

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the PUD Procedural Zoning Amendments petition.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of Addendum #1 to the Fair Housing Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$3,100 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will be used to cover the costs of a HUD Partnership funded Training.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account received from a special permit required for the development at 300 Massachusetts Avenue which will pay for a study of the current bus operations in Central Square.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation to the Arts Program for the Council on Aging in the amount of \$500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide support for the Arts Program at the Cambridge Senior Center to subsidize supplies, arts presentations/workshops or other arts related programming.
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 \$32,703 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$27,511), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,592), and to the Travel and Training account (\$1,600) which will be used to provide a class for immigrant elders in need of learning English and for the Bridge to College Program.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$69,302 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account which will be used to maintain the capacity of the CEP by continuing to fund a Vocational Case Manager to provide career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment, particularly those residing in public housing.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the City Run Road Race funds received from registration fees and corporate donations in the amount of \$21,893 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to benefit the Friends of Cambridge Athletics, the Special Olympics Program, the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund, as well as race expenditures.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$41,401 from the General Fund School Salary and Wages account and \$34,485 from the General Fund School Travel and

Training account to the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account \$75,886 and are related to reallocations within school department programs.

9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-25, regarding a report on the status of the Grand Junction Path project.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a proposed ordinance concerning building energy use reporting and disclosure.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council to determine the types of spaces that are most needed within the local arts community with the view of using the Foundry to fill those needs and to allocate appropriate funds to make appropriate upgrades for the purpose of creating a community arts center. (Order Amended by Substitution.) [Order Number Ten of Jan 27, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Mayor Maher on Jan 27, 2014.]
2. An application was received from Ting-hsu Chen requesting permission to widen the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 14 Soden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Six of Feb 24, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Feb 24, 2014.]
3. 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. [City Manager Agenda Number Eleven of May 5, 2014 Placed on Table for further discussion at City Council Meeting of May 19, 2014.]
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-22, regarding whether the Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse qualifies as a pre-existing non-confirming structure. [City Manager Agenda Number Fifteen of May 5, 2014 Placed on Table.]
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Council Order Number 13, dated Mar 17, 2014, which requested that city staff determine the relevant zoning requirements for the Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse with respect to use of the First Street Garage. [City Manager Agenda Number Sixteen of May 5, 2014 Placed on Table.]

## **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. 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.
  9. 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.
  10. 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.
  11. 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.
  12. 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.
  13. 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.
  14. 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.
  15. 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 Emma's Pizza requesting permission for four tables and eight chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 40 Hampshire Street.
2. An application was received from H Mart requesting permission for two sandwich board signs, twenty-five tables and fifty chairs for restaurant seating on the side of the building at the premises numbered 581 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Church of Saints Constantine and Helen requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Grecian Festival June 13th - June 15th.
4. A zoning petition has been filed by Timothy R. Flaherty, et al. requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge to expand the Medical Marijuana Overlay District, MMD-1 to encompass 61 Mooney Street.
5. An application was received from Antje Danielson requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 55 Washburn Avenue; 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.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Larry Rosenberg, 48 Antrim Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
2. A communication was received from Nancy Hausman, 201 Lexington Avenue transmitting support for the linkage order.
3. A communication was received from Arthur Strang regarding increasing the linkage fee for affordable housing.
4. A communication was received from Paul Guglietti transmitting support for the linkage order.
5. A communication was received from Betsey Ansin regarding merging the ER with Psych ER at the Cambridge Hospital.
6. A communication was received from Steve Harris transmitting support for the linkage order.
7. A communication was received from Diana Goldfarb, 95 Kinnaird Street transmitting opposition to electric signs in Cambridge.
8. A communication was received from Hazel Arnett transmitting opposition to electronic signage in Cambridge.
9. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street regarding OOA-Clear Channel Electronic Signs.

10. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, 7 Ashburton Place regarding Affordable Housing Linkage Fees.
11. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street transmitting opposition to electronic billboards.
12. A communication was received from Patrick Barton, 130 Appleton Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
13. A communication was received from Arthur Strang, 60 Fresh Pond Parkway Street transmitting support for common carrier status for telecommunications services in Cambridge.
14. A communication was received from Patrick Barton, 130 Appleton Street regarding creating a City parking ticket for parking in bike lanes and Safe Routes to School.
15. A communication was received from Dena Feldstein (Brody), 661 Green Street transmitting opposition to electronic advertising billboards.
16. A communication was received from Tracy Winn regarding the merger of the psychiatric ER with the general ER.
17. A communication was received from Jan Devereux, 255 Lakeview Avenue regarding increased nexus payments.
18. A communication was received from Debby Rosenkrantz transmitting support for affordable housing in Cambridge.
19. A communication was received from Gary Dmytryk transmitting support for Cambridge-Somerville Legal Services in Cambridge and the linkage fee order.
20. A communication was received from Justin Crane, 220 Harvard Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
21. A communication was received from Ann Robbart, Alpine Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
22. A communication was received from Lindsay Frazier, 14 Arlington Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
23. A communication was received from Andy Nash and Peter Berry, 18 Worcester Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
24. A communication was received from Brooke Stevens, 5 Hemlock Road transmitting support for the linkage order.
25. A communication was received from Langley C. Keyes transmitting support for the linkage order.
26. A communication was received from Laura Landy transmitting support for the linkage order.
27. A communication was received from Annie Fowler, LICSW, Director of Clinical Services, Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, 61 Medford Street, Somerville transmitting a letter of support for Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services to maintain their satellite office in Cambridge.
28. A communication was received from Michele Sprengnether, 31 Chilton Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
29. A communication was received from Elizabeth Lerret transmitting support for the linkage order.
30. A communication was received from Joy Hackel, 25 Alpine Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
31. A communication was received from Edward Woll, Jr., 79 Dana Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
32. A communication was received from Wendy Zens transmitting support for the linkage order.
33. A communication was received from Helene Lipstadt transmitting support for the linkage order.
34. A communication was received from Paul Steven Stone, 219 Harvard Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
35. A communication was received from Susan Koechner transmitting support for the linkage order.
36. A communication was received from Jacqueline Riley, RN regarding closing of psychiatric emergency services at CHA.
37. A communication was received from Jeanne Koopman, 248 River Street transmitting support for the linkage order.
38. A communication was received from Gaylen Morgan, 197 Lexington Avenue transmitting support for the linkage order.
39. A communication was received from David Hermann transmitting support for the linkage order.
40. A communication was received from Ellin Sarot, 22 Hews Street regarding electronic billboards.
41. A communication was received from Russell L. Chin, Esq. regarding the Wasabi at Porter, LLC at 2088 Massachusetts Avenue.
42. A communication was received from Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ PhD transmitting objection to the merger of the psychiatric ER with the general ER.
43. A communication was received from Barbara Quinn, RSCJ transmitting objection to the possible merger of the psychiatric ER with the general ER.
44. A communication was received from Fran de La Chapelle, RSCJ, 100 Cushing Street regarding the two emergency departments not merge and the mental health emergency not close.
45. A communication was received from Eleanor MacLellan, 104 Cushing Street regarding the merger of emergency rooms.
46. A communication was received from Hilary Kiley, 170 Windsor Street transmitting disappointment the Cambridge Psyche ER closing.
47. A communication was received from Lynn Nanos, LICSW regarding the plans to merge the Psychiatric Emergency Department with the rest of the ED at CHA.
48. A communication was received from Elaine O'Reilly, 95 Cushing Street transmitting her concern over the potential closing of the Psychiatric ER at CHA.
49. A communication was received from Martin, R. Healy, Goodwin Procter LLP regarding the Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse, 40 Thorndike Street, East Cambridge.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Lieutenant Galvin C. Murphy from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Maher
2. Happy Birthday wishes to Allan Isbitz. Councillor McGovern
3. Happy Birthday wishes to Fenton Hollander. Councillor McGovern
4. Happy Birthday wishes to John Maher. Councillor McGovern
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Carol Weinhaus. Councillor McGovern
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Janice Tingle. Councillor McGovern
7. Happy Birthday wishes to Judy McKie. Councillor McGovern
8. Happy Birthday wishes to Catherine Zusy. Councillor McGovern
9. Happy Birthday wishes to Jay Yesselman. Councillor McGovern
10. Happy Birthday wishes to Michael Brower. Councillor McGovern
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Michael Lund. Councillor McGovern
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Rachel Wyon. Councillor McGovern
13. Happy Birthday wishes to Alex Burakoff. Councillor McGovern
14. Happy Birthday wishes to Jennifer Bump. Councillor McGovern
15. Happy Birthday wishes to Lori Sutherland. Councillor McGovern
16. Happy Birthday wishes to Andrea Kontos. Councillor McGovern
17. Happy Birthday wishes to Karl Schneider. Councillor McGovern
18. Happy Birthday wishes to Matthew McGovern. Councillor McGovern
19. Happy Birthday wishes to Jennifer Ausrotas. Councillor McGovern

