

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Sustained Enforcement (STEP) grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division in the amount of \$50,250 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will be used to supplement sustained, high visibility, year-round traffic enforcement.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a transfer of \$11,279.48 in the Smart Policing Initiative grant from the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1.20) and from the Grant Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$11,278.28) to the Travel and Training account which will fund trainings around techniques and methods to operationalize our focused deterrence program for recently released violent offenders.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant for \$20,500 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$16,500) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,000) and will be dedicated to hot spot patrols and Metro Gang Task Force participation.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$4,869.85 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account. The City has received this grant, as reimbursement, for trainings performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for \$3,595 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$2,500) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,095) to provide funds for the Senior SAFE Program that educates seniors on the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for \$11,123 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$8,823), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,500) and to the Travel and Training account (\$800) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students on the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services for \$187,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for new and replacement equipment for the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$915,694 from bond proceeds/premiums to the Debt Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$207,371) and to the Debt Service Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$708,323) to redeem the Series 2005 bonds that are due Apr 18, 2015.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a rescission of the remaining amount of the loan order (\$1,600,000) authorized by the City Council on Feb 13, 2012 for the renovations to the original police station at Five Western Avenue.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-11, regarding a report on installing composting facilities at City Hall and other key municipal buildings.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-148, regarding a report on allowing a Veteran Owned Business classification similar to Women and Minority Owned Businesses.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-07, regarding a report on variance requests and application results since January, 2010.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 14-72 and 15-23, regarding ride share regulations.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a request that the City Council authorize the Purchasing Agent to award a five year, two month contract to the successful bidder on the School Bus Transportation Bid as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30(b).
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$60,000 from the Water Fund Salary and Wages account (\$30,000) and the Water Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$30,000) to the Water Fund Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover current and anticipated medical services/prescription costs for employees injured during the performance of their work duties.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$28,157.09 from the General Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Police Travel and Training account to support various officer trainings related to tactical operations and law enforcement trends.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of members of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committees for two year terms, effective Apr 1, 2015.
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on the status of the Pearl Street reconstruction project.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the recommendation from the Planning Board to approve 1) the disposition of the leasehold interest in the Foundry Building; and 2) a diminution of the disposition process as it relates to the provision of a traffic

study and provision of real estate appraisals of the Foundry Building.

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.]
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 9.04.050 (A) Defacing public property of Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property". [Committee Report Number Five of June 30, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on June 30, 2014.]
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 Marvin Gilmore on the release of his biography Crusader for Freedom. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Maher on Resolution Number Twenty-seven of Oct 20, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Maher on Oct 27, 2014.]
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.]
9. 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 Manager 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. [Reconsideration prevailed on a voice vote of 7 members on Mar 16, 2015. Tabled on motion of Councillor Simmons on a voice vote of 6 members Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Mar 16, 2015.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 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.
11. 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.
12. 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. City Manager Agenda Item Twenty-four of Jan 29, 2015 referred to Unfinished Business.
13. 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.

14. 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 MXD District, in Section 14.70 by retitling "Special Provisions Applicable Within the Ames Street District: and by adding a new Section 14.72 "Special Provisions Applicable Outside the Ames Street District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Mar 30, 2015. Planning Board Hearing held Dec 16, 2014. Petition expires Apr 8, 2015.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-MIT Technology Review requesting permission for seventy-six temporary banners on electrical poles along Mass. Ave. from Memorial Drive to Sydney Street and Broadway and Main Streets to celebrate and publicize an upcoming event at MIT: Solve. The event will take place on the MIT campus Oct 5-8, 2015. The temporary banners will be hung the week of Sept 12th and taken down the week of Oct 11th. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.
2. An application was received from Susan's requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 408 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.
3. A zoning petition has been received from Chestnut Hill Realty, requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the Basement Housing Overlay District Section 20.600.
4. An application was received from Tocco Classico requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 1638-1642 Mass. Ave.
5. A constable bond was received from Charles M. Durrah for approval of the surety.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Susan Ringler, 604 Green Street, regarding passing the strong version of the proposed ban on single-use plastic checkout bags to the full council.
2. A communication was received from Chris A. Lutes, Co-owner, Miracle of Science, Middlesex Lounge, Cambridge, 1. and Tory Row transmitting support for Mass + Main zoning proposal.
3. A communication was received from Liz Lyster, 62 Kinnaird Street, transmitting strong support for a ban on plastic bags.
4. A communication was received from Paul Steven Stone, 219 Harvard Street, regarding rejecting spot zoning for the Twining/Normandy.
5. A communication was received from Richard McKinnon, The McKinnon Company, on behalf of The Whitehead Institute, submitting the Letter of Agreement for the

Whitehead Petition including the Design Narrative/Zoning Guidelines.

