

RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Devereux filed reconsideration of the vote taken at the City Council meeting of May 9, 2016 on Policy Order #2 as amended that the Public Safety Committee conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the current liquor license regulations and the City Council policy goals on liquor licenses, economic development, the impact on neighborhoods and local business and that the License Commission refrain from any liquor license regulations changes until said hearing before the Public Safety Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-41, regarding what measures can be taken to address the inadequate cell reception of the residents living at 303 Third Street.
2. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members to the Cambridge Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective May 23, 2016: Olinda Marshall and Chara Itoka
3. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members to the Cambridge Arts Council Advisory Board for a term of three years, effective June 1, 2016: Luis Edgardo Cotto, Lori Lander and Stella Aguirre McGregor.
4. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following members to the Cambridge Public Art Commission for a term of three years, effective June 1, 2016: David De Celis and Dina Deitsch.
5. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Coordinating Council for Children, Youth and Families (aka Family Policy Council) for the 2016-17 term: Tony Clark.
6. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Harvard Square Advisory Board for a term of two years, effective May 23, 2016: Bridget Dinsmore and Maximillan Frank.
7. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$660,052 between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$585,219 from the General Fund School Salary and Wages account, \$69,911 from the General Fund School Travel and Training account and \$4,922 from the General Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account which are reallocations to school improvement and professional development plans for all schools.
8. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Festivals Program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council grant for \$500 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account. Funds will be used to support the Cambridge Arts River Festival.
9. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund Cable Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Cable Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support a new collaboration with CCTV around programming on 22-Cityview.
10. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$10,500 from the General Fund City Council Travel and Training account to the General Fund City Council Other Ordinary Maintenance account for the facilitation of a goal setting session on June 8.
11. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Children's Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$525 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to hold a Parent Appreciation Breakfast for Center for Families' parents.
12. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) grant in the amount of \$27,582 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$13,262) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$14,320) which is for the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Program, and will provide an integrated education and training program for immigrant adults in the Metro North area who are interested in becoming home health aides.
13. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by the Cambridge Community Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$13,918), to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$982), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account (\$100) which will be used the CLC funds for the Life Transitions Program, which partners with the Citywide Senior Center and connects low-income Cambridge immigrants to services including ESOL classes, Bridge to College Program, and career counseling.
14. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-25 regarding a report on traffic calming at the intersection of Bristol Street and Webster Avenue and Awaiting Report Item Number 16-30, regarding traffic calming at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Windsor Street.
15. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-30, regarding restoring a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Charles and Second Streets.
16. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$404,505 associated with Forest City's 300 Massachusetts Avenue building project (Ordinance #1354) from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support middle income housing programs for Cambridge residents with consideration of neighborhoods impacted by development.

17. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$375,000 associated with Novartis' Special District 15 (opposite the NECCO Building; Ordinance #1338) from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance which will be used to support middle income housing programs for Cambridge residents with consideration of neighborhoods impacted by development.
18. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-37, regarding a report on whether additional signage around Market Street could be effective in encouraging pet owners to clean up after their pets.
19. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-38, regarding a report on identifying a suitable, temporary space to establish an enclosed dog park while the Pacific Street park is being redone or to add temporary fences to Fort Washington.
20. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-17, regarding measures to prevent school buses and other large vehicles from accessing Magee Street.
21. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a full member of the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of 5 years, effective May 23, 2016: Patrick Tedesco.
22. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Police Review & Advisory Board for a term of five years, effective May 23, 2016: Ted Robitaille.
23. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, requesting the City Council move to Executive Session for an update on the potential acquisition of property located at 859 Massachusetts Avenue by eminent domain.

ON THE TABLE

1. An application was received from Capital One, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 24 JFK Street. [Placed On The Table on a motion of Councillor Cheung on Jan 25, 2016.]
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk's Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer. [Placed On The Table As Amended by Councillor Mazen on Jan 25, 2016.]
3. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
4. An application was received from Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$17,350,000 to provide funds for various water pollution abatement projects, including construction of sewer separation, storm water management and combined sewer overflow reduction elimination improvements within the City's Alewife Watershed, Cambridgeport Neighborhood, and areas in Harvard Square as well as the Sewer Capital Repairs Program. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
6. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,000,000 to provide funds for a Comprehensive Facilities Improvement Plan. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
7. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of various City streets and sidewalks.
8. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$149,600,000 to provide funds for various School building infrastructure projects including construction for the King Open/Cambridge Street Schools & Community Complex, building envelope repairs at the Fletcher Maynard Academy, and a new boiler at the Amigos School. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
9. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$150,000 to provide funds for the purchase and installation of mechanical components to ensure the operational integrity of the elevator at the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
10. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,000,000 to provide funds for the renovations of the Out of Town News Kiosk Building and adjacent plaza area in Harvard Square. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
11. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,000,000 to provide funds for the design and construction of a multi-use path/greenway along the eastern Grand Junction railroad right of way from Broadway to the city line. The question comes on adoption on or after May 9, 2016.
12. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a report on potential issues related to the Barrett, et al. Zoning Amendment.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from John S. Gargano for approval of the surety.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Terianne Hall, 9 Medford Street, Somerville, transmitting support for the Grand Junction Path Funding.

