

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointments of the following persons as members of the Central Square Advisory Committee as set out in Section 20.300 of the Zoning Ordinance:  
Robert Winters, Mid-Cambridge Rep. (term expires 3/2017)  
Wendy Landman, Cambridgeport Rep. (term expires 3/2016)  
Drew Kane, Riverside Rep. (term expires 3/2016)  
Randa Ghattas, Area Four Rep. (term expires 3/2017)  
Michael Monestime, Cambridgeport Rep. (term expires 3/2017)  
Joel Altstein (Architect), Central Sq. Business Rep. (term expires 3/2017)  
Robin Lapidus, Central Sq. Business Rep. (term expires 3/2016)  
Christopher Sol Gully, Central Sq. Business Rep. (term expires 3/2016)  
Melissa Greene (Architect), Central Sq. Business Rep. (term expires 3/2016)
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional ARRA Race to the Top (RTTT) funds from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$38,922 for a new total of \$245,212, with \$25,213 allocated to the Grant Fund School Salary & Wages account and \$13,709 to the Grant Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account as well as a transfer of \$26,087 to the Grant Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account from the Grant Fund School Travel & Training account which supports the continuation of the alignment of the district's ELA, math, science, and social studies curriculum to the revised MA Curriculum Frameworks and the training of teachers in these new standards and in the Understanding by Design (UBD) Curriculum model; implementation of the new State Administrator and Teacher evaluation system; and continued participation in DESE Curriculum committees and DESE-sponsored courses in coaching, subject areas, and mentoring.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Healthy Aging through Community Design Project Grant in the amount of \$10,500 funded by the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account; CDD will collaborate with the Council on Aging to ensure that the Transit Strategic Plan incorporates measures of and actions for mobility and accessibility for seniors on transit, focusing on usability and accessibility.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Council on Aging Board for a three year term, effective Apr 1, 2014: Lily Owyang
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-17, regarding a report on increasing the email storage limits.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-14, regarding a report on plans to involve bomb sniffing dogs in general public safety efforts.

7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on the deployment of the innovative technology called ShotSpotter in Cambridge.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-09, regarding a report on the status of the new Lechmere Station development and plans for the current Lechmere site.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-15, regarding a report on bicycle parking.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-08, regarding a report on how the State Department of Public Health factored in appropriateness of site and local support for the Medical Marijuana Dispensary.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a communication from the Planning Board requesting consideration of a zoning petition that would modify some provisions in Article 12.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance which sets forth procedures for reviewing, permitting and amending Planned Unit Development (PUD) projects.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY14 Shannon Grant for \$20,500 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$16,500) and the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,000) which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols and Metro Gang Task Force participation and to fund the Sion Chambers Area IV Late Night Basketball League at the Boys & Girls Club of Cambridge.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$11,000,000 to provide funds for construction and other associated costs of the King School project.

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ORDERED: That \$11,000,000 is appropriated, in addition to any amounts previously appropriated, for the purpose of financing the construction and other associated costs of the King School project; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$11,000,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

