

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$226,064 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$16,954) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$209,110), to be used for shelter operating costs, providing essential services to homeless persons outside of the shelter setting, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention case management, and rental assistance services.
2. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$3,999,677 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$265,582), to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,728,195), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account (\$5,900), to cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge.
3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$1,000 from the General Fund License Commission Travel and Training account to the General Fund License Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of printing, legal ads, and office supplies before the end of the fiscal year.
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,000 from a donation from the Carl Barron Family to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to recognize employees who exhibit excellent job performance.
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$210,000 in additional FY16 Sewer revenue to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account for the purchase of a new clam shell truck, to be used to clean catch basins in City streets.
6. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Larry Ward [for a term to expire Mar 31, 2020] and appointment of Charles Marquardt [for a term to expire Mar 31, 2017] as Election Commissioners.
7. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation not to adopt the Rainwater Separation from Flat Roofs Zoning Petition. [Report]
8. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation not to adopt the Riverside Neighborhood Protective Zoning Petition. [Report]
9. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that the City Council approve an Order to take by eminent domain a parcel of land comprising approximately 5,000 square feet of land located at 859 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge which is presently owned by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and that the City Council approve an Order

appropriating One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five (\$1,363,875) Dollars to the General Fund Law Department Travel & Training (Judgment & Damages) Account from Free Cash.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. That the City Manager review City policies on the availability and use of City office and meeting space for non-City appointed functions by non-City officials. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 6, 2016]
2. That the City Manager review and report back to the City Council on the City's policies and best practices in the use and supervision of City Council interns. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 6, 2016]
3. That the City Manager investigate and report back to the Council on the City's use of push-button caution lights at crosswalks. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on June 6, 2016]
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of either using City funds to subsidize the cost of installing and removing air conditioning units from Cambridge Housing Authority-owned apartments, or to determine if partnerships with organizations that can provide this service at a reduced cost could be established. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on June 6, 2016]
5. That the City Manager work with the appropriate City Departments to find a suitable long term solution to adding a dog park in East Cambridge by the end of 2016. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on June 6, 2016]
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to assess the cost and feasibility of placing sunscreen dispensers containing broad spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher at Cambridge parks and playgrounds. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on June 6, 2016]

## **ON THE TABLE**

7. 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.]
8. 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.]
9. 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.]
10. 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**

11. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a report on potential issues related to the Barrett, et al. Zoning Amendment.

12. A zoning petition by the Richard Avenue neighbors to amend Section 20.103.2 North Massachusetts Avenue Sub-district and Section 20.110 Standards Applicable in the North Massachusetts Avenue Sub-district on the north side of Massachusetts Avenue to extend from the centerline of Beech Street on the east to the centerline of Richard Avenue on the west and to amend the City of Cambridge Zoning Map by redrawing the North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict for the northerly side of Massachusetts Avenue to extend from the centerline of Beech Street on the east to the centerline of Richard Avenue on the west. [The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 20, 2016. Planning Board hearing held Apr 19, 2016. Petition expires Aug 9, 2016.]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Parsnip Restaurant, requesting permission for an eleven tables and twenty-six chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 91 Winthrop Street.
2. An application was received from Mosaico Group Inc., 290 Broadway, requesting permission for a parklet installation in the parking lane on the Elm Street side of property.
3. An application was received from Citizens Bank, requesting permission for four awnings and a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 11 First Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
4. An application was received from The Smoke Shop BBQ, requesting permission for a projecting banner at the premises numbered 1 Kendall Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development Department.
5. An application was received from City of Cambridge Budget Office requesting permission for three temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall, Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets and JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street, announcing the Participatory Budgeting.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, transmitting comments on the new Friends of MAPOCO Petition.
2. A communication was received from Elizabeth Stern, 20 Cambridge Terrace, transmitting arguments for accepting the Stern Petition II.
3. A communication was received from Robin Lapidus, Central Square business Association, transmitting support to study parking options in Central Square through the expansion or reconfiguration of the Green Street Garage.
4. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding a new kind of war.
5. Sundry communications were received transmitting support for Indigenous Peoples' Day.
6. A communication was received from Diane Szabo-Imrey, 9 Channing Street, proposing a truck ban be in effect for Harvard Square on Harvard University's graduation day.
7. Communications were received from Katherine Hurxthal, Alex Balazs, Nancy Gold, Janet Randall, Susan Holcombe,

Alex Hunt, David Levitt and Bjorn Poonen, regarding Zinc roof top lighting.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Evelyn A. Ahern. Councillor Maher
2. Happy Birthday wishes to Robert Marshall. Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin 4x800 Relay Team on finishing third in the All State Competition and acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication it takes to compete at such a level. Vice Mayor McGovern
4. Congratulations to the members of the CRLS Girls' Crew team on their season and acknowledging the hard work and dedication it takes to compete in this sport. Vice Mayor McGovern

