

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$661,272 between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$571,441 from the General Fund School Salary and Wages account, \$89,234 from the General Fund School Travel and Training account and \$597 from the General Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account due to expenses for out-of-district tuition and student services contracts being greater than anticipated due to an increase in the number of students requiring placements and higher than expected per student tuition and service contract costs.
2. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$60,000) and to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$90,000) to be used to support the beginning implementation work of the Early Childhood Task Force's recommendations.
3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$228,500 associated with Education First's agreement for the North Point Building project (Ordinance number 1337) from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support Early Childhood Scholarships for Cambridge residents with consideration of neighborhoods impacted by development.
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$18,580 to the General Fund Election Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover non-salary related costs of a special state primary election to be held on Apr 12, 2016 and a special state general election to be held on May 10, 2016 to fill the vacancy of State Senator Anthony Petrucci.
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for \$3,515 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$2,500) and Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,015) to provide funds for the Senior SAFE Program.
6. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for \$10,937 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$8,337), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,800) and the Travel and Training account (\$800) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students in the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
7. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) through the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management for \$20,000 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account for the purchase and installation of a generator docking station at our primary emergency shelter at the War Memorial Recreation Center, 1640 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA.
8. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$140,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of replacing portable radio batteries.
9. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$686,300 from Free Cash to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost to outfit 10 new firefighters with personal protective equipment, uniforms, and related medical evaluations and also replace 175 sets of firefighter bunker gear.
10. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000 associated with Lesley University's Porter Overlay District (Ordinance #1327) from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditure account which were used for the Massachusetts Avenue demonstration block between Harvard Square and Porter Square, including, but not limited to, sidewalk improvements, enhanced tree plantings and street furniture.
11. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 associated with the McKinnon Company's Special Permit PB279 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Traffic, Parking, & Transportation Extraordinary Expenditures account which will support the purchase and installation of traffic counting equipment at the intersection of Cambridgepark Drive and Cambridgepark Place, adjacent to the MBTA's Alewife Station.
12. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-04, regarding a report on traffic issues on Gore Street.
13. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-01, regarding consumer protection measures that are available to Cambridge residents.
14. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-3, regarding a report on possibility of creating a Grand Junction Overlay District.
15. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-2, regarding a report on how residents can take advantage of the Mass Solar Loan Program.
16. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), that the City Council adopt the attached Order for the Statement of Interest Form to be submitted to the MSBA no later than Feb 12, 2016 for the replacement of the roof at the Fletcher Maynard Academy School, including the installation of photovoltaic panels (PV).

City Manager Order # 1 Feb 8, 2016

WHEREAS: Having convened in an open meeting on Feb 8, 2016, the Cambridge City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) the Statement of Interest Form that will be submitted to the MSBA no later than Feb 12, 2016 for the replacement of the Fletcher Maynard Academy School building's roof.

WHEREAS: Having convened in an open meeting on Feb 2, 2016, the School Committee of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the replacement of the Fletcher Maynard Academy school building's roof located at 225 Windsor Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future; and

WHEREAS: The funds are sought to be used for the replacement of the building's roof. The Windsor Street building's roof is more than 30 years old and has multiple failures. Excessive shrinkage is tearing the roof membrane, resulting in ongoing leaks. These problems are both a nuisance and a cost to the district. This project falls under priority category number 5, which is for the replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility, as determined in the judgement of the Authority.

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or another funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/ School District into filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

17. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Sharlene Yang as the new STEAM Coordinator.
18. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the GBLT Commission:
Appointments: Brian Eiermann; Mason Weintraub; Susan Bernstein; Linda Daniels; Kimm Topping; Sylvia Guerra; Ted Gucciardi Waechter
Reappointments: John Gintell; Steven Lee; Kristina Mastropasqua; Lesley Phillips
19. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-11, regarding the Zika Virus.
20. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to

adopt certain elements of the Kroon, et al., "Friends of MAPOCO" Zoning Petition.

21. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$404,457 from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund a portion of the boiler replacement at the Fletcher Maynard Academy School.
22. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$11,768.02 from the General Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Police Travel and Training account to support various officer trainings related to law enforcement trends.
23. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant for \$20,486.85 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$16,973.25) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,513.60) which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols and Metro Gang Task Force participation as well as to the Sion Chambers Area IV Late Night Basketball League at the Community Art Center.
24. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division in the amount of \$7,500 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will be used to enhance effective pedestrian, bicycle and/or moped-related enforcement efforts, and reduce fatalities and injuries.