### 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.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on 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.
4. 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.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Fresh Pond Animal Hospital requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 3 Brighton Street, Belmont on the Cambridge line.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Whittemore Avenue LLC and Tyler Court Realty Trust transmitting written protest to the petition filed by the City Council to amend Section 17.20 and 19.40 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street transmitting support for Policy Order #11 of Mar 24, 2014 whether the Sullivan Courthouse qualifies as a pre-existing nonconforming structure.
3. A communication was received from Phyllis Bretholtz, 65 Antrim Street transmitting strong support for Order #11 of Mar 24, 2014 whether the Sullivan Courthouse qualifies as a pre-existing nonconforming structure and the creation of a city-wide master plan.
4. A communication was received from E. Thomas Flynn, 25 Madison Avenue regarding Policy Order #1 of Mar 24, 2014 regarding a parking sticker system that allows limited non-residential ability to purchase stickers to park on residential streets during normal weekday working hours.
5. A communication was received from Hasson J. Rashid regarding securing space at the Foundry Building for the purpose of setting up a new home and location for Bread and Jam.
6. A communication was received from Deborah Jackson, President, Cambridge College regarding Policy Order Resolution O-10 of Mar 24th to clarify the facts on the bidding process of hiring security officers for Cambridge College.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Robert Travers on his recent election to the Massachusetts Teachers Association Executive Committee. Councillor Simmons
2. Happy Birthday wishes to Arthur Bardige. Councillor McGovern
3. Happy Birthday wishes to Deborah Wise. Councillor McGovern
4. Happy Birthday wishes to Heather Graham. Councillor McGovern
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Constance Devanthery-Lewis. Councillor McGovern
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Douglas Okun. Councillor McGovern
7. Happy Birthday wishes to Joan Bruzzese. Councillor McGovern
8. Happy Birthday wishes to Debbie Irving. Councillor McGovern
9. Happy Birthday wishes to Fotios Kontos. Councillor McGovern
10. Happy Birthday wishes to Richard Colbath-Hess. Councillor McGovern
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Ruth Allen. Councillor McGovern
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Vaughan Barton. Councillor McGovern
13. Congratulations to Thyra Heder on the success of her book "Fraidy Zoo." Councillor McGovern
14. Happy belated birthday wishes to Renee Townes. Councillor Simmons
15. Resolution on the death of Manuel Agritha. Mayor Maher
16. Resolution on the death of Boston Fire Lieutenant Edward "Edzo" J. Walsh, Jr. Mayor Maher and Councillor Cheung
17. Resolution on the death of Boston Firefighter Michael Ryan Kennedy. Mayor Maher and Councillor Cheung
18. Resolution on the death of Helen L. (Larkin) Gallagher. Mayor Maher
19. Happy Birthday wishes to Philip DiPaolo. Councillor McGovern
20. Welcome "Shark Tank" to the City of Cambridge on Apr 17, 2014. Councillor Simmons
21. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Attorney Benedict F. Fitzgerald, Jr. Councillor Toomey
22. Congratulations to Malden Mayor Gary Christenson on being honored at the Chinese Culture Connection's 9th Annual Gala. Councillor Cheung
23. Congratulations to Xiaomei Liu on being honored at the Chinese Culture Connection's 9th Annual Gala. Councillor Cheung
24. Congratulations to the Chinese Culture Connection on its 9th Annual Gala. Councillor Cheung
25. Congratulations to Frank Chin on being honored at the Chinese Culture Connection's 9th Annual Gala. Councillor Cheung
26. Congratulations to Uncle Bill on being honored at the Chinese Culture Connection's 9th Annual Gala. Councillor Cheung

27. Thanks to the North Cambridge Family Opera for their work to assist those in need and wish them continued success in their future productions. Councillor Cheung
28. Congratulations to Gaurav Chatterjee on being awarded a college scholarship from the ACE Mentor Program. Councillor Cheung
29. Resolution on the death of Thomas F. Murphy. Mayor Maher
30. Congratulations to Dishcrawl on its first dishcrawl in Inman Square and welcome wishes to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
31. Congratulations to the Asian Women for Health on their successful 2nd Annual ApreciAsians event. Councillor Cheung
32. Recognize Apr 2, 2014 as World Autism Awareness Day. Vice Mayor Benzan
33. Happy Birthday wishes to Kevin Moore. Vice Mayor Benzan
34. Happy Birthday wishes to Boston City Councillor Tito Jackson. Vice Mayor Benzan
35. Happy Birthday wishes to Milagros Carrion. Vice Mayor Benzan
36. Happy Birthday wishes to Alex Maldonado. Vice Mayor Benzan
37. Happy Birthday wishes to Ben Griesinger. Vice Mayor Benzan
38. Happy Birthday wishes to Gloria Ortiz. Vice Mayor Benzan
39. Condolences to the family of Shirleen Layne. Councillor Simmons
40. Resolution on the death of Reverend Robert P. "Deacon Bob" Amerault. Mayor Maher
41. Commending Monica Neuman for being honored as one of the "Top Lawyers under 40" by the Hispanic National Bar Association. Vice Mayor Benzan
42. Wishing Tanya Bacci-Brown Benzan a very Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
43. Wishing Ingrid Gonzales a very Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
44. Congratulating Mark Burke and Herin Oh on the birth of their daughter Thea. Councillor Toomey
45. Congratulating Gabriel Bamforth on being named the All Scholastic Team and on a season of great achievements. Councillor Toomey
46. Commending Auxiliary Police Officer Ken Wolf on his life saving actions. Councillor Toomey
47. Congratulating Representative Carl Sciortino on his new position as the Executive Director of Aids Action Committee of Massachusetts. Councillor Toomey
48. Congratulating Ethel Ampey on being named to the Just-A-Start Board of Directors. Mayor Maher
49. Congratulating Susan Stockard for being named to Just-A-Start's Board of Directors. Councillor Cheung
50. Congratulating Aliyah Gary for being named to Just-A-Start's Board of Directors. Councillor Cheung
51. Honoring the memory and bravery of fallen MIT Police Officer Sean Collier and to the charitable groups such as the

