

NOTE: This agenda lists only those items not acted upon at the recessed Fri, Feb 20, 2015 meeting. Charter Right #2 was added from that meeting (though it properly will be on Mar 2 agenda).

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.]
2. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Ten of Feb 20, 2015.]

ON THE TABLE

3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carbone, 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.]
7. 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.]

8. 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.]
9. 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.]
10. 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.]
11. 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

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 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.
13. 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.

14. 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.

ORDERS

From Jan 29 meeting agenda

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
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
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
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 Carfone
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 Carfone 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

From Feb 2 meeting agenda

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

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Tues, Mar 3

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on the zoning petition filed by Whitehead Institute to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 14.32.1 and 14.32.2 to provide for an increment of 60,000 square feet of GFA to be allowed by special permit in a portion of the MXD District, in Section 14.70 by retitling "Special Provisions Applicable Within the Ames Street District" and by adding a new Section 14.72 "Special Provisions Applicable Outside the Ames Street District. (Lombardi Conference Room, 831 Mass. Ave.)

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. (Lombardi Conference Room, 831 Mass. Ave.)

Mon, Mar 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

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 (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Wed, Mar 25

4:00pm 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)

Thurs, Mar 26

5:30pm The Housing Committee will meet. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Apr 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 7

5:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from the City Manager's Office on the measures it has taken to increase diversity and fairness within the City's workforce since taking office. (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

O-3 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council and City Administration is very much concerned with the challenges

faced by those struggling with homelessness in our community; and

WHEREAS: A recent Boston Globe article pointed out that on any given night there is a shortage of approximately 100 shelter beds in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Human Services and Veteran's Committee will be evaluating the City's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, which is currently in year nine and focuses on many long-term solutions to this crisis; and

WHEREAS: Although the City must focus on these long term solutions such as transitional and affordable housing; job training; mental health and substance abuse care; and hunger, there is an immediate need to shelter and feed people each and every night, particularly during these cold winter months; and

WHEREAS: The closing of the Long Island Shelter in Boston has further added to the lack of shelter beds in the metropolitan area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby 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; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible regarding any recommendations or plans to address this immediate need.

O-4 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge shares state elected officials with the surrounding communities of Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Everett, and Somerville; and

WHEREAS: These communities share many of the same challenges including the lack of affordable housing, education needs, poverty, public transportation, and environmental issues; and

WHEREAS: Despite sharing these challenges and being geographically close to one another, elected officials and city administrators from these communities never gather together to discuss these regional and shared interests; and

WHEREAS: The gathering of elected officials and city administrators from these communities to discuss these issues could lead to a unified effort to lobby the state for greater support to address these and other issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Mayor to reach out to representatives and city officials in these other communities 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.

O-7 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The property located at Vail Court has long been a blight on the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS: The current owners have shown no willingness to maintain this abandoned property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby 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; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to levy any fines legally allowed by the City if the property owners fail to address these needs.

O-9 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge faces a number of issues that are also pertinent to neighboring municipalities, including: urban planning, affordable housing and education; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and Somerville are closely interconnected communities and should explore opportunities to collaborate on regional issues; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Councillors and City officials ought to have regular opportunities and incentive to directly coordinate with their Somerville counterparts; and

WHEREAS: Corresponding departments between Cambridge and Somerville could form partnerships and share information on issues that affect both cities such as the upcoming Green Line extension; and

WHEREAS: A committee, working group, or department initiative could be formed to explore the best methods of forming regional partnerships across the Greater Boston Area; and

WHEREAS: Somerville has already been through the Master Plan process, sharing of information on this process would be beneficial for Cambridge, and similar reciprocity could be established for Somerville; and

WHEREAS: These meetings could eventually include surrounding municipalities such as Arlington, Belmont, Boston, and Watertown; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby 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; and be it further

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

O-21 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: A number of months ago, the City of Cambridge fenced off portions of the area around Cambridge Common in anticipation of a major rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern and frustration over that fact that much time has elapsed without many visible signs of work or progress on the project; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby 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.

O-24 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Planning for the Grand Junction Multiuse Path continues to advance and portions of the first portions of the path are slated for construction starting in Spring 2015; and

WHEREAS: While support for the path grows there are many design and land issues that need to be resolved along the corridor to ensure a future where the Grand Junction Multiuse Path is a safe and viable transportation option through all of Eastern Cambridge; and

ORDERED: Providing flexibility to property owners along the Grand Junction by creating a Grand Junction Overlay District could help to solve some of the conflicts that have been identified in various feasibility studies, preserve safe setbacks needed to create a viable path, and eliminate any conflicts with possible additional rails; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby 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.