ON THE TABLE

1. An application was received from Capital One, requesting a permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 24 JFK Street. [Placed On The Table on a motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 25, 2016.]
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk's Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer. [Placed On The Table as Amended by Councillor Mazen on Jan 25, 2016.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. That the Council go on the record to state that the second Monday of October henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge, in recognition of the indigenous people of America's position as native to these lands, and the suffering they faced following European conquest of their land. [Order Number Fifteen of Oct 19, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan. Motion to amend by substitution by Councillor Mazen carried on affirmative vote of 8 substitute text placed on Unfinished Business by Councillor Mazen affirmative vote of 8.]
4. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge" in Title 6

entitled "Animals," a new Chapter 6.18 be added entitled "Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses." [The question comes of passing to be ordained on or after Feb 8, 2016.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A zoning petition has been received from Sage Cannabis, Inc., to amend the provisions of the Medical Marijuana Overlay District Section 20.700 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and Map.
2. An application was received from Anne Duggan, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 41 Gibson 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.
3. An application was received from Thelonious Monkfish, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 524-526 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
4. An application was received from Cambridge Health Alliance, requesting permission for four awnings at the premises numbered 237 Hampshire Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutter.
5. A petition was received from Cambridge Science Festival requesting a temporary banner to be hung across Massachusetts Avenue at Norfolk Street, thirty-seven banners on poles in Harvard Square, eighty-eight banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Vassar Street to Harvard Square, ten banners on poles along Broadway from Ellery Street to Felton Street and ten banners on poles along Cambridge Street from Trowbridge Street to Hovey Street announcing the upcoming Cambridge Science Festival Apr 15-24, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding a Cambridge Homeless Housing Trust Fund proposal draft.
2. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding the Blue Hills Bank/Concord Avenue sign.
3. A communication was received from Deborah Galef, 93 Hammond Street, regarding sidewalk sandwich boards.
4. A communication was received from Michael Altman, 540 Huron Avenue, regarding saying no to Columbus Day.
5. A communication was received from Gerald O'Leary and Rosemary Booth, 303 Third Street, transmitting support for a Volpe Task Force to support the development of the PUD-KS zoning proposal.
6. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, Regarding Censorship Of Objections Against Cambridge/DCR tree destruction.
7. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, regarding the Prospect and Hampshire Street Historical Site of Clement Morgan.

8. A communication was received from Michael Dundas, Chief Executive Officer, Sage Cannabis, Inc., 13 Commerical Way, Milford, MA, regarding a status update on the zoning amendment petition APP 2015 #72 filed with the Cambridge City Clerk on Nov 9, 2015.
9. A communication was received from Kent Johnson, Harrington Road, transmitting support for the Alewife traffic counter and the Grand Junction Path.
10. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding the Volpe zoning amendment.
11. A communication was received from Xavier Dietrich, 955 Massachusetts Avenue, #259, transmitting a letter in regards to the Open Meeting Law Complaint at the Nov 5, 2015 Zoning Board of Appeal meeting.
12. A communication was received from the Betts family, transmitting thanks for the sympathy resolution.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy 92nd Birthday wishes to Elvernoy Holland. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to the Shady Hill School on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Mayor Simmons
3. Happy 40th Birthday wishes to Kelly Dugas. Vice Mayor McGovern
4. Resolution on the Death of Gloria Ann "Dolly" (Sarchioni) Rastellini. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Harry Harrington. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Michael Browner. Vice Mayor McGovern
7. Resolution on the death of Joseph F. Morais. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Arline F. (Toomey) Keshian. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of John H. White. Councillor Maher
10. Happy Birthday wishes to Willow Marie Rathbun. Councillor Carlone
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Everett Montaigne Mattei. Councillor Carlone
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Charles Gerard Allen. Councillor Carlone
13. Resolution on the death of Brita Kristina Stendahl. Councillor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Michael J. Brower. Councillor Devereux
15. That the Council recognize the life and service of Madhvi Patil as a model of engaged citizenship to which Cantabrigians may aspire, and thank her for her years of dedication to communities, education, students, and her family, and for inspiring so many of her friends. Councillor Kelley
16. That the City of Cambridge commend and support the work of Foster Care Alumni of America to create awareness of the public health threat of child abuse and encourages all Cantabrigians to join them in their walk on May 21, 2016. Councillor Cheung

