CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an increase in the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$3,300 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used by the Center for Families for technical assistance they provided to the Family Resource Center.
- 2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$8,615 for the Center for Families program funded by the Cambridge Public Health Commission's Agenda for Children to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow the Center for Families to provide Community Playgroups, Drop-In Playgroups, Provider Groups and support at the June 2014 Family Fun Day.
- 3. 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 \$338,080 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$43,304) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$294,776) for the Human Services Department operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Flatbread Benefit Night donation in the amount of \$532 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support activities at the Haggerty Preschool.
- 5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$6,892) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$108) which will partially support an advisor to work with ESOL and ABE students on career awareness and career planning.
- Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Ms. Amy Witts as the Purchasing Agent for the City of Cambridge, effective June 2, 2014.
- Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to whether potential revisions to the Cambridge Municipal Code Section 9.04.050(A) should be made.
- 8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-34, regarding a report on the City's legal options on preventing the use of electronic billboards in the City.
- 9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-07, regarding a report on the what steps would be necessary to change the method by which surplus votes are transferred in

- municipal elections and whether the Fractional Transfer Method could replace the Cincinnati Method and whether this requires a Charter change.
- 10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Cambridge Climate Protection Action Committee recommended goals and objectives.
- 11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the submission of two legal opinions as part of the City Manager's Supplemental Agenda on Mon, May 5, 2014, regarding Awaiting Report Item Number 14-22 concerning the Sullivan Courthouse and Council Order Number 13 of Mar 17, 2014 concerning the First Street Garage.

May 5, 2014

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am writing to inform you that I will be submitting to the City Council on Mon, May 5, 2014 as part of the City Manager's Supplemental Agenda, two legal opinions in response to the following:

- 1. Awaiting Report Item Number 14-22, which requested that the City Manager seek a legal opinion from the City Solicitor on whether the Sullivan Courthouse qualifies as a pre-existing non-conforming structure; and
- 2. Council Order No. 13 of Mar 17, 2014, regarding determine the relevant zoning requirements for the First Street Garage.

Due to the extent of interest in these matters, I recommend that following any discussion of the reports by the City Council on Mon, May 5th, that they be placed on the Table in order to allow for additional comments and discussion by the City Council and members of the public at the City Council's next meeting of May 19th.

Very truly yours, Richard C. Rossi, City Manager

- 12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the report of the Cambridge-Haiti Sister Committee on the possibility of establishing a sister city relationship with a city in Haiti.
- 13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-24, regarding a report on repairing the loose utility cover at the corner of Allston and Sidney Streets
- 14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-12, regarding a report on developing a City parking ticket for parking in bike lanes violations.

CHARTER RIGHT

- 1. An application was received from 1868 Realty, LLC Peter Wasserman requesting permission to close the curb cut at the premises numbered 1868 Massachusetts Avenue and relocate the curb cut on Upland Road; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Applications and Petitions Number Five of Apr 28, 2014.]
- 2. That the City Council go on record expressing its concern that the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for

- College and Careers (PARCC) exam system has significant flaws. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Nine of Apr 28, 2014.]
- 3. That the City Council hereby endorses the National Association of City Transportation Official's Urban Street Design Guide. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Twelve of Apr 28, 2014.]

ON THE TABLE

- 4. 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.]
- 5. 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

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after Apr 21, 2014.
- 9. 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. The question comes on passing to be

