

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-142, regarding a report on the City and the Retirement Board divesting from all engagement with Dow Chemical Company.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the proposed Open Data Ordinance.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-122 and 15-13, regarding North Mass. Ave.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-12, regarding a report on the Cambridge Common/Flagstaff Park Enhancement Project.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-37, regarding a report on procuring a Natural Gas Analyzer for the City Arborist.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-78, regarding a report on the feasibility of launching a homeless donation meter program.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-05, regarding shelter beds.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation from the Children's Trust in the amount of \$400 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to pay stipends to parents who participate in a Children's Trust Peer Review.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the New England Orienteering Club in the amount of \$2,512 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and will be utilized to support the cost of salaries for instructors who will teach classes in Orienteering at six Community School sites.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Flatbread Benefit Night donation in the amount of \$575 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be utilized to support activities at the King Open Preschool.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of user reimbursements received from Cambridge Homeless Service Provider Agencies to support the Cambridge Homeless Management Information System in the amount of \$7,590 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,590) and to the Travel and Training account (\$2,000).
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$3,858.66 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to purchase items and supplies related to the Carey Men's Transitional Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Metro North Regional Employment Board (MNREB) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Adult and Community Learning Services through MNREB in the amount of \$15,200 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$7,079) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$8,121) which will be used by the Community Learning Center (CLC) to provide an intensive summer course to prepare students with limited English skills to enter the CLC's Adult Career Pathways program in the fall.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$15,406 of the Cambridge Continuum of Care (COC) Coordinated Intake Grant from the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account in the amount of \$15,000 and from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account in the amount of \$406 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will support the necessary staff efforts to fully and effectively implement the Coordinate Intake model.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$522,000 from sponsor donations and Hubway generated revenue (\$372,000), Parking Fund revenue (\$100,000), and Water Fund revenue (\$50,000) to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to pay for a portion of 15 new Hubway bike share station, bring the total number of stations to 48 across the city.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,210 from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training account which will be used to send staff to a hazardous material conference in Baltimore, MD that will focus on preparedness for hazardous material transportation-related incidents.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$1,777.55 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account which is a reimbursement for trainings performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Fire Travel and Training account (Judgments and Damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for fire personnel injured in performance of their duties.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a [Planning Board recommendation on the Normandy/Twining \(Mass and Main\) Zoning Petition](#).

The Planning Board recommends adoption with suggested modifications.

20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a [Planning Board recommendation on the Chestnut Hill Realty Zoning Petition](#). The Planning Board recommends adoption.

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status and next steps for the Beekeeping ordinance. [Order Number Ten of Mar 30, 2015 Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Mar 30, 2015.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Apr 1, 2015 to continue discussions on the Normandy/Twining petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 11, 2015. Planning Board Hearing held Feb 24, 2015 and continued on Apr 28, 2015. Petition expires May 27, 2015.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$37,750,000 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 Agassiz Neighborhood, Alewife Watershed, Area IV Neighborhood, and Harvard Square areas as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program. The question comes on adoption on or after May 18, 2015.
4. Transmitting communication 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 18, 2015.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,600,000 to provide funds for surface improvements to the Harvard Square area including Eliot Street, Eliot Plaza, Brattle Street, and Brattle Plaza. The question comes on adoption on or after May 18, 2015.
6. Transmitting communication 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 18, 2015.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$15,700,000 to provide funds for various School building infrastructure projects including the design and construction for the King Open/Cambridge Street School and Community Complex, roof replacement at the Kennedy Longfellow School, and a new boiler at the Fletcher Maynard Academy. The question comes on adoption on or after May 18, 2015.

