

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services in the amount of \$6,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$5,803) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$197) which will support a workplace needs analysis at MIT.
2. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$156,583.34 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA.
3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$116,748 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$3,948) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$112,800) which will be used to support the Support for Tenants at Risk (STAR) homelessness prevention program based at the Multi-Service Center.
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$95,865 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Salary and Wages account (\$6,492), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$86,373) and to the Travel and Training account (\$3,000) to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$700,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditure to provide funds for the construction costs for the Clarendon Avenue Playground.
6. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$940,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for the construction costs for the Morse School Playground.
7. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$116,850 from General Fund Library Salary and Wages account to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will fund expenses incurred to repair the Main Library's HVAC system, chillers at the Central Square branch, and the heating system at the O'Connell branch.
8. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of John Gargano as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2016.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from MexiCali Burrito, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 350 Kendall Street. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley pending more information on Apr 25, 2016.]

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
5. An application was received from Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
7. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
8. 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.
9. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
10. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.

11. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
12. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
13. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a report on potential issues related to the Barrett, et al. Zoning Amendment.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Harry + Lili LLC, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 136-138 Cushing Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
2. An application was received from On The Rise, Inc., requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 341 Broadway (Inman 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2015 for NSTAR Gas Company.
2. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2015 for NSTAR Electric Company.
3. A communication was received from Lynn Weissman, Friends of the Community Path, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
4. A communication was received from Rob O'Connor, 17 Elm Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
5. A communication was received from Gail Willett, 72 Chestnut Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
6. A communication was received from Conor Paterson, 31 Sherman Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
7. A communication was received from Rachel Culley, 3 Sacramento Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.

8. A communication was received from John Tournas, 36 Middlesex Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
9. A communication was received from Scott Englander, 26 Elm Street, Brookline, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
10. A communication was received from Christopher Cassa, 103 Gore Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
11. A communication was received from Ariane Berelowitch, 67 Dudley Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
12. A communication was received from Jason Stockman, 103 Gore Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
13. A communication was received from Anthony Corsentino, 21 Wood Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
14. A communication was received from Rebecca Albrecht, 161 Naes Road, Brookline, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
15. A communication was received from Mark Adams, 2517 Massachusetts Avenue, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
16. A communication was received from Amands Sindel-Keswick, 103 Gore Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
17. A communication was received from Ezra Rudel, 205 Rindge Avenue, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
18. A communication was received from Alan Moore, Somerville, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
19. A communication was received from Steven Bercu, 132 Fayerweather Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
20. A communication was received from Nina Gafinkle, Garfinkle Design, 7 Holyoke Street, Boston, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
21. A communication was received from Mark Boswell, 105 Walden Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
22. A communication was received from Larry Kolodney, Austin Park, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
23. A communication was received from Lilla Zollei, 105 Gore Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
24. A communication was received from Thomas Mahony, 2A Hingham Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
25. A communication was received from Colleen Gillard and William Wells, 82 Magazine Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
26. A communication was received from Alex Epstein, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.

27. A communication was received from Randy Stern, Kenwood Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
28. A communication was received from Marcus Baker, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
29. A communication was received from Susan Harrison, 21 Valentine Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
30. A communication was received from Joe Poirier, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
31. A communication was received from Josiah Bonsey, 16 Prentiss Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
32. A communication was received from Steven E. Miller, 92 Henry Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
33. A communication was received from Dylan Tisdall, 95 Otis Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
34. A communication was received from Emily Norton, Chapter Director, Massachusetts Sierra Club, transmitting support for elimination of excise tax on electric vehicles.
35. A communication was received from Doug Brown, et al., in support of Huron Avenue sidewalks.
36. A communication was received from John Sanzone, regarding Grand Junction, Sage Cannabis, Barrett Petition, temporary dog park, Green Line Extension, late night T service and sidewalks on Huron Avenue.
37. A communication was received from John MacDougall, 175 Richdale Avenue, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.
38. A communication was received from Caroline Jaffe, 18 Amory Street, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2016 Outstanding City Employee Award. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding plans for the former Riverside Community Health Center on Western Avenue, including transfer of ownership of the building to the City and the process for determining future usage. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. That the Economic Development and University Relations Committee be and hereby is requested to review City Ordinance 12.08.010 Encroachments onto streets—Permit required—Fee—Exceptions to discuss whether including additional approval criteria and adjusting the permitting fees is appropriate. Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Mazen
3. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the construction of the playground at the Cambridgeport School. Councillor Maher
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to publish a Cambridge voter guide to be distributed to each household

in Cambridge a month before the 2017 municipal election. Councillor Mazen, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk transmitting a report from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Apr 12, 2016 for the purpose of receiving an update from the Cambridge Housing Authority on the RAD process and to consider the recommendation from the City Manager for appointment of Naomie Stephen as a Commissioner of the Cambridge Housing Authority.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Apr 27, 2016 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.”

