

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-35, regarding a report on the condition of the parking lot and fence at the corner of Cherry and School Streets.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-05, regarding a report on the feasibility of allowing Cambridge residents and visitors to pay parking violations instantly via cell phone application.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Mary K. DeCourcey as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2014.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager to transfer appropriations of available balances prior to the close of books for FY13-14.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$38,051.88 from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account which is a reimbursement for officers who participated in the Rapid UASI exercise on May 2-4, 2014.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$567,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to replace 205 sets of firefighter bunker gear.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$163,900 from the General Fund Fire Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost to outfit 16 new firefighters with personal protective equipment, uniforms, and related medical evaluations.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations received by the Peace Commission in the amount of \$396 to the Grant Fund Peace Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account received in support of the annual Peace and Justice Awards Dinner and will be used to offset the cost of the dinner.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$42,136 to the Grant Fund Community Development Salaries and Wages account which will be used to cover a portion of the salaries of existing housing planners and support staff related to the administration of the HOME Program.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Program for \$621,254 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to create new affordable housing (\$504,466) and to provide funding to local Community Housing Development Organizations (\$116,788) for program delivery costs required under HOME regulations.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$607,778 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account derived from the following sources: MIT \$191,000; Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant \$157,278; EF Education \$101,000; Biogen \$93,000 and Biomed Realty \$65,500 and will be used to pay for the purchase of four Hubway bike share stations, holding 10 bikes at each station.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 21 Proof Training donations in the amount of \$3,500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support a contract for the 21 Proof trainer.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from City Sprouts in the amount of \$6,105 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used by Cambridge Youth Programs staff will help develop the STEM curriculum and implement the program at 2 sites during the summer of 2014.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$3,613,470 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$124,442), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,488,028), and to the Travel and Training account (\$1,000) awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the McKinney-Vento/HEARTH Act; the Continuum of Care Program funds will be contracted with homeless services providers and cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge as well as be used to cover grant administrative costs.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from the Alexander W. Kemp Foundation received for the Alexander W. Kemp playground at the Cambridge Common to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance and will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the playground.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of energy efficiency rebate revenues from NSTAR for \$177,962.42 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account related to building control system upgrades in the Haggerty and Baldwin Schools and energy efficiencies installed at the Alice K. Wolf Center and will be used for additional energy efficiency studies and projects in other City buildings.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase a sidewalk tractor for use in snow clearing operations.

18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$36,325.36 funded from the Massachusetts Emergency Law Enforcement Grant Program (administered by the City of Boston) and \$13,866.65 from the City of Boston in Mutual Aid to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account which is a reimbursement for overtime costs associated with the Marathon Bombing on Apr 15, 2013 and the week that followed that were not reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$7,500 from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Salary and Wages account to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for Traffic and parking personnel injured in performance of their duties.
20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-13, regarding a report on putting information on traffic enforcement, accidents and parking tickets online in a format that would allow electronic data analysis by the general public.
21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$21,793.19 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Grant Fund Public Works Salary and Wages account which is a reimbursement for protecting public health, safety and property during Hurricane Irene in late August 2011
22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$506,807.86 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account (\$22,118.21), to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,556.37), to the Grant Fund Public Works Salary and Wages account (\$119,212.55), to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$344,274.65), to the Grant Fund Electrical Salary and Wages account (9,115.30) and to the Grant Fund Electrical Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,530.78) which is a reimbursement for protecting public health, safety and property during the blizzard of February 2013.
23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-18, regarding the Foundry Building.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from 7 Humboldt St LLC requesting permission to modify the curb cut at the premises numbered 7 Humboldt Street; 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 Alison Field-Juma, 363 Concord Avenue transmitting support for Policy Order #6 of June 2, 2014.
2. A communication was received from Don Giller, 177 Pemberton Street regarding Policy Order #6 of June 2, 2014.
3. A communication was received from Peggy Fox-Warren, 46 Fresh Pond Place regarding public financing of elections.
4. A communication was received from Nicolai Cauchy, 387 Huron Avenue transmitting support for Order #6 of June 2, 2014.