One Fund, charitable individuals and other members of the community who answer hate with support for those affected and with love for one another. Councillor Mazen

52. Resolution on the death of Manuel J. Brum. Councillor Toomey
53. Resolution on the death of Albertina Maddalo. Councillor Toomey
54. Resolution on the death of Mrs. Thomas. Councillor Toomey

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the School Department to ensure that Cambridge Public School families are informed of Screen-Free (Screen-Wise) Week and are provided with a list of activities which can supplement screen time. Councillor McGovern
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of acquiring web-based financial visualization software for local governments where financial and budget data is modeled and presented in a visual user-friendly and interactive manner and report the back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with NSTAR, the Public Works Department, and other relevant City personnel to determine what measures the City can take to resolve the matter of the rattling and loud manhole cover at the intersection of Allston Street and Sidney Street. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Council go on record expressing its support for the workers of the DoubleTree Suites, and in respectfully urging the City administration and all City departments to boycott the services provided by Harvard's DoubleTree Suites. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Benzan
5. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and appropriate City staff regarding a review of the Cambridgeport School playground for both short-term renovation to increase the playspace and long-term planning of the space and upgrading of the play structures. Mayor Maher
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and discuss with Citizens Bank, located at 225 Cambridge Street, the possibility of making their parking lot available to Cambridge residents and business patrons on the weekends. Councillor Cheung
7. That the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee is requested to review and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Council Aide positions. Mayor Maher
8. That the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended to limit the number of non-locally owned financial institutions not to exceed the number of existing established financial institutions; said limit be in the overlay districts of Central, Harvard and Kendall Squares. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Public Library on the feasibility of offering the media streaming service of Hoopla to Cambridge residents. Councillor Cheung

10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of acquiring Opengov.com software and report the back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Grand Junction Path project. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Mazen and Councillor Carlone
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and Community Development Department to determine if any safety improvements can be incorporated at the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Human Services Department and the Community Engagement Team to discuss the possibility of implementing a Cambridge Immigrants' Day, which would include cultural celebrations, community speakers, translators for the most prevalent non-English languages spoken by Cambridge residents, and onsite short-term child care for those attending Immigrants Day. Councillor Mazen
14. That the City Manager is requested to support the intent of the Master Plan initiative which seeks to provide the City Council, its committees, City Staff, members of the public, and all interested stakeholders with an opportunity to further explore traffic congestion, transportation financing, pedestrian safety, resident parking, and a desire for enhanced multi-modal transit infrastructure throughout the city. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Mazen
15. That the Cambridge Community Development Department shall hold a series of public meetings to discuss the range of planning and zoning issues that have recently been in active discussion across the city, including, but not limited to, all varieties of housing (such as affordable, middle income, or other types of housing units), the amount, type and location of new and existing development, pre-fabricated units, transportation, congestion, open space, streetscape design, building design, sustainability, infrastructure and economic development with recommendations for moving forward on short range and long range planning work that is recommended as an outgrowth of these discussions. Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern
16. That the City Council urgently requests that MassDOT start the permitting process for underpasses for Anderson Memorial Bridge, Western Avenue Bridge and River Street Bridge immediately, given that MassDOT has changed its construction and design plans for all three of the above bridges where it is now possible for the timely addition of underpasses to such plans Mayor Maher and Councillor Carlone
17. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Municipal Code Corporation to prepare data in such a way that it can be utilized by open source developers and, in particular, the Open Government Foundation and other non-profits with the ultimate goal of improving access to the city's legal corpus. Councillor Mazen and Councillor Cheung