17. That the City Council go on record commending the work of the Korean-American Citizens League of New England for their hard work over the past year. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to the MIT-based members of the LIGO collaboration on their contributions to the observation of gravitational waves. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. Amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new Chapter entitled "Running Bamboo Ordinance" in Title 8 entitled "Health and Safety" be referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
2. Cancellation of City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 7, 2016 so that the City Council can attend the National League of Cities conference in Washington, DC. Mayor Simmons
3. That the zoning petition filed by Milford Medicinals, Inc. be placed on file. Mayor Simmons
4. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Gladstone Street and Foch Street in honor of Olga Mili. Councillor Toomey
5. That the amendment to the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to amend the provisions of the PUD-KS District set forth in Section 13.10 of the Zoning Ordinances and which includes a majority of the Volpe Transportation Systems Center site, be refiled as of Feb 9, 2015. Councillor Carlone
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant City departments to study the benefits of a wellbeing index and plan for how it might be incorporated into various City planning processes, including the city wide Master Plan. Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern
7. Dedication in honor of Margaret and Richard Thomas. Vice Mayor McGovern
8. City Council opposition to House Bill 3854 which would undermine solar development. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Charles River Conservancy, the Boston Harbor Association, Fattman Productions, the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and any other relevant City departments to finalize any logistical concerns and necessary permits to make this public event a success. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding how the decision to move these festivals out of Central Square was reached, what plans the city has to initiate other festivals in Central Square to replace these lost activities, and what can be done to return these festivals to Central Square. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department, the Public Works Department, and any other relevant City department to level the sidewalks and add new lighting to Carl Barron Plaza prior to any renovations taking place. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons

12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress made in acquiring the Vail Court property, including a financial impact statement and a plan to move forward in acquiring this property through eminent domain. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons
13. That the amendment to the zoning ordinances filed by Kiril Alexandrov be refiled as of Mar 8, 2016. Councillor Cheung
14. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the City Clerk to communicate the City Council's strong support of Harvard's graduate research and teaching assistants to choose collective bargaining to the Harvard University administration. Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Council go on record by proclaiming Mar 3, 2016 as Cambridge White Ribbon Day and the week of Feb 29 to Mar 4, 2016 a celebration of the work of Cambridge and its partners in a cohesive effort to end all gender-based violence in all its manifestations. Mayor Simmons
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Communications and Community Relations and other City staff to place Earth Day 2016 on the City's calendar and to promote public awareness and participation in Earth Hour through social media and other channels. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen
17. That the City Manager is requested to seek permission from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the use of two lanes (one in each direction) of Memorial Drive for non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians only and further to coordinate with the appropriate city departments to close two lanes to cars (one in each direction) on Memorial Drive on Apr 29, 2016, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Walk/Ride Days, and the kick-off of the 5th Annual Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Mayor E. Denise Simmons transmitting proposed changes to the City Council Rules and the City Council Committee Assignments for the Council Term 2016-2017.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, transmitting a memo on the proposed Running Bamboo Ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting response to Amended Open Meeting Law Complaint of Hasson Rashid.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 22

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 24

5:30 The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Peter L. Cohen, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to restrict garage development in dimensionally nonconforming lots. [Click here to view the petition.] This hearing to be televised (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 29

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 3

5:00 The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY16 Budget and FY17 budget process. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Mar 7

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 14

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 2

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

4:00 2016 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The improper maintenance of running bamboo, a non-native and invasive species, in Cambridge has created a nuisance for abutting residents; and

WHEREAS: Running bamboo that is not properly confined may cause damage to structures, pathways, and landscaping from the spread of underground rhizomes that send up shoots, and creates a general nuisance when dead or snow laden stalks fall onto adjacent property or a public way; and

WHEREAS: Residents currently have no legal protections when running bamboo has invaded their property; and

WHEREAS: Residents who wish to cultivate bamboo should be properly advised of the species' destructive nature and encouraged to take necessary precautions in order to ensure that running bamboo is properly confined to their property; and

WHEREAS: Numerous cities across the United States have passed laws restricting the growth of running bamboo, or have banned the invasive species altogether, among which include Newtowne, CT; Dover, DE; Nether Providence, RI; Hempstead, NY; Toms River,