8. Transmitting communication 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 reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks. The question comes on adoption on or after May 18, 2015.
9. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Apr 28, 2015 to discuss amendments to the Cambridge Municipal Code in Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 18, 2015.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Harvard Kennedy School, requesting permission to relocate a curb cut to access below grade loading facility at the premises numbered 14 and 14A Eliot Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from one neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Saints Constantine and Helen, 14 Magazine Street, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Mass. Ave. at City Hall announcing the Greek Festival June 19th - June 21st.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Ethan Cascio, 36 Essex Street, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
2. A communication was received from Jill Becker, 23 Perry Street, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
3. A communication was received from Gregory P. Heidelberger, 188 Prospect Street, regarding Mass + Main zoning proposal.
4. A communication was received from Robert K. Coughlin, President and CEO, MassBio, 300 Technology Square, regarding getting to Net Zero Task Force Submission.
5. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding the denial of Citizens Bank ten banners at 30 Brattle Street.
6. A communication was received from Martha Older, transmitting support for the proposed Normandy/Twining upzoning proposal.
7. A communication was received from Parker Brooks Heckner, 105 Norfolk Street, regarding Mass + Main.
8. A communication was received from Judith Black, regarding Mass + Main proposal hearing.
9. A communication was received from Robin Finnegan, 31 Hubbard Avenue, regarding Mass + Main proposal.
10. A communication was received from Mark Boyes-Watson, regarding housing affordability in Cambridge, Mass + Main.
11. A communication was received from Jeff Byrnes, 7 Lawrence Street, transmitting support of Mass + Main.
12. A communication was received from Barbara Broussard, 148 Third Street, transmitting support of the Mass + Main Project.

13. A communication was received from Seth Zeren, 183 Chestnut Street, transmitting support for the Mass + Main proposal.
14. A communication was received from Sam Stern, transmitting support of the Mass + Main project.
15. A communication was received from Catherine Sullivan, 16 Notre Dame Avenue, urging the passage of Mass + Main.
16. A communication was received from Marina Colonas, regarding Mass + Main.
17. A communication was received from David Chilinski, AIA, President, 221 Hampshire Street, regarding Mass + Main.
18. A communication was received from Sally Eaton Arnold, 6B Russell Street, regarding Mass + Main proposal.
19. A communication was received from Joan Squeri, transmitting support of the Twining proposal.
20. A communication was received from Colleen McCarthy, 350 Third Street, transmitting support of the Mass + Main project.
21. A communication was received from Amanda Marcus, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
22. A communication was received from Susan Yanow, 221 Norfolk Street, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
23. A communication was received from Ellen Mass, President, Friends of Alewife Reservation, please say no to Towers vote.
24. A communication was received from Loryn Sheffner, 73 Howard Street, transmitting support for the Twining Normandy Proposal.
25. A communication was received from Paula Sharaga, 234 Columbia Street, transmitting support for the Mass + Main Mixed Income Residential District.
26. A communication was received from Pat O'Brien, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
27. A communication was received from Jan Devereux, 255 Lakeview Avenue, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
28. A communication was received from Marge Amster, 10 McTernan Street, transmitting support for Twining/Normandy Proposal.
29. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, 7 Ashburton Place, regarding sensible development for Cambridge.
30. A communication was received from Lawrence Bluestone, 18 Centre Street, transmitting support for Normandy/Twining Zoning Petition.
31. A communication was received from Jerome Ryan, 35 Lee Street, transmitting support for the Mass + Main mixed-income project.
32. A communication was received from Greg Reeves, transmitting support of the Mass + Main Mixed zoning proposal.
33. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding Normandy/Twining shoe-in and future Cambridge development.
34. A communication was received from Carolyn Fuller, 12 Douglass Street, regarding Mass + Main 2nd hearing.
35. A communication was received from Bill McAvinney, regarding Mass + Main 2nd hearing.
36. A communication was received from Jean E. Jackson, Professor of Anthropology, MIT, 77 Mass. Ave., no to Normandy Towers up-zoning.
37. A communication was received from John B. Nelson, regarding the Normandy vote.
38. A communication was received from Charles Teague, 23 Edmunds Street, transmitting opposition to the Normandy/Twining up-zoning.
39. A communication was received from Jon Ferguson, 61 Saville Street, regarding Normandy/Twining.
40. A communication was received from Sylvia Barnes, 196 Harvey Street, regarding Normandy Twining.
41. A communication was received from Sarah E. Kennedy, Director of Government Affairs, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, transmitting support for Mass + Main.
42. A communication was received from Gretchen Friesinger, Orchard Street, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
43. A communication was received from Rika Henderson, 301 Huron Avenue, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
44. A communication was received from Robert D. Bejoian, 544 Huron Avenue, Rose Bejoian and Paul Bejoian, 55 Essex Street, transmitting support for the Mass + Main housing project.
45. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, transmitting support of Mass+Main.
46. A communication was received from Pamela Ross, 67 Highland Avenue, in favor of Mass+Main.
47. A communication was received from Marianne Nelson, 175 Richdale Avenue, transmitting opposition to the Normandy Tower up-zoning.
48. A communication was received from James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, reject the Normandy/Twining up-zoning petition for Central Square.
49. A communication was received from Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, no to Normandy Tower, yes to planning.
50. A communication was received from Richard Clarey, Chairman, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, 15 Brookford Street, regarding the Normandy/Twining zoning amendment.
51. A communication was received from Nancy Ryan, for the Executive Committee of the Cambridge Residents Alliance, please reject the Normandy petition and move forward on planning.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Condolences to Ranjit Singanayagam on the death of his sister. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of William "Bill" Covalucci. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Maher
3. Congratulations to Jeff Lockwood and Novartis for being presented with the Cambridge Family and Children Services Avon Children's Friends Award. Mayor Maher

