

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2016: James E. Jones and Christopher L. Rickman.
2. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-5, regarding exploring a Sister City relationship with the City of Reykjavik, Iceland.
3. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-7, regarding contract negotiations with the Police and Fire Unions.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on Feb 22, 2016.]

ON THE TABLE

2. An application was received from Capital One, requesting 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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. [Placed On The Table on a motion of Councillor Carlone on Feb 22, 2016.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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.]
6. 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. [Placed On Unfinished Business for one week on Feb 22, 2016 per Rule 36b.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A petition was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting permission for twenty-five banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Memorial Drive to Vassar Street and six banners on poles along Broadway from Longfellow Bridge to Third Street to publicize the upcoming MIT celebration of their move from Boston to Cambridge 100 years ago.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Nancy Ryan, 4 Ashburton Place, regarding the Volpe Petition.
2. A communication was received from Joseph Poirier, regarding Eminent Domain.
3. A communication was received from Florrie Wescoat and Maggie Booz, Co-chairs, Cambridge Committee on Public Planting, regarding the Bamboo ordinance.
4. A communication was received from Keren Schlomy, 175 Richdale Avenue, regarding the solar resolution.
5. A communication was received from Lee Farris for the Cambridge Residents Alliance, 269 Norfolk Street, regarding the Volpe Petition.
6. A communication was received from Amy Jarvis, 87 River Street #6, regarding Memorial Drive closure April 29.
7. A communication was received from Jack Boesen, 25 Suffolk Street, regarding the Volpe Petition.
8. A communication was received from Christopher Cassa, regarding measurements for 5th and Gore Streets.
9. A communication was received from Michael Brandon, regarding draft revisions to the City Council Rules.
10. A communication was received from Hasson J. Rashid, regarding a draft model of Homeless Trust Fund.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Linda Haines. Councillor Devereux
2. Congratulations and best wishes to Jeff Weiss on assuming the role of President of Lesley University in July, 2016. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux
3. Resolution on the death of Carol A. (Wheeler) Grimes. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Joseph Barboza. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Elaine A. (Lawrence) Livingston. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Maureen (Judge) Reinstein. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to the Psi Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Kappa on 90 years of remarkable service to mankind. Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to the African American Heritage Alliance on the unveiling of a memorial quilt which will illuminate the unique history and vital contributions of African Americans in Cambridge through the creation and dissemination of an historic trail, educational materials, and programs for residents and visitors. Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Shanti on the occasion of its grand opening in Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor, the City Assessor and the Community Development Department to prepare a Municipal Transfer Tax Ordinance and, if required, appropriate Home Rule Petition, to implement a municipal transfer tax on real estate transactions in the City of Cambridge such that the value of a real estate transaction not less than \$1 million be taxed on a sliding scale based on said transaction value, with proceeds being earmarked for affordable housing initiatives in the City, and to report back to the City Council.
Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works, the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and other appropriate City personnel to determine what new measures must be implemented in order to prevent school buses and other large vehicles from accessing Magee Street. Mayor Simmons
3. City Council support of Massachusetts House Bill 2871, "AN ACT RELATIVE TO GAS LEAK REPAIRS DURING ROAD PROJECTS." Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare a legal opinion on whether the Peter Cohen zoning petition is reverse spot zoning and whether the petition puts the City at risk. Vice Mayor McGovern
5. That the City Manager is requested to form a special working group that will be tasked with developing a framework for the continued stewardship, curatorship and oversight of the Out of Town Kiosk in Harvard Square. Councillor Maher, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Manager is requested to hold a public meeting earlier than the scheduled Mar 31, 2016 meeting to update residents on the changes and process going forward on preparations for the reconstruction of the King Open School. Councillor Toomey
7. Encourage the Cambridge Retirement Board to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment at the Apr 4, 2016 Board Meeting for Cambridge retirees. Councillor Toomey

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 3

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

Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Overview (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 5

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2017 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 10

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2017 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 12

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2017 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

4:00pm 2016 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the FY2017 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting - Budget Adoption (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 29, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor, the City Assessor and the Community Development Department to prepare a Municipal Transfer Tax Ordinance and, if required, appropriate Home Rule Petition, to implement a municipal transfer tax on real estate transactions in the City of Cambridge such that the value of a real estate transaction not less than \$1 million be taxed on a sliding scale based on said transaction value, with proceeds being earmarked for affordable housing initiatives in the City, and to report back to the City Council no later than Apr 4, 2016.