NJ; Cambridge, MD; Worthington, OH; Champaign, IL; and Haverford, PA; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the above-mentioned municipalities, the State of Connecticut passed a law in 2013 creating a 100 foot setback to adjacent property and any public way in which bamboo may not grow; and

WHEREAS: Running Bamboo was added to the State of New York's list of Prohibited Invasive Plants, meaning that the species cannot be "knowingly possessed with the intent to sell, import, purchase, transport or introduce;" and

WHEREAS: The Assembly of the State of New Jersey passed a law regulating running bamboo in 2014 that subsequently died in the Senate, and which has been reintroduced in January of 2016; and

WHEREAS: A Weed Risk Assessment released by the USDA stated that running bamboo "primarily affects anthropogenic areas (cities, suburbs, homes gardens and their surrounding areas). This species damages sidewalks and driveways, destroys swimming pools, invades septic systems, establishes in lawns, and shades out other vegetation," and further reported that "Literature on bamboo cultivation in the United States makes it clear that such species should not be planted near buildings and must be contained;" now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new Chapter entitled "Running Bamboo Ordinance" in Title 8 entitled "Health and Safety" be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

O-2 Feb 22, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 7, 2016 be and hereby is cancelled so that the City Council can attend the National League of Cities conference in Washington, DC.

O-3 Feb 22, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Nov 4, 2015, a zoning petition was filed by Milford Medicinals, Inc. to include 1001 Massachusetts Avenue in the Medical Marijuana Dispensary District; and

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on the petition on Dec 10, 2015 at which time the petitioner stated that the petition had legal deficiencies and requested the Ordinance Committee not to conduct a substantive hearing; and

WHEREAS: No public hearing was held by the Planning Board which is required within 65 days of filing the petition as required by Chapter 40A; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the zoning petition filed by Milford Medicinals, Inc. be placed on file.

O-4 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey for the dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Gladstone Street and Foch Street in honor of Olga Mili.

O-5 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the attached amendment to the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to amend the provisions of the PUD-KS District set forth in Section 13.10 of the Zoning Ordinances and which includes a majority of the Volpe Transportation Systems Center site, be refiled as of Feb 9, 2016; and be it further

ORDERED: That the proposed amendment be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

O-6 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In early 2015, the Cambridge Community Development Department (CDD) began participation in the Leadership STAR Community Program; and

WHEREAS: The STAR Community Rating System (STAR) is a certification program for evaluating the sustainability of U.S. communities; and

WHEREAS: STAR provides a data-driven approach to assessing social, economic and environmental conditions which helps to identify gaps and prioritize investment; and

WHEREAS: The STAR certification process is currently underway and will be rolled into the Envision Cambridge Citywide Planning process; and

WHEREAS: The STAR System does not intensively engage the community to best understand the health and wellbeing of city residents; and

WHEREAS: While the concept of measuring wellbeing is relatively new to American government, incorporating meaningful measures of how people are doing into the traditional assessment of performance, prosperity, and progress will be instrumental in truly understanding the health of the citizenry; and

WHEREAS: Those governments that have already invested resources in measuring wellbeing and developing a “wellbeing index”, including countries such as Canada, France, Australia, the UK, Bhutan, and many organizations including Rand Corp., Bloomberg, Brookings Institution, New Economics Foundation, Harvard, Yale, and others, can provide important lessons as leaders in this global movement; and

WHEREAS: There is a tremendous amount of change occurring in the City of Cambridge, and especially as we embark on a city wide master plan, it is critically important that we incorporate a measure of wellbeing into this and other policy development processes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant City departments to study the benefits of a wellbeing index and plan for how it might be incorporated into various City planning processes, including the city wide Master Plan, and report back to the City Council on their findings.

O-7 Feb 22, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern for a street corner dedication in honor of Margaret and Richard Thomas in the vicinity of Huron Village or at a location in Mid-Cambridge, near Cambridge Rindge and Latin School; and be it further

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

O-8 Feb 22, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge has an interest in encouraging sustainable energy in order to protect resources for our future generations; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has made efforts to support solar and renewable energy and should continue to do so; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 3854 proposes a departure from the current program that would undermine development in the solar industry; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge seeks to support legislation that will encourage the sustained growth of renewable energy and energy efficiency; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record opposing House Bill 3854 and encouraging our policy makers in the Massachusetts legislature to engage in progressive solar and renewable energy policy; 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-9 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Cambridge has an interest in promoting one of its most precious natural resources, the Charles River, and other open spaces; and