4. Congratulations to Jana Eggers on her appointment as CEO of Nara Logics. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Renee Townes on receiving her Bachelors of Nursing Degree. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Chef Barry Madden of Hungry Mother for winning the James Beard award for best chef in the Northeast. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to Rose Breslin Blake, Benjamin Grimm, Ty Muto, Carolyn Russell Stonewell and Elissa Warner for their winning submissions to the sidewalk poetry contest. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to Naco Taco on the occasion of its grand opening at 297 Mass. Ave. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of John Joseph Devaney, Sr. Mayor Maher
10. Congratulations to Margaret McKenna in her new role as President of Suffolk University. Councillor Toomey
11. Commend HeyWire on their contributions to the relief efforts in Nepal. Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to City Councillor Craig Kelley on his graduation from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Councillor McGovern
13. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Lena James. Councillor McGovern
14. Urge all Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day, and every day, to remember to pay tribute to our nation's defenders, living and deceased, for their service and devotion to country. Councillor McGovern
15. Happy Birthday wishes to Allan Isbitz. Councillor McGovern
16. Happy Birthday wishes to Cathy Zusy. Councillor McGovern
17. Happy Birthday wishes to Fenton Hollander. Councillor McGovern
18. Happy Birthday wishes to Kevin Foster. Councillor McGovern
19. Happy Birthday wishes to Andrea Kontos. Councillor McGovern
20. Happy Birthday wishes to Daniel Queen. Councillor McGovern
21. Happy Birthday wishes to John Maher. Councillor McGovern
22. Retirement of Martha Walsh from the School Department. Mayor Maher
23. Retirement of Linda Smith from the School Department. Mayor Maher
24. Congratulations to Nouredine Ould-Sifiya, owner of Pacific Street Cafe, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Councillor Simmons
25. Congratulations to Dean Ellwood on his tenure as Dean of the Harvard Kennedy School. Councillor Kelley
26. Resolution on the retirement of Kathy Wheeler. Councillor McGovern
27. Resolution on the death of Richard Shea. Councillor McGovern
28. Wishing Stenward Simmons Sr. a happy, healthy 90th birthday. Councillor Simmons
29. Congratulating former Mayor and City Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves for being named the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting Professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT. Mayor Maher
30. Congratulating Andrew Harteveltdt on the occasion of becoming a United States citizen. Mayor Maher
31. Thanking the MIT School of Architecture and the US Postal Service Central Square Branch for successfully coordinating the ceremonial unveiling of the Robert Robinson Taylor Forever Stamp on May 13, 2015. Councillor Simmons
32. Commending the exemplary contribution of the owners and employees of TAGS toward the reduction of energy and greenhouse gas emissions in and around the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
33. Thanking Joan Pickett for her seven years of service as a presiding officer of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association. Councillor Toomey
34. Congratulating the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association on their 40th Anniversary. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to delegate an appropriate person to respond to the review the proposed "Innovative Communities" legislation available at innovativecommunitiesma.org and that the delegate provide comments to the bill's sponsor. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and local civic programmers such as the Cambridge Arts Council regarding the feasibility of joining MASSCreative as a full member organization. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to expand the capacity of Hubway stations in and around the Kendall Square area. Councillor Cheung
4. Support of House Bill 340 that calls on the Department of Education to not approve PARCC for Massachusetts public schools; calls on the state to not require high-stakes standardized tests be used as a requirement for high school graduation for at least the next three years; and that the state establish an Educational Review Task Force to examine the effectiveness and impact of these high-stakes standardized tests. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Human Services Department, the Department of Public Health and any other relevant departments to develop a process to complete a new city plan to address homelessness in our community. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Manager is requested to review the attached seven recommendations submitted as part of the Apr 30, 2015 Housing Committee hearing minutes and instruct the City Solicitor and the Acting Assistant City Manager of the Community Development Department to prepare appropriate zoning language to achieve these recommendations. Councillor Simmons