6. A communication was received from Phillip Sego, 221 Norfolk Street, urging the City Council to vote yes on the proposed "Bring Your Own Bag" Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Captain Gregory M. Carter from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Maher
2. Retirement of Mike DiFava from the Information Technology Department. Mayor Maher
3. Commending Chef Michael Scelfo and the staff of Alden & Harlow on their high standards. Councillor Cheung
4. Commend Ned Sahin and staff at Brain Power on their fight to empower the autistic brain. Councillor Cheung
5. Condolences to the family of Jean Hardisty. Councillor Simmons
6. Speedy recovery wishes to Sandra Murrell. Councillor Simmons
7. Speedy recovery wishes to Kathleen Walcott. Councillor Simmons
8. Congratulations to Mike Firestone on being awarded the title fo Campaign Manager of the Year from the American Association for Political Consultants. Councillor McGovern
9. Resolution on the death of Kevin M. McNamara. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of Martin T. Blank. Mayor Maher
11. Resolution on the death of Carmela T. (DiTucci) Napolitano. Councillor Toomey
12. Resolution on the deth of Gabriel "Gabe" Rodriques. Councillor Toomey
13. Congratulations to Biogen for their decades of research in the City of Cambridge and for their commitment to their scientific heritage as a pioneer of the biotech industry. Councillor Cheung
14. Commending C.A. Webb, Executive Director, New England Venture Capital Association, on her commitment to innovative ideals and her desire to improve Greater Boston. Councillor Cheung
15. Speedy recovery wishes to Horace Goodridge. Councillor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Dan Hogan, Executive Director of Club Passim, on the successful launch of the Kitchen at Club Passim. Councillor Simmons
17. Happy 87th Birthday wishes to Harold Layne. Councillor Simmons
18. Best wishes to Joseph V. Roller, II on his retirement as President and CEO of Cambridge Bancorp. Councillor Cheung
19. Congratulations to Reverend Elder Brenda Ann Brown on being named the new pastor of the Mass. Ave. Baptist Church. Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Benzan
20. Proclaim the month of April as Parliamentary Month and Apr 8, 2015 as George Demeter Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher

21. Congratulations to Lucy Holstedt, Kirk Etherton and Kaji Aso Studio for organizing, promoting and sponsoring the Boston National Poetry Month Festival. Councillor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Conrad Crawford on his new position with the Trustees of the Reservation. Councillor Toomey
23. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Marjorie Andrew. Councillor Toomey
24. Reminder to Cambridge residents that street cleaning will begin the first week of April. Councillor Toomey
25. Congratulations and best wishes to Marc Sheehan, Daniel Myers, Rebecca Theris and Dave Beller on the opening of Loyal Nine Restaurant in East Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
26. Congratulations to Coach Chris Kelly, Athletic Director Tim Alberts and the 2015 Matignon Boys Hockey team for making the playoffs this season. Mayor Maher
27. Speedy recovery wishes to Michael Muehe. Councillor Simmons
28. Speedy recovery wishes to Leslie Brunetta. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. Commending Lesley University, its students, and staff for their leadership in the fossil fuel divestment movement. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to install "No Trucks" signs at the narrow streets of Kinnaird, Jay and Howard Streets to alert truck drivers that they should not attempt to use them. Councillor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with all relative City departments to increase the number of electric charging stations available in the City, to determine the feasibility of making these stations free and to recommend other incentives that may include, but not be limited to, free resident parking stickers and allowing electric cars to park at parking meters free of charge as ways to encourage the purchase and use of electric cars. Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Council go on record urging the State Senate to take immediate action in supporting Senate funding levels for Emergency Assistance (EA: 7004-0101) and Short Term Housing Assistance (HomeBASE 7004-0108). Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to determine the feasibility of installing additional trash barrels in and around Kendall Square, especially at the intersection of Binney Street and Broadway. Vice Mayor Benzan
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to update the City Council as to whether there are any proposed increases to Common Victualer (CV) and Liquor License renewal fees, to determine if there is a liquor license cap in the Central Square area and to the suitability of raising the liquor license cap in and around the Central Square area. Vice Mayor Benzan
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the local business associations, neighborhood groups and city

