

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$80,235 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$12,270) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$67,965) to providing funding to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Fuel Assistance Private Donation for the Fuel Assistance Program in the amount of \$325 to the Grant Fund Human Service Program Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide support for the purchases of fuel for a fuel assistance client.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of The Boston Foundation Donation for the Agenda for Children in the amount of \$500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Program Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide support for the Agenda for Children who intend to use the funds to support their training efforts for out of school time programs.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,418 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the Early Education Services Task Force.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-03, regarding the progress of the Eastern Cambridge Kendall Square Open Space Planning Committee
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-02, regarding a report on determining whether Councillors "replying all" to emails, addressed to the council@cambridgema.gov on business that may subsequently come before the Council are unintentionally violating the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust for a term of three years, effective Feb 6, 2014.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining the noteworthy distinction of being one of approximately 33 municipalities in the United States with three AAA ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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.
3. That City Council Rule 35A be amended to provide that no suspension of the rules shall be required for late ceremonial resolutions filed after the close of the meeting agenda or before resolutions are voted on at the meeting. [Order Number Eight of Feb 3, 2014 Placed on Unfinished Business on Feb 3, 2014.]
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a letter from Mayor David P. Maher regarding the Ad-Hoc Committee relative to changes to Rule 26 of the City Council Rules. [Communication and Report from City Officers Number Four of Feb 3, 2014 Placed on Unfinished Business on Feb 3, 2014.]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the family of Anthony "Buzz" Boczenowski transmitting thanks for your condolences.
2. A communication was received from Assaad J. Sayah, MD, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance transmitting thanks and gratitude for the resolution extending congratulations on his recent appointment as Chief Medical Officer for the Cambridge Health Alliance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to State Representative Marjorie Decker for spearheading an amendment to fund a total of \$13.5 million in Cambridge infrastructure transportation projects that was unanimously passed by the members of the State House of Representatives. Vice Mayor Benzan
2. Happy Birthday wishes to former Mayor and City Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves. Mayor Maher
3. Retirement of Mary Hunter from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Maher
4. Happy Birthday wishes to Nicolas Thilo-McGovern. Councillor McGovern
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Mark Nagle. Councillor McGovern
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Camilla Elvis. Councillor McGovern
7. Happy Birthday wishes to John Roberts. Councillor McGovern
8. Happy Birthday wishes to Nadia Chamblin-Foster. Councillor McGovern
9. Happy Birthday wishes to Ruth Ryals. Councillor McGovern

10. Happy Birthday wishes to Louise Sette. Councillor McGovern
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Rosalie Rippey. Councillor McGovern
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Sherry Jones. Councillor McGovern
13. Retirement of Roger Boothe from the Community Development Department. Mayor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Joseph A. Pagliaro Sr. Mayor Maher
15. Retirement of Cynthia Griffin from the Purchasing Department. Mayor Maher
16. Retirement of Donna Cameron from the Human Services Department. Mayor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Ina M. Smith. Councillor Simmons
18. Resolution on the death of Gilma Rijo. Vice Mayor Benzan
19. Congratulations to Alden & Harlow on their recent Harvard Square opening. Councillor Cheung
20. Retirement of Sylvia Barnes from the Information Technology Department. Mayor Maher
21. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Dorothy A. Brown. Councillor Simmons
22. Commend Stephanie Crayton for her running achievements and commitment to her fundraising efforts to aid in the discovery of a cure for cancer. Vice Mayor Benzan
23. Congratulations to CVS on the occasion of its decision to stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products at its stores throughout the country by Oct 1, 2014. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel and report back to the City Council and the community with an update as to when the Central Square Public Library is expected to re-open to the public. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department as to the feasibility of allowing Cambridge residents and visitors to pay parking violations instantly via cell phone application Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with all relevant city departments and engage with the leadership of Globe Direct to ensure that Cambridge residents who have not subscribed to weekly Globe Direct circulars and have indicated that they do not wish to receive more are promptly removed from further distribution lists. Councillor Cheung, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Carlone
4. That the City Manager Is hereby requested to confer with the appropriate city officials and department heads to explore any and all possible sites for Cambridge Camping to use this summer. Mayor Maher
5. That the City Council go on record urging Cadbury Commons to reconsider cancelling its monthly LGBT dinner, or to at least consider holding the dinners until July