- ordained on or after Apr 21, 2014. Planning Board Hearing held Mar 18, 2014. Petition expires June 24, 2014.
- 10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,150,000 to provide funds for the design, drainage, and installation of new synthetic field surfaces on the soccer fields at Danehy Park. The question comes on adoption on or after May 12, 2014.
- 11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to 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 12, 2014.
- 12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$550,000 to provide funds for renovations to the Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr. Fresh Pond Golf Course. The question comes on adoption on or after May 12, 2014.
- 13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,600,000 to provide funds for planning and municipal building renovations, including a Comprehensive Facilities Improvement Plan, design and construction of improvements at the City Hall Annex and upgrades to the City Hall Third Floor Women's Restroom. The question comes on adoption on or after May 12, 2014.
- 14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$750,000 to provide funds for building renovations, including water infiltration system repair at the Haggerty School, replacement of the emergency generator at the Graham & Parks, Tobin and Cambridgeport Schools, and boiler replacement at the Graham & Parks School. The question comes on adoption on or after May 12, 2014.
- 15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$9,205,655 to provide funds for various water pollution abatement projects, including construction of sewer separation, stormwater management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the City's Western Avenue and Agassiz areas as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program and public toilet installation at Harvard Square. The question comes on adoption on or after May 12, 2014.
- 16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. The question comes on adoption on or after May 12, 2014.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- 1. An application was received from Koreana Restaurant requesting permission for six tables and eighteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 156 Prospect Street.
- 2. An application was received from CVS Pharmacy requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1390 Massachusetts Avenue/6 JFK Street. Approval has

- been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and Historical. Sign is pre-existing.
- An application was received from Tasty Burger requesting permission for eight tables and forty chairs for restaurant seating at the corner of Mount Auburn Street and JFK Street
- 4. An application was received from Fitlab requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 1305 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development. Sign is pre-existing.
- 5. An application was received from Aesop, USA, Inc. requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 49 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and Historical. Sign is preexisting.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. A communication was received from Judith Nathans, 511 Putnam Avenue regarding Plastic Bag Ordinance.
- 2. A communication was received from Sally Martin, 103 Henry Street transmitting support for a Master Plan.
- 3. A communication was received from Sheli Wortis, 106 Berkshire Street transmitting support for a Master Plan.
- 4. A communication was received from Minga Claggett-Borne in favor of a Master Plan and against the Leggatt-McCall Permit for the former courthouse.
- A communication was received from Martha Older regarding public toilets, ethanol train, globe deliveries and divestment.
- 6. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37
 Brookline Street regarding a once a year city wide yard sale.
- 7. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street transmitting support for the Master Plan Policy Order.
- A communication was received from Margaret
 Weyerhaeuser, Lakeview Avenue regarding a Master Plan
 and moratorium.
- A communication was received from Anita D. McClellan regarding Pause on PARCC and Common Core State Standards.
- 10. A communication was received from Pam Matz transmitting support for a Master Plan.
- 11. A communication was received from Patrick Barton, Appleton Street regarding the Master Plan.
- 12. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley regarding a fairer Hubway location process.
- 13. A communication was received from Elizabeth Aguilo, LICSW, Executive Director, Paine Senior Services regarding budget cuts to Greater Boston Legal Services.
- 14. A communication was received from Gregg Moree, 25 Fairfield Street regarding the Honey Fitz.

RESOLUTIONS

- Wishing Matthew Nagle a Happy Birthday. Councillor McGovern
- 2. Supporting Sisters on the Runway and commending all the organizers, participants, donors and volunteers who have dedicated

- their time and effort to such an important cause. Vice Mayor Renzan
- Congratulating the Middle East Restaurant and Nightclub on their successful second Autonomous Fighting Robot Design Challenge. Councillor Cheung
- 4. Congratulations to the Mount Auburn Hospital for being recognized by the Boston Business Journal as one of the best places to work in 2014. Councillor Cheung
- Congratulating the Cambridge Health Alliance on the receiving the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County's 2013 Community Partner Award. Councillor Cheung
- 6. Resolution on the death of John J. Mccafferty. Mayor Maher
- Congratulations to InsightSquared for being recognized by the Boston Business Journal as one of the best companies to work for in 2014. Councillor Cheung
- Congratulations to Foundation Medicine for being recognized by the Boston Business Journal as one of the best companies to work for in 2014. Councillor Cheung
- Congratulations to Litmus for being recognized by the Boston Business Journal as one of the best companies to work for in 2014. Councillor Cheung
- 10. Congratulations to Tom Lucey and Harvard University for being presented with the CFCS Avon Children's Friend Award at the Cambridge Family and Children's Service 21st Annual Circle of Friends Gala and Auction. Councillor Simmons
- Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014 City of Cambridge Scholarship Awards. Mayor Maher
- 12. Congratulations to Anika Larson on her nomination in the category of Best Performance by an Actress in a Features Role in a Musical for the 2014 Tony Awards for her performance as Cynthia Weil in the musical Beautiful The Carole King Musical. Councillor McGovern
- 13. Resolution on the death of John P. Kelley. Mayor Maher
- 14. Congratulations to Jack Sweeney for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 15. Congratulations to Chris Mahoney for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 16. Congratulations to Walther Nufio for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 17. Congratulations to Daniel Kuang for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 18. Congratulations to Vara Mathiyalakan for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- Congratulations to Toni Oloko for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 20. Congratulations to George Liu-Krason for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 21. Congratulations to Denise Mullings for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 22. Congratulations to Joseph Peraza for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 23. Congratulations to Gia-Han Pham for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung

- 24. Congratulations to Analai Jacinto for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 25. Congratulations to Jennifer Tran for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 26. Congratulations to Jessica Ringel for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 27. Congratulations to Tommy Mahoney for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 28. Congratulations to Raina Williams for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 29. Congratulations to Rossemary Marte for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 30. Congratulations to Jillian Toomey for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 31. Congratulations to Ethan Wong for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 32. Congratulations to Michael Kramer for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 33. Congratulations to Yaznairy Cabrera for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 34. Congratulations to Ariana Gardner for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 35. Congratulations to Maddie Nifong for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 36. Congratulations to Yaiika Cruz for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 37. Congratulations to Janice He for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 38. Congratulations to Umang Bansal for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 39. Congratulations to Gwendolyn Fajardo for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 40. Congratulations to Brian Hernandez for the successful completion of the Youth CITIES March-to-May Bootcamp and becoming a Youth CITIES Scholar. Councillor Cheung
- 41. Congratulations to Cambridge's American Repertory Theater on being nominated for nine Tony Awards. Councillor Cheung
- 42. Happy Birthday wishes to Ethan Myat. Councillor McGovern
- 43. Gratitude to former City Clerk D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk Donna P. Lopez and the City Clerk's Office staff for the exemplary work on the historic evening of May 17, 2004 when Cambridge City Hall opened at midnight to issue same-sex marriage licenses. Councillor Simmons
- 44. Congratulations to Billy Simmons for finishing the 2014 Boston Marathon. Mayor Maher
- 45. Congratulations to Jenny Chung for finishing the 2014 Boston Marathon. Mayor Maher

- 46. Congratulations to Paul Toner for being honored by Mass-Care and the Universal Health Care Education Fund. Councillor Simmons
- 47. That the City Council go on record expressing its great hope that the United States will continue to progress to the point where all 50 states in the union ultimately legally recognize Marriage Equality. Councillor Simmons
- 48. Happy Birthday wishes to Annie Nagle. Councillor McGovern
- 49. Happy 85th Birthday wishes to William Goldberg. Mayor Maher
- 50. Happy 85th Birthday wishes to Bernard Goldberg. Mayor Maher
- 51. Thanks to the members of the Kids' Council Youth Involvement Subcommittee for their work and commitment to the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

- 1. That the City Manager direct the Community Development Department to develop and create a solar PV incentive program for residential property owners in Cambridge, and to request any necessary budget allocations to fund such work, including potential staffing and direct funding of solar installation incentives, and using student canvassers to reach homes and businesses that have been pre-screened as suitable for solar PV installation. Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
- 2. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City Staff and Departments to prepare draft language that would enable the City Council to implement the 2002 nexus study recommendations, as an interim measure pending completion of the new nexus study. Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
- 3. That the City Manager confer with the School Department; the Public Health Department; the Community Development Department; the Police Department; the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department; and any other relevant departments on the establishment of a Safe Routes to School Program for Cambridge which includes safety improvements to the street infrastructure as well as promotion and education components. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Mazen
- 4. That the City Manager confer with the Cambridge Arts Council and high school administration on the possibility of creating a Falcon carving out of the tree stump that remains in the newly redesigned courtyard of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Carlone
- 5. That the City Council urge the Cambridge Health Alliance to reverse its decision to consolidate its Psychiatric Emergency Room with its general Emergency Room, and the City Council strongly urges the CHA to convene a series of public meetings to determine if there are alternative scenarios that can be considered to preserve this essential service. Councillor Simmons
- City Council support of Senate Bill 2078, An Act Promoting Restorative Justice Practices. Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
- 7. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of allocating an additional \$140,000 annually to Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services to ensure that this vital organization can continue serving the people of Cambridge.

- Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Carlone
- 8. That the City Council does hereby go on record naming D. Margaret Drury as Clerk Emeritus of the City of Cambridge in recognition of her outstanding service to the City of Cambridge and its residents. Mayor Maher
- 9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Information Technology Department and members of the volunteer community to arrange an informal question and answer session with members of the City Council regarding the new Open Data Ordinance which is to come before the City Council. Councillor Mazen
- 10. That the City Council go on record urging elected officials of U.S. House and Senate to promote and support legislation that classifies broadband providers like Comcast as a telecommunications service under the common carriers provision of Title II of the Communications Act. Councillor Mazen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

 A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public meeting held on Apr 2, 2014 to discuss the latest challenges to, and changing faces of, affordable housing in Cambridge.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 6

4:00pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the effectiveness of the City Council Aide positions as well as procedural issues regarding the submission of policy orders and resolutions. (Ackermann Room)

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)

Wed, May 14

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition by the Planning Board to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance Article 12.000 Planned Unit Development procedures. The three parts of the proposed zoning amendment would clarify the procedures for amending a PUD special permit and create an option for some amendments to require one public hearing (under current zoning, an amendment may be granted with no required public hearing or two required public hearings). It would modify the time within which a permitted must begin construction on a PUD project from one year to two years. And it would clarify that all owners of land within a PUD are subject to the requirements set forth in the special permit, even if ownership of land is separated after the PUD is granted, but that the special permit may assign specific rights and obligations to different components within a Development Parcel. This hearing to 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)

Tues, May 20

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the re-filed Chun zoning petition requesting the City Council amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the entire district currently zoned Residence B located in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood, situated north of Concord Avenue, south of and adjacent to the municipal boundary with the Town of Belmont by deleting the designation Residence B and substituting therefore a designation of Residence A-2. This hearing to be televised. (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)

Tues, May 27

5:00pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the impact of poverty on communities, families, individuals and education, as well as what policy makers can do to help combat poverty rates in their communities. (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 (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Sept 8

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

Mon, Sept 15

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

Mon. Sept 22

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

Mon, Sept 29

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

Mon, Oct 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon. Oct 27

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5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 5, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an interest in encouraging sustainable and environmentally friendly practices; and

- WHEREAS: Solar Photovoltaic, or solar PV, wherein solar panels are utilized for the generation of electricity, has been growing dramatically in Cambridge and in the state of Massachusetts as a result of falling prices, robust incentives, and greater awareness; and
- WHEREAS: Total installed capacity in Cambridge is still at less than 0.3% of the estimated total rooftop potential; and
- WHEREAS: Work by non-profits including HEET and Green Cambridge has shown that community outreach and pre-negotiated discounts can significantly accelerate solar PV adoption; and
- WHEREAS: City sponsorship of solar PV, including letters from the Mayor's office and City Manager's office have proved very effective in the past in encouraging participation; and
- 2012 and 2013 saw a record number of solar PV installations in Cambridge, with 62 and 74 respectively, and city incentives and effort could potentially double those numbers; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to develop and create a solar PV incentive program for residential property owners in Cambridge, and to request any necessary budget allocations to fund such work, including potential staffing and direct funding of solar installation incentives, and using student canvassers to reach homes and businesses that have been pre-screened as suitable for solar PV installation.