departments to conduct a series of cleanups of our neighborhoods and City Squares, primarily Kendall, Harvard, Central, Alewife, Inman, Huron Village and Porter. Vice Mayor Benzan

8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with state agencies and the appropriate city departments to provide an update of the reconstruction of the Longfellow Bridge and a timeline for completion of the project. Vice Mayor Benzan
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the analysis that has been done to understand the finances of new development in Central Square, including the report by economic consultant Sarah Woodworth. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Mazen
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status and next steps for the Beekeeping ordinance. Councillor Carlone
11. That the City Council supports the mission of the April delegation to promote contact between youth in Cambridge and El Salvador and to foster ties between the municipalities. Councillor Mazen
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel to determine and provide an update to the City Council on parking needs and availability in the Central Square area and to confer with the appropriate City personnel to determine, as part of the broader question above, the cost and feasibility of adding additional parking levels to the Green Street Garage, to determine how many additional feet the garage could be expanded to as of right and how many extra parking spaces that would yield, and what changes, if any, would be needed to existing zoning laws in order to build the garage to its maximum capacity. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, City Clerk's Office transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee for a public meeting held on Feb 19, 2015 to discuss emerging technologies for master planning and comprehensive zoning and local researchers will present their work on data science and neighborhood planning policy.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 3, 2014 to discuss fire safety, including a review of Cambridge Fire Department operations, what happens to people after a fire, trends in fire safety and how possible fire safety hazards such as abandoned buildings are reviewed.
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 Mar 12, 2015 to discuss amendments and other related documents associated with the plastic bags ordinance.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Fri, Apr 10

9:30am Special City Council Meeting between the leadership of the Cambridge Health Alliance and the City Council to discuss their financial status and the merging of the psychiatric emergency room with the medical emergency room. This meeting to be televised. (TBA)

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)

Wed, Apr 22

5:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue the Mar 19, 2015 discussion on the incentive zoning study from the Community Development Department. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 27

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

Wed, Apr 29

4:00pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss recommendations to ensure that all positions hired directly by the City of Cambridge, or by outside vendors, uphold the same high employment standards that the City urges all businesses to uphold. (Sullivan Chamber)

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 FY2016 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (TBA)

Mon, May 11

4:00pm 2015 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Cambridge Housing Authority to discuss RAD. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 13

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2016 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (TBA)

Thurs, May 14

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2016 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (TBA)

Mon, May 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 19

5:30pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss how economic development impacts and supports the quality of life of Cambridge residents, and to investigate the feasibility of establishing an agreement with ride-share services such as Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 21

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2016 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (TBA)

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting
Budget Adoption (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)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 30, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Lesley University is a proud member of Cambridge's many highly regarded educational institutions, providing respected and well-rounded academic programs; and

WHEREAS: Lesley University, its students, and faculty have taken a stand for environmental sustainability with their decision to divest from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS: With their decision to divest from fossil fuels, Lesley University has become a model for other Cambridge institutions to follow; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record commending Lesley University, its students, and staff for their leadership in the fossil fuel divestment movement.

O-2 Mar 30, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that many trucks, due to use of GPS systems, are using the narrow streets of Kinnaird, Jay and Howard Streets to cut from Western Avenue to River Street or visa-versa; and

WHEREAS: These narrow streets are often blocked by trucks unable to fit safely through, resulting in their having to back down the street; and

WHEREAS: This has led to damage to parked cars; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to install "No Trucks" signs at either end of these streets to alert truck drivers that they should not attempt to use them.