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and Harvard University to follow-up on previous discussions which would see Harvard programming broadcast on CCTV. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to ensure that the City of Cambridge's civic data is made available for the organizers of the "National Day of Civic Hacking" events, which are seeking to solve civic and social issues. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Election Commission on steps that can be taken to work with Cambridge's universities to register new voters and to inform students of their voting rights. Councillor Cheung
10. That the City Manager report back to the City Council with a detailed financial, staffing and resource allocation plan to inventory and otherwise manage street tree wells, street tree grates and possible street tree locations. Councillor Kelley, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Benzan
11. That the City Manager report back to the City Council on the airplane noise issues, to include the City's plans to continue to work with other municipalities and Massport and to keep Cambridge residents updated on this issue, to include alterations in Massport's runway use that might have temporary, intermittent or permanent impacts on noise levels in Cambridge. Councillor Kelley, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Benzan
12. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of clearly designating an emergency vehicle parking space in front of the Lyndon B. Johnson Apartments and report back to the Council in a timely manner. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Simmons
13. That the City Manager provide an update to the City Council as to the status of the Early Childhood Education Task Force. Councillor McGovern
14. That the Public Safety Committee is requested to schedule a public hearing for the express purpose of discussing community policing programs and strategies in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Manager coordinate with the Cambridge Public Health Department to distribute materials to all retail establishments within Cambridge that sell neonicotinoid pesticides, outlining the dangers of such chemicals to bees and the ecosystem, urging them to cease stocking the pesticides. Councillor Mazen
16. That the Cambridge City Council officially go on record supporting the efforts and progress of the Cambridge Community Development Department related to the C2 study and we look forward to considering the zoning and non-zoning recommendations when presented to the Council. Mayor Maher and Vice Mayor Benzan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee for a public hearing held on Mar 25, 2015 to receive updates and to discuss next steps for the shared-use,

rails-with-trail path along the City's Grand Junction Corridor.

2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Co-Chairs of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee for a public hearing held on Apr 29, 2015 to discuss recommendations to ensure that all positions hired directly by the City of Cambridge, or by outside vendors, uphold the same high employment standards that the City urges all businesses to uphold.
3. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Apr 30, 2015 to continue the Apr 22, 2015 discussion on the incentive zoning study from the Community Development Department.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Lisa Peterson, Deputy City Manager, Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk and Alessandra Albano, Executive Assistant to the City Council, The Dedication Committee, transmitting their recommendations for dedications to the full City Council for approval.
2. A communication was received from Nancy E. Glowa, Deputy City Solicitor, transmitting amendments to Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property."

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 19

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

Thurs, May 21

5:00pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Ackermann Room)

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss development of a process for the evaluation of the City Manager and recap the procedure for the setting of City Council Goals for the upcoming Legislative Term and to consider a different format. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, June 1

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

Tues, June 2

4:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Urban Agriculture initiatives in the City of Cambridge and the creation of a regulatory environment that can foster the safe expansion of Urban Agriculture within City limits. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the master plan. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 9

4:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed framework for the goal of setting Cambridge on the trajectory to becoming a “net zero community.” (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 10

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

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 18, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has gained a reputation as a hotbed for innovative startup companies that are leading the way in powering America’s future; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been known as a hub of innovation, ideas, and most importantly action; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that a new piece of legislation, called “Innovative Communities” legislation has been introduced before the Massachusetts statehouse; and

WHEREAS: The “Innovative Communities” legislation seeks to promote and support the Massachusetts startup economy as well as seeking to provide technology solutions to municipalities; and

WHEREAS: The sponsors of the “Innovative Communities” legislation are actively seeking comments on the proposed bill from interested parties; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to delegate an appropriate person to respond to review the proposed “Innovative Communities” legislation available at innovativecommunitiesma.org and that the delegate provide comments to the bill’s sponsor; and be it further

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

O-2 May 18, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a cultural center, with our diverse group of citizens, Central Square Arts district, and many institutions of higher learning; making the City a hub of education, the arts, and creativity; and

WHEREAS: MASSCreative empowers both the public and leading creative organizations with a voice that brings focus and resources to build vibrant and creative communities; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston is already a member of MASSCreative, setting a precedent for cities of the Commonwealth to become members of the organization; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should strive to maintain its position as a cultural leader in Massachusetts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and local civic programmers such as the Cambridge Arts Council regarding the feasibility of joining MASSCreative as a full member organization and report back to the City Council.