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COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is proud of its strong, innovative commercial sector and is also proud of the efforts that are made to provide housing opportunities for residents at all income levels; and
- WHEREAS: The Incentive Zoning program was adopted by the City Council in 1988 to mitigate the impact of commercial development on the City's housing market by requiring a Housing Contribution from large, new commercial developments; and
- WHEREAS: A nexus study establishes the basis for Housing Contributions as set forth in the Incentive Zoning provisions; these monetary contributions are used to fund affordable housing programs which help offset the pressure on market rents as the City's commercial sector enjoys continued growth; and
- WHEREAS: Section 11.203.1 of the City's Zoning Ordinance ("Requirements for Incentive Zoning Contributions") states that the amount of the Housing Contribution shall be subject to review and recalculation every three (3) years by the Cambridge City Council; and
- WHEREAS: The most recent nexus study was completed in 2002, recommending that the Housing Contribution be set at \$7.83 in 2002 dollars (approximately \$10.00 in 2013 dollars) for every square foot of applicable gross floor area; however, the City Council never implemented this recommendation, and the Housing Contribution has not been significantly updated in many years; and
- WHEREAS: The current Housing Contribution rate is \$4.58 per square foot of applicable gross floor area, which includes minor updates that are made by the Affordable Housing Trust based on changes to the Consumer Price Index; and
- WHEREAS: On Aug 1, 2011, the City Manager stated that it would be reasonable to commission a new nexus study, and on Jan 8, 2014, the Community Development Department issued a memorandum indicating that an RFP for a new nexus study would be issued within weeks; that RFP was issued on Apr 28, 2014, and therefore, the City is still many months away from having an

- updated Housing Contribution recommendation; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an estimate of how much applicable commercial development has been completed in the city since the 2002 nexus study, and how much money for affordable housing would have been obtained had the City Council elected to implement the 2002 recommendations; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City Staff and Departments to prepare draft language that would enable the City Council to implement the 2002 nexus study recommendations, as an interim measure pending completion of the new nexus study, and report back to the City Council on this matter by Mon, May 19, 2014.

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COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has policies promoting walking and bicycling as environmentally sustainable transportation; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge School Department has a Wellness Policy that promotes walking and bicycling to school; and
- WHEREAS: Walking and bicycling to school are excellent ways for children to engage in physical activity for their health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS: Encouraging walking and bicycling to school can lead to walking and bicycling to other activities, further promoting a healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyle; and
- WHEREAS: Children who walk or bicycle to school have been shown to perform better academically in school; and
- WHEREAS: Currently families who would like their children to walk or bicycle to school do not have clear resources to support them and have requested such; and
- WHEREAS: The National Safe Routes to School Program and the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program exist to assist communities with resources; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for a formal Safe Routes to School Program to be established in Cambridge; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the School Department; the Public Health Department; the Community Development Department; the Police Department; the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department; and any other relevant departments on the establishment of a Safe Routes to School Program for Cambridge which includes safety improvements to the street infrastructure as well as promotion and education components; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council and high school administration on the possibility of creating a Falcon carving out of the tree stump that remains in the newly redesigned courtyard of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School.

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COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that the Cambridge Health Alliance is seeking to reduce its operating costs by consolidating the Cambridge Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Room, which has a separate entrance from the main Emergency Room that features additional security staff, cameras for monitoring patient safety, and staff specially trained to triage, assess, and treat those experiencing psychiatric emergencies, with its main Emergency Room entrance; and

- WHEREAS: This consolidation, which is scheduled to go into effect in June 2014, has caused a great deal of concern to psychiatric professionals at the Cambridge Hospital, as well as to all those who respond to and attempt to assist those in the midst of a psychiatric emergency. The fear is that this consolidation will ultimately compromise the care, safety, and treatment of the psychiatric patients and of the general ER patients; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that approximately 2,500 patients visit the Psychiatric Emergency Room annually, and this ER is specifically designed to ensure that these patients are seen in an environment that minimizes the potential safety risks to patients, while maximizing the level of emergency care available to them. It is feared that the loss of this specially-designated wing of the hospital's ER will result in a degradation of psychiatric emergency treatment available in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: It is particularly troubling that the Cambridge Health Alliance has neglected to reach out to its community partners, including the City Council, to alert them to this looming consolidation, in light of the very similar public outcry when the CHA sought to consolidate its child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric units, which would have reduced the number of beds available to serve youth with mental health issues, in May 2013; and
- WHEREAS: It is critical that the Cambridge Health Alliance recognize that the changes it is proposing will have a significant, negative impact upon the people of Cambridge and our immediate neighbors who rely upon this Emergency Room for critical psychiatric care, and who depend upon the institution to instill public confidence in the services it provides; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council formally goes on record in urging the Cambridge Health Alliance to reverse its decision to consolidate its Psychiatric Emergency Room with its general Emergency Room, and the City Council strongly urges the CHA to convene a series of public meetings to determine if there are alternative scenarios that can be considered to preserve this essential service; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Patrick Wardell, Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridge Health Alliance, Jay Burke, Chief of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Health Alliance, and to the Cambridge Delegation to the State Legislature, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 May 5, 2014 COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN VICE MAYOR BENZAN