18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools, the Commissioner of Public Health, the Public Safety Committee, the Police Commissioner and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to schedule a series of neighborhood walks with the city's elected officials in an effort to discourage youth violence and foster greater community relations. Vice Mayor Benzan

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. 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 26, 2014 to discuss the re-filed zoning petition by the City Council originally filed by Christopher H. Lutz, et al requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by rezoning an area on the northern border of Richdale Avenue from Upland Road to Walden Street from its C1-A designation to residential C-1.
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 Mar 26, 2014 to discuss the filed zoning petition by the City Council originally filed by Michael Phillips, et al to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by increasing the setback requirement abutting Linear Park and to clarify language defining "form and density compatible with the adjacent residential neighborhood" by limiting the number of dwelling units in a single structure. The petition would create a new Section 17.26 - Access to streets, a new Section 17.27 Transfer of Development Rights, a new Section 17.28 Transfer of Development Rights to preserve Publicly Accessible Open Space, and amend Section 17.28.2 to include Special District 2 in the Areas of Special Planning Concern.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Lisa Peterson, Deputy City Manager, Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk and Alessandra Albano, Executive Assistant to the City Council, The Dedication Committee transmitting their recommendations for dedications to the full City Council for approval.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Apr 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Apr 8**

4:00pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss anti-poverty efforts in Cambridge around hunger, housing and Human Services. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Apr 9**

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss safety and access issues at the Alewife T Station. (Ackermann Room)

##### **Wed, Apr 16**

2:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss public safety in public buildings including the possibility of positioning a police officer at City Hall. (Ackermann Room)

**Thurs, Apr 17**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct an additional public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to reduce plastic bag usage. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 28**

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

**Mon, May 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 8**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2015 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 12**

4:00pm 2014 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of the City Manager and appropriate City staff to provide the City Council with an overview of the capital budget and capital projects. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 15**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2015 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, May 21**

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2015 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, May 22**

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2015 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 2**

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

**Mon, June 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 23**

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of discussing affordable housing. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, July 28**

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

**Mon, Sept 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: According the American Academy of Pediatrics, today's children spend an average of seven hours a day using entertainment media, including televisions, computers, phones, tablets and other electronic devices; and

WHEREAS: Screen-based media dominates the time of many young people, displacing other activities that are integral to healthy physical, cognitive, and emotional development during childhood; and

WHEREAS: The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under two not be exposed to screen-based media of any kind, and that above that age, "children and teens should engage with entertainment media for no more than one or two hours per day, and that should be high-quality content;" and

WHEREAS: Research indicates that excessive screen time is linked to childhood obesity; sleep and eating disorders; attention problems; hyperactivity; emotional and conduct problems; and difficulties with peers; and

WHEREAS: Excessive screen time for older children and adolescents is a risk factor for problems in school; and

WHEREAS: Exposure to media can mean exposure to harmful marketing that is crafted to align with the still-developing capacity for judgment in children and youth; and

WHEREAS: Internet and cell phone use can provide a platform for illicit and risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS: The well-designed use of technology by children and youth can have positive educational and empowering effects; and that in certain circumstances, such as autism, use of electronic devices can actually aid in a child's developmental success; and

WHEREAS: Many parents, guardians, and caregivers find it difficult to keep up with technological developments and research on media exposure risks; and there is a myth amongst the public that, contrary to the AAP policy statement, early childhood exposure to screen-based games provides a learning advantage; and

