

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons a members of the Commission on the Status of Women for three year terms, effective Mar 1, 2014: Johanne Meleance, Laura Cava Northrop, Golnaz Tabatabai
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members of the Kids' Council on the recommendation of Mayor David P. Maher and in accordance with the Chapter 2.84.030, Section D:
City Councillor Marc McGovern
School Committee Member Kathleen Kelly
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$233,546 from the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account and \$103,826 from the School Travel and Training account to the School Salaries and Wages account \$337,292 and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account \$80; the reallocations are to school improvement and professional development plans based on allocations by Principals.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-04, regarding an update on when the Central Square Branch Library will reopen.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve the jitney application of Diaspora Investment Association, Inc., d/b/a Horizon Bus Line, for Saturday and Sunday service only at the Alewife MBTA station.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a request from Yihe Cambridge Holding Corp., the developer of the parcel at 262 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, for the City's formal abandonment of a sewer easement at the property.
City Manager Order #6A; City Manager Order #6B, City Manager Order #6C
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a request from Arthur F. Cody, the owner of the parcel at 143 Pemberton Street, Cambridge, for the City's formal abandonment of a utility easement at the Property.
City Manager Order #7A; City Manager Order #7B; City Manager Order #7C

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. 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.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from Daniel F. Long for approval of the surety.
2. An application was received from Jaguar Association of New England requesting permission to display a car on the sidewalk in front of the MIT Museum at 265 Massachusetts Avenue on Apr 4, 2014.
3. An application was received from Cannondale requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 997 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development. Sign is pre-existing.
4. An application was received from Santander requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 125 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Historical Commission and Community Development. Sign is pre-existing.
5. An application was received from Zevart Hollisian requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 300 Massachusetts Avenue; 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.
6. 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.
7. An application was received from Dumpling House requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 950 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development. Awning is pre-existing.
8. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Norfolk Street, fifty-seven banners on poles in Harvard Square, ninety-three banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Memorial Drive to Harvard Square, sixteen banners on poles along Broadway

from Ellery Street to Felton Street and eighteen banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Inman Street to Bigelow Street announcing the Cambridge Science Festival Apr 18-27, 2014. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.

9. An application was received from Dunkin Donuts requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 1003 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development. Sign is pre-existing.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert Freed, 16 Soden Street transmitting a petition against the curb cut enlargement at 14 Soden Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School swim and diving teams for their multiple school records and remarkable athletic achievements. Vice Mayor Benzan
2. Retirement of Michael Knox from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Angela R. Mathew. Vice Mayor Benzan
4. Congratulations to former Mayor Henrietta Davis on her new position as Policy Consultant to the Democratic Municipal Officials. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Amazon for their success and their decision to continue adding jobs and growing in Cambridge and worldwide. Councillor Cheung
6. Welcome Cybereason to Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung
7. Welcome Portugal Ventures to Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung
8. Resolution on the death of Carl F. Barron. Mayor Maher
9. Congratulations to the Asian Taskforce Against Domestic Violence on its 20th Anniversary. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to Dr. Marilyn Monteiro for being honored by the Theater Offensive. Councillor Simmons
11. Resolution on the death of Margaret M. (Hutchins) Reilly. Mayor Maher
12. Congratulations to Composer/Lyricist Elizabeth Addison for the launch of her "This is Treatment: The Musical" performances at the Dance Complex. Councillor Simmons
13. Resolution on the death of Peter E. DeLuca. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Samorim Ferreira. Councillor Toomey
15. Congratulations to Zarya Miranda on receiving the Unsung Hero of the Semester by the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Vice Mayor Benzan
16. Happy 5th Birthday wishes to Kaylani Ines King. Vice Mayor Benzan
17. Happy 8th Birthday wishes to Leilah Sienna Freeman. Vice Mayor Benzan
18. Retirement of Luis Rivera from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Maher