5. A communication was received from Arthur Strang transmitting support for Policy Order #6 of June 2, 2014.
6. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street transmitting support for Policy Order #3 of June 2, 2014.
7. A communication was received from Ellen Mass, Friends of Alewife Reservation, 186 Alewife Brook Parkway regarding purchasing parking space for throughway to T.
8. A communication was received from Hazel Arnett transmitting support for Clean Cambridge Green Cambridge.
9. A communication was received from Daniel Nichols, 28 Inman Street regarding public financing of elections.
10. A communication was received from Susan Earle, 335A Harvard Street regarding public financing of elections.
11. A communication was received from Martha Older transmitting support for Policy Order #1 of June 2, 2014.
12. A communication was received from Martha Older regarding limited equity home ownership options.
13. A communication was received from Paul Steven Stone, 219 Harvard Street transmitting support for Master Plan Policy Order.
14. A communication was received from Jane Thompson regarding public financing of elections.
15. A communication was received from Crystal Leslie, 202 Lakeview Avenue transmitting support for Policy Order #6 of June 2, 2014.
16. A communication was received from Rhoda Fantasia, 93 Third Street transmitting twenty-five signed letters regarding the Special Permit application 288 coming before the Planning Board in July.
17. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street regarding slavery.
18. A communication was received from Martha Older transmitting congratulations and thank you for passing Policy Order #1 of June 2, 2014.
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Sachiko Rhodes. Councillor McGovern
12. Happy Birthday wishes to Senator Sal DiDomenico. Councillor McGovern
13. Happy Birthday wishes to Senator Elizabeth Warren. Councillor McGovern
14. Happy Birthday wishes to Victoria Harris. Councillor McGovern
15. Happy Birthday wishes to Douglas Thomas. Councillor McGovern
16. Happy Birthday wishes to Thomas Rodes. Councillor McGovern
17. Happy Birthday wishes to William Mayes. Councillor McGovern
18. Congratulations to the Asian American Civic Association on the occasion of its 2014 Annual Gala and thanks for their 47 years of service to the community. Councillor Cheung
19. Congratulations to Reverend Scott Campbell for his years of service at the Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church. Councillor Carlone
20. Retirement of Claire Koen from the School Department. Councillor Simmons
21. Congratulations to the Cambridge High School Extension Program graduating class of 2014. Vice Mayor Benzan
22. Congratulations to the volunteer health activists that will be operating a mobile drop-in center and health space for homeless youth in Harvard Square. Vice Mayor Benzan
23. Congratulations to Soul Custody on the occasion of their album debut. Vice Mayor Benzan
24. Congratulations to the City Links participants on their successful completion of the program for the 2013-2014 school year. Vice Mayor Benzan
25. Urge residents to be participate in the 47th Annual Massachusetts Puerto Rican Parade which will take place in Boston on July 27, 2014. Vice Mayor Benzan

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy Birthday wishes to Alice Cohen. Councillor McGovern
2. Happy Birthday wishes to Bethany Versoy. Councillor McGovern
3. Happy Birthday wishes to Elaine O'Reilly. Councillor McGovern
4. Happy Birthday wishes to Angela Peri. Councillor McGovern
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Corina Hall. Councillor McGovern
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Guy Stacey. Councillor McGovern
7. Happy Birthday wishes to Paula McCarthy. Councillor McGovern
8. Happy Birthday wishes to State Representative Jay Livingstone. Councillor McGovern
9. Happy Birthday wishes to Samuel Harp. Councillor McGovern
10. Happy Birthday wishes to Raymond Ausrotas. Councillor McGovern
26. Happy Birthday wishes to Kathryn Eason Saunders. Vice Mayor Benzan
27. Congratulations to Marc Saunders for earning his Masters in Education from Cambridge College. Vice Mayor Benzan
28. Congratulations to CYCLE Kids on ten years of community service. Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
29. Resolution on the death of Joseph L. Hansis Sr. Mayor Maher
30. Congratulations to Breakthrough Greater Boston for being selected as one of 100 local nonprofits in the Cummings Foundation's \$100K for 100 program. Councillor Cheung
31. Congratulations to Sharalike on being selected to compete at this year's Boston TechJam. Councillor Cheung
32. Congratulations to Barnadette Leahy on the occasion of her retirement from Saint Peter School. Mayor Maher
33. Congratulations to Patricia Westcott on the occasion of her retirement from the Saint Peter School. Mayor Maher