20. Happy Birthday wishes to Kim Scantlebury. Councillor McGovern
21. Happy Birthday wishes to Nancy Campbell. Councillor McGovern
22. Happy Birthday wishes to Niels Sokol. Councillor McGovern
23. Happy Birthday wishes to Robert Ellsworth. Councillor McGovern
24. Happy Birthday wishes to Kashayla Spencer. Councillor McGovern
25. Happy 160th Anniversary wishes to East Cambridge Savings Bank. Councillor Toomey
26. Retirement of Michael Stone from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Maher
27. Congratulations to Carmen Enrique for being awarded the Unsung Hero Award from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Vice Mayor Benzan
28. Congratulations to Christopher Thomas for being awarded the Unsung Hero Award from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Vice Mayor Benzan
29. Congratulations to Lincoln Craven-Brightman for being awarded the Unsung Hero Award from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Vice Mayor Benzan
30. Congratulations to Betelhem Tesfaye for being awarded the Unsung Hero Award from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Vice Mayor Benzan
31. Congratulations to Nikita Gilbert on being awarded an Elizabeth and Anthony DiGeronimo Family Scholarship. Vice Mayor Benzan
32. Happy Birthday wishes to Daily Guerrero. Vice Mayor Benzan
33. Resolution on the death of Arnaldo "Nando" Burgos. Vice Mayor Benzan
34. Resolution on the death of Quirino A. Pacheco. Vice Mayor Benzan
35. Happy Birthday wishes to Richard Floor. Vice Mayor Benzan
36. Resolution on the death of Maurice Antoine "Tony" Williams. Vice Mayor Benzan
37. Resolution on the death of Rosa (Santosuosso) Bonavita. Councillor Toomey
38. Resolution on the death of Alice C. (Sorrentino) Bertolami. Mayor Maher
39. Resolution on the death of Mary Elizabeth (Moore) Donahue. Mayor Maher
40. Retirement of Gregory Dottin from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Maher
41. Resolution on the death of Lillian G. (Moschella) Quinton. Mayor Maher
42. That the City Council go on record urging all Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day and pay tribute to our nations' defenders, both living and deceased, for their service and devotion to our country. Councillor McGovern
43. Resolution on the death of Kathleen (Kearns) Clifford. Councillor Simmons
44. Congratulations to Homeless Empowerment Project/Spare Change News on their 22nd Anniversary. Councillor Cheung
45. Welcome the hit show "Top Chef" to New England. Councillor Cheung.
46. Congratulations to the graduates of the Salvation Army Continuum of Care for Men Program. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Carlone
47. Resolution on the death of John P. Clinton. Councillor Toomey
48. Resolution on the death of Andre Nelson. Vice Mayor Benzan
49. Resolution on the death of John A. McCarty. Vice Mayor Benzan
50. Welcome KAYAK to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
51. Happy Birthday wishes to Marlene Crawford. Vice Mayor Benzan
52. Commending small business owners for the hard work and contribution to the Cambridge economy and honoring May 12-16, 2014 as National Small Business Week in the City of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Benzan
53. Happy Birthday wishes to Robinson Benzan. Vice Mayor Benzan
54. Congratulations to the participants of the CRLS Sister's On The Runway Fashion Show which will take place on May 23, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Christian Life Center. Councillor Toomey

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other appropriate City Departments, the developer of 1868 Massachusetts Avenue and neighborhood residents regarding the congested intersection at Massachusetts Avenue and Upland Road. Councillor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments as to whether it would be feasible to issue licenses/permits to push cart vendors and local artists, both at Carl Barron Plaza and similar spaces in Central Square. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Council go on record expressing support for the early voting and teenage pre-registration bill as it heads back to the House and Senate floor for a final vote. Vice Mayor Benzan
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City staff and departments in an effort to move the Planning Board's upcoming hearing on the Special Permit application for the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment from the Citywide Senior Center to a gymnasium or auditorium-type location within or nearby the East Cambridge neighborhood and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Carlone
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of taking the Vail Court lot by eminent domain for the good of the community. Councillor Simmons
6. That the Chair of the Economic Development & University Relations Committee be and hereby is requested to schedule an upcoming meeting to discuss how to best launch a Small Business Town Hall Meeting. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung
7. Urge the Cambridge Housing Authority to delay implementing the smoking ban until such time as the organization can identify a new source of funding to robustly initiate the various smoking cessation programs that will be necessary to assist its tenants in complying with this new policy. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works, Police Department and other relevant city departments about how to reduce dust, debris and traffic confusion being caused by the Alewife Sewer Separation project. Mayor Maher

