

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the Cambridge City Council adopt the following orders for two Statement of Interest Forms to be submitted to the MSBA no later than Feb 13, 2015 for the replacement of the boiler at the Fletcher Maynard Academy School and the replacement of the roof, including the installation of photovoltaic panels if deemed structurally possible at the Kennedy Longfellow School.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a requesting that the City Council refile and again refer the Normandy/Twining Zoning Petition to the Planning Board.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$60,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to partner with Changing Environment, Inc. to install ten Soofa benches at high traffic locations throughout the City.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$80,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to hire a consultant to implement the Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$24,257 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to amendments and other related documents associated with the proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Number Ten of January 29, 2015.

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.]

4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. 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.]
7. 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.]
8. 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.]
9. 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. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Maher on Jan 29, 2015.]

10. 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. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 29, 2015.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. 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.
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 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.
13. 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.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from the Ethelbert Cooper Gallery of African and African American Art requesting permission for twenty-eight temporary banners on electrical poles along JFK Street in Harvard Square to promote the next exhibition at the gallery entitled, Drapetomanfa: Grupo Antillano and the art of Afro-Cuba." The temporary banners will be hung January through May. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Dave Teller, 457 Mount Auburn Street, transmitting opposition to the proposed Mass + Main Street Residential Mixed Income Housing Sub district.
2. A communication was received from the Area4/Port Coalition regarding concerns about the proposed zoning changes to PUD-KS, the 14 acre Volpe parcel.
3. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding what Boston 2024 proposes for Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Santouka Ramen on its grand opening in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung

2. Retirement of Superintendent Steven Williams from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Maher and Councillor Simmons
3. That this Cambridge City Council go on record expressing support for the legislation proposed by State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz and State Representative Mary Keefe to reform the state's punitive drug laws and mandatory sentencing and reinvest the savings into workforce development. Vice Mayor Benzan
4. Congratulating Andrew McCollum on his new appointment as CEO of Cambridge based TV startup Philo. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulating Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals on receiving approval for Somatuline Depot. Councillor Cheung
6. Recognizing the charitable efforts of the Biogen Idec Foundation. Councillor Cheung.
7. Congratulating Hopper Travel for being named one of the best travel app in the market by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulating Michael Rigney on his new appointment as senior vice president of client solutions, marketing, and regulatory affairs at EnergySavvy. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. Order #1 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #2 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #3 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #4 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #5 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #6 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #7 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #8 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #9 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #10 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #11 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #12 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #13 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #14 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #15 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #16 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #17 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Council go on record in support of the We the People Act. Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
 18. Order #18 of Jan 29, 2015. 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. Order #19 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager is 19 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. Order #20 of Jan 29, 2015. 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
 21. Order #21 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager 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. Councillor Carlone
 22. Order #22 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City staff to determine how the median strip was removed at Russell Street despite official documents that clearly stated that the median strip would not be affected. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
 23. Order #23 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager 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. Councillor Toomey
 24. Order #24 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager 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. Councillor Toomey
 25. Order #25 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager is requested to determine the feasibility of executing the recommendations of the STEAM Working Group with the appropriate City departments. Councillor Mazen, Vice

Mayor Benzan, Councillor Carlone and Councillor McGovern

26. Order #26 of Jan 29, 2015. That the City Manager 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 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. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Cheung
27. Order #27 of Jan 29, 2015. 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
28. Refiling of Normandy/Twining Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinances to amend Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinances and the zoning map of the City of Cambridge by adding a new section 20.800 entitled Mass and Main Residential Mixed Income Subdistrict within the Central Square Overlay District. Mayor Maher
29. That the City Manager work with all relevant City Staff to revise the proposed zoning for the Volpe site to include an option for a 7.5 acre public park as originally planned. Councillor Carlone
30. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate departments and determine the feasibility of renaming the Area IV Youth Center the "Dr. Robert and Janet Moses Youth Center" in honor of these two great community leaders, and report back to the Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
31. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate City departments to assess our current signal control technology and determine the feasibility of adopting adaptive signal control technology for traffic calming and reduction, and report back to the Council in a timely manner. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Cheung
32. That the City Manager instruct the City Solicitor to release a legal opinion regarding the discretion of the planning board to deny special permits, even when the special permit criteria have been met, reflecting in particular on the bearing that the case Humble Oil and Refining Company vs. Board of Appeals of Amherst has on discretionary authority of the board. Councillor Mazen
33. That the City Manager confer with the License Commission and the Traffic and Parking department to stop livery vehicles that have been seen stopping, waiting, and idling at metered parking spots. Councillor Cheung
34. That the City Manager report back to the City Council on results from the PSI pilot and coordinate with the legal department to report back to the City Council on whether aspects of the ordinance could be safely adopted with specific attention to disposal of unwanted phone books. Councillor Cheung
35. That the City Manager report on the rationale behind why there are so many "No Turn on Red" signs in the city at

intersections where residents would otherwise feel safe to turn right on red.? Councillor Cheung

36. That the City Manager confer with the Mayor and various boards and agencies of the City to confers such a working group. Councillor Cheung
37. That the City Manager apply on behalf of the City of Cambridge for a Code for America fellow under the program detailed here:
[http://www.codeforamerica.org/blog/2015/01/21/bring-the-code-for-america-fellowship-to-your-local-government/?](http://www.codeforamerica.org/blog/2015/01/21/bring-the-code-for-america-fellowship-to-your-local-government/)
Councillor Cheung

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. [from Jan 29 meeting]
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. [from Jan 29 meeting]
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 18, 2014 to discuss the zoning petition by the City Council that the areas bounded by Garden and Walden Street and the park straddling Sherman Street currently zoned Business A be rezoned to Residence C-1 to be consistent with the surrounding area. The effects of the proposed change would include, but not be limited to the following: The minimum lot area per dwelling unit would increase from 600 square feet to 1,500 square feet, the yard requirements would increase, the height limit would be reduced from 45 feet to 35 feet, and only residential uses would be allowed.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Thurs, Feb 26

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue the discussion on a petition from Normandy/Twining to amend Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge by adding a new Section 20.800 entitled Mass and Main Residential Mixed Income Subdistrict within the Central Square Overlay District. This hearing to be televised. (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)

Wed, Mar 18

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the C2 portion of the K2C2 Study. (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)

Mon, May 11

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

01-O27 are carried over from Jan 29, 2015 meeting

O-28 Feb 2, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: A zoning petition was filed on Nov 24, 2014 by Normandy/Twining entitled Mass and Main Residential Mixed Income Subdistrict within the Central Square Overlay District; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Chapter 40A all public hearings by the City Council and Planning Board must be held within 65 days; and

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held by the Ordinance Committee on Jan 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS: The public hearing before the Planning Board was scheduled for Tues, Jan 27, 2015; this hearing was cancelled as a result of a state of emergency declared by the Governor; and

WHEREAS: Due to the cancellation of the Planning Board hearing the requirements of Chapter 40A have not been met; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached petition be refiled to amend the Zoning Ordinances to amend Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinances and the zoning map of the City of Cambridge by adding a new section 20.800 entitled Mass and Main Residential Mixed Income Subdistrict within the Central Square Overlay District; and be it further

ORDERED: That the petition be referred to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for hearings and report.

O-29 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: As Kendall Square continues to experience remarkable growth and transformation, it becomes increasingly important to nurture the public realm, and as even greater density is proposed, it should be complemented by significant public open space; and

WHEREAS: In 2001, the City 's Eastern Cambridge Planning Study recommended a large park on the site of the U.S. DOT Volpe Center in Kendall Square; and

WHEREAS: Subsequently, the city council adopted zoning to require a 7.5-acre public park as part of any future redevelopment of the Volpe site; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, as individual proposals for new development and greater density have been considered, residents have relied on the expectation of a future provision of a significant open space on the Volpe site; and

WHEREAS: City Staff recently presented an initial rezoning proposal for the Volpe site to the Planning Board; the new proposal would reduce the required public open space from 7.5 acres to just 2.5 acres; and

WHEREAS: On Jan 14, 2015, members of the East Cambridge Planning Team voted unanimously to reaffirm their desire to preserve the full amount of required open space on the Volpe site; and

WHEREAS: While the Connect Kendall Square design competition is likely to yield additional ideas for the

allocation of open space throughout the area, residents nevertheless expect the City to honor the commitment for a park on the Volpe site; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager work with all relevant City Staff to revise the proposed zoning for the Volpe site to include an option for a 7.5 acre public park as originally planned; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the council on this matter.

O-30 Feb 2, 2015
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge would like to recognize Dr. Robert “Bob” Parris Moses and Dr. Janet Moses for their tremendous contributions to the continuing civil rights movement and their unwavering dedication to the progress of all Cambridge residents by renaming the Area IV Youth Center the “Dr. Robert and Janet Moses Youth Center;” and
WHEREAS: Bob and Janet were both prominent figures in the Civil Rights Movement who served as field secretaries for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), a position that allowed them to initiate SNCC ‘s Mississippi Voter Registration Project in 1961, and saw Bob become its director in 1962; and
WHEREAS: A speaker at the first national student rally against the war in Vietnam (organized by Students for a Democratic Society, SDS, Spring 1965), Bob joined Staughton Lynd, Dave Dellinger and Women ‘s Strike For Peace to organize The Congress of Unrepresented People, spoke out against the war (1965- ‘66), and left the country in August 1966 when ordered to report to the Army; and
WHEREAS: He and his wife, Dr. Janet Jemmott Moses, made their way to Tanzania where they served as teachers for its Ministry of Education until 1976; and
WHEREAS: Bob and Janet returned to the Area IV neighborhood in Cambridge with their family (Maisha, Omo, Taba and Malaika) where Bob returned to Harvard ‘s Ph.D. Philosophy program in the summer of 1976 to study W.V.O. Quine ‘s philosophy of mathematics; and
WHEREAS: While Janet worked with the children on their language arts, Bob organized their mathematics education and used a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (1982-87) to enter the King Open School as a parent volunteer, teach children algebra, and initiate the Algebra Project and the use of mathematics as an organizing tool for a Quality Public School Education (QECR) for all students; and
WHEREAS: With support of the National Science Foundation (NSF) since 2002, the AP has been working with cohorts of high school students who previously performed in the lowest quartile on standardized exams; this work has led AP to propose a math high school “benchmark” for bottom quartile students: that they graduate high school on time, in four years, ready to do college math for college credit; and
WHEREAS: The Algebra Project is primarily responsible for the birth of The Young People ‘s Project (YPP) in Cambridge; over the years, the AP has provided funding, technical assistance, professional development, mentoring and the guidance that has allowed YPP to grow and develop; and
WHEREAS: It is the mission of YPP to use math literacy as a tool to develop young leaders and organizers who radically change the quality of education and life in the Cambridge

community so that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential; and
WHEREAS: Bob recently celebrated his 80th birthday at the MIT Media Lab with his loved ones and the greater Cambridge community; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record congratulating him on his 80th birthday and commending Dr. Robert “Bob” Parris Moses and Dr. Janet Moses for serving as role models to countless young men and women across the country and in the City of Cambridge; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and determine the feasibility of renaming the Area IV Youth Center the “Dr. Robert and Janet Moses Youth Center” in honor of these two great community leaders, and report back to the Council.