19. Congratulations to Pronutria for its successful funding and launching of clinical trials that would be able to treat and prevent a range of diseases. Councillor Cheung
20. Congratulations to the Central Square Business Association, House of Vans and the Middle East on the Snochi Winter Festival. Councillor Cheung
21. Congratulations to Candy Leonard on her book titled "How the Beatles and Their Fans Remade the World." Councillor Carlone
22. Congratulations to LL Cool J on being named 2014 Artist of the Year by Harvard University. Vice Mayor Benzan
23. Congratulations to CitySprouts on expanding to offer year round classes and electives to students in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
24. Congratulations to Phaedra Butler for reaching over 110,000 views on her latest single "Out of My Head Pt. 2" on YouTube. Vice Mayor Benzan
25. Congratulations to Pamela Vargas and Paul Karger on their recent marriage. Vice Mayor Benzan
26. Congratulations to the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women, the Cambridge Health Alliance and Transition House for their 1 Billion Rising for Justice movement. Councillor Cheung
27. Thanks to the Cambridge Consumers' Council for recognizing National Consumer Protection Week from Mar 2-8, 2014. Mayor Maher
28. Congratulations to Michael C. Rafferty on being awarded with a Silver Key Award and an Honorable Mention Award from the Boston Globe Scholastic Awards for two of his photographs. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Council support food service workers at Lesley University as they strive for a better life and calling on university leadership to facilitate a just and expeditious settlement between the workers and their employer. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mar 10, 2014 be and hereby is cancelled due to the National League of Cities Conference. Mayor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and report back to the City Council on the matter of the closure of Lechmere Station before a new station is completed and operational and provide time lines for the new Lechmere Station development and plans for the current Lechmere site. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and other appropriate City personnel and then report back to the City Council on the feasibility of installing a permanent Cambridge Police Officer within City Hall to better ensure the safety of the public and the people who work within the building. Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Council go on record urging a representative of Procon Projects, Ltd. to meet with Brian Doherty, General Agent of the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District, or with other designated representatives of this organization, to address the labor issues that have been raised regarding the construction of a new Marriot Hotel on the site of the old

- Genoa Packing Company along Monsignor O'Brien Highway. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Council go on record in support of S.514, An Act Establishing a Public Health Insurance Option. Councillor Carlone
 7. That the City Council go on record urging local business owners to make a concerted effort to shovel a path to parking meters immediately in or around their establishments. Councillor Simmons
 8. That the City Council go on record expressing its support for Massachusetts State Senate Bill 270, The Dual Language Educational Programs Act. Councillor Mazen

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting information from Councillor Leland Cheung on the Congressional City Conference and NLC University Mar 8-12, 2014.
2. A communication was received from Mayor David P. Maher regarding a retrospective talk on the career of Roger Boothe, Director of Urban Design, on Tues, Feb 25, 2014 at 5:30pm at the Main Library.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 - City Manager will submit recommendation for water/sewer rates. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 18

3:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of diversity in the City of Cambridge. (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 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In March 2013, seventy low-wage food service workers at Lesley University chose to organize for dignity and join Unite Here Local 26, the hospitality workers' union of Cambridge and Boston; and

WHEREAS: After ten months of negotiations with Lesley's dining service provider, the workers - mostly immigrants and people of color - continue to press for better pay, affordable health insurance, job security, and the 40 hour workweek; and

WHEREAS: Food service workers who have served at Lesley for ten years or more are paid a median hourly wage of \$11.06; some must work second or third jobs in order to cope with the rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS: The workers who feed Lesley University deserve to be able to feed their families, pay rent, and access healthcare without fear of food insecurity, eviction or oppressive debt; and

WHEREAS: As a major Cambridge institution and beneficiary of city support, including significant zoning variances for capital projects such as the Lunder Arts Center in Porter Square, Lesley should promote good campus jobs that elevate our neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for food service workers at Lesley University as they strive for a better life and calling on university leadership to facilitate a just and expeditious settlement between the workers and their employer; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Lesley University President Joseph B. Moore at his office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Feb 24, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mar 10, 2014 be and hereby is cancelled due to the National League of Cities Conference.

O-3 Feb 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Green Line service at Lechmere Station may be interrupted before the new Lechmere Station is completed and operational; and

WHEREAS: MassDOT plans to utilize buses to transport passengers to Science Park until a new Lechmere Station is completed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record strongly opposing the closing of Lechmere Station before a new station is completed and operational; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and report back to the City Council on this

matter and provide time lines for the new Lechmere Station development and plans for the current Lechmere site.

O-4 Feb 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Hall is the primary location in which City Councillors, City administrators, and members of the public are able to interact with one another, to discuss issues impacting the community, and to conduct City business; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long strived to make City Hall as open and as accessible to people as possible, and it has succeeded to an admirable degree. Whether people live or work in Cambridge, or whether they are visiting City Hall for other purposes, City Hall is freely open to the general public during normal business hours; and

WHEREAS: Unlike many other city halls and public buildings throughout the Commonwealth, Cambridge has eschewed metal detectors and other, similar security measures in favor of having a more welcoming open-door policy. It has long been recognized that any safety issues can and will be addressed by the steady rotation of Cambridge Police officers who circulate throughout Central Square. The Cambridge Police Department has stated, on multiple occasions, that any calls placed from within City Hall for police intervention can usually be met within a matter of minutes; and

WHEREAS: The professionalism, dedication, and swift response time of the Cambridge Police Department is not being called into question. Yet a concern nevertheless remains: should an incident requiring immediate police intervention occur, even waiting three minutes for the call to be placed to the Cambridge Police Department, for an officer to be dispatched, and for that officer to arrive inside City Hall could be the critical difference between a minor incident and something significantly more grievous; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and other appropriate City personnel and then report back to the City Council on the feasibility of installing a permanent Cambridge Police Officer within City Hall to better ensure the safety of the public and the people who work within the building.