9. That without discounting the gravity of the crimes perpetrated against Yngve Raustein, the City Council does hereby go on record expressing support for Joseph Donovan's application for parole, which will be reviewed on May 29, 2014. Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
10. That this City Council go on record expressing support for MBTA janitorial workers as an integral part of our public transportation system and calling on the MBTA take all necessary steps to prevent cuts and ensure a high standard of cleanliness at all MBTA stations. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Benzan
11. That the City Council go on record urging Comcast to eliminate obstacles that currently prevent low-income families from enrolling in the Internet Essentials Program. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to create a parking map of all public parking spaces in the Central Square to be given out free of charge by local businesses. Councillor Mazen
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department, the Election Commission, and the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance to determine the feasibility of publically funded elections for Cambridge, taking into account models for implementation from other municipalities as well as the exploration of new publically funded models. Councillor Mazen and Councillor Carlone
14. That the City Manager is requested to confer will all relevant City departments on the feasibility of joining the FAB11 planning committee, along with co-hosts MIT and FAB Foundation, and assist in the planning process of the FAB11 Conference that will be held in Cambridge in 2015. Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of relocating the Department of Public Works and any plans for creating open space at the current location once DPW operations are moved. Councillor Toomey
16. That the City Manager is requested to detail how the non-zoning recommendations that have emerged from the K2C2 Report can and will be implemented in the months ahead. Councillor Simmons
17. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department regarding the feasibility of hiring a design consultant to design the rails-with-trail path along the Grand Junction corridor and to include money in next year's budget for design funds for the Grand Junction Rails-with-Trails path. Councillor Cheung
18. That the City Council go on record urging Congress to boost Social Security now to protect the economic security of millions of American families. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the

Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee for a public meeting held on Apr 3, 2014 to discuss open data and civic programming volunteerism, including corporate and university stakeholders in the out of school education discussion.

2. 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 May 14, 2014 to discuss a petition by the Planning Board to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance Article 12.000 Planned Unit Development procedures.
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4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a public meeting held on May 6, 2014 to discuss the effectiveness of the City Council Aide positions as well as procedural issues regarding the submission of policy orders and resolutions.

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

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a communication from Mayor David P. Maher together with an order changing the June 23rd Roundtable/Working Meeting from Affordable Housing to an update on the City's Climate Mitigation and Preparedness Planning.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **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)

6:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss planning for Art City, a city wide arts and culture festival. (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)

**Wed, June 4**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss creating a new Chapter in the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, June 10**

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 permittee 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)

**Wed, June 11**

5:30pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the creation of better public spaces in Central Square, how best to attract/support new and existing small businesses and to determine the feasibility of creating a plaza that can have housing on the second level and commercial space on the ground floor in the parking lot behind HMart. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, June 18**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss revisions to the Cambridge Municipal Code Section 9.04.050(A) Defacing public property of Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property." (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**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Upland Road is often congested due in part to the difficulty in turning into what is now the Gourmet Express parking lot from Upland Road and the ease of which can be blocked by even one vehicle; and

WHEREAS: The parking lot to Gourmet Express currently has a curb cut on both Upland Rd. and Massachusetts Avenue allowing two options for entering and exiting; and

WHEREAS: Gourmet Express will soon be replaced by a residential housing development; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently approved a plan to eliminate the Massachusetts Avenue curb cut at this location thus leaving only the Upland Road curb cut as the one option for entering and exiting this location; and