WHEREAS: The above factors have rendered it extremely challenging for parents, guardians and youth workers to define and understand what is excessive media exposure and what is harmful media exposure; and

WHEREAS: The annual Screen-Free Week campaign seeks to raise awareness of research-based concerns about the negative health and mental health effects of media exposures in children and youth and to promote alternatives to screen time entertainment, as well as to support and inform thoughtful choices about screen time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the week of May 5th through May 11th, 2014 as Screen-Free (Screen-Wise Week) in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with Human Services to determine if there are activities that can be offered to families during this week in support of the objectives of Screen-Free (Screen-Wise) Week; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the School Department to ensure that Cambridge Public School families are informed of Screen-Free (Screen-Wise) Week and are provided with a list of activities which can supplement screen time.

O-2 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City Council has a long history of ensuring that all residents of the City of Cambridge have access to a transparent, honest, and accountable City government; and

WHEREAS: In the last decade, City staff, residents, and visitors have increasingly utilized electronic measures as a means through which to obtain information and communicate with one another; and

WHEREAS: In light of the increased reliance on technology as a means through which to conduct day-to-day business, it is essential that the City of Cambridge develop a means through which to provide public data via electronic means to ensure that all residents have convenient, simple and user-friendly access to the data to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS: Traditionally the City makes its annual budget available on-line as a pdf. file comprised of hundreds of pages of information, data, charts and graphs which can be a challenge to navigate and understand; and

WHEREAS: Opengov.com offers web-based financial visualization software for local governments where financial and budget data is modeled and presented in a visual user-friendly and interactive manner increasing financial understanding, transparency, and accountability; and

WHEREAS: Used in over 75 Cities in 14 different states, the software displays annual financial data broken down by fund, department, and type of account and includes municipal revenues and expenditures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of acquiring this software and report the back to the City Council.

O-3 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that a manhole situated in the path of oncoming traffic at the intersection of Allston Street and Sidney Street often rattles loudly whenever vehicles drive over it, disturbing those who live nearby; and

WHEREAS: Residents in this neighborhood have asked both the City and NSTAR to intervene by tightening the manhole cover, so that it will no longer rattle when vehicles drive over it, or by otherwise resolving this issue; and

WHEREAS: NSTAR, which is responsible for the maintenance of this manhole, has informed the City that, despite the noisy rattling when driven over, the manhole cover does not pose a safety threat to motorists or pedestrians, and the utility company has no plans to commit additional resources to the manhole cover at this time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with NSTAR, the Public Works Department, and other relevant City personnel to determine what measures the City can take to resolve this matter, either in concert with NSTAR or with NSTAR's approval, and to report back to the City Council and neighborhood residents in a timely fashion.

O-4 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: In March 2013, a super-majority of workers at the non-union, Harvard-owned DoubleTree Suites just across the bridge in Allston started demanding a fair process to decide on whether to form a union; and

WHEREAS: Many workers have expressed concerns about injuries, workplace pain, poverty, and expensive healthcare, and it is for these reasons that many DoubleTree workers are seeking to hold this process; and

WHEREAS: DoubleTree workers report that there has not been an improvement in their working conditions over the course of the past year, and that is why, on Mar 27, 2014, these workers took the brave step of calling for a boycott of their own property; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its support for the workers of the DoubleTree Suites, and in respectfully urging the City administration and all City

departments to boycott the services provided by Harvard's DoubleTree Suites; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council pledges to boycott the DoubleTree Suites hotel for any future functions until its workers receive respect and dignity at work; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record in urging Harvard University to agree to a fair process to decide on unionization for its workers at the Doubletree Suites; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Harvard University President Drew Faust on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Apr 7, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Cambridgeport School was converted in September 2012 from a JK-8th grade school to a JK-5th grade school pursuant to the implementation of the Innovation Agenda; and

WHEREAS: The playground was not converted to be age appropriate at that time and we are asking that the playground be reviewed both for short-term renovation to increase the playspace, and long-term planning of the space and upgrading of the play structures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and appropriate City staff to review this site.