- WHEREAS: Restorative justice practices aim to meet victim needs, hold offenders accountable, explore the impact of crime on the community, and create plans of repair when possible by means of voluntary meetings among victims, offender, supporters, community members, and criminal justice personnel; and
- WHEREAS: Restorative justice provides a broader choice of victim services and increases victim and community satisfaction, reduces recidivism, and is more cost-effective than traditional justice methods; and
- WHEREAS: Senate Bill 2078 seeks to improve public safety by expanding and monitoring the use of restorative justice techniques as a compliment to the justice system by amending the Juvenile Code and the Adult Code to allow restorative justice options for appropriate crimes; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting Senate Bill 2078, An Act promoting restorative justice practices and respectfully urging the Massachusetts Senate to pass the bill; 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 elected delegation of the Cambridge Senate; Senate President Therese

Murray; and to the members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 May 5, 2014 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS VICE MAYOR BENZAN COUNCILLOR CARLONE

- WHEREAS: For decades, Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services (CASLS), which merged with Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) in 1996 to become its Cambridge office at 60 Gore Street, has provided free, civil legal services to low-income Cambridge residents with issues concerning housing, obtaining state and federal government benefits, elder law, and mental health/disability rights for adults and children with psychiatric and other disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: The exemplary services provided by the dedicated attorneys and support staff at CASLS help hundreds of residents every year with fighting unjust evictions, Section 8 terminations, denial of eligibility for public or subsidized housing, and other fair housing issues. The residents who have utilized CASLS would have had few other agencies to turn to for these services; and
- WHEREAS: CASLS also frequently provides legal advice, information, and technical assistance to various local social service agencies. In addition to fielding constituent questions from individual City Councilors, CASLS regularly provides guidance and support to the Cambridge Multi Service Center, the Council on Aging, CASCAP Resident Services Coordinators, Cambridge Health Alliance clinicians and staff, the Guidance Center, Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, and many other organizations; and
- WHEREAS: CASLS also regularly engages in extensive policy work to ensure access to affordable housing in Cambridge, and to ensure that the rights of low-income public housing applicants and tenants are protected. This advocacy work is often pursued on behalf of the Alliance of Cambridge Tenants, the city-wide organization of public housing and Section 8 voucher tenants of the Cambridge Housing Authority; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long recognized the critical importance of having CASLS located within our community. It ensures that low-income residents have an organization that is truly accessible, that can provide legal triaging, assessment, case referral or management, and is run by skilled, knowledgeable, and compassionate professionals. The loss of CASLS from this community would be devastating, particularly to affordable housing tenants and advocates. It is for this reason that the City of Cambridge has contributed over \$50,000 annually to help fund this essential community partner; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council has recently learned that GBLS must make significant reductions in its budget due funding cuts, and it is seriously contemplating closing the Cambridge office. If this were to happen, the loss to local low-income residents, social services providers, affordable housing advocates, and the City itself would be overwhelming. CASLS has estimated that it will need an additional \$140,000 per year to secure its continued Cambridge operations; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of allocating an additional \$140,000 annually to Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services to ensure that this vital organization can continue serving the people of Cambridge; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to set up a meeting with CASLS representatives to determine if the City can assist this organization with identifying and securing additional outside sources of funding, and that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