WHEREAS: This change will potentially cause an already-congested intersection to be even more congested; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other appropriate City Departments, the developer of 1868 Massachusetts Avenue and neighborhood residents regarding the congested intersection at Massachusetts Avenue and Upland Road, including but not limited to: ways to limit gridlock caused by entering or exiting the curb cut on Upland Rd.; ways to limit potential traffic blocking in both directions on Upland Road; possible new signage, including a stop sign at Richdale/Upland Road intersection, extending the right turn lane from Upland Road onto Massachusetts Avenue; allowing vehicles to turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue from Upland Road after stopping in the right lane; re-timing or repositioning of traffic lights at the intersection; and painting "Don't Block the Box" on Upland Road in front of the curb cut at 1868 Mass Avenue property; 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-2 May 19, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Carl Barron Plaza is a space full of potential located on the corner of Massachusetts and Western Avenues, in the heart of Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Carl Barron Plaza is currently an inactive space known more for disturbances and crime than for its beauty; and

WHEREAS: The retail space in the plaza has been vacant for at least 5 years and the space has been difficult to police, leading to an increase in inappropriate solicitations, drug transactions and fights; the plaza is neither safe nor inviting to families, seniors, youth and tourists that enjoy visiting Central Square; and

WHEREAS: In a 2013 Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee hearing, many residents went on record stating that they do not feel safe traversing the square and exposing their children to the vulgar behavior that takes place in the plaza; and

WHEREAS: Permitting pushcart vendors to operate and artists to perform within Carl Barron Plaza will help enhance Central Square as a cultural district and create an inviting, safe place where families, seniors, youth, and tourists can enjoy the beauty of Central Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments as to whether it would be feasible to issue licenses/permits to push cart vendors and local artists, both at Carl Barron Plaza and similar spaces in Central Square, and report back to the City Council.

O-3 May 19, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: A bill that would allow early voting up to 11 days before Election Day, online registration and let 16- and 17- year-olds pre-register to vote is currently making its way through the Massachusetts Statehouse; and

WHEREAS: The legislation would also create an online portal to check voter registration status and allow for postelection audits of randomly selected precincts after presidential elections; and

WHEREAS: Early voting is a great way to promote civic engagement as it helps citizens better meet their civic obligations; similar bills have been passed in 33 states including the District of Columbia, allowing any qualified voter to cast a ballot prior to Election Day without having to provide an excuse or justification; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for the early voting and teenage pre-registration bill as it heads back to the House and Senate floor for a final vote; 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 Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Election Laws at the Massachusetts Statehouse on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City staff and departments in an effort to move the Planning Board's upcoming hearing on the Special Permit application for the Sullivan Courthouse redevelopment from the Citywide Senior Center to a gymnasium or auditorium-type location within or nearby the East Cambridge neighborhood and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: For several years, the apartments located on Bishop Allen Drive known as Vail Court have sat empty and derelict, with no sign that the owner or owners have any intention of developing this property or otherwise doing anything with it that would benefit the community; and

WHEREAS: There have been numerous passionate community discussions about the need for more affordable housing, more parking space, more space for community based organizations, and so forth, and locating any of these concepts on the Vail Court property, right in the heart of Central Square, would be far preferable to the notion of this lot remaining vacant and unused; 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 taking the Vail Court lot by eminent domain for the good of the community, and to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-6 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In recognition of the fact that the health and vitality of any community is largely dependent upon the vibrancy of its local economy, the City of Cambridge has often taken initiatives to engage with local business leaders; and

WHEREAS: Via initiatives like Cambridge Local First, publications like the Women and Minority-Owned Business Directory, conducting Business Development Workshops, and establishing programs like the Facade, Signage & Lighting Program, the City of Cambridge has historically worked to help foster an environment where local businesses can thrive; and

WHEREAS: In the spirit of continuing to reach out to local business owners, to help foster stronger relationships between each other and with the municipal government, it would be beneficial to invite local business owners into City Hall for a discussion that allows them to share their thoughts on how Cambridge is adequately supporting their efforts, and how the City might improve its efforts in the future; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Chair of the Economic Development & University Relations Committee be and hereby is requested to schedule an upcoming meeting to discuss how to best launch a Small Business Town Hall Meeting.