34. Urge Cambridge residents to be cognizant of the Annual Dance for World Community Festival on June 13-15, 2014 in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung
35. Happy Birthday wishes to Lawrence Adkins. Vice Mayor Benzan
36. Happy Birthday wishes to Donna H. Claudio. Vice Mayor Benzan
37. Congratulations to the Charles Boateng, Danielle Heims-Waldron, Katherine Yearwood, Nana Serebour and Maedot Kassa on their completion of the Kimbrough Scholars Project. Vice Mayor Benzan
38. Thanks to Matt Damon for his generous donation to the Kimbrough Scholars Project. Vice Mayor Benzan
39. Congratulations to Sarepta Therapeutics on the grand opening of their new headquarters at 215 First Street. Councillor Cheung
40. Congratulations to Kate Thomas for receiving the Cambridge GLBT Commission's Recognition Award for 2014. Mayor Maher
41. Congratulations to the LGBT Aging Project for receiving the Cambridge GLBT Commission's Organizational Award for 2014. Mayor Maher
42. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Class of 2014. Vice Mayor Benzan

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to invite Professor Lawrence Blum to be a member of the city's new Citizen Committee on Civic Unity in addition to the distribution of his book about racism to all City departments that provide services to Cambridge youth and young adults. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Cambridge Street Underpass as it relates to bike safety, to include surface repair, striping of bike and travel lanes and lighting within the Underpass so that cyclists can both be better seen by drivers and can better see road hazards. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare a draft ordinance that will limit the sale of single-serving polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles of 1 liter or less in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Mazen and Vice Mayor Benzan
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff about the feasibility of implementing a truck ban on the Garden Street to Huron Avenue section of Concord Avenue and on the possibility of implementing traffic calming to reduce speeds of all vehicles on this section of Concord Avenue. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the IT department to publicize HEET's map of natural gas leaks by making it available via the city website, and other city communications and to work with the Department of Public Works to notify NSTAR of the worst leaks detected by HEET and schedule repairs of those leaks as soon as possible. Councillor Mazen
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments as to what measures will be

taken in the coming months to improve public safety and directly address the inappropriate solicitations, public drinking, loitering, fights, drug use and drug transactions happening in Central Square. Vice Mayor Benzan

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department to determine the feasibility of instituting a fifteen dollar an hour minimum wage ordinance for the City of Cambridge, with special provisions for small businesses. Councillor Mazen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on Apr 9, 2014 to discuss safety and access issues at the Alewife T Station.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on Apr 16, 2014 To discuss public safety in public buildings including the possibility of positioning a police officer at City Hall.
3. 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 May 20, 2014 to discuss the refiled Chun zoning petition requesting the City Council to 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.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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

3:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to explore the way forward for a shared use with a rail and trail path along the Grand Junction Corridor. (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)

Thurs, June 19

6:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to address the traffic, transportation and access to transit issues in the Fresh Pond/Concord Avenue/Alewife area with a view toward understanding the impact of recent development trends in the area. (Tobin School Auditorium, 197 Vassal Lane)

Mon, June 23

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting for the purpose of receiving an update on the City's Climate Mitigation and Preparedness Planning. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Tues, June 24

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code entitled "Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance." (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, June 30

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

Wed, July 2

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Timothy R. Flaherty, et al. zoning petition 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. This hearing to be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

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 June 9, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Diversity is one of the greatest strengths of our city and our municipal institutions; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge should be a model for anti-racist civic youth and adult education; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is creating a new Citizen Committee on Civic Unity; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is fortunate to have citizen who are scholars who write about our city's most important issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor send a letter of appreciation to Professor Lawrence Blum, Cambridge resident, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education and philosophy professor at University of Massachusetts, Boston, and parent of three Cambridge Public School alumni, for his groundbreaking book about the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School: High Schools, Race, and America's Future: What Students Can Teach Us About Morality, Diversity, and Community; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is requested to distribute, to the heads of all major city departments that provide services to Cambridge youth and young adults, copies of Professor Blum's book as well as his essay, "Five Things High School Students Should Know About Race," published in the Harvard Education Letter, Nov/Dec 2012; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to invite Professor Blum to be a member of the city's new Citizen Committee on Civic Unity.

