

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

From Feb 2 meeting

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.

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7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a Constable with power to serve civil process for a three year term, effective the first day of January, 2015: Charles M. Durrah
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers to operate scales at Boston Sand & Gravel Co., 500 Front Street, Cambridge for calendar year 2015: Dave Thebearge, Dave Kelley, Robert Ferguson, Scott Prentice, Joe Olson, Mike Denahy, Tony Cordella, Jody Staples and Alan Bishop
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers to operate scales at MICH-LIN Transfer Station, 45 Mooney Street, Cambridge for calendar year 2015: Charles J. Mabardy, Joseph Mabardy, Jr., James Mabardy, Daniel Pasquarosa, Jo Ann Del Vecchio, Kimberly Mochi-Vendetti, Justine N. Bonitatibus, Michael

Guerriero, Bryan Burdge, Nicholas Santolucito and Steve McColgan

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 Jan 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

From Feb 2 meeting

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

From Feb 2 meeting

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.

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4. A communication was received from Christine Howard, 2 Peabody Terrace, regarding Pearl Street reconstruction project.
5. A communication was received from Ovadia R. Simha regarding the Nexus Study.
6. A communication was received from Stephen Robbins and Jeffrey Quinlan, 16 Allen Street, regarding Pearl Street reconstruction project.
7. A communication was received from Andy Zucker, 35 Winslow Street, regarding the electricity supply for Cambridge municipal buildings.
8. A communication was received from Gretchen Friesinger, 18 Orchard Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
9. A communication was received from Julie Croston, Chilton Street, regarding the Plastic Bag Ordinance.
10. A communication was received from Susan Lapides, 451 Huron Avenue, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
11. A communication was received from Michael Hawley regarding Policy Order #32 the discretion of the Planning Board to deny special permits.
12. A communication was received from Arthur Strang, 60 Fresh Pond Parkway, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
13. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
14. A communication was received from Nora A. Smith, 74 Field Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
15. A communication was received from Torgun Austin, 28 Bristol Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.

16. A communication was received from Alison Field-Juma, 363 Concord Avenue, transmitting support for Policy Order #10 regarding ombudsman, Policy Order #11 seeking hard data on exceptions and Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
17. A communication was received from Stephen Robbins, 16 Allen Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #32 for written Law Department opinion on Planning Board.
18. A communication was received from Sue P. Stafford, 12 Francis Avenue, transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
19. A communication was received from Nina Dillon, 386 Walden Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
20. A communication was received from Judy and John Bright, 283 Upland Road, transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
21. A communication was received from Susan Koechner, 83 Washington Avenue, transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
22. A communication was received from Penny Bragonier transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on alternative energy for Cambridge.
23. A communication was received from Deborah New transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
24. A communication was received from Ginger Ryan, 35 Crescent Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
25. A communication was received from Melissa Ludtke transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on alternative energy for Cambridge.
26. A communication was received from Antonia Foster transmitting support for Policy Order #18 on renewable energy sources.
27. A communication was received from Peter Crawley, 88 Thorndike Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #29 on the Volpe Transportation Site.
28. A communication was received from Paul Kroner, 69 Thorndike Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #29 on the Volpe Transportation Site.
29. A communication was received from Jan Devereux, 255 Lakeview Avenue, transmitting support for Policy Order #29 on the Volpe Transportation Site.
30. A communication was received from David de Swaan Arons, Thorndike Street, transmitting support for Policy Order #29 on the Volpe Transportation Site.

RESOLUTIONS

From Feb 2 meeting

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. Congratulations to Michael Rigney on his appointment as Senior Vice President of Client Solutions, Marketing and Regulatory Affairs at EnergySavvy. Councillor Cheung

4. Congratulations to Andrew McCollum on his appointment as CEO of Philo. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals on receiving approval for Somatuline Depot. Councillor Cheung
6. Recognition of the charitable efforts of the Biogen Idec Foundation. Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulations to Hopper Travel for being named one of the best travel apps in the market by Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung

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8. Congratulations to the New England Patriots on winning Super Bowl XLIX. Councillor Cheung
9. Resolution on the death of Roger Grimm. Councillor Toomey
10. Congratulations to Innerscity Weightlifting on the occasion of its Kendall Square grand opening. Councillor Cheung
11. Resolution on the death of Mary Y. (Wong) Ning. Mayor Maher
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Deborah Santos. Vice Mayor Benzan
13. Happy Birthday wishes to Silvia Carrion. Vice Mayor Benzan

ORDERS

From Jan 29 meeting

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, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
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
21. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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

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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 is requested to 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 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 City Council in a timely manner. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Cheung

32. That the City Manager 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. Councillor Mazen

33. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the License Commission and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation 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-](http://www.codeforamerica.org/blog/2015/01/21/bring-the-code-for-america-fellowship-to-your-local-government/)

[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

New for Feb 9 meeting

38. City Council 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

39. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to increase the number of electric vehicle charging parking spots located in the city. Councillor Cheung

40. That the City Manager coordinate with the City's IT department to add 'parking space blockers' as a reportable option. Councillor Cheung

41. That the City Manager consult with the appropriate City personnel and report back on the feasibility of licensing the same technology to establish an online portal that indicates all of DPW's heroic street-clearing efforts. Councillor Cheung

42. That the City Manager consult with the Department of Public Works to ensure that unoccupied handicapped parking spaces are cleared of snow by the city to ensure that those with physical challenges who need to park in these spaces are able to do so. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Simmons

43. That the City Manager consult with the appropriate City personnel to establish a policy allowing for three days of parking ticket amnesty for those who park at metered spaces in which the parking space is accessible but in which the parking meter is not accessible due to snow. Councillor Simmons

44. Support of H.1173, An Act relative to Protecting Consumers of Gas and Electricity from Paying for Leaked and Unaccounted for Gas. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Simmons

45. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on discussions that the City administration and City staff may be having with regard to state-level regulations for ride-sharing apps such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar. Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

From Jan 29 meeting

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.

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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.

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4. 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 Jan 8, 2015 to discuss a petition filed by Whitehead Institute to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 14.32.1 and 14.32.3 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".
5. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee for a public meeting held on Jan 14, 2015 to discuss the City's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

From Jan 29 meeting

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, 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)

Thurs, Feb 19

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a

public meeting to discuss emerging technologies for master planning and comprehensive zoning and local researchers will present their work on data science and neighborhood planning policy. (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)

Wed, Mar 4

5:30pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a presentation from Mothers Out Front and to discuss ways of advancing the goal of net zero emissions by promoting the use of renewable energy and exploring the potential for a utility aggregation program. (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)

Wed, Mar 25

5:30pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive updates and to discuss next steps for the shared-use, rail-with-trail path along the City's Grand Junction corridor. (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

O1-O27 carried over from Jan 29, 2015 meeting

O28-O37 carried over from Feb 2, 2015 meeting

O-38 Feb 9, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: When Massachusetts legislators got tough on crime in the late '80s and early '90s, they passed laws that doled out longer mandatory sentences for low-level drug offenders; and

WHEREAS: According to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, on Jan 1, 2014 there were 9,808 criminally sentenced inmates in the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC); there were 523 offenders incarcerated as a civil commitment and 703 pre-trial detainees in the DOC, bringing the total jurisdiction population to 11,034; and

WHEREAS: Now that, according to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the state spends \$47,102.03 on each prisoner per year for a total of \$520 million, legislators and policy makers are re-thinking the state's punitive drug laws and mandatory sentencing; and

WHEREAS: State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz and State Representative Mary Keefe are co-sponsoring legislation that would repeal mandatory minimum sentences for drug crimes, reduce certain low-level felonies to misdemeanors and reinvest the savings from those reforms into job training, youth jobs and other programs aimed at workforce development; and

WHEREAS: Senator Chang-Diaz said the impetus for the bill came from constituents who are concerned about the state's growing prison population and the cost of incarcerating an increasing number of Massachusetts residents; and

WHEREAS: Groups including the Worcester-based Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement, the Boston Workers Alliance and Youth Against Mass Incarceration have highlighted both the rising costs of incarceration and the fact that African Americans make up 8 percent of the state's population and 28 percent of those in Department of Corrections custody, while, Latinos are 10 percent of the state's population and 25 percent of those incarcerated; and