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Chrystal Kornegay, Undersecretary, Department of Housing and Community Development, regarding the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan (KSURP) Amendment #10.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Kevin Manganaro, Assistant Attorney General, Division of Open Government, regarding the Closure of an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting additional information on sandwich board sign application for Mexicali Burrito.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Civic Unity Committee will conduct a joint public hearing to discuss all issues related to non-citizen representation and outreach in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

4:00pm 2016 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting to receive an update on Envision Cambridge. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Roundtable/Working Meeting will be televised. (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)

Wed, May 25

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to amend the Zoning Map in the Riverside Neighborhood from the existing Residence C-1 to Residence C within the area bounded by Franklin Street, River Street and Putnam Avenue. The most significant changes would be that the allowed Floor Area Ratio would decrease from 0.75 to 0.60, the required lot area per dwelling unit would increase from 1,500 to 1,800 square feet, and the open space requirement would increase from 30% to 36% of a lot. This hearing to be televised. (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)

Tues, June 21

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the city's Leaf Blower Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 23

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)

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 May 2, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding plans for the former Riverside Community Health Center on Western Avenue, including transfer of ownership of the building to the City and the process for determining future usage.

O-2 May 2, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge continually strives to improve pedestrian infrastructure to encourage people to walk more as part of its commitments to Mass in Motion and Complete Streets; and

WHEREAS: Sandwich boards and A-frame signs can act as helpful tools for businesses seeking to attract new customers, but a profusion of such signs can contribute to visual clutter, which may actually defeat their intended purpose as advertising tools; and

WHEREAS: Sandwich boards and A-frame signs can create obstacles on crowded sidewalks that can make it difficult for pedestrians to maneuver; and

WHEREAS: In reviewing recent applications for sandwich boards and A-frame signs, the City Council has discussed reviewing the criteria by which such signs are approved and potentially creating a checklist that would better balance the reasonable desires of businesses for additional signage with

the need to keep the sidewalk clear for pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Economic Development and University Relations Committee be and hereby is requested to review City Ordinance 12.08.010 Encroachments onto streets—Permit required—Fee—Exceptions to discuss whether including additional approval criteria and adjusting the permitting fees is appropriate.

O-3 May 2, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the construction of the playground at the Cambridgeport School.

O-4 May 2, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Candidate participation in municipal elections is high, with an average of 22 candidates for City Council and 10 candidates for School Committee during the each of the last 3 election cycles; and

WHEREAS: Despite the high candidate participation, voter participation in the City's municipal elections has been low, with less than 28% of Cambridge's estimated 65,791 registered voters casting their vote for their civic leaders; and

WHEREAS: A major barrier to voter engagement in municipal elections is lack of easily accessible information about candidates and their platforms; and

WHEREAS: Lack of information disproportionately affects citizens who are unable to attend in-person events, citizens who are not computer literate, and citizens who do not speak English as their primary language; and

WHEREAS: Residents who are new to Cambridge are not likely to be targeted by political campaigns and would be more likely to participate in elections with a mailed introduction to candidates and an explanation of the basics of our proportional representation voting system, which is not widely used; and

WHEREAS: A City published voter guide would be a cost effective lever for Cambridge to reach and to inform every voter during election season; and

WHEREAS: New York City, New York, Lawrence, Kansas, and other cities publish voter guides, which include candidate submitted biographical information, top priorities, and other relevant information, and include appropriately prescriptive guidelines to preserve the city's impartiality; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to publish a Cambridge voter guide, to be distributed to each household in Cambridge a month before the 2017 municipal election; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the voter guide will contain space for candidate-submitted summaries of their platforms and qualifications; will also include a list of additional resources voters can use to inform themselves of the candidates, such

as links to candidate websites and questionnaires organized by community groups; and will include any other information deemed appropriate to engage and educate voters including an explanation of proportional representation and polling locations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the guide will be translated into all languages commonly spoken in Cambridge upon request, and that this option will be well publicized through the distribution of the printed guide to households with a pdf available online; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to report back with a timeline for roll out and implementation for the 2017 election within the next six months.