WHEREAS: The Charles River Conservancy, the Boston Harbor Association, and road race experts Fattman Productions propose to hold Boston’s Urban Ultra, a 34.4 mile race, on Sun, Nov 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Boston’s Urban Ultra would be the first urban ultramarathon in the United States, which would bring significant attention to Boston and Cambridge and the wonderful resources of the Boston Harbor and the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: Boston’s Urban Ultra would bring attention to the continuous public park from the Neponset River in Dorchester along Boston’s waterfront and into Watertown via both sides of the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: Boston’s Urban Ultra would contribute to Cambridge’s reputation as a runner-friendly city that values such public amenities as the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: Boston’s Urban Ultra is designed to have minimal impact on traffic and pedestrians and cyclists, requiring no road or park closures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Charles River Conservancy, the Boston Harbor Association, Fattman Productions, the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, and any other relevant City departments to finalize any logistical concerns and necessary permits to make this public event a success.

O-10 Feb 22, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Central Square is designated a “Cultural District” and is home to many diverse people and businesses; and

WHEREAS: The River Festival was hosted in Central Square in 2013 and 2014 due to construction on Memorial Drive; and

WHEREAS: The River Festival was an undeniable success, bringing tens of thousands of people to Central Square; and

WHEREAS: The River Festival was intended to return to Memorial Drive following the completion of the construction projects; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the City plans on moving the River Festival to Kendall Square for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS: The annual Jazz Festival has also been hosted in Central Square for its first two years; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that this festival, as well, is being moved out of Central Square; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Central Square Business Association was not consulted about these moves; and

WHEREAS: These festivals promote commerce in Central Square, highlight the delights of Central Square and bring tourists and customers to a square that is often maligned; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding how the decision to move these festivals out of Central Square was reached, what plans

the city has to initiate other festivals in Central Square to replace these lost activities, and what can be done to return these festivals to Central Square.

O-11 Feb 22, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Carl Barron Plaza is a gathering place for many in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Carl Barron Plaza is scheduled for re-design in the next few years; and

WHEREAS: There remains current issues in Carl Barron Plaza including uneven sidewalks which make it difficult for seniors and those with disabilities, particularly after rain or snow when large, flooded areas engulf the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS: The lighting in Carl Barron Plaza is poor, making the area dark at night; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department, the Public Works Department, and any other relevant City department, to level the sidewalks and add new lighting to Carl Barron Plaza prior to any renovations taking place as these issues are in need of immediate attention and cannot wait for the complete redesign that is at least two years away.

O-12 Feb 22, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Affordable, senior and transitional housing continues to be limited in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Available land to build such needed housing also continues to be limited; and

WHEREAS: During the 2014-2015 City Council term, the City Council directed the City Manager to take steps to obtain the property located on Vail Court by eminent domain; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has not yet received a formal report as to the progress made of this request; and

WHEREAS: The property at Vail Court continues to be a blight on the neighborhood and a wasted opportunity to address the affordable, senior and transitional housing crisis; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress made in acquiring the Vail Court property, including a financial impact statement and a plan to move forward in acquiring this property through eminent domain.

O-13 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The zoning petition filed by Kiril Alexandrov will expire on Mar 7, 2016 and discussions are still ongoing between the petitioner and residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the amendment to the zoning ordinances filed by Kiril Alexandrov be refiled as of Mar 8, 2016; and be it further

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

O-14 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long record of supporting the right of workers' free choice to unionize; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Harvard graduate students, research assistants, and teaching fellows are having their democratic choice interfered with by Harvard administration in their vote to form a union; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Harvard University administration conveying the City Council's strong

support of Harvard's graduate research and teaching assistants to choose collective bargaining.

O-15 Feb 22, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: White Ribbon Day is recognized in Massachusetts on the first Thursday in March and the White Ribbon Campaign is an internationally celebrated movement inviting men to join the fight against all gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: Every sector of our population, regardless of race, culture, income, and lifestyle, is impacted by violence against women and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will continue to work to stop all forms of violence through its numerous innovative programs and initiatives throughout the city, including the Cambridge Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge will work in the collaborative spirit that is the hallmark of the city, engaging different city departments, universities, nonprofits, and other service providers to battle this issue on every front; and

WHEREAS: These groups will use White Ribbon Day as an opportunity to engage men as agents of change on an issue historically addressed by women; and