2014, which would provide patrons sufficient time to find alternative arrangements. Councillor Simmons

6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department and the Election Commission to determine what steps would be necessary to change the method by which surplus votes are transferred in municipal elections and whether the Fractional Transfer Method could replace the Cincinnati Method. Councillor Carlone
7. That the City Council go on record expressing support for bill H.R. 20, the Government by the People Act of 2014. Councillor Mazen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 8.68 entitled relating to Plastic Bag Reduction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a response to an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by John Hawkinson on Jan 30, 2014 and the action taken by the City Council on said complaint.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Feb 20

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by John Chun, et al. requesting the City Council amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the entire district currently zoned Residence B located in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood, situated north of Concord Avenue, south of and adjacent to the municipal boundary with the Town of Belmont by deleting the designation Residence B and substituting therefore a designation of Residence A-2. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 3

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting to discuss a report from the City Manager on the Foundry Building. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel and report back to the City Council and the community with an update as to when the Central Square Public Library is expected to re-open to the public.

O-2 Feb 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Throughout the past few years, the City of Cambridge has made great strides in connecting citizens to City Hall via the use of technology such as cell phone applications; and

WHEREAS: Recently, the City of Boston began allowing residents and visitors to pay for parking violations via cell phone app by simply scanning the barcode on their ticket using their phone and indicating their preferred payment method; and

WHEREAS: Accepting instant payment for parking violations encourages prompt payment from citizens and reduces the potential of accruing hefty late fees for forgotten tickets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department as to the feasibility of allowing Cambridge residents and visitors to pay parking violations instantly via cell phone application and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Feb 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that many Cambridge residents have unwittingly become subscribed to weekly direct advertising circulars from Globe Direct; and

WHEREAS: The advertising circulars are typically delivered in plastic red bags that are made from #4 Low Density Polyethylene, which is not biodegradable and, if not properly recycled, creates a serious environmental hazard that has been reported to last for 500 to 1,000 years or longer; and

WHEREAS: Plastic bags such as the kind used by Globe Direct never truly decompose. Instead they degrade into

small fragments that are often washed into our oceans, displacing food supplies and endangering the survival of countless species of marine animals; and

WHEREAS: Although many residents have made numerous attempts to opt-out of the circulars and have repeatedly confirmed that they have been unsubscribed with Globe Direct staff, they continue to receive the circulars on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS: In some cases, the circular is delivered even when a written notice is posted in front of the dwelling to indicate that the resident does not want to receive it; and

WHEREAS: Residents also complain that the red bags are often found on the sidewalks and, in some cases, in the middle of the street; and

WHEREAS: Continued delivery of unwanted circulars does not promote the City of Cambridge's expressed goal of environmental sustainability; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all relevant city departments and engage with the leadership of Globe Direct to ensure that Cambridge residents who have not subscribed to weekly Globe Direct circulars and have indicated that they do not wish to receive more are promptly removed from further distribution lists and report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this order to the president and distribution managers of Globe Direct on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Feb 10, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Cambridge Camping, a nonprofit established in 1893, founded Cambridge Adventure Day Camp (CADC) in 1969 to narrow the opportunity gap for children with limited or no access to summer programs by providing inspiring and enriching day camp experiences for under-resourced youth and families; and

WHEREAS: Last summer, Cambridge Camping served approximately 90 children ages 6-11 and provided them with numerous field trips, swimming lessons and daily group activities; and

WHEREAS: In past summers, Buckingham, Brown and Nichols (BB&N) has generously hosted the camp but cannot this summer due to renovations at the school; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Camping is having difficulty finding a site to host their camp this summer; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Camping is looking for space that has rooms for activities, a large group space, a kitchen, bathroom facilities and an outdoor space for the campers to play as well as space for their staff and counselors; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the appropriate city officials and department heads to explore any and all possible sites for Cambridge Camping to use this summer.