WHEREAS: In addition to repealing mandatory minimum sentences, the bill also would end the automatic five-year driver's license suspensions for people convicted of drug crimes; and

WHEREAS: The money saved by reducing the state's prison population would be redirected to community-based

programs, including those offering job training, transitional jobs and apprenticeship programs, youth jobs, job creation and programs that help young people stay in school; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the 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; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Senator Chang-Diaz and State Representative Mary Keefe on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-39 Feb 9, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Several years ago the City of Cambridge participated in an electric vehicle charging pilot to encourage sustainable transportation and improve the carbon footprint of the city; and

ORDERED: The pilot is evidently successful, as seen by the use of the limited amount of chargepoint stations in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to increase the number of electric vehicle charging parking spots located in the city.

O-40 Feb 9, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

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

WHEREAS: The best, most 'neighborly' parking saver is to clear out an extra spot when clearing your own car; and

ORDERED: It is established policy that 'parking savers' are disallowed on public streets in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the City's IT department to add 'parking space blockers' as a reportable option.

O-41 Feb 9, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Boston offers residents the ability to view the city's street-clearing efforts; and

WHEREAS: Boston residents can now logon to snowstats.boston.gov, type in their home address, and view real-time information on snow-clearing in their neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel and report back on the feasibility of licensing the same technology to establish an online portal that indicates all of DPW's heroic street-clearing efforts.

O-42 Feb 9, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge has seen and will continue to see a great deal of snow fall; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge residents rely on handicapped parking spaces due to physical challenges; and

WHEREAS: These handicapped spaces, when unoccupied during a snow storm, often go un-shoveled and are plowed in with additional snow; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to ensure that unoccupied handicapped parking spaces are cleared of snow by the city to ensure that those with physical challenges who need to park in these spaces are able to do so.

O-43 Feb 9, 2015
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The snow storms that have taken place over the past couple of weeks have dumped a substantial amount of snow throughout Cambridge, making navigation around our streets and sidewalks immensely challenging for vehicles and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has worked tremendously hard to make our roads, our sidewalks, and our parking lots passable and usable, yet the tremendous amounts of snow must be deposited somewhere, and this has unfortunately resulted in the unavoidable temporary loss of many metered parking spaces across the city, adding to the already difficult parking challenges we face; and

WHEREAS: A significant number of metered spaces have been temporarily covered by snow and rendered unusable, while many other metered spaces do remain accessible to vehicles, even as the meters in these spots are inaccessible due to the mounds of snow surrounding them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to establish a policy allowing for three days of parking ticket amnesty for those who park at metered spaces in which the parking space is accessible but in which the parking meter is not accessible due to snow; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the public and the City Council in a timely manner on how this new policy can and will be implemented.

O-44 Feb 9, 2015
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: According to a study by Harvard University, the amount of gas leaking from pipelines and storage facilities is significantly higher than estimated; and

WHEREAS: This leaking gas, called unaccounted-for gas, represents the difference between the total gas available from all sources and the total gas accounted for as sales, net interchange, and company use and includes leakage or loss by other means, discrepancies in measuring or monitoring inaccuracies, variations of temperatures or pressures and other variants; and

WHEREAS: Often, the cost of this unaccounted-for gas is passed downstream from providers to consumers; and

WHEREAS: A new bill, number 1173 on the House Docket, seeks to protect all gas and electricity customers, whether businesses, manufacturers, homeowners, municipalities, and other government gas users, from paying for unaccounted-

for gas by prohibiting providers from including the cost of unaccounted-for gas, as well as the costs of reducing or remedying loss, in the rate base; and

WHEREAS: This bill, while protecting customers, will also provide economic incentive to providers to mitigate loss, pushing development of improved technology and practices as well as help reduce heat-trapping gasses released during transportation, distribution and storage which have a considerable effect on global warming; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting H.1173, An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and unaccounted for gas; 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-45 Feb 9, 2015
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Governor Charlie Baker is working to finalize regulations for ride-sharing apps such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Globe recently reported that Governor Baker's administration is involved in talks with Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and Cambridge officials; and

WHEREAS: Given the City Council's role as an elected policy-making body, it is important for the council to be advised on the status of these discussions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on discussions that the City administration and City staff may be having with regard to state-level regulations for ride-sharing apps such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar.