

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the FY2017 submitted budget and appropriation orders.
2. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-14, regarding the possibility of closing two lanes to cars on Memorial Drive on April 29th for Walk/Ride Day.
3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund School Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to replace flooring in several of the school buildings.
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to fund the projected deficit for the district due to greater than anticipated costs across student transportation, out of district tuition, and student services contracts.
5. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$17,350,000 to provide funds for various water pollution abatement projects, including construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the City's Alewife Watershed, Cambridgeport Neighborhood, and areas in Harvard Square as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program.
6. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,000 to provide funds for a Comprehensive Facilities Improvement Plan.
7. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks.
8. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$149,600,000 to provide funds for various School building infrastructure projects including construction for the King Open/Cambridge Street Schools & Community Complex, building envelope repairs at the Fletcher Maynard Academy, and a new boiler at the Amigos School.
9. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$150,000 to provide funds for the purchase and installation of mechanical components to ensure the operational integrity of the elevator at the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility.
10. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,000,000 to provide funds for the renovations of the Out of Town News Kiosk Building and adjacent plaza area in Harvard Square.
11. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of a multi-use path/greenway along the eastern Grand Junction railroad right of way from Broadway to the city line.
12. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$650,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover winter 2015-2016 snowstorm expenses associated with snow plowing contracts, salt and other material, and repair costs.
13. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase a new street sweeping machine.
14. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$200,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account for contracted street repairs due to the impact the cold weather had on the streets this winter.
15. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from the Alexander W. Kemp Foundation received for the Alexander W. Kemp playground at the Cambridge Common to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
16. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MASS DEP) in the amount of \$62,000 to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to cover costs associated with curbside organics collection and processing.
17. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MASS DEP) in the amount of \$105,000 to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will use the funds to offset the costs to purchase wheeled food waste carts for the curbside organics collection program.
18. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, requesting the transfer of \$650,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
19. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a report on potential issues related to the Barrett, et al. Zoning Amendment.
20. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge receiving a 5-STAR Rating from STAR Communities (STAR) - the highest score ever given in the country and Cambridge is one of only four cities nationally to earn the top 5-STAR rating.

21. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-34, which requested a legal opinion on the legality of the Zoning Petition filed by Sage Cannabis, Inc. For a medical marijuana dispensary and whether it is spot zoning.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Steele. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Apr 11, 2016.]

ON THE TABLE

2. An application was received from Capital One, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 24 JFK Street. [Placed On The Table on a motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 25, 2016.]
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk's Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer. [Placed On The Table As Amended by Councillor Mazen on Jan 25, 2016.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 24, 2016 to discuss a zoning petition by the Sage Cannabis, Inc. to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.700 Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts by creating an additional Medical Marijuana Overlay District (MMD-3). Question comes of Passing To Be Ordained on or after Apr 18, 2016. Planning Board hearing held on Mar 15, 2016. Petition expires June 22, 2016.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Energy Alliance, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Win It Campaign (Georgetown University Energy Prize.)
2. An application was received from Cambridge Energy Alliance, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing the Win It Campaign (Georgetown University Energy Prize.)
3. An application was received from Cambridge Energy Alliance requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing the Sunny Cambridge Resident Solar Campaign.
4. An application was received from Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre, 400 Harvard Street, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the 8th Annual Dance For World Community Festival in Harvard Square on June 11, 2016.
5. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall and across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing the Cambridge River Festival on June 4th.
6. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets and

across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Cambridge Open Studios on May 14th and May 15th.

7. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets and across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing the Dragon Boat Festival on June 12th.
8. An application was received from Clover, requesting permission for twelve tables and twenty-four chairs for corral seating in front of the premises numbered 7 Holyoke Street.
9. An application was received from MexiCali Burrito, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 350 Kendall Street.
10. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue.
11. An application was received from Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street.
12. A zoning petition has been received from Peter B. Kroon/MAPOCO, to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by adding the Business A-2 zoning along Massachusetts Avenue between Porter Square and Cambridge Common ("MAPOCO") to the existing Northern Massachusetts Avenue Sub-District.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Steven C. Marsh, Managing Director, Real Estate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Investment Management Company, 238 Main Street, providing a brief update on several requirements related to the Kendall Square zoning (PUD-5).
2. A communication was received from Esther Hanig, 136 Pine Street, transmitting support for increasing inclusionary zoning percentage.
3. A communication was received from Kathy Watkins, 90 Fawcett Street, transmitting support for additional drop-off sites for prescription medication.
4. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, transmitting support to explore the feasibility of hosting additional drop-off locations to provide for the safe disposal of unused prescription medications.
5. A communication was received from Franziska Amacher, Amacher & Associates Architects, 237 Mount Auburn Street, regarding the intersection at Sparks Street with Mount Auburn Street.
6. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, transmitting thanks for having a Clean Up Cambridge Day.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Joseph L. Ignazio. Councillor Maher
2. Retirement of Warren McManus from the Cambridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Suzanne Schell Pearce. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Maher

4. Congratulations to Yuleska Ramirez-Tejeda for both her academic and athletic accomplishments while attending Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School. Vice Mayor McGovern
5. Sympathy and support to the people of Ecuador in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. Councillor Carlone
6. Commending the work of the Surging Waves Symposium in bringing together descendants of the many waves of Chinese immigrants now living in the United States to discuss common concerns and important issues facing the Chinese-American community. Councillor Cheung
7. Resolution on the death of Sandra M. (Rego) Bedugnis. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Manuel L. DaSilva. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the Death of Joao M. Pereira. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record urging the National League of Cities to move the venue for the NLC City Summit scheduled to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, in November 2017 to another state which does not have such discriminatory legislation on the books. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council and the community with a response to the concerns and assessment of the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance. Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Post Master to determine if there is a pattern that Inman Square, Wellington Harrington and Port residents should be cognizant of and to report back with procedures residents should follow if they feel their mail has been tampered with. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, and other appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of waiving the motor vehicle excise tax for electric vehicles. Councillor Devereux
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether additional signage around Market Street could be effective in encouraging pet owners to clean up after their pets. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works to identify a suitable, temporary space to establish an enclosed dog park while the Pacific Street park is being re-done or to add temporary fences to Fort Washington. Vice Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council if any progress has been made on the willingness of the City of Cambridge to contribute to a successful Green Line Extension and if there has been conversations with local developers regarding the same. Councillor Toomey
8. City Council opposition to any off-peak hour fare surcharges as a means of mitigation for continued off-peak

hours T service and support for a fair and equitable solution to mitigating the loss of late night T service, specifically one that does not unduly burden those with the least flexibility in their reliance on an affordable means of off-hours transportation. Councillor Cheung

9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to install ADA compliant sidewalks on Huron Avenue and consider additional features to guarantee the safety of all other users. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance and request that they determine a location for a suitable remembrance to Dorothy Steele at the Cambridge Hospital where she visited daily and that the City of Cambridge contribute appropriately to the dedication. Councillor Toomey
11. City Council support of the striking Verizon workers. Councillor Toomey
12. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine what measures can be taken to address the inadequate cell reception of the residents living at 303 Third Street. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 29, 2016 to discuss issues and City efforts surrounding veterans in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee, for a public hearing held on Apr 6, 2016 to continue to discuss the development of the process for the selection of a new City Manager.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Judith T. Martin, Executive Secretary to the School Committee transmitting a copy of an order from the School Committee recommending the FY17 General Fund Budget of the Cambridge Public Schools be adopted in the sum of \$172,793,980.00.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Dennis Carlone, regarding an opportunity to travel through Israel, Palestine and Jordan to study key religious sites and meet leaders representing different cultures, faiths and desires.
3. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, regarding MDD-3 Special District Zoning Petition or the draft letter from the City Manager of non-opposition to the Department of Public Health for Sage Cannabis, Inc.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 25

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

Wed, Apr 27

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss an amendment to the Municipal Code to add in Title 8 entitled "Health and Safety" a new Chapter 8.69 entitled "Running Bamboo Ordinance." (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 28

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the formation of a special working group that will be tasked with developing a framework for the continued stewardship, curatorship and oversight of the Out of Town Kiosk in Harvard Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

Fri, Apr 29

10:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the recommendation of the City Manager regarding the reappointment of Conrad Crawford to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 3

4:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue to discuss the development of the process for the selection of a new City Manager. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 5

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

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 10

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

Wed, May 11

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by the Richard Avenue Neighbors to amend Section 20.103.2 North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict and Section 20.110 Standards Applicable in the North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict on the north side of Massachusetts Avenue to extend from the centerline of Beech Street on the east to the centerline of Richard Avenue on the west and to amend the City of Cambridge Zoning Map by redrawing the North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict for the northerly side of Massachusetts Avenue to extend from the centerline of Beech Street on the east to the centerline of Richard Avenue on the west. The proposed change would remove properties in the Business A-2 district north and west of Richard Avenue from the North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict; however, those properties would remain within the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 12

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

5:30pm Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and Civic Unity Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

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

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

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

Wed, May 18

4:00pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the opioid crisis in Cambridge with representatives from the Human Services Department and the Cambridge Police Department, as well as local providers. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

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

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 25, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Communities across the nation, including Cambridge, have been condemning North Carolina's recent passage of discriminatory legislation against the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS: Many communities have sought to make their displeasure with this harmful legislation known by encouraging boycotts of official travel and expenditures in North Carolina until this legislation has been reversed; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the National League of Cities NLC City Summit is scheduled to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, in November 2017; and

WHEREAS: The NLC City Summit is an event that would draw civic leaders from across the nation to Charlotte, pumping a significant amount of revenue into the city's economy over the course of four days; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging the National League of Cities to move the venue for the NLC City Summit scheduled to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, in November 2017 to another state which does not have such discriminatory legislation on the books; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Clarence E. Anthony, Executive Director Of the National League Of Cities, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Apr 25, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge recently initiated the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance, and a number of residents and patrons of Cambridge businesses have contacted City representatives with a number of questions about this new ordinance; and

WHEREAS: Some of the specific questions focus upon a lack of clarity as to where the ten cent charge for bags is directed, why this nominal fee was established in lieu of finding ways to provide free bags to patrons, and what is being done to mitigate any unintended consequences felt by the senior community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and thereby is requested to report back to the City Council and the community with a response

to the specific concerns mentioned above as part of an overall assessment of how this new policy's opening weeks has gone.

O-3 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Residents in the Inman Square, Wellington Harrington and Port neighborhoods have expressed concern about mail tampering; and

WHEREAS: Residents have experienced an increase in stolen packages and are finding opened mail that is their own or belonging to neighbors in places other than the proper mail box; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Post Master to determine if there is a pattern that residents should be cognizant of and to report back with procedures residents should follow if they feel their mail has been tampered with.

O-4 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an interest in promoting the use of electric vehicles to curb emissions and has taken several steps in recent years to encourage the use of electric vehicles, such as encouraging charging stations in new garages and providing charging stations in municipal parking facilities; and

WHEREAS: Electric vehicles are an attractive alternative for city dwellers, especially those who do not typically drive very long distances, yet consumer adoption has lagged; and

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle owners must pay an excise tax to the city each year with a rate of \$25 on each \$1,000, with the amount collected in 2015 totaling \$6,100,000; and

WHEREAS: By waiving the excise tax on electric vehicles, the City may encourage some residents to purchase an electric vehicle; and

WHEREAS: A similar proposal is being considered in Boston to encourage the purchase of electric vehicles as a means to curb emissions; and

WHEREAS: Encouraging drivers to switch to electric vehicles by cutting one cost associated with the purchase would help the City reach its long-term goals of cutting greenhouse gas emissions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, and other appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of waiving the motor vehicle excise tax for electric vehicles and report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-5 Apr 25, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that dog owners in the area near Market Street have not been sufficiently vigilant in cleaning up after their pets; and

WHEREAS: The City has undertaken efforts to increase the cleanliness and vibrancy in the Port area of the community, with additional attention from the DPW and several community meetings being held throughout 2014-2015 to ensure that residents were able to bring their concerns directly to City representatives; and

WHEREAS: As part of this continuing effort, it would be prudent for the City to continue these practices in 2016, with particular attention being paid to working to ensure that pet owners clean up after their pets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether additional signage around Market Street could be effective in encouraging pet owners to clean up after their pets; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council and the residents of the Port in a timely manner on the specific efforts the City has taken, and

continues to take, to make this area of the City cleaner, safer, and more livable.

O-6 Apr 25, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Since the closing of the Pacific Street dog park in Cambridgeport has left dog owners in both Cambridgeport and Riverside without a neighborhood, off-leash alternative; and

WHEREAS: The shared dog park located at Fort Washington is not enclosed, making it unsafe for many dogs; and

WHEREAS: Dog parks are important places for both dogs and their owners to enjoy time outside, to socialize and to get exercise; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works to identify a suitable, temporary space to establish an enclosed dog park while the Pacific Street park is being re-done or to add temporary fences to Fort Washington; and be it further

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

O-7 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: MassDOT and the MBTA are currently evaluating the Green Line Extension Project (GLX) in an attempt to reduce the costs; and

WHEREAS: If new estimates exceed available resources, MassDOT has indicated that contributions from municipalities may be necessary in order to pay for the GLX; and

WHEREAS: The GLX will benefit the residents of Cambridge by providing more transportation options for residents and workers; and

WHEREAS: The move of Lechmere Station is a necessary and important project that will allow the opening of First Street into Northpoint which has been a long-term planning goal that will alleviate existing traffic conditions on East Cambridge neighborhood streets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council if any progress has been made on the willingness of the City of Cambridge to contribute to a successful Green Line Extension and if there has been conversations with local developers regarding the same.

O-8 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The MassDOT Board recently voted to end late night T service, and has been considering various mitigation options for the cancellation of late night service at their Control Board meetings; and

WHEREAS: The MassDOT Board has discussed implementing a surcharge fee on late night service to help lower the losses incurred by the lower projected ridership of late night services; and

WHEREAS: Late night transit surcharges would disproportionately affect lower income persons who are transit dependent and often work late-nights or shifts with odd hours; and

WHEREAS: Implementing a surcharge during off-peak hours would represent a misguided attempt to make up costs on off-peak times while largely placing the higher cost burden on persons with the least flexibility in setting their working hours; and

WHEREAS: Any further surcharges on top of the average fare increase of 9.3% would only serve to de-incentivize the use of public transit, which the Commonwealth should instead actively be encouraging; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record opposing any off-peak hour fare surcharges as a means of mitigation for continued off-peak hours T service; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its continued support for a fair and equitable solution to mitigating the loss of late night T service, specifically one that does not unduly

burden those with the least flexibility in their reliance on an affordable means of off-hours transportation; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the members of the MassDOT board on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Huron Avenue is a significantly traveled route for drivers, public transit, cyclists, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: Many residents, including senior citizens and young students, use Huron Avenue to get to and from Fresh Pond Reservation, the Fresh Pond Golf Course, Glacken Field & Playground, the Russell Youth & Community Center, the Collins Branch library, schools (including the Daniel Haggerty School), shopping, and recreational sporting events; and

WHEREAS: The safety of all road and sidewalk users is paramount to the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: At present, several significant sections of Huron Avenue lack the necessary infrastructure to ensure safe travel for all users; and

WHEREAS: There is, specifically, no sidewalk on the north side of Huron Avenue between Fresh Pond Parkway and Aberdeen Avenue (679 ft. in length), between Aberdeen Avenue and Glacken Field (903 ft.), or between Glacken Field and the Russell Youth & Community Center (502 ft.); and

WHEREAS: Continuous concrete sidewalks are significantly easier to keep cleared of snow and ice, the lack of which often results in pedestrians at this location being forced to walk dangerously in the street during the winter; and

WHEREAS: ADA compliant sidewalks also ensure safe and equal access to persons with disabilities and greatly encourage sidewalk use by all residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to install ADA compliant sidewalks and consider additional features to guarantee the safety of all other users; and be it further

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

O-10 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Dorothy Steele made lasting impressions on the staff and people that frequented the Cambridge Hospital where Dorothy visited on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Globe article on Dorothy's passing demonstrated the impact that daily interaction with Dorothy had on Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance and request that they determine a location for a suitable remembrance to Dorothy Steele at the Cambridge Hospital where she visited daily and that the City of Cambridge contribute appropriately to the dedication.

O-11 Apr 25, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that approximately 35,000 Verizon workers in the company's landline and FIOS and Broadband divisions are currently on strike; and

WHEREAS: Union representatives have indicated that the strike is in protest to the company's decision to outsource 5,000 jobs outside of the United States, close call centers, and failure to sign a contract with the workers since August of 2015; and

WHEREAS: Workers have also been required to travel far distances on short notice for long-term jobs which take workers away from their families for extended stretches; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is supportive of the rights of workers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the striking Verizon workers.

O-12 Apr 25, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of residents living in 303 Third Street, with a variety of different cellular service providers, have notified the City Council that cell reception in this building has been inadequate; and

WHEREAS: A number of these residents report the inability to make or receive calls to their physicians while they are in their units, and that this constitutes a particular concern during times of emergency; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine what measures can be taken to address these concerns by the City, what measures can be taken to report these concerns to the appropriate cellular service providers, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.