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the Mayor convene a Task Force charged with establishing recommendations for the City Council on what the ideal minimum wage in Cambridge should be, and how to best implement this increase without creating unintended consequences in Cambridge or elsewhere. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Council reaffirm the month of October as Italian Heritage Month in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
3. That the City Council go on record encouraging the Massachusetts Legislature to approve the comprehensive energy bill that is making its way through the state legislature including the RPS amendment, into law, thus providing for the future of sustainable energy. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
4. The City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission in order to operate at least 5 early polling locations, for the entire day, for the entirety of the 11-day early voting period, coordinate with the appropriate departments to develop and launch an awareness campaign that will educate Cambridge voters, and operate the polling locations as non-precinct based, "Vote Centers," thereby allowing anyone desiring to vote early the ability to do so at the center most convenient location. Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to determine the feasibility of requiring gas pump labels with information about the environmental impact of burning fossil fuels at all gas stations in the City. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern
6. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to explore voter reward options for municipal elections that are most appealing for citizens and businesses alike. Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. 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 25, 2016 to amend the Zoning Map in the Riverside neighborhood from the existing Residence C-

- 1 to Residence C within the area bounded by Franklin and River Streets and Putnam Avenue.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee, for a public hearing held on June 2, 2016 to discuss and review a proposed list of community focus groups that the search firm will be conducting with various groups during the month of June and any other business that may properly come before the committee.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on May 18, 2016 to discuss the opioid crisis in Cambridge with representatives from the Human Services Department and the Cambridge Police Department as well as local providers.

**HEARING SCHEDULE**

**Mon, June 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, June 14**

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 12.12 entitled “Street Excavations and Obstructions” by adding a new section 12.12.065 entitled “Maintenance of Safe Passage – Proper Marking of Hazards and Trench Closure Required.” (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. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, June 22**

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition by Peter B. Kroon, et al, (also known as Friends of MAPOCO) to expand the requirements of the North Massachusetts Avenue Subdistrict (Section 20.110) applicable generally within the portions of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District (MAOD) zoned Business A-2 (BA-2). In summary, Section 20.110 requires retail or active office use at the ground floor of any new building otherwise containing residential uses, with relief available under limited circumstances, and allows a total maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 1.75 and height of 50

feet for such mixed-use buildings. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, June 23**

1:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the 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 businesses. (Sullivan Chamber)

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)

**Tues, June 28**

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the parameters for a potential zoning proposal that includes the Volpe Transportation Systems Center. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, June 29**

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss an amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled “Restrictions on Youth Access to Tobacco Products and on Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places by amending Section 8.28.050 entitled “Definitions for Prohibition of Smoking in Workplaces” to expand the definition of “Workplace” to include open construction sites. (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 June 13, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The current Massachusetts-wide minimum wage of \$10 per hour is equal to only two-thirds of the current Cambridge Living Wage of \$15.04 per hour, and this Living Wage currently covers only City employees and those employees working indirectly for the City via contract; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has, on multiple occasions, expressed a great concern about low wages in Cambridge and their detrimental impact on the city's residents, which have placed a tremendous strain on the local affordable housing market, the city's food pantries and shelter system, and various other social services that attempt to mitigate the effects of the rising costs of living; and

WHEREAS: Raising the minimum wage in Cambridge, if done properly, could have a positive ripple effect throughout the community, and it may be necessary for the City Council to put forth a successful Home Rule Petition before the State Legislature in order to implement this; and

WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to obtain the ability to raise the minimum wage in Cambridge without doing so in such a way that could unintentionally impede the efforts of other Massachusetts communities who are engaged in similar efforts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor convene a Task Force charged with establishing recommendations for the City Council on what the ideal minimum wage in Cambridge should be, and how to best implement this increase without creating unintended consequences in Cambridge or elsewhere; and be it further

ORDERED: That Business, Labor, and Community Interests should be equally represented on this Task Force, that the Task Force should work to solicit the opinions of other affected stakeholders, and that this Task Force should hold its first meeting within three months of the adoption of this resolution, and report back to the City Council within six months of that meeting.

O-2 June 13, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Italian-American Culture is an important part of the fabric of the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Italian-Americans have made many contributions to Cambridge civic life and our neighborhoods and their successes should be celebrated; and

WHEREAS: Like many immigrant groups, Italians faced significant struggles and prejudices as they established themselves in America and as they strove to make a better life for their families; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record reaffirming the month of October as Italian Heritage Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring October 1st as Italian Heritage Day to commemorate the kick off of Italian Heritage Month.