O-3 May 18, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The program known as “Hubway” offers public transportation by bike, which is partially owned by the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Hubway program has more than 13,000 members and boasts more than 3 million trips since its inception in 2011; and

WHEREAS: Hubway offers a sustainable and accessible transit option that continues to grow in popularity; and

WHEREAS: Because of its increasing popularity, especially in business districts, Hubway stations often are left without parking spaces for bikes commuting into the area; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that some commuters have expressed that there is difficulty finding bike spots in Kendall Square; and

WHEREAS: Increased capacity in Kendall Square would ensure that Hubway remains an accessible and viable transit option; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to expand the capacity of Hubway stations in and around the Kendall Square area.

O-4 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be discussing whether to begin requiring that all public school students take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers or PARCC; and

WHEREAS: The increase of high-stakes standardized tests are ravishing creativity, project based learning, and critical thinking skills in our public schools; and

WHEREAS: Far too often, these high-stakes standardized tests become the focus of education, even for children in kindergarten; and

WHEREAS: Far too often, these high-stakes standardized tests result in increased stress for teachers, children, and parents; and

WHEREAS: These high-stakes standardized tests take valuable time away from other developmentally appropriate learning in the arts, physical education, and foreign language; and

WHEREAS: These high-stakes standardized tests interfere with social-emotional learning; and

WHEREAS: Teachers in Cambridge - and across Massachusetts and the United States - are pleading to end these disruptive and unproven high-stakes standardized tests; and

WHEREAS: These high-stakes standardized tests have not proven to actually improve education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of House Bill 340 filed by former Cambridge City Councillor and current State Representative Marjorie Decker that calls on the Department of Education to not approve PARCC for Massachusetts public schools; calls on the state to not require high-stakes standardized tests be used as a requirement for high school graduation for at least the next three years; and that the state establish an Educational Review Task Force to examine the effectiveness and impact of these high-stakes standardized tests; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Mitchell D. Chester, Director of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Governor Charlie Baker, and all members of the Cambridge House Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR BENZAN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Homelessness is an issue impacting many in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: During the Homeless Census Count of 2014, 551 persons were counted as experiencing homelessness in this city; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is in year nine of its ten year plan to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS: The Human Services and Veteran's Committee held a hearing on this plan to discuss progress made toward

moving our homeless population toward secure and stable living; and

WHEREAS: The conversation pointed out areas of progress but great areas of needed work; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the Human Services Department, the Department of Public Health and any other relevant departments to develop a process to complete a new city plan to address homelessness in our community and to report back to the City Council the details of this plan no later than the Summer meeting.

O-6 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the attached seven recommendations submitted as part of the Apr 30, 2015 Housing Committee hearing minutes and instruct the City Solicitor and the Acting Assistant City Manager of the Community Development Department to prepare appropriate zoning language to achieve these recommendations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the zoning language when prepared by the City Solicitor and the Acting Assistant City Manager of the Community Development Department should then be referred to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for a hearing and report.

O-7 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cambridge's many colleges and universities often offer student produced television programming which is both high-quality and informative; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Community Television actively seeks interesting and informative programming to broadcast across their three cable television channels;

WHEREAS: Currently, MIT airs content on CCTV, and Lesley University is currently in talks to air newly produced shows on CCTV; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and Harvard University to follow-up on previous discussions which would see Harvard programming broadcast on CCTV; and be it further

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

O-8 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The National Day of Civic Hacking is June 6th, and there are multiple Massachusetts locations, including Boston and Western Massachusetts, hosting civic hackathons; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge maintains an open data portal, allowing the City's data to be easily accessed and analyzed; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge recently participated in LiveWorx "Internet of Things" hackathon, where the City's data was used by participants to address municipal challenges; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to ensure that the City of Cambridge's civic data is made available for

the organizers of the “National Day of Civic Hacking” events, which are seeking to solve civic and social issues.

O-9 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Voting is arguably the most important civic opportunity given to United States citizens, and those living in Cambridge should be encouraged to exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge’s university population faces a number of barriers to participation including, but not limited to: not being registered to vote, not knowing one’s polling location, and not knowing the dates of elections, among other challenges; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission on steps that can be taken to work with Cambridge’s universities to register new voters and to inform students of their voting rights.