WHEREAS: White Ribbon Day will reinforce Cambridge's commitment that violence against women and all gender-based violence is not tolerated and this, in turn, will promote healthier gender attitudes as well as overall community health; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record by proclaiming Mar 3, 2016 as Cambridge White Ribbon Day and the week of Feb 29 to Mar 4, 2016 a celebration of the work of Cambridge and its partners in a cohesive effort to end all gender-based violence in all its manifestations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Chief Public Health Officer Claude Jacob, Cambridge Police Commissioner Robert Haas, and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Principal Damon Smith on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-16 Feb 22, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has demonstrated its commitment to fighting climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the groundbreaking Net Zero ordinance; and

WHEREAS: As a semifinalist in the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize, Cambridge is energetically promoting programs to reduce energy use, increase efficiency, and switch to renewables; and

WHEREAS: Earth Hour is an annual event sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in which people in over 7,000 cities around the world participate by turning off all non-essential lights for one hour to show they are committed to fighting climate change; and

WHEREAS: Earth Hour 2016 will take place on Sat, Mar 19 from 8:30 to 9:30pm.; and

WHEREAS: 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the international Earth Hour movement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Communications and Community Relations and other City staff to place Earth Day 2016 on the City's calendar and to promote public awareness and participation in Earth Hour through social media and other channels; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff about participating in the WWF's Earth Hour City Challenge (EHCC) in 2017.

O-17 Feb 22, 2016
COUNCILLOR MAZEN
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Green Streets Initiative, a Cambridge-based organization which celebrates and promotes awareness of healthy and sustainable commuting choices, is hosting Walk/Ride Days on the last Friday of every month; and

WHEREAS: The 10th Anniversary of Green Streets Initiative Walk/Ride Day takes place on Fri, Apr 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and dozens of Cambridge-based companies participate in the annual April through October Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge which will kick off on Fri, Apr 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge, due to its physical characteristics and determined leadership, has the opportunity to show itself a model city in environmentally friendly transportation policy and practice; and

WHEREAS: We are in the midst of a local and worldwide climate crisis in which transportation is the biggest single emitting sector; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's Climate Action plan envisions harnessing "the capabilities of residents, businesses, and institutions to transform Cambridge into a city that... Relies on walking, bicycling, and transit for mobility"; and

WHEREAS: There are plentiful low-cost and easily available active, environmentally-friendly commuting options in and around Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A partial closing of Memorial Drive, opening full lanes to car-free transportation, encourages novice cyclists who are intimidated by sharing the road with traffic to have an opportunity to ride long distances while enjoying the view of Boston along the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: Parts of Memorial Drive are closed to cars on Sundays from the last Sunday of April to the first Sunday of November between Western Avenue and Mount Auburn Street; and

WHEREAS: Other sections of Memorial Drive are closed to cars on July 4; and

WHEREAS: Memorial Drive has very few entry and exit points, making it an ideal road for bikes and cars to co-ride which would affect few commercial businesses with the exception of gas stations; and

WHEREAS: This temporary reconfiguration of Memorial Drive allows the road to remain open to cars while prioritizing the safety of cyclists; and

WHEREAS: This is an exciting opportunity for Cambridge and others to study the impact of making roads more inviting to non-car commuters; and

WHEREAS: Providing space for cyclists to safely bike on the roadway will allow pedestrians to use multi-use paths along the river more safely, with less fear of conflicts with bicycles; and

WHEREAS: Bicycle commuting has been shown to extend life expectancy, reduces demands on the health care system and contributes to improved air quality; and

WHEREAS: Commuting via healthy, active transportation in Cambridge unites people across all socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: This will inspire commuters, many of whom are waiting for safer infrastructure to try healthier modes of transport such as walking, running, cycling, skating, to give it a try; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents, visitors, and others deserve to have cleaner and healthier air as they walk or bike along the river; and

WHEREAS: This celebration of healthy and sustainable commuting opportunities is an exciting and appropriate way to honor Earth Day and Earth Month; and

WHEREAS: The April Walk/Ride Day is the last Friday and Walk/Ride Day before May's Bike Month; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to seek permission from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the use of two lanes (one in each direction) of Memorial Drive for non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians only and further to coordinate with the appropriate city departments to close two lanes to cars (one in each direction) on Memorial Drive on Apr 29, 2016, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Walk/Ride Days, and the kick-off of the 5th Annual Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on plans for the closure of lanes of Memorial Drive on Apr 29th once they are determined.