O-31 Feb 2, 2015
VICE MAYOR BENZAN
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Poor traffic signal timing contributes to traffic congestion and delays; and
WHEREAS: Conventional signal systems use pre-programmed, daily signal timing schedules, while, adaptive signal control technology adjusts the timing of red, yellow and green lights to accommodate changing traffic patterns and ease traffic congestion; and
WHEREAS: The main benefits of adaptive signal control technology over conventional signal systems are that it can: continuously distribute green light time equitably for all traffic movements; improve travel time reliability by progressively moving vehicles through green lights; reduce congestion by creating smoother flow; and prolong the effectiveness of traffic signal timing; and
WHEREAS: Outdated traffic signal timing incurs substantial costs to businesses and consumers; in fact, the Texas Transportation Institute determined that the cost of traffic congestion is \$87.2 billion in wasted fuel and lost productivity, which translates to \$750 per traveler; and
WHEREAS: In 2012, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission successfully launched the Meadowlands Adaptive Signal System for Traffic Reduction (MASSTR) program after it applied and received \$10 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation through a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant; and
WHEREAS: In New Jersey, adaptive signal control technologies, in conjunction with well-engineered signal timing, have significantly improved the quality of service that travelers experience on local roads and have cut costs for the State Department of Transportation; and
WHEREAS: It is important to give adaptive signal control technology serious consideration as our City explores traffic-calming policies and strives to implement the viable, innovative solutions to our most pressing traffic issues; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to assess our current signal control technology and determine the feasibility of adopting adaptive signal control technology for

traffic calming and reduction, and report back to the Council in a timely manner.

O-32 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to release a legal opinion regarding the discretion of the planning board to deny special permits, even when the special permit criteria have been met, reflecting in particular on the bearing that the case Humble Oil and Refining Company vs. Board of Appeals of Amherst has on discretionary authority of the board.

O-33 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Parking is at a premium in Cambridge, especially during winter months; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an established precedent of setting policy regarding parking meters to encourage turnover for local businesses; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that with the increase in the number of livery vehicles serving residents, that livery vehicles have been seen stopping, waiting, and idling at metered parking spots; and

WHEREAS: This violates Cambridge's anti-idling ordinance and the spirit of the policy regarding metered parking spots; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the License Commission and the Traffic and Parking department to deter such behavior.

O-34 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: On Feb 28th, 2011, the City Manager reported to the City Council that a decision in a then pending case in federal court against Seattle challenging its ordinance limiting the distribution of telephone books would help inform any action the Council wished to take; and

WHEREAS: The Seattle ordinance requires registry by phone book distributors, establishes a recovery fee per book plus fee per ton to cover the administration of an opt-out system and the cost of recycling the books, and creates an enforcement mechanism; and

WHEREAS: In Feb, 2013, Seattle paid more than \$500,000 to settle its losing fight against the publishers of the yellow pages phone books, after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that the city ordinance violated the companies' free speech rights; and

WHEREAS: According to their website, The Product Stewardship Institute has been working with Catalog Choice since 2011 on an opt-out pilot project in Brookline and Cambridge, Massachusetts to test outreach strategies and best practices related to a transparent, voluntary opt-out service for phone books and unwanted mail, supported by a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection grant; now therefore be it:

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on results from the PSI pilot and coordinate with the legal department to report back to the City Council on whether aspects of the ordinance could be safely adopted with specific attention to disposal of unwanted phone books.

O-35 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there are "No Turn on Red" signs at many intersections that some residents feel would not be marked as such in other cities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the rationale behind why there are so many "No Turn on Red" signs in the city at intersections where residents would otherwise feel safe to turn right on red.

O-36 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: At the most recent roundtable between the Cambridge City Council and the Planning Board, the City Manager suggested that a working group of representative members from the City Council, Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, License Commission, and any other boards charged with enacting Council policy may be useful in identifying areas of ambiguity in ordinance and zoning that the Council could clarify to make its intent more clear and focus to the work of these agencies on cases genuinely in need of specific attention; and

WHEREAS: Such a group could either propose amendments to ordinance or zoning or could help the Council by identifying areas in need of attention, with the goal of making the city more efficient, responsive, and hospitable; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Mayor and various boards and agencies of the City to confers such a working group.

O-37 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to apply on behalf of the City of Cambridge for a Code for America fellow under the program detailed here: <http://www.codeforamerica.org/blog/2015/01/21/bring-the-code-for-america-fellowship-to-your-local-government/>