O-10 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Street trees are an important part of Cambridge’s urban forestry program; and

WHEREAS: Spaces that could accommodate street trees are often paved, spaces that used to have trees are often empty wells and many tree grates are pushed up by roots, have been removed or are very tight around the tree; and

WHEREAS: The need to properly manage tree grates and tree spaces is integral to managing the street tree program; and

WHEREAS: Properly managing tree grates and tree spaces is a multi-year, multi-hundred thousand dollar program that has not appeared in the City DPW budget; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a detailed financial, staffing and resource allocation plan to inventory and otherwise manage street tree wells, street tree grates and possible street tree locations.

O-11 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Airplane noise has increased over parts of Cambridge to the detriment of area residents; and be it further

WHEREAS: It is not clear that the increase in airplane noise is temporary, due to runway maintenance, or whether there are other options that do not result in this level of local noise pollution; and be it further

WHEREAS: Airplane noise from Logan Airport is an issue that the City has been previously engaged in; and be it further

WHEREAS: Previous City involvement in airplane noise issues has not resulted in effective communication about noise issues regarding Logan Airport and what options the City and other municipalities have for mitigating this noise; now therefore be it

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

1. Convey the City Council’s concerns about increased airplane noise to Massport;
2. Work with other municipalities to address airplane noise issues; and
3. Report back to the City Council on this issue, to include the City’s plans to continue to work with other municipalities and Massport and to keep Cambridge residents updated on this issue, to include alterations in Massport’s runway use that might have temporary, intermittent or permanent impacts on noise levels in Cambridge.

O-12 May 18, 2015
VICE MAYOR BENZAN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Emergency vehicle parking spaces keep ambulances, EMTs, Paramedics, Firefighters, and Police close to where the action is in case of an emergency; and
WHEREAS: Reserving a spot with an emergency vehicle sign outside elderly apartment buildings is imperative to the quick, life-saving action of first responders; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of clearly designating an emergency vehicle parking space in front of the Lyndon B. Johnson Apartments and report back to the Council in a timely manner.

O-13 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council as to the status of the Early Childhood Education Task Force.

O-14 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: As discussed in the recent Finance Committee hearing, a report and assessment of the various policing programs and strategies would be very useful in establishing better understanding of Police practices in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Public Safety Committee be and hereby is requested to schedule a public hearing for the express purpose of discussing community policing programs and strategies in Cambridge.

O-15 May 18, 2015
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Neonicotinoid pesticides have been scientifically shown to be harmful to honey bees, bumble bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS: Bees are a critical component of the ecosystem and provide irreplaceable ecosystem services in the form of pollination - in gardens just as in farms; and

WHEREAS: Recent studies have shown that bees are attracted to solutions containing neonicotinoid pesticides, despite their harmful effects, presenting a sizable hazard to bee populations; and

WHEREAS: The use of these pesticides in Cambridge is completely unnecessary; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine if

Neonicotinoid pesticides are being used by city employees or its contractors and to immediately discontinue their use; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate to all applicable employees and contractors that the use of neonicotinoid pesticides are strictly prohibited; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge Public Health Department to distribute materials to all retail establishments within Cambridge that sell neonicotinoid pesticides, outlining the dangers of such chemicals to bees and the ecosystem, urging them to cease stocking the pesticides; 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-16 May 18, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Community

Development Department is embarking on a collaborative effort based on the findings of the C2 Committee and the C2 study to provide economic opportunity, social justice and housing opportunities for residents at all income levels; and

WHEREAS: The C2 Study was guided by a committee of diverse members including neighborhood residents, property owners, and representatives of businesses and institutions; and

WHEREAS: The C2 Committee held numerous meetings and discussions that were open to the public and included a public comment period while also engaging in a series of public meetings, workshops, charrettes, and Mondays-in-the-Square that were held to solicit input from the broader community; and

WHEREAS: An overwhelming number of Cambridge residents, neighborhood groups and business owners have voiced significant support for the C2 study and its findings and anxiously await the future recommendations of the Community Development Department as a result of the C2 findings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council officially go on record supporting the efforts and progress of the Cambridge Community Development Department related to the C2 study and we look forward to considering the zoning and non-zoning recommendations when presented to the Council.