O-2 June 9, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Street Underpass has bike lanes leading into it from the adjacent surface streets which encourage cyclists to believe that that underpass can, and should, be safely used as opposed to passing through the plaza overhead with its multiple pedestrian routes and other uses; and

WHEREAS: Upon approaching the underpass, at a point where cyclists are no longer able to chose a different route given the underpass' walls, the striping for the bike lane fades, the street surface becomes rough and pitted to the point of becoming disturbingly uneven for cyclists, the light fades so that cyclists cannot see road hazards easily and are not as visible to drivers and the ability of cyclists to maneuver around hazards becomes dramatically constrained due to the walls and curbing associated with the underpass; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Cambridge Street Underpass as it relates to bike safety, to include surface repair, striping of bike and travel lanes and lighting within the Underpass so that cyclists can both be better seen by drivers and can better see road hazards.

O-3 June 9, 2014
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR MAZEN
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: One of the expressed goals of the Cambridge City Council is to “promote a healthy community and environment to advance Cambridge as a leader in public health and environmental sustainability”; and

WHEREAS: For decades, the City of Cambridge has led the charge in empowering its residents, workers and visitors to engage in behaviors that are sustainable, healthy and environmentally-conscious; and

WHEREAS: Last May, the City of Cambridge joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University as a signatory on the historic Cambridge Community Compact for a Sustainable Future, the first compact of its kind that will engage partners in a collaborative community effort to address global environmental changes, including climate change; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge strives to lead by example by engaging in a variety of initiatives aimed at improving the sustainability of municipal operations, including making improvements to the energy performance of municipal buildings, emphasizing a fuel efficient vehicle fleet, expanding the use of renewable energy, calling for state divestment from fossil fuels, and developing new city initiatives to assist residents in leading more sustainable and healthful lives; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the last year, citizens across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have called on the legislature to pass an Updated Bottle Bill to decrease litter and increase recycling by expanding our container deposit system to include drinks such as non-carbonated beverages, water, iced tea, juice and sports drinks; and

WHEREAS: More than 400 million of these “new age” drinks are now consumed in Massachusetts each year and, with less than a 20% recycle rate on these beverages, millions of our tax dollars are spent managing them as litter or waste; and

WHEREAS: The cost to manage these discarded containers is currently the responsibility of municipalities through collection of public waste receptacles and household trash and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS: Another way that the City of Cambridge can serve as a model for other communities to promote sustainability and act in accordance with the spirit of the Updated Bottle Bill would be to reduce the use of disposable single serving bottled drinking water, which causes significant and unnecessary harm to our environment; and

WHEREAS: According to a study by the Pacific Institute, making bottles to meet America’s demand for bottled water uses more than 17 million barrels of oil annually, enough to fuel 1.3 million cars for a year or to power 190,000 homes; and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, beverage containers account for 20 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from landfilling a ton of solid waste and replacing the wasted products with new products made from virgin materials. According to the National Association for PET Container

Resources, PET bottles never break down, unlike other materials; and

WHEREAS: Another municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has seen great successes by restricting the sale of bottled water and has created additional infrastructure for public drinking fountains; and

WHEREAS: By limiting the sale of non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water in single-serving polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles of 1 liter or less, the City of Cambridge can lead by example to promote sustainable living practices; now therefore be it

ORDERED; That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare a draft ordinance that will limit the sale of single-serving PET bottles of 1 liter or less in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to develop a taskforce to provide clear guidelines for this ordinance including a timeline, exemptions for emergencies, a clear enforcement process, an education program for small businesses, and the expansion of alternative water sources, including public drinking fountains; 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-4 June 9, 2014
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Concord Avenue from Garden Street to Huron Avenue is a very narrow street that carries a significant amount of large truck traffic as trucks head into and out of Cambridge from Route 2; and

WHEREAS: The narrowness of the street and associated sidewalk results in adjacent buildings being close to the street and shaking when trucks go by; and

WHEREAS: The narrowness of the street and associated sidewalk results in pedestrians on the sidewalk and cyclists on the street being crowded by large trucks that also use the street; and

WHEREAS: The straight sight lines and incline at the junction of Concord Avenue and Craigie Street tend to result in higher speeds as vehicles head towards Huron Avenue, with the increased foundation-damaging vibrations that greater speeds create; and

WHEREAS: Traffic calming techniques and truck bans have both been employed on other City streets to minimize the damage caused and danger posed by large trucks and buses moving swiftly down residential streets; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff about the feasibility of implementing a truck ban on this section of Concord Avenue and on the possibility of implementing traffic calming to reduce speeds of all vehicles on this section of Concord Avenue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on these issues.