O-6 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and discuss with Citizens Bank, located at 225 Cambridge Street, the possibility of making their parking lot available to Cambridge residents and business patrons on the weekends.

O-7 Apr 7, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: It has been approximately ten years since the position of City Council Aide was first created; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee is requested to review and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Council Aide positions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Committee report back to the City Council with any findings and recommendations.

O-8 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended to limit the number of non-locally owned financial institutions not to exceed the number of existing established financial institutions; said limit be in the overlay districts of Central, Harvard and Kendall Squares; and be it further

ORDERED: That this be matter be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee.

O-9 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Access to free public libraries were one of the first public services that municipal governments offered as a measure to ensure the public had access to knowledge and since has been considered an essential part of having an educated and literate population; and

WHEREAS: With the advent of the mass production of books, and later the rise of technology, the basic services of libraries have diminished, but have, and continue to, innovate and adapt to stay relevant and vibrant; and

WHEREAS: Recently, the Boston Public Library, one of the oldest and largest municipal libraries in the nation, embarked on a new service that allows its cardholders access to Hoopla, a free media streaming service; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Public Library on the feasibility of offering this media streaming service to Cambridge residents.

O-10 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has a long history of ensuring that all residents of the City of Cambridge have access to a transparent, honest, and accountable City government; and

WHEREAS: In the last decade, City staff, residents, and visitors have increasingly utilized electronic measures as a means through which to obtain information and communicate with one another; and

WHEREAS: In light of the increased reliance on technology as a means through which to conduct day-to-day business, it is essential that the City of Cambridge develop a means through which to provide public data via electronic means to ensure that all residents have convenient, simple and user-friendly access to the data to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS: Traditionally the City makes its annual budget available on-line as a pdf. file comprised of hundreds of pages of information, data, charts and graphs which can be a challenge to navigate and understand; and

WHEREAS: Opengov.com offers web-based financial visualization software for local governments where financial and budget data is modeled and presented in a visual user-friendly and interactive manner increasing financial understanding, transparency, and accountability; and

WHEREAS: Used in over 75 Cities in 14 different states, the software displays annual financial data broken down by fund, department, and type of account and includes municipal revenues and expenditures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of acquiring this software and report the back to the City Council.

O-11 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Grand Junction Path presents a tremendous opportunity to offer additional green space for Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Many departments have been working hard over the last several years to make the Grand Junction Path a reality; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Grand Junction Path project.

O-12 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Cambridge Street continues to be a difficult intersection for pedestrians and vehicles to safely navigate; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and Community Development Department to determine if any safety improvements can be incorporated at this intersection and to report back to the City Council.

O-13 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: For generations, Cambridge has welcome immigrants from around the world and has become a stronger and more vibrant community through their contributions; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a proud history as a Sanctuary City, as declared by City Council Policy Order #4 of Apr 8, 1985; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants make up a significant portion of the Cambridge community- according to the 2010 - 2012 American Community Survey, 28.1% of Cambridge residents are foreign born and 10.6% are naturalized citizens; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge residents have a first language that is not English, including Spanish (5.4%), French and Haitian Creole (4.3%), Chinese (4.8%), Portuguese (2.1%), and African Languages (1.7%) according to the 2010 - 2012 American Community Survey; and

WHEREAS: Many immigrants face significant hurdles to political engagement beyond language barriers, including citizenship status, civic education gaps, and cultural and geographic isolation; and

WHEREAS: All Cambridge residents have a right to be involved in the political process and civic life of the City, and the City has a responsibility to facilitate that involvement; and

WHEREAS: There is a chronic under-representation of immigrant communities in Cambridge which has and continues to compound other economic, safety, and social issues affecting those communities; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition and coordinating groups have, for 18 years, rallied immigrant communities to the Massachusetts State House for Immigrants' Day, an annual celebration and day of advocacy; and

WHEREAS: For the past two years, this event has successfully assembled nearly 1,000 immigrants to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, meet with their elected officials and promote the unique needs of their neighborhoods and communities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Human Services Department and the Community Engagement Team to discuss the possibility of implementing a Cambridge Immigrants' Day, which would include cultural celebrations, community speakers, translators for the most prevalent non-English languages spoken by Cambridge residents, and onsite short-term child care for those attending Immigrants Day and report back to the City Council on this matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That said report includes information as to any existing plans or future events which will facilitate the political engagement and representation of immigrant communities and the acknowledgement and celebration of their cultural contributions to the broader Cambridge community.