O-7 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In September 2013, amid much controversy, the Cambridge Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners voted in favor of banning all smoking on their property, including inside tenants' individual units, effective as of Aug 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the Cambridge Housing Authority stated that it planned to utilize funds obtained by the Cambridge Health Alliance to help launch smoking cessation programs, smoking prevention programs, mental health programs, and substance abuse programs. The Cambridge Health Alliance subsequently revealed that it was unable to procure the grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Prevention Wellness Trust Fund, and therefore this money is not available for the smoking cessation programs as was originally expected; and

WHEREAS: It is unknown to what degree the failure of this funding to materialize will impede the scope and effectiveness of the smoking cessation and prevention programs the Cambridge Housing Authority had been planning. It is also unknown what provisions and considerations will be made to those tenants who would have depended upon these programs to comply with this smoking ban; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Cambridge Housing Authority to delay implementing the smoking ban until such time as the organization can identify a new source of funding to robustly initiate the various smoking cessation programs that will be necessary to assist its tenants in complying with this new policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Greg Russ, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, and to the entire Cambridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 May 19, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Alewife Sewer Separation project has caused a significant amount of disruption to local residents in the Huron/Concord Avenue neighborhood including dealing with construction dust and debris and numerous detours; and

WHEREAS: The dust being caused by the construction, construction vehicles and private cars trying to navigate the area is raising serious concern among residents; and

WHEREAS: Several area residents have expressed a desire for added police details to help facilitate detour routes for better traffic flow and controls; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works, Police Department and other relevant city departments about how to reduce dust, debris and traffic confusion being caused by the Alewife Sewer Separation project.

O-9 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: On Sept 18, 1992, 21-year-old MIT student Yngve Raustein was fatally stabbed on Memorial Drive in Cambridge in a horrific incident involving three Cambridge Rindge & Latin School students; and

WHEREAS: This dark chapter in the City's history continues to cause pain for the family of Yngve Raustein and the family of Joseph Donovan, one of the three Cambridge teens involved in the incident; and

WHEREAS: Joseph Donovan initiated the incident by throwing a single punch and was convicted of felony murder even though the evidence showed that he did not intend to kill any human being and, in fact, did not kill Yngve Raustein; and

WHEREAS: The 15-year-old who stabbed Yngve Raustein was tried for homicide and convicted as a juvenile and later released following ten years of incarceration, while 17-year-old Joseph Donovan was tried and convicted as an adult on felony murder charges and received a mandatory natural life prison sentence; and

WHEREAS: Retired Superior Court Judge Robert Barton, who presided over more than 150 murder trials during his 22 years on the bench, has called for Joseph Donovan's release, stating that, "[o]f all the murder cases that were assigned to me, Mr. Donovan's case stands out in my memory. I heard the evidence presented against him first hand, and even at the time of trial, I did not believe that sentencing Mr. Donovan to prison for life was a fair result"; and

WHEREAS: Judge Barton maintains that a life sentence without the possibility of parole is "unjust and excessive" in Joseph Donovan's case, and members of the jury that convicted Joseph Donovan have also gone on record stating that his continued incarceration is unjust; and

WHEREAS: Both surviving members of Yngve Raustein's immediate family, including his mother, Inghild K hler Raustein, and his brother, Dan-Jarle Elmers n K hler Raustein, announced in 2010 that they believe Joseph Donovan should be released from his life sentence, and in addition, they have also formally stated their support for Joseph Donovan's current parole application; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Globe editorial board has called for Joseph Donovan's release because he "has had time to evaluate, change and come to terms with his actions" and his sentence of lifelong imprisonment was a "grossly disproportionate result" in light of his role in the killing of Yngve Raustein; and

WHEREAS: More than 1,500 people from across the world, including hundreds of Cambridge residents and U.S. Congressman Michael E. Capuano, have signed petitions and letters of support calling for Joseph Donovan's release; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the mandatory sentence of life without parole for juvenile offenders (under the age of 18) violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court went even further, striking down life sentences without parole for juvenile offenders (under the age of 18), noting that lifelong

imprisonment for juveniles is cruel and unusual because their brains are not fully developed; and

WHEREAS: Because Joseph Donovan was 17 years of age at the time of Yngve Raustein's murder, these high court rulings have provided him with the opportunity for parole after spending the past 21 years in the Massachusetts Correctional Institution system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That without discounting the gravity of the crimes perpetrated against Yngve Raustein, the City Council does hereby go on record in expressing support for Joseph Donovan's application for parole, which will be reviewed on May 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Josh Wall, Chairman of the Parole Board for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 12 Mercer Road, Natick, MA 01760, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Cambridge recognizes that the contracted janitors who clean MBTA stations work hard to maintain a clean and safe environment for T riders; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge recognizes that in an environment in which workers are routinely called upon to clean not only soil and trash, but urine, vomit, and feces, dirty MBTA stations create a serious public health risk; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA has approved a plan to eliminate 90 contracted janitors, resulting in hour cuts of up to 79% during peak travel times at some stations; and