O-5 June 9, 2014
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Natural gas is sent to businesses and homes in Cambridge through an infrastructure of underground pipes; and

WHEREAS: In areas serviced by NSTAR (such as Cambridge), 17% of these natural gas pipes under the street are made of cast iron and are 60 to 120 years old (according to an NSTAR report on natural gas infrastructure); and

WHEREAS: Cast iron buried in damp ground for decades will rust to become extremely brittle and corroded thus becoming much more likely to shatter during frost heaves or roadwork; and

WHEREAS: Natural gas leaks are potentially explosive as was seen this spring in Dorchester (where 12 people were hurt) and Harlem (where 7 people were killed); and

WHEREAS: Natural gas before it is burnt is a greenhouse gas 34 times more damaging than CO₂; and

WHEREAS: The amount of gas leaked per year in Cambridge is estimated to be equivalent in terms of greenhouse gasses to the annual average emissions of over 10,000 passenger cars (or 28% of all the cars registered in Cambridge); and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has climate change reduction goals it wishes to meet; and

WHEREAS: The cost of the gas leaked is passed onto residents (estimated cost to Cambridge rate payers is \$350,000 per year based on leakage detected in Boston); and

WHEREAS: NSTAR maps gas leaks regularly, but does not share this information with the public or the city; and

WHEREAS: Natural gas leaks in the ground suffocate tree roots causing damage to city trees (the city of Brookline is suing the National Grid for \$1 million for damage to that city's trees); and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a 10-year old regulation (the SPOF Program) to incentivize NSTAR to repair all pipes under the street in phase with street repair; and

WHEREAS: HEET, a local nonprofit, is mapping the current natural gas leaks this summer in Cambridge using a high precision natural gas analyzer to create an online map of the leaks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the IT department to publicize HEET's map of natural gas leaks by making it available via the city website, and other city communications; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works to notify NSTAR of the worst leaks detected by HEET and schedule repairs of those leaks as soon as possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works to notify NSTAR of the worst leaks detected by HEET and schedule repairs of those leaks as soon as possible, in order to promote the effectiveness of its SPOF program as a model for other communities in the Commonwealth and the world; 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-6 June 9, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: In the past decade, the City of Cambridge has devoted substantial resources to making Central Square a safe and welcoming place for all, including children and families; and

WHEREAS: The recent arrival of warm and pleasant weather after a long, harsh winter has been accompanied by an increase in inappropriate solicitations, public drinking, loitering, fights, drug use and drug transactions in and around Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Residents are expressing warranted safety and public health concerns about 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 what measures will be taken in the coming months to improve public safety and directly address the inappropriate solicitations, public drinking, loitering, fights, drug use and drug transactions happening in Central Square, and report back to the City Council at the City Council meeting on June 30, 2014.

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COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The living wage for a family of two adults and one child in the City of Cambridge is \$20.99 per hour; and

WHEREAS: If minimum wage were pegged with productivity in the American economy over the past 40 years, the minimum wage would have risen to \$20.72 per hour in 2012; and

WHEREAS: The recent statewide minimum wage increase in Massachusetts will only raise wages to a meager \$11 an hour by July 1st 2016, far below the living wage; and

WHEREAS: Low-income households are likely to spend more of their paychecks, increasing demand for goods and stimulating the local economy; and

WHEREAS: Businesses facing higher overhead due to wage increases recoup those losses through higher economic multipliers and increased spending; and

WHEREAS: The over-representation of women and people of color in low-wage industries serves to widen the gender and race income gap, and an increase in the minimum wage will work to combat this inequality; and

WHEREAS: Other municipalities such as Seattle, San Francisco, and Santa Fe have increased the minimum wage above state and federal mandates; and

WHEREAS: Despite fears, when San Francisco increased minimum wage by 26% and Santa Fe by 65% above their respective state minimums, studies concluded that there was no discernable effect on employment in the two cities; and

WHEREAS: While a minimum wage ordinance may be particularly taxing for small businesses, special provisions can be added for small or struggling businesses in terms of roll out and implementation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Law Department to determine the feasibility of instituting a fifteen dollar an hour minimum wage ordinance for the City of Cambridge, with special provisions for small businesses; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to set up any community discussions necessary to explore the wage increase publicly, with business stakeholders in mind; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.