

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Wage Theft Prevention Executive Order.
2. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining the noteworthy distinction of being one of approximately 36 municipalities in the United States with three AAA ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies.
3. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members of the Open Data Review Board effective Mar 14, 2016: Harlan Weber, Cathy Chute, Jake Wasserman, Anthony Vanky, Eric Belford, Clifford Cook, Christina Giacobbe, Lee Gianetti
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the \$13,809 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$200,000 from Sewer rate revenue to the General Fund Debt Service Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for the principal and interest payments on the sewer loans from the State Revolving Fund that were received in July 2015.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Carlone on Feb 29, 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 on affirmative vote of 8.]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Arts First requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Harvard Arts First Festival Apr 18-May 1 to showcase student and faculty creativity.
2. A zoning petition has been received from the Richard Avenue Neighborhood Protective Zoning Proposal to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by replacing the current section 20.103.2 North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Robert McHale, Trustee of the 9 Donnell Street Realty Trust, transmitting written protest to the Peter L. Cohen, et al. Zoning Petition.
2. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding the Cohen Zoning Petition.
3. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding the Volpe order.
4. A communication was received from Michael Brandon, regarding proposed revisions to City Council Rules.
5. A communication was received from Antony A. Stark, 14 Donnell Street, regarding the building plans for 9 Donnell Street.
6. A communication was received from Emmanuel Lusardi, 15 Lambert Street, regarding the Policy Order eliminating Columbus Day.
7. A communication was received from Anne Duggan, 41 Gibson Street, transmitting additional information regarding the curb cut application for 41 Gibson Street.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Jay and Julie Livingstone on the birth of their son Henry James Livingstone. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Toomey
2. Declare Apr 2, 2016 as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Margaret Carney-Myers. Councillor Mazen
4. Congratulations to East End House on their annual Cooking For A Cause event and thanks for their 140 years of continued services to the Cambridge community. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Catherine M. (Shine) Killion. Councillor Maher
6. Congratulations to Christopher and Joy Mattei on the birth of their son Gabriel Anderson Mattei. Councillor Carlone
7. Thanks to the Marsh Post Women's Auxiliary for their efforts serving the veterans who have served their country and wishing them another successful event. Councillor Toomey

8. Resolution on the death of Steven Warren Reckhow. Councillor Maher
9. That the City Council go on record commending Fossil Free MIT for their dedication to their cause. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to Madeline Elizabeth Allen on a great hockey season. Councillor Carlone
11. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge & Latin Men's Basketball Team for advancing to the North Division 1 Finals against Lowell. Councillor Carlone
12. Congratulations to Emily Houston, Mairead Kelly and Liz Phipps-Soeiro, recipients of the 2016 Massachusetts Association of School Libraries Award. Vice Mayor McGovern

#### ORDERS

1. That Her Honor the Mayor schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting between the City Council and the members of the School Committee for Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 5:30pm at the CRLS Media Café, 459 Broadway. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure that planning applications and supporting materials are made available via the City of Cambridge's website. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to produce a report explaining how many Cambridge residents are attending which charter schools and in what grades, as well as, if possible, the retention rate of those students, their MCAS performance, their demographic breakdowns, and their graduation rates. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor McGovern
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the improvement of accessibility to feminine hygiene products in public restrooms. Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with relevant City departments to develop data on residents of housing developments with 16 units or more to capture such demographic information as the City might find relevant for future planning, to include the number and age of residents, as well as the percent of owner-occupied units, broken down by unit size, specific building and building location. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate City and Cambridge Public School staff to determine the status of the response action review by principals and leaders as it relates to internet threats of bomb or gun violence and that this issue be referred to a joint School Committee and City Council special meeting. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Service to determine if shuttle services can be provided during the day to provide access to other public swimming pools for residents due to the renovation of the Gold Star Mother's Pool. Councillor Toomey
8. City Council support of bill H.4056 which addresses opioid addiction by limiting first-time prescriptions of opioids, requiring verbal screenings of all public school students and passing a series of other provisions related to education, treatment and prevention of drug addiction. Councillor

Carlone, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazen

9. Support of S.735 and H.1577 encouraging the Massachusetts legislature to engage in responsible and thoughtful policymaking regarding equal protection. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Carlone

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, for a public hearing held on Feb 24, 2016 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.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 3, 2016 to discuss the FY16 Budget and the FY17 budget process.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, regarding the appointment of Councillor Craig Kelley as Chair of the new Mayor's Special Advisory Committee on Neighborhood-Based Resiliency.