O-25 Jan 29, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Educational equity is critical for economic mobility and for addressing structural inequality; and

WHEREAS: For the past ten months representatives from local universities, corporations, community non-profits, the School Department, and the Human Services department have been meeting regularly as part of a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) working group; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Working Group mandate is to develop a plan that improves coordination within and between out of school time STEAM programs for youth and adults, ultimately increasing the breadth and scope of educational opportunities for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS: The Working Group builds off of the work conducted by former Mayor Henrietta Davis's city-wide STEM inclusion roundtable and the work of various City departments, as well as work done by previous councils; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of many months of research and citywide conversation, the STEAM Working Group has officially recommended that the City of Cambridge: make a citywide commitment to becoming a world-class STEAM city; establish a STEAM portal for internships and opportunities; create a STEAM Center in the city for learners of all ages; create a comprehensive network of internships to match the skill level and interests of all learners; and launch a communications and outreach campaign drawing all families into the full range of educational and economic opportunities in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Center will provide hands-on STEAM learning activities, exhibitions, workshops, presentations, and job training, eventually establishing satellite neighborhood STEAM Centers; and

WHEREAS: Achieving " comprehensive network of internships requires the City to inventory and categorize existing internships, facilitate collaboration with potential host organizations to create new internships, and collaborate with researchers to evaluate and improve the entire network's existing internship experiences; and

WHEREAS: A communications and outreach campaign launched by the City should sponsor "Wow" projects to engage students, adults, and the entire community in complex interdisciplinary projects, should: use branding, newsletters, social media, email, mailings, and street teams to assure an increase in equity and participation; hold frequent neighborhood information sessions and focus groups to build residents' knowledge about STEAM and Out of School Time opportunities, and to garner feedback on program activities; offer STEAM tours to build excitement and interest; establish a STEAM youth advisory group; and engage STEAM stakeholders and industry in leading this campaign; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM portal will function as a searchable database of STEAM/Out of School Time internships, activities, and opportunities, including an integrated calendar, searchable map, feedback options for learners and families, and feedback options for Out of School time programs, also including a digital badge system that will allow learners to track their own activities, progress, and options while communicating accomplishments to mentors and OST programs; and

WHEREAS: The most critical, central STEAM Working Group recommendation charges the City to establish and gather funds for a 3-4 person STEAM Coordination Office to implement the set of working group recommendations over 3-5 years or beyond; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Coordination Office will work across city departments, the schools, companies, universities, nonprofits, and other organizations fulfill these recommendations as a community-wide effort; and

WHEREAS: The STEAM Working Group also recommends convening a standing STEAM advisory group that includes members from the current STEAM Working Group, STEAM professionals, community members, parents, educators, learners, and other stakeholders, to bring valuable feedback to the STEAM Coordination Office and to review accomplishments, short-term goals, and long-term vision; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of executing the above recommendations with the appropriate City departments; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a plan for shared city and corporate financing of the STEAM Coordination Office and report back to the City Council; 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-26 Jan 29, 2015
VICE MAYOR BENZAN
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council passed the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance in 1998 and has since created 822 units of affordable rental and ownership housing completed in new developments located throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: With an emphasis on creating affordable units on-site as part of new residential developments, the Ordinance has become a model for other communities looking to address affordability for lower-income residents in high-cost areas, and has worked to ensure that the socio-economic diversity of the community is reflected in new housing; and

WHEREAS: Article 11.200 of the Zoning Ordinance states that the purposes of incentive zoning provisions and inclusionary housing provisions are to promote the public health, safety and welfare by encouraging the expansion and upgrading of the City's housing stock while accommodating the expansion of housing and commercial opportunities in the City; and to provide for a full range of housing choices throughout the city for households of all incomes, ages and sizes in order to meet the City's goal of preserving diversity; and

WHEREAS: Article 11.200 of the Zoning Ordinance also states that the purposes of incentive zoning provisions and inclusionary housing provisions are to mitigate the impacts of commercial and residential development on the availability and cost of housing and especially housing affordable to low and moderate income households; to increase the production of affordable housing units to meet existing and anticipated housing and employment needs within the City; and to provide a mechanism by which commercial and residential development can contribute in a direct way to increasing the supply of affordable housing in exchange for a greater density or intensity of development than that otherwise permitted as a matter of right, among other things; and

WHEREAS: The Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance is often undervalued and misunderstood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby 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 be it further

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

O-27 Jan 29, 2015
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Prior to the filling in of Boston's Back Bay and Charles River marshes, brackish saltwater reached into what is now Area 4; and

WHEREAS: After landfill allowed Cambridge to expand over the area now known as Cambridgeport, this entire portion of Cambridge was known as the "Old Port;" and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's "Old Port" was split into two planning zones, Area 4 and Area 5, by the Cambridge Community Development department, with Massachusetts Avenue as the dividing line; and

WHEREAS: The "Port" name went to Area 5, today known as Cambridgeport, where the waterfront is currently located, and inland Area 4 lost its name and became known by its neighborhood planning designation, which is also its police zone; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of renaming Area 4 "The Port" and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-29 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS: While the Connect Kendall Square design competition is likely to yield additional ideas for the allocation of open space throughout the area, residents nevertheless expect the City to honor the commitment for a park on the Volpe site; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager work with all relevant City Staff to revise the proposed zoning for the Volpe site to include an option for a 7.5 acre public park as originally planned; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the council on this matter.

O-36 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: At the most recent roundtable between the Cambridge City Council and the Planning Board, the City Manager suggested that a working group of representative members from the City Council, Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, License Commission, and any other boards charged with enacting Council policy may be useful in

identifying areas of ambiguity in ordinance and zoning that the Council could clarify to make its intent more clear and focus to the work of these agencies on cases genuinely in need of specific attention; and

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

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

O-37 Feb 2, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to apply on behalf of the City of Cambridge for a Code for America fellow under the program detailed here:

<http://www.codeforamerica.org/blog/2015/01/21/bring-the-code-for-america-fellowship-to-your-local-government/>