O-3 Mar 30, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: According to the Sierra Club, cars and trucks in America are responsible for adding 3 trillion pounds of carbon pollution into the air annually from tailpipe emissions; and

WHEREAS: U.S. dependence on oil results in pollution, oil spills, and an astronomical amount of money spent overseas which increases national debt; and

WHEREAS: Electric vehicles help cut U.S. dependence on foreign oil which increases energy security; and

WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Department of Energy, electric vehicles can have significant emissions benefits as they produce zero tailpipe emissions such as soot, volatile organic compounds, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead, and various oxides of nitrogen; and

WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Department of Energy, electric vehicles reduce fuel costs because of the low cost of electricity as compared to petroleum fuel; and

WHEREAS: Purchase prices for electric vehicles are decreasing and are expected to continue to decrease as production volume increases; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has taken the lead on many environmental issues to combat the impact of Global Warming; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with all relative City departments to increase the number of electric charging stations available in the City, to determine the feasibility of making these stations free and to recommend other incentives that may include, but not be limited to, free resident parking stickers and allowing electric cars to park at parking meters free of charge as ways to encourage the purchase and use of electric cars; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider adding electric cars to the City fleet as replacement cars are needed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan to make owning electric cars in Cambridge easier for residents.

O-4 Mar 30, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that 52 homeless shelter providers across the Commonwealth, including the YWCA Cambridge Family Shelter, are currently awaiting action by the State Senate on line items 7004-0101 and 7004-0108 in the FY2015 budget, which would provide critical funding for these operations over the course of the coming year; and

WHEREAS: The YWCA Cambridge Family Shelter regularly operates at maximum capacity, housing homeless adults and their children, providing warmth, safety, and services 24 hours a day, 365 days per year; and

WHEREAS: The YWCA Cambridge Family Shelter, along with the other 51 homeless shelter providers statewide, has been operating with short term contracts due to funding limitations in the State Budget and high motel costs, their initial FY2015 contract was for 8 months, which was followed by a 21 day extension that expired on Mar 21, 2015, and which is currently operating on an emergency 7 day extension until supplemental funding is passed; and

WHEREAS: Swift passage of the Supplemental Funding Bill is critical to ensuring continued services and a stable system for families, supplemental funding is also critically needed for the HomeBASE program, which provides flexible cash assistance to

support families, and without additional funding, HomeBASE will be suspended in April; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the State Senate to take immediate action in supporting Senate funding levels for Emergency Assistance (EA: 7004-0101) and Short Term Housing Assistance (HomeBASE 7004-0108); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge Delegation to the State House on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Mar 30, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to determine the feasibility of installing additional trash barrels in and around Kendall Square, especially at the intersection of Binney Street and Broadway; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely fashion.

O-6 Mar 30, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to update the City Council as to whether there are any proposed increases to Common Victualer (CV) and Liquor License renewal fees; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to determine if there is a liquor license cap in the Central Square area and report back to the Council in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments as to the suitability of raising the liquor license cap in and around the Central Square area.

O-7 Mar 30, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: The 2014-2015 winter season was extreme bringing with it record snow totals; and

WHEREAS: The extreme winter weather brought an abundance of sand, litter, salt on our City streets and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS: There is so much buildup after the long winter that it will require our community to come together to clean up and bring our neighborhoods back to normal; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the local business associations, neighborhood groups and city departments to conduct a series of cleanups of our neighborhoods and City Squares, primarily Kendall, Harvard, Central, Alewife, Inman, Huron Village and Porter.

O-8 Mar 30, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Our City has experienced an unprecedented winter with extreme snow and weather conditions; and

WHEREAS: The harsh winter and ongoing reconstruction of the Longfellow Bridge has negatively impacted small businesses in and around the Kendall Square area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with state agencies and the appropriate city departments to provide an update of the reconstruction of the Longfellow Bridge and a timeline for completion of the project; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely fashion.