O-2 Feb 29, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents living on Magee Street have alerted the City Council to the fact that school buses and other large vehicles attempting to navigate down their narrow street lack sufficient room to do so without putting residents' vehicles, which are parked on either side of the street, at risk of being damaged, and this is something that has happened on multiple occasions over the past few years; and

WHEREAS: Magee Street residents have alerted representatives of the Department of Public Works and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, as well as representatives of the Eastern Bus Company, about this issue on multiple occasions, and these residents report that the problem has not been resolved; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works, the Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department, and other appropriate City personnel to determine what new measures must be implemented in order to prevent school buses and other large vehicles from accessing Magee Street, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-3 Feb 29, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Massachusetts House Bill 2871 "An Act Relative to Gas Leak Repairs During Road Projects" would require the repair of all gas leaks when a road is opened up for a significant repair of the road or of any underground utility or other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: H.2871 calls on utility companies that provide gas to survey a project area for the presence of gas leaks; and

WHEREAS: H.2871 would require all gas leaks to "be repaired within 12 months of the date the leak was classified"; and

WHEREAS: H.2871 would further require Grade 1 leaks, which are considered the most dangerous and pose the greatest threat, to be repaired immediately; and

WHEREAS: H.2871 would require that the repair and replacement schedule of gas leaks be provided to the "municipality or the commonwealth or other entity"; and

WHEREAS: The City Council passed Policy Order #44 on Feb 23, 2015 strongly supporting Massachusetts House Bill 2870, an "An Act Relative to Protecting Consumers of Gas and Electricity from paying for Leaked and Unaccounted for Gas (UFG)" when it was known as House Docket number 1773; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council strongly supports House Bill 2871 and urges the Massachusetts Legislature to take action to support this measure to repair gas leaks during road projects; 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 in the House and the Senate as well as House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg, House Majority Leader Ron Mariano, Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and to the Governor on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Feb 29, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare a legal opinion on whether the Peter Cohen zoning petition is reverse spot zoning and whether the petition puts the City at risk; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in two weeks with the legal opinion.

O-5 Feb 29, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAHER

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Harvard Square continues to be a major destination and hub for shopping, dining, entertainment and sightseeing, attracting residents and visitors from surrounding cities and towns and those from around the world; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Square Business Association, which hosts its 106th Annual Meeting on Mar 4, 2016, has been promoting commerce in Harvard Square for all of its 106 years and has a proven track record of working closely and partnering with residents, students, neighborhood groups, Harvard University and the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Association has been thoughtful in proposing enhancements to the Square that aim to make visiting the Square more interesting for the public than ever before; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has already taken the important step of appropriating \$500,000 in the current fiscal year to conduct an engineering study of the Out of Town Kiosk and surrounding plaza and has further committed \$2 million in FY '17 and \$2 million in FY18 to undertake the full restoration of the Kiosk building and plaza; and

WHEREAS: Upon completion, the newly envisioned kiosk will be repurposed to better meet the changing needs of residents and visitors alike with enhanced communal features and uses including preserving the historic and iconic Kiosk, improving pedestrian safety and access, increasing open space and greenery, and adding state-of-art information and technology; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a special working group that will be tasked with developing a framework for the continued stewardship, curatorship and oversight of the historic Kiosk; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge and the Harvard Square Business Association develop a public/private partnership that will thoughtfully and purposefully continue efforts to support and promote commerce in Harvard Square while being good stewards of the public space by managing the fiscal and programmatic aspects of this important and iconic space.

O-6 Feb 29, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Preparations for the reconstruction of the King Open have begun; and

WHEREAS: Some changes to the construction plan have not been relayed to the community since the last public meeting; and

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern over rodent activity, loss of basketball courts, loss of recreational areas, and loss of parking spaces along Cambridge Street; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to hold a public meeting earlier than the scheduled Mar 31, 2016 meeting to update residents on the changes and process going forward.

O-7 Feb 29, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Retirement Board will be considering a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Cambridge retirees at its Apr 4, 2016 Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Social Security Administration announced that there will be a no increase to Social Security; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record encouraging the Cambridge Retirement Board to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment at the Apr 4, 2016 Board Meeting; and be it further

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