O-3 June 13, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: A comprehensive energy bill is making its way through the state legislature; and

WHEREAS: One amendment introduced will double the annual increase in the Renewable Portfolio Standard, or RPS, an action supported by the Massachusetts Sierra Club, Massachusetts Climate Actions, Mass Energy, and many other environmental groups; and

WHEREAS: The energy bill, as introduced, will help create an offshore wind industry to provide a larger supply of sustainable energy but without the aforementioned amendment to double the legal requirement for sustainable energy, may effectively stifle other renewable energy projects; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has an interest in promoting the development and growth of sustainable energy such that we stay in step with changing environmental and energy needs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging the Massachusetts Legislature to approve this energy bill, including the RPS amendment, into law, thus providing for the future of sustainable energy; and

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge elected delegation in both the Senate and the House as well as the Speaker of the House DeLeo and Senate President Rosenberg on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 June 13, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The right to vote is of fundamental importance to the formation and continuation of American government, and is the cornerstone of our democracy; and

WHEREAS: Voter turnout in previous elections is low, with 36.6% of eligible voters nationwide casting ballots in the 2014 General Election, and roughly 18% of Cambridge residents casting a vote in the 2015 municipal election; and

WHEREAS: Increasing voter turnout will ensure a government that better represents the voters; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts General Court pursuant to Chapter 111, (Section 12) of the Acts of 2014, has provided for 11 days of early voting, beginning with the 2016 election; and

WHEREAS: Within that eleven day period municipalities are only required to keep open one polling location by law, but can make the choice to open additional locations; and

WHEREAS: Common Cause Massachusetts, the state chapter of a national citizen advocacy group, recommend opening at least 1 polling place per 35,000 voters in their report "Early Voting: What Other States Can Teach Massachusetts"; and

WHEREAS: The United States Presidential Commission on Election Administration has stated, "[early voting] must be

administered in an equitable manner so all voters can have equal opportunity to vote.”; and  
WHEREAS: Evenings and weekends will be the most convenient time for a large number of Cantabrigians — such as low-income workers, full-time employees, and parents with young children — to vote; and

WHEREAS: The Common Cause report has estimated the additional cost of operating early voting locations at only “\$362.84 per location per full day”; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission in order to operate at least 5 early polling locations, for the entire day, for the entirety of the 11 day early voting period; and that the City Manager and Elections Commission confer further as to the feasibility of operating a greater number of early polling locations, and issue a report detailing their findings; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to develop and launch an awareness campaign that will educate Cambridge residents about early voting opportunities and procedures; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission to operate the polling locations as non-precinct based, “Vote Centers,” thereby allowing anyone desiring to vote early to do so at the center most convenient for them; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission to make every attempt to accomplish this goal in time for the 2016 general election.

O-5 June 13, 2016  
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a leader in sustainability and is working towards an ambitious goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050; and

WHEREAS: 20% of the city’s emissions come from transportation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge must actively pursue innovative methods to reduce vehicular emissions in order to reach our sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS: Several cities in the United States and Canada have taken steps to better inform consumers when filling their cars with gasoline about the environmental consequences of burning fuel; and

WHEREAS: North Vancouver, Berkeley, and San Francisco have recently implemented ordinances requiring labels on the handles of gasoline pumps informing consumers about the impact that burning fuel has on the environment; and

WHEREAS: Many gasoline nozzles come equipped with a “nozzle talker” that could easily hold a small label; and

WHEREAS: Requiring these labels at the gas pump will provide consumers with information about the impact of fossil fuel consumption, which may encourage them to use alternative forms of transportation when appropriate; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of requiring gas pump labels with information

about the environmental impact of burning fossil fuels at all gas stations in the City; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on this issue in a timely manner.

O-6 June 13, 2016  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In an effort to improve civic engagement and voter turnout rates during municipal elections, some cities across the country have implemented a voter reward or voucher program; and

WHEREAS: As voting is one of the most important opportunities that citizens have to engage and influence their community, the residents of Cambridge should be encouraged to partake in the election process; and

WHEREAS: Potential wage loss causes many people who are eligible to vote to not participate in voting during elections, and a voter reward system could act as a supplement for this wage loss; and

WHEREAS: A study by Fordham University in 2014 found that a cash prize or voucher worth at least \$25 encourages civic engagement by incentivizing voting to increase the voter turnout rate from 14.9% to 19.2%; and

WHEREAS: In Los Angeles, California, a voter reward system randomly granted one voter with a cash prize of \$25,000 and dramatically increased the voter turnout rate from 46% to 80%; and

WHEREAS: In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a lottery system with one cash prize of \$10,000 per election has been created to promote voter turnout; and

WHEREAS: An alternative voter reward system where Cambridge voters received a voucher or gift card to spend only at local businesses could increase voter turnout rates, as well as promote and benefit sales of local businesses in Cambridge; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to explore voter reward options for municipal elections that are most appealing for citizens and businesses alike; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to report back to the City Council with options and a possible timeline for implementation on this matter.