O-5 Feb 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Procon Projects, Ltd., which has been contracted by Northern Sites Development to construct a new Marriot Hotel on the site of the old Genoa Packing Company along the Monsignor O'Brien Highway, has been unresponsive to representatives of the local building trade unions, which have sought to discuss the possibility of Procon Projects, Ltd. hiring local skilled construction workers for this project; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been a city that recognizes the importance of employing local workers on local construction projects, and that using labor from the local building trades ensures a high standard of professionalism,

safety, quality of product, and fairness towards the workers. Employing local members of the skilled building trades is good for the workers, good for the companies, and ultimately, good for the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: It is hoped that Procon Projects, Ltd., as a New Hampshire-based company doing business in Cambridge, would adhere to same high standards of safety and fairness that we ask of all entities doing business in Cambridge.

Opening up the lines of communication with members of the local building trades would be a solid step in demonstrating that this is the case; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging a representative of Procon Projects, Ltd. to meet with Brian Doherty, General Agent of the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District, or with other designated representatives of this organization, to address the labor issues that have been raised; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Andrew Kennett of Procon Projects, Ltd. and to Brian Doherty of the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Feb 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has firmly established itself as a leader in health care policy, pioneering the model for universal coverage that was subsequently adopted on the national-level by the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS: Despite all of the great progress that has been made to provide better access to health care coverage, many individuals, families, and businesses continue to find that the cost of coverage continues to be a very challenging problem; and

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, three insurance companies have a combined market share of approximately 70% of the health insurance market; and

WHEREAS: Having a robust set of options available to Massachusetts residents is a necessary component of a health care system that can control costs, and having a public health insurance option would give Massachusetts families more choices; and

WHEREAS: A public plan could operate without excessive administrative and marketing costs, high executive salaries or a need to generate profits; as a result, a public option could provide a good deal for consumers and keep pressure on private insurers to keep their policies affordable and treat their customers well by acting as a benchmark for affordability and quality of care; and

WHEREAS: A large body of public opinion data shows strong, consistent support for the concept of a public health insurance option, and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that State Senator Jamie Eldridge has filed a bill in the Massachusetts Senate to create a public health insurance plan that will compete with private insurance plans in order to give consumers more choices and encourage insurance companies to cooperate, share information, and reduce costs, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of S.514, An Act Establishing a Public Health Insurance Option; 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.

O-7 Feb 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The 2013-2014 winter season has seen an abundance of snowfall, along with mountains of snow gradually piling up upon the city's sidewalks following each storm; and

WHEREAS: The City's Public Works Department has done a commendable job of clearing our streets following each storm, and the public has likewise done an admirable job of clearing sidewalks in front of homes and businesses. By working together, we have all sought to make our roads and sidewalks safe for passage in a timely manner following each winter storm; and

WHEREAS: As the snow continues to mount on our sidewalks, however, many residents have reported difficulty in safely navigating over and around the snow banks in order to deposit money into their parking meters. This has been particularly problematic to those individuals who have mobility issues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging local business owners to make a concerted effort to shovel a path to those parking meters immediately in or around their establishments; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Cambridge Local First, the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, the Porter Square Business Association, the Huron Village Business Association, the Harvard Square Business Association, the Inman Square Business Association, the East Cambridge Business Association, and the Central Square Business Association, with a request that this resolution be distributed to their general membership, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Feb 24, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: It has been shown that dual language educational programs promote the long-term cultural, strategic, and economic interests of Cambridge and the United States; and

WHEREAS: Bilingual educational programs provide cognitive, social, emotional, and employment advantages to students, in particular serving to close the achievement gap for children from lower socio-economic backgrounds and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS: The Dual Language Educational Programs Act will establish the office of dual language educational programs within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education with the express goal of promoting and expanding dual language educational programs in the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: In alignment with this goal the office will recruit qualified dual language instructors, provide annual professional development programming, compile an annual report of best practices for dual language educational

programs, and, subject to appropriations, provide grants to school districts that operate dual language educational programs; and

WHEREAS: The passing of this Act will likely provide much needed support for exemplary Cambridge immersion programs such as the King Open Olà Program, the Amigos School, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Chinese immersion program, ultimately providing greater opportunity for students in Cambridge Public Schools to acquire dual language proficiency and fluency; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its support for Massachusetts State Senate Bill 270, The Dual Language Educational Programs Act; 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 Massachusetts State Senate Committee on Education and Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.