O-9 Mar 30, 2015
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: On Jan 7, 2014, City staff informed the Planning Board that Sarah Woodworth, an economic consultant, had been hired to look at the assumptions underlying the planning involved in the Central Square Final Report of 2013 (a.k.a. the "C2 Study"); and

WHEREAS: It was further stated at this meeting that this economic analysis for the C2 Study would be presented to the Planning Board in the near future; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear that this work was ever presented to the Planning Board or made available to the City Council or members of the public; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is now considering a proposal from Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties to rezone a parcel of land in the vicinity of Columbia Street, Mass Ave, and Main Street; and

WHEREAS: In the context of the debate over the Normandy Twining proposal, members of the Planning Board, members of the City Council, and members of the public have expressed a desire to better understand the financial conditions that apply to new development in Central Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the analysis that has been done to understand the finances of new development in Central Square, including the report by economic consultant Sarah Woodworth.

O-10 Mar 30, 2015
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: In urban areas throughout the country, beekeeping has become an important part of the urban agriculture movement; and
WHEREAS: In 2010, New York City overturned its longtime ban on beekeeping; and

WHEREAS: In December of 2013, the City of Boston adopted an urban agriculture ordinance that allows for beehives, provided they meet certain restrictions and setbacks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status and next steps for the Beekeeping ordinance.

O-11 Mar 30, 2015
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-El Salvador Sister City relationship was formalized in March of 1987 to offer protection, material aid and solidarity amidst a violent war; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has continued its sistering in these years through organizing delegations; sponsoring resolutions to address relevant political concerns, collaborating with the Cambridge Salvadoran community on material aid and forums, benefitted from the people of San Jose Las Flores through visits and education and materials in Cambridge classrooms and the experiences of the delegates has proved to be life changing for all past delegates; and

WHEREAS: San Jose las Flores has achieved many successes including collective access to ownership of land and houses of the community, the creation of a series of cooperatives (cattle, weaving, sewing, dairy, baking, tourism, agriculture), a health clinic which provides preventive and interventive care to every member of the community, an educational system K-12 with fully accredited teachers, a thriving church community with a convent and lay leadership and the continued commitment to a consciousness of communal well-being for all peoples and the absence of the gang violence present throughout El Salvador; and

WHEREAS: A spring delegation of Cambridge CRLS students, teachers and activists represented by 3 Amigos graduates now at CRLS Emma Ramsdell, Maribel Rawson-Stone and Jesse Simmons, Amigos music teacher Sharon Hamel, CRLS media staff

person Erica Modugno, Black Lives Matters Cambridge organizer and researcher/activist Stephanie Guirand, CRLS graduate Siham Elazri and Sister City Project founders Nancy Ryan, Cathy Hoffman and Rachel Wyon will be traveling to El Salvador in April; and

WHEREAS: The delegation will be visiting schools, meeting with youth, anti-violence, faith and women organizers in the capitol and traveling to San Jose Las Flores to share with the community through visits to the schools, meetings with youth and all aspects of the town; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council supports the mission of the April delegation to promote contact between youth in Cambridge and El Salvador and to foster ties between the municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council joins in inviting the community to the Send-Off for the April delegation Sunday Apr 12, 5:00-6:30 PM at the home of school committee member Patty Nolan, 184 Huron Ave; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council welcomes a report back from the delegates upon their return.

O-12 Mar 30, 2015
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR BENZAN
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Community discussions about the scarcity of parking spaces in and around Central Square have been growing louder and more frequent as the City continues to develop in Central Square and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS: While the City has been making admirable efforts to enhance the city's walkability, to improve the city's bike lanes, and to promote the utilization of public transportation, there remains a great and growing need to provide adequate parking for residents and commuters in Central Square and its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS: While some have proposed mandating underground parking for new housing developments, and others have proposed finding incentives for new residents to abandon their vehicles, one idea that has not yet been adequately explored is the notion of expanding existing garage space to accommodate more vehicles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel to determine and provide an update to the City Council on parking needs and availability in the Central Square area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is also requested to confer with the appropriate City personnel to determine, as part of the broader question above, the cost and feasibility of adding additional parking levels to the Green Street Garage, to determine how many additional feet the garage could be expanded to as of right and how many extra parking spaces that would yield, and what changes, if any, would be needed to existing zoning laws in order to build the garage to its maximum capacity, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.