O-14 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is required to have a comprehensive Master Plan to provide a basis for decision making regarding the long-term physical development of the City, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81D; and

WHEREAS: According to M.G.L. Ch. 41, Sec. 81D, the comprehensive Master Plan must include nine elements: goals and policies, land use, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, services and facilities, traffic and transportation, and implementation schedules; and

WHEREAS: According to the Community Development Department, the City's Master Plan is composed of a growth policy document, the Zoning Map, the Zoning Ordinance, and various other studies that have focused on individual parts of the city at different points in time; and

WHEREAS: The city's growth policy document has not been updated since 2007, and since that time, development pressures have intensified, with dramatic increases in the cost of housing and reports of worsening traffic congestion and gentrification across the region; and

WHEREAS: In recent years, it has also become clear that issues of wealth inequality, transit justice, and climate vulnerability are all growing in severity; and

WHEREAS: New neighborhood organizations have recently formed across the city, and these groups are collaborating with other established organizations and seeking a stronger role in the planning process, as they hope to knit the city together in a holistic manner through the implementation of a new, citywide Master Plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Ordinance Committee be and hereby is requested to address the question of whether Cambridge has a Master Plan that provides a cohesive vision for how the city will grow and mature; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee be and hereby is requested to examine opportunities for improved citywide planning, with a view toward empowering resident groups and promoting greater social equity in the community; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee be and hereby is requested to address concerns over traffic congestion, transportation financing, pedestrian safety, resident parking, and a desire for enhanced multi-modal transit infrastructure throughout the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That additional hearings may be scheduled by these and other committees, with all participating committees delivering reports to the City Council by July 31, 2014; the City Council to then schedule a Special Meeting or Roundtable to address the issue of a Master Plan and to help establish the city's urban planning and community development priorities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to support the intent of this initiative, which seeks to provide the City Council, its committees, City Staff, members of the public, and all interested stakeholders with an opportunity to further explore the issues highlighted by this policy order; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a menu of options for how news of this Master Plan initiative can be delivered to all Cambridge residents and other interested stakeholders so as to encourage a robust dialogue that embraces a range of perspectives throughout the city.

O-15 Apr 7, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a community that proudly values inclusion and makes extraordinary efforts to provide economic opportunity, social justice and housing opportunities for residents at all income levels; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that a diverse set of values exists in our City and further recognizes that our City government must respond to the needs and viewpoints of all neighborhoods, residents and business partners; and

WHEREAS: The City Council understands that a sensible approach to future development should be preserved, and that the amount of development that has occurred in our community has provided social and economic benefits to our residents, while also understanding that residents have questioned or have been unhappy with several recent projects; and

WHEREAS: Neighborhood organizations have expressed difficulty and frustration understanding the complexity of the City's Master Plan, knowing when and where future development is being targeted, the quality and quantity of affordable housing, as well as difficulty understanding the City's unified vision for development, long-term transportation planning, relief of traffic congestion and open space plans; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge Community Development Department shall hold a series of public meetings to discuss the

range of planning and zoning issues that have recently been in active discussion across the city, including, but not limited to, all varieties of housing (such as affordable, middle income, or other types of housing units), the amount, type and location of new and existing development, pre-fabricated units, transportation, congestion, open space, streetscape design, building design, sustainability, infrastructure and economic development; and be it further

ORDERED: At the conclusion of this series of meetings, the Community Development Department shall report back to the City Council with the comments and suggestions from these meetings, and recommendations for moving forward on any additional short range and long range planning work that is recommended as an outgrowth of these discussions.