O-5 Feb 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: For nearly four years, Cadbury Commons of Cambridge has hosted a monthly LGBT Dinner, which has cultivated a devoted constituency from Cambridge, Somerville, and surrounding towns. For so many of the

attendees, the majority of whom are Cambridge residents, this monthly ritual has become an important, standing appointment on their calendar; and

WHEREAS: This dinner has helped foster a greater sense of community and solidarity amongst the local LGBT community, fulfilling a previously unmet need in the Cambridge area by providing its members a lively, elegant, and enjoyable destination to socialize, and to foster, nurture, and bolster personal and professional relationships; and

WHEREAS: At the most recent dinner in January, the Executive Director of Cadbury Commons disclosed, without any prior warning, that the monthly program will be discontinued following the Feb 26 dinner, in order to make way for other programming. This development has been met with tremendous disappointment by the many people who have grown to depend upon these monthly events as an important focal point of the local LGBT experience; and

WHEREAS: This disappointment is not only over the loss of a cherished monthly ritual, but also over the abrupt manner in which it was disclosed, the lack of clarity as to why it has been canceled, and the desire to have adequate time for Cadbury Commons regulars to seek out or create a viable alternative to these monthly dinners; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Cadbury Commons to reconsider cancelling its monthly LGBT dinner, or to at least consider holding the dinners until July 2014, which would provide patrons sufficient time to find alternative arrangements.

O-6 Feb 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Under the Plan E form of government, municipal elections in the City of Cambridge are conducted using a single transferable vote, ranked-choice system of voting commonly known as Proportional Representation; and

WHEREAS: Candidates for City Council and School Committee are elected only if they reach a certain threshold of votes, commonly known as Quota, and candidates who are elected on the First Count and receive a surplus of votes have their surplus ballots transferred to other candidates according to a set of rules known as the Cincinnati Method; and

WHEREAS: The Cincinnati Method is often criticized because it involves an element of chance, whereby the order in which the votes are counted determines the specific subset of an elected candidate's ballots to be transferred to other candidates; and

WHEREAS: In very close elections, the public may wonder if the outcome has been affected by the random nature of the Cincinnati Method; and

WHEREAS: There are other methods for the transfer of surplus ballots in a Proportional Representation election, including the Fractional Transfer Method, which has been praised for the fact that it produces the same outcome regardless of the order in which the ballots are counted; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Law Department and the Election Commission to determine what steps would be necessary to change the method by which surplus votes are transferred in municipal elections and whether the Fractional Transfer

Method could replace the Cincinnati Method; and be it further

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

O-7 Feb 10, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Since the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling, there has been a dramatic rise in outside spending driven by unlimited contributions from wealthy donors and in 2012, more than 90 percent of Super PAC funding from individuals came in contributions in excess of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS: Federal candidate fundraising is skewed towards the wealthy with 64% of U.S. Senate Candidate's funding coming in contributions of \$1,000 or more from .04% of the population; and

WHEREAS: The majority of Congress are themselves millionaires, demonstrating how access to federal corridors of power and governance is skewed in favor of the wealthy and in service of the wealthy; and

WHEREAS: This influx of campaign spending has undermined the voices of ordinary Americans allowing the wealthiest to disproportionately influence policy decisions at the Federal level; and

WHEREAS: The Government by the People Act introduced in the House of Representatives on Feb 5th, 2014, and subsequently referred to the committee on House Administration will help shift the balance of power from wealthy interests towards ordinary voters; and

WHEREAS: This legislation would create a Freedom from Influence Fund which would match smaller campaign contributions of up to \$150 on a six-to-one basis as well as providing a \$25 refundable tax credit for smaller contributions, allowing also for the creation of people PACs and small donor committees which encourage grassroots fundraising and aggregate the voices and power of ordinary citizens; and

WHEREAS: Similar legislation, which utilizes public funding to magnify small donations, has been passed in Arizona, Connecticut, Maine, and New York City effectively decreasing the influence of lobbyists and increasing the accountability of politicians to ordinary citizens; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for bill H.R. 20, the Government by the People Act of 2014; and be it further

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