2. A communication was received from The Cambridge Committee for Public Planting, transmitting thanks for ensuring a flourishing canopy of street trees in the City of Cambridge and for encouraging cycling as a way of life in the city.
3. A communication was received from John Sanzone, regarding the Stern petition, GLX, 20 mph, bus stop access and tree fastenings.
4. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, transmitting support of Blaze Pizza's proposed projecting sign.
5. A communication was received from Noam Chomsky, regarding the initiative to designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day.
6. A communication was received from Abe Lateiner, encouraging the City Council to support the movement to change "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples' Day."
7. A communication was received from Cynthia Williams, 188 Prospect Street, transmitting support of an Indigenous Peoples Day in Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of June A. (Curtin) Jennings. Councillor Maher
2. Congratulations to Tatiane Oliveira on being nominated for the 2016 Nanny of the Year award by the International Nanny Association. Councillor Cheung
3. Urge all Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day, and every day, to remember and pay tribute to our nation's defenders, living and deceased, for their service and devotion to country. Vice Mayor McGovern
4. Thanks to Colleen Hibbert-Kapler for her service to the City and its residents and congratulating her on being honored at the Statewide celebration for the Americorps Legal Advocacy Program. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Anna Ferraro. Councillor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of John Fallon. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Eva Patralia. Councillor Maher
8. Resolution on the death of Madhvi Patil. Councillor Maher
9. That the City Council go on record thanking the Harvard Square Business Association for partnering with Klara Ingersoll of the Laptop Project to help bridge the digital divide and address the "opportunity gap." Councillor Toomey
10. Appreciation to Ralph Watson for his dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish him much happiness in his retirement. Councillor Kelley
11. Resolution on the death of Peter Schofield Parise. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
12. Resolution on the death of George C. McMenimen. Councillor Toomey
13. Happy 90th Birthday Wishes to Marie Shallow Blanchard. Vice Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the

Health and Environment Committee hearing scheduled for June 21, 2016. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to complete these areas as soon as possible and to report back to the City Council regarding a timeline and plan for completion. Vice Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the contribution being made to the Grand Junction Multiuse path by the current owners of the One Kendall Square complex. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back on what steps can be taken to improve the safety of large trucks and minimize or prevent dangerous conflicts with bicyclist and pedestrians within the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Council formally go on record declaring June 2, 2016 to be Gun Violence Awareness Day, and in encouraging all Cambridge residents to work proactively and collaboratively in preventing this shameful epidemic of violence to continue. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department, the Historical Commission and other appropriate City departments to suggest ways to improve the public noticing of proposed building demolitions consistent with the outreach used for variances and special permits. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone
7. That the City Manager is requested to collaborate with the Cambridge Arts Council to create a process for Artist Certification to ensure that applicants are full-time/career practicing artists and is requested to prioritize the placement of artists in the Inclusionary Housing Program by assigning artists who have been certified by the Cambridge Arts Council one additional point in the Rental Application Pool. Councillor Mazen, Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public hearings held on May 5, 2016, May 12, 2016 and May 10, 2016 relative to the General Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2017 and recommending adoption of the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$538,608,450.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 12, 2016 relative to the Water Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2017 and recommending adoption of the Water fund Budget in the amount of \$13,969,210.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 12, 2016 relative to the Public Investment Fund for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year

2017 and recommending adoption of the Public Investment Budget in the amount of \$16,890,570.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Hanne Rush, Assistant Attorney General, Division of Open Government, regarding the closure of two Open Meeting Law Complaints filed by Hasson Rashid.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Jan Devereux, explaining why reconsideration was filed on the order adopted on May 9th pertaining to proposed changes to the city's liquor licensing regulations.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 23

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

Tues, May 24

3:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Green Line Extension Project (GLX) which appeared on the City Manager's Agenda #8 on May 9, 2016. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

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

Thurs, May 26

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Civic Unity Committee will conduct a joint public hearing to discuss the establishment of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 31

6:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion regarding the recently completed Inclusionary Housing Study with community feedback from the May 18, 2016 hearing being shared and discussed with consultant David Paul Rosen & Associates. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 2

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee and the Public Safety Committee will conduct a joint public hearing to discuss the Cambridge Police Department's drug enforcement practices and the possibility of joining the PAARI Program. (831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 15

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to hear an update on the City's climate planning and sustainability programs and to discuss events and community engagement efforts to help inform policies and goals as the City updates its Climate Change Plan and all other matters that may come before the committee related to the City's climate change efforts. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 21

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the city's Leaf Blower Ordinance, new research since its passage, and other issues related to leaf blowers. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 22

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will meet. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 23

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

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 30

3:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Georgetown Energy Prize. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 23, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Health and Environment Committee has scheduled a public hearing on June 21, 2016 at 2:00pm in the Sullivan Chamber; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this hearing is to examine the City’s Leaf Blower Ordinance, which has been in effect since 2007 and regulates the use of leaf blowers, yet there has been scientific research published since its passage and some residents feel as if the ordinance is difficult to enforce; and

WHEREAS: To ensure that anyone who would like to participate in this process can view this discussion, the Chair of the Health and Environment Committee is requesting that this hearing be televised and recorded; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to televise and record the Health and Environment Committee hearing scheduled for June 21, 2016.