WHEREAS: Contracted janitors, who are among the lowest paid workers, do not deserve to bear the brunt of cost saving measures; and

WHEREAS: The elimination of these jobs will cause tremendous hardship for these workers and their families and send shockwaves through the largely low-income, minority communities in Boston and Greater Boston where they reside; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA has recognized its obligation to provide an exceptionally clean and safe environment at all times for its patrons and employees; and

WHEREAS: Residents of Cambridge deserve a clean and safe public transportation system; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has an additional stake in MBTA contracting and budget decisions through its representation on the MBTA Advisory Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for MBTA janitorial workers as an integral part of our public transportation system and calling on the MBTA take all necessary steps to prevent these cuts and ensure a high standard of cleanliness at all MBTA stations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the MBTA Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Beverly Scott as well as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Board of Directors on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-11 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: As a condition of the FCC's 2011 approval of Comcast's merger with NBCUniversal, Comcast agreed to establish a program that would allow millions of low-income families in its service territory to get Internet Access at a reduced price of \$9.95 + tax / month; and



WHEREAS: On approval of its merger, Comcast established a program to meet that requirement, naming it Internet Essentials, and announced it as an effort to bridge the digital divide; and  
WHEREAS: In March, 2014, Comcast stated that in its Internet Essentials program's first two and a half years, 300,000 families with children eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program had subscribed to the service; and  
WHEREAS: At the same time, Comcast estimated that an additional 2.6 million families were eligible for the service but had never enrolled; and  
WHEREAS: Comcast has offered to extend its Internet Essentials program indefinitely at a time when Comcast is trying to win approval of its merger with Time Warner Cable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Comcast to eliminate obstacles that currently prevent low-income families from enrolling in the Internet Essentials Program such as:

- 1) not permitting families to start the application process until they have been without any Comcast Internet service for at least 90 days
- 2) not allowing participation in the program, even with a concurrent repayment program, if any household member has any past due account or unreturned equipment
- 3) not providing Internet Essentials customers with a wireless router, despite the fact that increasingly students are relying on mobile devices such as tablets and laptops and may need to use the Internet simultaneously with a sibling or parent; and be it further

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

O-12 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Increased density and development has led to a shortage of accessible parking for retail establishments and residents in and around Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Customers of retail establishments in Central Square often utilize on-street spaces designated for the owners or tenants of residential units; and

WHEREAS: This utilization of residential parking spaces is often unintentional resulting from a lack of knowledge of the area's public parking infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: The creation of a low-cost parking map to be distributed by Central Square businesses would serve to better educate patrons about Central Square's parking resources; and

WHEREAS: The creation of a parking map offers a more equitable solution than punitive measures such as increased parking enforcement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to create a parking map of all public parking spaces in the Central Square to be given out free of charge by local businesses.

O-13 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Since 1996, states and municipalities have begun implementing full public financing of elections, as part of a "Clean Election" movement, in an attempt to curb the undue influence of special interests in politics; and

WHEREAS: Public financing will encourage candidates who lack substantial resources, effectively lowering the barrier for entry, increasing the ideological and socio-economic diversity, and expanding the range of policy positions put before the electorate; and

WHEREAS: Public grants can make elections more competitive by reducing the fundraising advantages that, in particular, incumbents have over challengers-increasing candidate diversity and encouraging shorter terms; and

WHEREAS: Public funding can reduce the influence of private contributions on both candidates and officeholders by replacing individual, labor, and committee contributions with public funds not tied to any particular interest; and

WHEREAS: Public financing programs have been shown to reduce the overall cost of elections, preventing the further escalation of campaign spending; and

WHEREAS: Despite the up-front cost, public funding ultimately saves tax payers' money by reducing wasteful government spending that can result from the influence of campaign donors; and

WHEREAS: In 1998 Massachusetts voters approved by a margin of 2-1, The Clean Elections Law which provided public financing of statewide elections with 77% of Cambridge residents voting in favor of the initiative; and

WHEREAS: In 2002, The Clean Elections Law was effectively repealed, through an amendment to the state's budget which eliminated funding for this popular initiative; and

WHEREAS: Municipalities such as Santa Fe, NM, New York, NY, and Albuquerque, NM have all implemented successful public financing programs; and

