RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Simmons notified the City Clerk of her intention to file reconsideration of the vote taken on Mar 2, 2015 adopting an order that the City M anager is requested to confer with local business associations, the Arts Council, and other appropriate city departments to determine the feasibility of hosting a series of “End of Winter” Festivals in our City Squares (Harvard, Central, Inman, Porter, Huron Village, and Kendall) to celebrate our city’s resilience and strength.

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a public weigher for the calendar year 2015 at MICH-LIN transfer station located at 45 M ooney Street, Cambridge: Robert Kousoulos

2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the transfer of $25,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salary and W ages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Electrical Travel and Training account (Judgment and Damages) to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for electrical personnel injured in performance of their duties.

3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the transfer of $15,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Insurance Salary and W ages account to the General Fund Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.

4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the transfer of $250,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salary and W ages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.

5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of $6,000,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($4,825,000) and to the General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account ($175,000) and to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Maintenance account ($1,000,000) to cover winter 2014-2015 snowstorm expenses associated with snow plowing contracts, salt and other material, and repair costs.

6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the transfer of $110,671 between School Department statutory accounts, which includes $102,671 from the General Fund School Travel and Training account and $8,000 from the School Extraordinary Expenditures account to the School Salaries and W ages account $35,203 and to the School Other Ordinary Maintenance account $75,468, which are reallocations to school improvement and professional development plans for all schools.

7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of a grant for $65,108 funded by the M assachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and W ages account ($52,361), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($12,397), and to the Travel and Training account ($350) and will be used for ESOL, science, college preparation, and computer classes.

8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of $24,672.74 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be subcontracted to the Cambridge Y WCA and used to operate its family shelter from Mar 1, 2015 through Mar 21, 2015, including the provision of case management for ten homeless families.

9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of $5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and W ages account ($3,297) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($1,703) which will provide support for a mentoring project: graduates of the Bridge Program will serve as mentors for current Bridge students.

10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of $89,605 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in M assachusetts by the Commonwealth’s Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and W ages account ($13,912) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($75,693) which will provide additional funding to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.

11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of MassCAP Inc. funds in the amount of $4,383.13 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to serve National Grid heating clients who have exhausted their fuel assistance benefit but are still in an emergency situation.

12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Metro North Regional Employment Board for $10,800 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and W ages account ($10,800) which will be used to reimburse the City for salary costs associated with enrolling a small number of income-eligible youth in a school year work program.

13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City M anager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from Jacob’s Foundation for $5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and W ages account ($5,000) which will be used to support the salary costs of a part-time Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) Career Counselor.
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 Mahon on Jan 27, 2014.]

2. 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.]

3. 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.]

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

5. 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.]

6. 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.]

7. Congratulations to Mr. Arvin Gilmore on the release of his biography Crusader for Freedom. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Mahon on Resolution Number Twenty-seven of Oct 20, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Mahon on Oct 27, 2014.]

8. 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

9. 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.
10. 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.

11. 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.

12. That any committee report that has not been signed by the Chair of the committee within seven days after submission of the committee report by the City Clerk be placed on the City Council Agenda unsigned. Order Number Eight of Mar 2, 2015 Referred to Unfinished Business.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Mass Ave Diner requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 906 Mass. Ave. A approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutter.

2. An application was received from Gibson Sotheby’s International Realty requesting permission for two awnings and a sign at the premises numbered 1008 Mass. Ave. A approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from John Paul, regarding the Volpe site to be discussed at the City Council Apr 6th Roundtable.

2. A communication was received from Frederick Salvucci, Transportation Lecturer at MIT, urging the City Council to reject the Normandy/Twining Zoning.