O-16 Apr 7, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has informed the City that the completion of construction of the rehabilitation of the Anderson Memorial Bridge has been extended to fall 2015 and that the planned date for advertising construction bids for the rehabilitation of the Western Avenue and River Street Bridges is now "at least 2019;" and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has previously proposed to MassDOT that underpasses on the Boston side of the river for pedestrians, joggers, cyclists and other users be incorporated in the construction plans for all three bridge projects as a matter of urgent attention at this unique moment in the future of the State's and the City's infrastructure, ecology and economy and to establish an important precedent in support of the multi-modal future of the region; and

WHEREAS: Given that the service life of such bridges is between 50 to 100 years, we are amidst an important moment in the history of the Charles River parklands with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to service a growing urban demand for alternative forms of mobility that reduce carbon emissions and traffic conflict while dramatically increasing safety and contributing to overall health and well-being through self-powered mobility and enhancing active recreational potential parallel to the river; and

WHEREAS: The "Healthy Transportation Policy Directive" issued by MassDOT on Sept 9, 2013, requires that all MassDOT projects "shall seek to increase and encourage more pedestrian, bicycle and transit trips" so that all such projects "are designed and implemented in a way that all our customers have access to safe and comfortable healthy transportation options at all MassDOT facilities;" and

WHEREAS: MassDOT has to date not included plans for such underpasses in such bridge projects but, in response to requests from the City of Cambridge and others, has incorporated in the current construction project of the Anderson Memorial Bridge and in the design plans for Western Avenue and River Street Bridges the movement of utilities and other components so as to facilitate the addition of such underpasses in the future; and

WHEREAS: MassDOT in the past has stated that one reason it has not included plans for the construction of such underpasses is that the design work, permitting, and environmental and historical review required for such underpasses would delay the construction projects for such bridges; and

WHEREAS: The extended construction completion date for Anderson Memorial Bridge and the future construction of Western Avenue and River Street Bridges now provide ample time to complete such design, permitting and review of underpasses with no impact on the construction timetable for such bridges; and

WHEREAS: The Western Avenue and River Street bridges serve important state-wide functions as access to and exit from the Massachusetts Turnpike for institutional, economic, and tourist



destinations such as Fenway Park, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and large areas of the Cities of Cambridge, Somerville, Boston and other municipalities; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council urgently requests that MassDOT start the permitting process for underpasses for Anderson Memorial Bridge, Western Avenue Bridge and River Street Bridge immediately, given that MassDOT has changed its construction and design plans for all three of the above bridges where it is now possible for the timely addition of underpasses to such plans; and be it further

ORDERED: That upon completion of such permitting process, an underpass be added to the current construction activities for Anderson Memorial Bridge; and that underpasses be added to the plans for the Western Avenue and River Street Bridges so they are built as an integral part of the bridge rehabilitation activities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Deval Patrick and MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard Davey.

O-17 Apr 7, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City's legal corpus is codified and published online by the Municipal Code Corporation and exists presently in a format not in accordance with Open Government Data Principles; and

WHEREAS: Non-Profits such as the Open Gov Foundation ([www.opengovfoundation.org](http://www.opengovfoundation.org)) have suggested that Municode is willing to package the data for Open Source uses, if the city makes an official request to that effect; and

WHEREAS: Having the city's legal corpus available to the public in a more flexible, more searchable, non-proprietary format is in keeping with the philosophy of transparency, accountability, and inclusion espoused by the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Opening the City's legal corpus will represent a promising early step in expanding the open data discussion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Municipal Code Corporation to prepare data in such a way that it can be utilized by open source developers and, in particular, the Open Government Foundation and other non-profits with the ultimate goal of improving access to the city's legal corpus.

O-18 Apr 7, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Many of our public spaces will be busy this spring and summer after a long, harsh winter; and

WHEREAS: In the past our city has seen a surge in youth violence during the spring and summer months; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools, the Commissioner of Public Health, the Public Safety Committee, the Police Commissioner and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to schedule a series of neighborhood walks with the city's elected officials in an effort to discourage youth violence and foster greater community relations.