WHEREAS: Publicly funded municipal elections can set a powerful precedent as one step towards nationwide campaign finance reform; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Law Department, the Election Commission, and the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance to determine the feasibility of publically funded elections for Cambridge, taking into account models for implementation from other municipalities as well as the exploration of new publically funded models; 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-14 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Digital fabrication is a process that joins design with construction/production through the use of 3D modeling software and additive and subtractive manufacturing processes; and

WHEREAS: These tools allow designers to produce digital material, which is something greater than an image on screen, and actually tests the accuracy of the software and computer lines; and

WHEREAS: MIT's Center for Bits & Atoms produced the first Fab Lab which is comprised of off-the-shelf, industrial-grade fabrication and electronics tools, wrapped in open source software and programs; and

WHEREAS: The Fab Foundation was formed Feb 9, 2009 to facilitate and support the growth of the international fab lab network and the mission of the Fab Foundation is to provide access to the tools, the knowledge and the financial means to educate, innovate and invent using technology and digital fabrication to allow anyone to make anything and thereby creating opportunities to improve lives around the world; and

WHEREAS: Each year the international Fab Lab community gathers somewhere in the world to hold an annual conference and host a wide range of workshops, conferences, exhibitions and symposiums about digital fabrication; and

WHEREAS: This year's Fab Lab conference will held in Barcelona, Spain, and will draw over 250 laboratories from more than 40 countries where they will share tools, projects, programs and processes; and

WHEREAS: Next year's Fab Lab conference will be coming back to Cambridge and promises to draw over 3,000 participants; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer will all relevant City departments on the feasibility of joining the FAB11 planning committee, along with co-hosts MIT

and FAB Foundation, and assist in the planning process of the FAB11 Conference that will be held in Cambridge in 2015.

O-15 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of relocating the Department of Public Works and any plans for creating open space at the current location once DPW operations are moved.

O-16 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the list of non-zoning recommendations that have emerged from the K2C2 Report; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to detail how these non-zoning recommendations can and will be implemented in the months ahead.

O-17 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In 2006, a City of Cambridge feasibility study on a potential multi-use along the Grand Junction Corridor determined it was feasible to enable the railroad to continue its services with a separated trail functioning parallel to the rail; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Grand Junction Rails-with-Trails (RWT) would serve pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and others as a recreational and transportation route, linking various Cambridge neighborhoods and other recreational facilities and serving major employment and university centers; and

WHEREAS: The planned multi-use path will integrate Boston University, Cambridgeport, MIT, Kendall Square, and East Cambridge, and ultimately connect with the planned Community Path extension in Somerville; and

WHEREAS: The current City Manager has previously discussed in committee the possibility of an east-west bike route / pedestrian path stretching from Daney Park to the proposed Grand Junction Railroad path; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee discuss the Grand Junction Path also discuss the potential of developing the east-west bike route/pedestrian path stretching from Daney Park to the Grand Junction Railroad path; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to be prepared to further discuss that path at that meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department regarding the feasibility of hiring a design consultant to design the rails-with-trail path along the Grand Junction corridor; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to include money in next year's budget for design funds for the Grand Junction Rails-with-Trails path; 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-18 May 19, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Social Security is the major source of income for most of America's elderly, with 46% of unmarried elderly and 23% of married couples relying upon Social Security for 90% or more of their income, with an average monthly benefit of just \$1,290; and

WHEREAS: The annual Social Security cost of living allowance for beneficiaries has averaged just over 1% over the past five years, with a zero increase for two of those years; and

WHEREAS: Health care costs make up a large percentage of seniors' expenses with Americans facing an estimated \$220,000 in medical bills in retirement; and

WHEREAS: Social Security is the nation's largest program for disabled workers, providing 8.9 million with benefits and the nation's largest children's program serving 4.4 million children; and

WHEREAS: Social Security will be especially important to future generations, including the Recession Generation facing income loss, diminished net worth, and high unemployment during their vital income earning years, all of which impacts their retirement; and

WHEREAS: American families spend \$816 billion in Social Security benefits nationwide each year, providing vital economic stimulus to local businesses and state economies they wouldn't have without Social Security; and

WHEREAS: Our economic debate should include review of provisions which boost Social Security benefits, adopt a more accurate consumer price index for the elderly (CPI-E) and increase the minimum benefit formula. This benefit improvement could be paid for by lifting the payroll wage cap; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Congress to boost Social Security now to protect the economic security of millions of American families; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Olivia Zink on behalf of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare on behalf of the entire City Council.