3. A communication was received from Gary Dmytryk, President, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, regarding Ames Street affordable housing.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Judge Severlin B. Singleton, III for his twenty-five plus years as a jurist and for his service to the Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington communities. Councillor Simmons

2. Congratulations to Amy Stein on the occasion of her retirement as the Executive Director of Cambridge Camping. Mayor Mather

3. Resolution on the death of Thomas W. “Tom” Dedrick. Mayor Mather

4. Congratulations to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Federal Credit Union on its 75th anniversary. Mayor Mather

5. Retirement of Deputy Fire Chief Lester M. Bokuniewicz from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Mather

6. Thanks to Kathy Reddick for her exemplary work serving as President of the Cambridge branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons


8. Commending the City of Cambridge and its residents for their contributions to maintaining a City that is committed to social equity, economic equity and walkability. Councillor Cheung

9. Retirement of Darlene Lynch from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Mather

10. Retirement of Mary Jones from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Mather

11. Retirement of Clifton Adamson from the School Department. Mayor Mather

12. Resolution on the death of Muriel J. Cox. Mayor Mather

13. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Patricia P. Morris. Councillor Simmons

14. Happy Birthday wishes to Gertrude “Trudy” Morris. Councillor Simmons

15. Thanks to Middle East Nightclub and the Central Square Business Association for holding the “Blizzard No More” event on Mar 3, 2015. Councillor Simmons

16. Congratulations to Ronald Walker on being named the recipient of the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Educator’s Award by the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons

17. Congratulations to Pamela Ogletree on being named the recipient of the 2015 Rosa Parks Quiet Strength Award by the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons

18. Congratulations to Elise G. Scott on being named the recipient of the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons

19. Congratulations to Reverend Elder Brenda Ann Brown on being named the recipient of the 2015 Service to Community Award by the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons

20. Congratulations to Leo J. Fahey on being named the recipient of the 2015 Service to Community Award by the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons

21. Congratulations to CRLLS Students Aishaya Sturgis and Sheikh “Nash” Nasher for being named the recipients of the NAACP Scholarship Award by the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP. Councillor Simmons


23. Condolences to the family of James L. “Smitty” Smith. Councillor Simmons

24. Resolution on the death of Teodoro Torres. Vice Mayor Benzan

25. Resolution on the death of Frederick “Fred” Edward Miles, Jr. Mayor Mather

26. Resolution on the death of Theresa (Jastrzemska) Puzin. Councillor Toomey

27. Condolences to the family of Marcia Deihl. Councillor Simmons
ORDERS
1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of having the City of Cambridge launch a limited, pilot program for heated bus shelters, and to report his findings back to the City Council in a timely manner. Councillor Simmons
2. City Council support of the clothing drive being hosted by The Chi Eta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the Cambridge YWCA. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of implementing text to 911. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to review the questions raised from Kim Courtney and report back to the City Council on such matters the City Manager considers appropriate to address. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Maher, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
5. Declaring Apr 2, 2015 as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher

COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee and Councillor Nadeem A. M. Azen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning and Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee for a joint public hearing held on Jan 15, 2015 to discuss a report from HEET on natural gas leaks in Cambridge and the implications to the environment.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Jan 22, 2015 to discuss the Normandy/Twining zoning petition 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 M ain Residential M ixed Income Subdistrict within the Central Square Overlay District.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 26, 2015 to discuss the refiled Normandy/Twining petition to amend the Zoning Ordinances in Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance and the zoning map of the City of Cambridge by adding a new section 20.800 entitled M ass and M ain Residential M ixed Income Subdistrict within the Central Square Overlay District.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 3, 2015 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 M X D 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.”
5. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Jan 13, 2015 to discuss the production of language for a city-wide affordable housing overlay district, to be considered by the City Council to identify areas in the city that would be best suited for an affordable housing overlay district.