O-2 May 23, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The MLK Elementary School and Putnam Avenue Upper School has recently opened and is providing wonderful accommodations for our students and teachers; and

WHEREAS: The last remaining pieces of the building to be completed are the playground and outdoor areas; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to complete these areas as soon as possible and to report back to the City Council regarding a timeline and plan for completion.

O-3 May 23, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has been reported that Divco West, the current owners of One Kendall Square, will be putting the real estate up for sale; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the contribution being made to the Grand Junction Multiuse path by the current owners of the One Kendall Square complex.

O-4 May 23, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back on what steps can be taken to improve the safety of large trucks and minimize or prevent dangerous conflicts with bicyclist and pedestrians within the City of Cambridge.

O-5 May 23, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Every day, 91 Americans are killed by gun violence, and the lives of countless others are impacted by this violence; and

WHEREAS: Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than are people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS: Protecting the public safety is one of the highest responsibilities of a municipal government; and

WHEREAS: Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens must go hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people, elected officials and those in law enforcement are in the strongest position to be aware of criminal activity and how to address it, and they are best positioned to understand how to keep their communities safe; and

WHEREAS: June 2, 2016 would have been the 19th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

WHEREAS: To help honor Hadiya and the countless others who have been killed or negatively impacted by gun violence each day, a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2, 2016, as the 2nd Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS: The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya’s friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, which they chose because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS: Those who wish to join this campaign can do so by pledging to Wear Orange on June 2 to help raise awareness about gun violence, and by so doing, people in communities across this country will raise awareness about gun violence and the need to honor the lives that have been lost to this epidemic; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its commitment to reducing gun violence and pledging to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our community safe; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring June 2, 2016 to be Gun Violence Awareness Day, and in encouraging all Cambridge residents to work proactively and collaboratively in preventing this shameful epidemic of violence to continue.

O-6 May 23, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Council that the public noticing procedures for proposed building demolitions could be improved so that the public is more broadly aware; and

WHEREAS: Currently when an application is received to demolish a structure that is 50 years old or older the Cambridge Historical Commission may elect to schedule a public hearing to solicit feedback from the community; and

WHEREAS: When such a hearing is scheduled, it would be helpful to place a sign on the property for at least 2 weeks

before the public hearing, and to mail a notice of the hearing and the plans for what is intended to replace the structure to the neighborhood association, to abutters and abutters of abutters, similar to the public noticing that is required for zoning variances and special permits; and

WHEREAS: By posting a sign on the property and mailing a notice to the neighborhood association and all abutters, neighbors and community members who wish to provide public comment will be better informed; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Inspectional Services Department, the Historical Commission and other appropriate City departments to suggest ways to improve the public noticing of proposed building demolitions consistent with the outreach used for variances and special permits, and to report back to the Council in a timely manner.

O-7 May 23, 2016
COUNCILLOR MAZEN
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Artists provide an invaluable service to the City of Cambridge, as their work contributes to the community's vibrant culture, yields economic gains, and is a source of creative energy that helps drive the City's character, making it a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS: As of 2015, the median fine artist made \$46,460 annually, far below most other professions; and

WHEREAS: The average home price in Cambridge is \$648,000 and the average rental price for a one bedroom apartment is \$2,293 per month; and

WHEREAS: In addition to housing, the rising cost of studio space places a major strain on artists, as a typical 200 square foot workspace can cost \$500 per month; and

WHEREAS: Professional artists are being priced out of Cambridge and taking their talents to less costly cities and towns; and

WHEREAS: An exodus of artists from the City would be detrimental to the art sector of the economy, the aesthetic beauty of Cambridge, the well-being of its residents, and strength of its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: The City of Somerville has worked with developers to create affordable rental units specifically for artists; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Redevelopment Authority allocates affordable rental units and work spaces to visual, literary, and performing artists; and

WHEREAS: Both Boston and Somerville created Artist Certification processes to ensure that applicants qualified as artists living or working in their respective communities and could demonstrate to a committee of peers that they have a recent body of work as an artist; and

WHEREAS: The City's Inclusionary Housing Program offers affordable housing units in Cambridge to low and middle income applicants; and

WHEREAS: The Inclusionary Housing Program ranks applicants in the Rental Applicant Pool based on a priority point system that assigns point values to Cambridge residents, families with children, and applicants with an emergency housing need; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to collaborate with the Cambridge Arts Council to create a

process for Artist Certification to ensure that applicants are full-time/career practicing artists; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to prioritize the placement of artists in the Inclusionary Housing Program by assigning artists who have been certified by the Cambridge Arts Council one additional point in the Rental Application Pool.