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Mar 22

1:00pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to screen the documentary *Under the Bridge: the Criminalization of Homelessness* and will conduct a discussion of topics raised by the documentary directly following. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Thurs, Mar 24

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition by the Sage Cannabis, Inc. to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.7000 Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts by creating an additional Medical Marijuana Overlay District (MMD-3). The new MMD-3 District would be coterminous with the Business B-2 base zoning district on northerly side of Massachusetts Avenue between Dana and Ellery Streets. The amendment would also create a new section 20.705.1. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Mar 29

4:00pm Human Services and Veterans Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Apr 12

1:00pm Housing Committee (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)

**Mon, Aug 1**

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Mar 14, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That Her Honor the Mayor schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting between the City Council and the members of the School Committee for Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 5:30pm at the CRLS Media Café, 459 Broadway to discuss areas of shared and mutual responsibilities by both bodies.

O-2 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a leader in integrating government with technology, notably with the City's open data initiative and many easily searched City databases; and  
WHEREAS: A large goal of better integrating government with technology is increasing citizen's access to their government; and  
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that projects in the City that have filed planning applications are not freely available for review via the City of Cambridge's website; and  
WHEREAS: The online availability of planning applications and their supporting documents would allow for residents to more easily stay abreast of changes that might affect their neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure that planning applications and supporting materials are made available via the City of Cambridge's website.

O-3 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The Education Reform Act of 1993 authorized the opening and operation of independent charter schools throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and there are currently three such charter schools in operation within Cambridge; and  
WHEREAS: The City must pay a per pupil tuition to each charter school attended by Cambridge residents; and  
WHEREAS: In School Year 2014-15, the City of Cambridge paid \$10,064,108 million for charter school tuition, an average of \$24,437 per student, and estimates it will spend \$11,196,549 million for School Year 2015-16; and  
WHEREAS: Currently there is no clear method for the City to evaluate its investments in charter school education; and  
WHEREAS: Charter school enrollment declines between 9th and 12th grade are close to twice the state average and Cambridge based charter schools are even worse, with the Community Charter School of Cambridge losing on average 51.4% of 9th graders in each cohort that entered the school over the past eight years, and Prospect Hill Academy Charter School losing 23.25%, while Cambridge Rindge and Latin School averaged a decline of only 7.43% of 9th graders; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Cambridge should be presented with timely and regular evaluations of charter high schools within the City so that they might assess this experiment in charter school education; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to produce a report explaining how many Cambridge residents are attending which charter schools and in what grades, as well as, if possible, the retention rate of those students, their MCAS performance, their demographic breakdowns, and their graduation rates; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make this report part of his annual budget submission to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the matter of charter school funds, accountability, and attendance be the subject of a joint School Committee and City Council special meeting.

O-4 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A recent [New York Times Article](#) helped bring to light the lack of public discussion regarding menstruation and the potential role of government in improving accessibility to feminine hygiene products; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations has declared feminine hygiene a public health, gender equality, and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS: Menstruation is a natural biological process that women cannot control; and

WHEREAS: For far too long menstruation and feminine hygiene have been stigmatized and hidden from public view; and

WHEREAS: Public facilities make freely available various other hygiene products including soap, toilet paper, and paper towels, but are never stocked with feminine hygiene products; and

WHEREAS: Improving accessibility to feminine hygiene products in public restrooms would help to ensure that City residents would not have risk their health or dignity because they menstruate; now therefore be it

