opiate-related overdose shall not be liable for acts or omissions, other than gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, resulting from the attempt to render this emergency care.;" and

WHEREAS: Both the House and the Senate find the administration of Narcan in emergency situations to be of sufficiently high value such that the same language protecting those administering the drug is included in the language of each bill; and

WHEREAS: Until this language protecting emergency administrators of Narcan is codified, potential legal liability for responders in Cambridge could stand in the way of administering help to those in medical distress caused by opioids; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the expeditious adoption of these two bills so that Massachusetts can protect its first responders and be better prepared to address drug addiction and prevention; 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 elected Cambridge delegation in the House and Senate as well as House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from the Clark family for a corner dedication in the vicinity of Concord Avenue and Corporal Burns Road in honor of Emory J. Clark; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-8 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge continually strives to improve its pedestrian infrastructure to encourage people to walk more and drive less, which benefits peoples' health and the environment; and

WHEREAS: Sandwich boards and A-frame signs, while representing helpful tools for businesses seeking to attract new customers, can create obstacles on sidewalks that can make it difficult for pedestrians to maneuver, especially those who are visually impaired or disabled; and

WHEREAS: A proliferation of sandwich boards and A-frame signs can contribute to visual clutter, which may actually defeat their intended purpose as advertising tools; and

WHEREAS: Sandwich boards and A-frame signs can also appear to undermine the stricter regulations that apply to commercial signage on buildings, especially in historic districts such as Harvard Square; and

WHEREAS: An increasing number of applications for sandwich boards and A-frame signs are coming before the Council for approval; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is regularly presented with applications for sandwich boards and A-frame signs that offer too little detail about the intended placement of the sign or the number of other sandwich board and A-frame signs in close proximity, making it difficult for the City Council to properly evaluate whether the sign is appropriate; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate City departments and to report back to the City Council on the current total number and locations of sandwich board and A-frame signs, details on the process and criteria for approval and annual renewal, details on the enforcement of non-compliant and unpermitted signs, whether the annual \$75 fee remains appropriate, whether reasonable design guidelines could be encouraged or required in historic districts, and whether the application process could be improved to include more detail to better inform decision makers.

O-9 Feb 1, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The United Nations Climate Change Conference Paris 2015 stated that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a member of Cities for Climate Protection, an international consortium of communities working to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS: Advances in vehicle automation and electric vehicle technologies hold tremendous promise for safer and more efficient vehicles and city streets, and vastly reduced carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Transportation has opened a Smart City Challenge to encourage mid-sized cities to submit proposals by Feb 4, 2016 on bold ideas to improve lives by making transportation safer, cleaner, easier, and more reliable; and

WHEREAS: Green Cambridge, Inc. has expressed strong and enthusiastic support for the City of Cambridge submitting a

proposal for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge "Beyond Traffic" grant program; and

WHEREAS: The Grand Junction Railroad connects vital residential and commercial centers in the City of Cambridge, and if used for alternative modes of transportation, has great potential to encourage mode-shift and reduce traffic congestion in East Cambridge, Kendall Square, and Cambridgeport; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting a grant application by the City of Cambridge to the U.S. Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge, proposing the development of an automated, connected-vehicle transportation system that has the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Grand Junction Railroad be considered as the location of a pilot system, and that such a pilot system support and integrate the future Grand Junction Multi-use path.