HEARING SCHEDULE
Mon, Mar 16
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)
Thurs, Mar 19
5:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to provide an update and continue discussion on the incentive zoning study from the Community Development Department. (Sullivan Chamber)
Mon, Mar 23
5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting on Community Health. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (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)
Mon, Mar 30
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)
Wed, Apr 1
4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on the Normandy/Twining Zoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber)
Mon, Apr 6
5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the Volpe site. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)
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 (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)
Tues, Apr 14
5:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive from the Cambridge Housing Authority an update on the RAD progress and to receive responses to questions from the tenant Town Hall meeting of October 2014. (Community Room, Main Library, Level 2)

Wed, Apr 15
5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the C2 portion of the K2C2 Study. This hearing to be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Apr 27
5:30pm City Council Meeting (and Budget Overview). (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, May 4
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 7
9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY 2016 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (TBA)

Mon, May 11
4:00pm 2015 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 18
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 21
9:00am The Finance committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY 2016 City Budget if necessary. This hearing to be televised. (TBA)

Mon, June 1
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 8
5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the master plan. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (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-1 Mar 16, 2015
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
WHEREAS: The winter that officially concludes on Mar 20, 2015, has provided stretches of frigid temperatures that have tested the endurance of even the heartiest New Englanders, and it is reasonable to conclude that similar arctic conditions will resume next winter and in subsequent winters; and
WHEREAS: The snow storms that crippled this region forced increased numbers of commuters into utilizing public transportation, and this translated to additional numbers of people standing outside at bus stops, sometimes waiting an hour or longer for their bus to arrive; and
WHEREAS: Other communities, including Boston, have invested in heated bus shelters at select locations, which have provided not only shelter but a bit of a reprieve from the intense cold during the frosty winter months, and these heated shelters have allowed commuters to better endure their sometimes lengthy waits; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of having the City of Cambridge launch a limited, pilot program for heated bus shelters, and to report his findings back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Mar 16, 2015
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
WHEREAS: The Chi Eta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the Cambridge YWCA are collaboratively holding a clothing drive, with donation boxes located at the Cambridge YWCA and in the lobby of Cambridge City Hall, with all proceeds going to help residents of Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: The final day for making a donation will be Mar 20, and then the items will be displayed and made available to local shelter residents as part of a “shopping day” in the library of the Cambridge YWCA on Mar 21; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in supporting the clothing drive being hosted by The Chi Eta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the Cambridge YWCA; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in urging City employees to bring an item of clothing to the donation box in City Hall on Mar 19, to express our strong support for this program; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Chi Eta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, and to Eva Martin Blythe, Executive Director of the Cambridge YWCA, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Mar 16, 2015
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Chi Eta Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, and to Eva Martin Blythe, Executive Director of the Cambridge YWCA, on behalf of the entire City Council.
O-4     Mar 16, 2015
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR MAZEN
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested
to review the questions raised in the attached
communication from Kim Courtney and report back to the
City Council on such matters the City Manager considers
appropriate to address.

O-5     Mar 16, 2015
MAYOR MAHER
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council
that in 2008 the United Nations General Assembly (62/139),
designated that Apr 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day,
to be observed every year beginning in 2008; and
WHEREAS: The United Nations invited all Member States,
relevant organizations of the United Nations system and
other international organizations, as well as civil society,
including non-governmental organizations and the private
sector, to observe World Autism Awareness Day in an
appropriate manner, in order to raise public awareness of
autism; and encouraged Member States to take measures to
raise awareness throughout society, including at the family
level, regarding children with autism; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge will proudly observe
Autism Awareness Day on Apr 2nd as we move beyond
awareness and into acceptance of Autis; and
WHEREAS: The Mayor’s Office and the Fletcher-Maynard
Academy have coordinated their efforts to recognize
Cambridge students and citizens with Autism on this day;
and
WHEREAS: To commemorate the occasion, Cambridge will
join an international movement to illuminate historic
monuments and buildings in blue by lighting up Cambridge
City Hall at 6:30pm on Apr 1st, the eve of Autism
Awareness Day; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby go on record
declaring Apr 2, 2015 as Autism Awareness Day in the City
of Cambridge; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested
to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to
Susan Gurry, Chairperson of the Cambridge Autism
Awareness Day Committee, and to Robin Harris, Principal
of the Fletcher-Maynard Academy, on behalf of the entire
City Council.