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

O-5 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Cambridge's residential housing is growing by thousands of units recently built and currently projected; and  
WHEREAS: It is unclear who is living in these new units and what City services, specifically those associated with public schools or associated needs they will require; and  
WHEREAS: The City should strive to meet the needs of all Cambridge residents, and accurate data on who is living in what types of units, both current and projected, will help the City and CPS plan for future needs and programs; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant City departments to develop data on residents of housing developments with 16 units or more to capture such demographic information as the City might find relevant for future planning, to include the number and age of residents, as well as the percent of owner-occupied units, broken down by unit size, specific building and building location; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present the City Council with the findings.

O-6 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: In the past several months there have been five internet-based threats of bomb or gun violence mentioning various Cambridge Public Schools (CPS); and  
WHEREAS: These threats—known as “swatting”—were found to be unsubstantiated, but still caused mental strain and emotional trauma among the CPS population of students, staff and families, and is being described by some as akin to domestic terrorism; and  
WHEREAS: CPS and other City offices have responded to each threat by evaluating their source and veracity, and notifying parents and other stakeholders about a reported danger, but follow-up notices conveying that the threat had passed often lacked detail and specificity, leaving some people with an unresolved sense of anxiety; and  
WHEREAS: In the aftermath of these threats, a group of principals and leaders was to have been convened to review appropriate response action; and  
WHEREAS: The status of their review is unclear despite another round of threats; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate City and CPS staff to determine the status of this response action review and report back to the City Council on this matter, and further that this issue be referred to a joint School Committee and City Council special meeting.

O-7 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Gold Star Mother's Pool will be renovated along with the King Open School building and Valente Library Branch as part of a 4-year construction plan; and  
WHEREAS: The pool is a great community asset that provides recreation and refuge from the summer heat for many Cambridge resident and families; and  
WHEREAS: The loss of the pool will impact nearby residents and children; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Service to determine if shuttle services can be provided during the day to provide access to other public swimming pools for residents and to report back to the City Council.

O-8 Mar 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: On Wed, Mar 9, 2016, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed bill H.4056 addressing opioid addiction by limiting first-time prescriptions of opioids, requiring verbal screenings of all public school students, and passing a series of other provisions related to education, treatment, and prevention of drug addiction; and  
WHEREAS: In creating the bill, the House of Representatives, Senate, and Governor's office demonstrated that they can unite together to produce meaningful legislation that will truly make a difference in the communities, families, and lives of those suffering from addiction; and  
WHEREAS: The bill, which was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives 153-0, is expected to pass in the Senate and the Governor's office; and  
WHEREAS: While there remains much work to be done, bill H.4056 represents an excellent step in the fight against the opioid epidemic; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of bill H.4056; 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 Massachusetts House of Representatives, Senate, and Governor's office on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Mar 14, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Cambridge has an interest in protecting its residents equally and in all arenas; and  
WHEREAS: In 2011, the Massachusetts Legislature extended protections to transgender people in education, housing, employment, and credit but, unlike other groups, transgender people do not enjoy the same protection from discrimination in places of public accommodation; and  
WHEREAS: S.735, An Act Relative to Transgender Anti-Discrimination and H.1577, An Act Relative to Gender Identity and Nondiscrimination would close the gap that currently allows for discrimination of transgender persons in these public spaces; and  
WHEREAS: Massachusetts has blazed the trail on many progressive protections for its citizens and residents and by passing these bills, would join 17 states and DC, along with 225 other cities and towns across the country in affording this equal protection; and  
WHEREAS: Transgender members of our community deserve the same protection from discrimination in restaurants, bars, hospitals, stores, on public transit and all other places of public accommodation as everyone else; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of S.735 and H.1577 encouraging the Massachusetts legislature to engage in responsible and thoughtful policymaking regarding equal protection, and to act on these bills as soon as possible during this legislative session; 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, the members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, as well as House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on behalf of the entire City Council.