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MAYOR MAHER

- WHEREAS: Throughout the great history of the City of Cambridge there have been countless citizens who have committed themselves to public service, community engagement and the pursuit of a more fair and equal city for all; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been at the forefront of the fight for freedom and equality since our City was settled in 1630. From the Revolutionary War, to creating a new nation, to the Abolitionists' plight to free an enslaved people, to the Women's Suffrage and Civil Rights movements, to making our society more fair and inclusive to the pursuit of full equality for the LGBT community, Cambridge has always been a leader in the struggle for civil and human rights; and
- WHEREAS: One of these committed citizens and public servants who played a key role in the march towards equality for LGBT Americans was former City Clerk D. Margaret Drury when she performed the first same-sex marriage in the United States shortly after midnight on May 17, 2004; and
- WHEREAS: Margaret Drury served as City Clerk of the City of Cambridge from 1992-2012 and during those twenty years of dedicated service to the residents of Cambridge, Margaret was a strong advocate for all Cantabrigians, particularly those who were marginalized or discriminated against; and
- WHEREAS: Margaret was the author of the municipal code law in Cambridge that brought Domestic Partnership recognition to Cambridge, the first community in the Commonwealth to implement such a law; and
- WHEREAS: A decade ago, when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was the only state in the nation that allowed samesex marriage, Margaret Drury was the City Clerk that processed the first marriage intentions and married the first same-sex couples in the United States. Margaret and her staff in the City Clerk's Office worked throughout the night and into the early hours of the morning on May 17, 2004, and by the close of business, the City of Cambridge issued 268 marriage licenses, the most in the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: While Margaret Drury's place in history was solidified when she performed the first same-sex marriage in the United States, the residents of Cambridge and her colleagues in the City Clerk's Office were aware of Margaret's commitment to equality and inclusion long before May 17, 2004; and
- WHEREAS: Margaret continues to play an active role in civic affairs in Cambridge. Upon her retirement as City Clerk in Apr of 2012, Margaret was appointed to the Board of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and is utilizing her years of experience with the City to help guide the CRA as it works to bring sustainable and mixed-use development to Kendall Square and the eastern portion of our city; and
- WHEREAS: Our community has been served by countless public servants who are dedicated and committed to the interests and the needs of the residents of Cambridge. Margaret Drury is one of these public servants who made a tremendous impact on the City Clerk's Office and the City of Cambridge that will benefit our City for years to come; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council does hereby go on record naming D. Margaret Drury as Clerk Emeritus of the City of Cambridge in recognition of her outstanding service to the City of Cambridge and its residents; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to D. Margaret Drury on Fri, May 16, 2014 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 May 5, 2014 COUNCILLOR MAZEN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to

confer with the Information Technology Department and members of the volunteer community to arrange an informal question and answer session with members of the City Council regarding the new Open Data Ordinance which is to come before the City

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COUNCILLOR MAZEN

- WHEREAS: In January of 2014, a federal court of appeals rejected the Federal Communication Commission policy of Net Neutrality, stating that broadband providers such as Comcast can no longer be regulated like common carriers, and do not have to provide equal access to content providers, effectively undermining the democratization of internet access; and
- WHEREAS: True Net Neutrality provides for the free and unfettered exchange of information between people and organizations, with no bandwidth preferences based on the nature of content, authorship, or affiliation; and
- WHEREAS: Federal Communication Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler's principal strategy for regulation may allow content providers to create an "internet fastlane," conferring preferential speeds to some content-providers (or subsidiaries); and
- WHEREAS: This "fastlane" outcome is the result of a long-term lobbying effort on the part of special interests in the telecom industry, stymying free market competition and undermining democratic dissemination of information; and
- WHEREAS: These regulatory changes set a precedent that opens the door for future malfeasance; and
- WHEREAS: Reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service under the common carriers provision of Title II of the Communications Act would allow the F.C.C. the authority to preserve Net Neutrality allowing for a free and unfettered exchange of information across network infrastructure; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record urging that the Federal Communication Commission classify broadband providers like Comcast as a telecommunications service under the common carriers provision of Title II of the Communications Act; and be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record urging elected officials of U.S. House and Senate to promote and support legislation that classifies broadband providers like Comcast as a telecommunications service under the common carriers provision of Title II of the Communications Act; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Chairman Tom Wheeler of the F.C.C., and appropriate members of the U.S. Congress and Senate on behalf of the entire City Council, and to respectfully request a response from Senators Warren and Markey, Congressman Capuano, and Congresswoman Clarke on this