

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$113,000 from the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Public Investment Fund Human Services Extraordinary Expenditures account to replace carpeting at 51 Inman Street.
2. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$17,000 from the General Fund Law Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Public Investment Fund Law Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to replace carpeting in Law office.
3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund Veterans Travel & Training (Benefits) account to the Public Investment Fund Veterans Extraordinary Expenditures account to replace carpeting in their office at 51 Inman Street.
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$750,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to pay for design services for the building located at 859 Massachusetts Avenue and a feasibility study for municipal facilities.
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,100,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditure account in order to implement the first phase of a citywide building security enhancement project which includes the hiring of a technical position.
6. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Mass Decontamination Unit (MDU) Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the amount of \$4,000 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$2,000) and Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000), for two MDU trailers - one for each hospital, Cambridge and Mount Auburn and the funds will be used to enhance protection of hospitals in the event of an emergency contamination situation.
7. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Highway Division in the amount of \$50,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account, to be used to supplement sustained, high visibility, year-round traffic enforcement.
8. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item 16-29, regarding the implementation of the C2 non-zoning recommendations. [Report]
9. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a communication from the Affordable Housing Trust relative to the Inclusionary Housing Study. [Report]
10. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-28,

regarding the possibility of allowing local businesses to voluntarily donate collected bag fees to non-profit organizations, the newly designed Community Benefits Fund, or the Cambridge NonProfit Coalition.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 20, 2016.]

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. 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

6. 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. A zoning petition has been received from Healthy Pharms Inc., to amend the provisions of the Medical Marijuana Overlay district section 20.700 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and Map.
2. An application was received from 9 Donnell St Realty Trust, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Donnell 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 associations.

3. An application was received from Moleskin, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 35A Brattle Street.
4. An application was received from African Gift Items, requesting permission for a display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 541 Massachusetts Avenue.
5. An application was received from Petsi Pies Incorporated, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, two potted planters, two cafe tables and six chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 594 Cambridge Street.
6. An application was received from Season to Taste LLC, requesting permission for four tables and eight chairs for seasonal outdoor patio seating in front of the premises numbered 2447 Massachusetts Avenue.
7. An application was received from Darwin's, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 313 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval Has Been Received From Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department. No response has been received from Abutters.
6. Congratulations to Julieta Gonzalez Cruz on being elected as a 2016-2017 Representative to the Sophomore Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
7. Congratulations to Anthony Grassi on being elected a 2016-2017 Representative to the Sophomore Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
8. Congratulations to Lorra Marseille on being elected as a 2016-2017 Representative to the Junior Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
9. Congratulations to Jahnvi Zondervan on being elected 2016-2017 Representative to the Junior Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
10. Congratulations to Leo Escobar on being elected 2016-2017 Representative to the Junior Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
11. Congratulations to Juliette Low Fleury on being elected as a 2016-2017 Representative to the Junior Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
12. Congratulations to Zahyyeh Abu-Rubieh on being elected as 2016-2017 Senior Class President at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sundry communications were received regarding Zinc roof top lighting.
2. A communication was received from Kent Johnson, in support of Policy Order 2016 #174, considering changes to the tree protection ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Jodie Cohen-Tanugi, transmitting strong support of all action necessary to carry out the project of the multiple use path to extend and fill in the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway.
4. A communication was received from Doug Brown, Founder, Friends of the Greenway, Inc., transmitting support for Watertown-Cambridge Greenway Acquisition.
5. A communication was received from Carolyn A. Fuller, 12 Douglass Street, regarding short-term rentals.
6. A communication was received from Mark and Susan Woods, 44 Garfield Street, regarding Sacramento Field.
7. A communication was received from Gary Dmytryk, President, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, transmitting concern about the Lighting Ordinance.
8. A communication was received from Sal Zinno, regarding strengthening tree protection.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Nusrat Africawala on being elected 2016-2017 Senior Secretary of the Student Body representatives at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. Congratulations to Rikka Shrestha on being elected the 2016-2017 Senior Treasurer of the Student Body at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
3. Congratulations to Mari Gashaw on being elected 2016-2017 Representative to the School Committee. Vice Mayor McGovern
4. Congratulations to Grace Austin on being elected as the 2016-2017 Representative to the Sophomore Class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
5. Congratulations to Sam Costa on being elected as the 2016-2017 Representative to the Sophomore class at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
13. Congratulations to Bouchra BENGHOMARI on being elected 2016-2017 Senior Class Vice President. Vice Mayor McGovern
14. Congratulations to Rafael Goldstein on being elected 2016-2017 Student Body Vice President at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
15. Congratulations to Nusrat Jahan on being elected 2016-2017 Student Body Secretary at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
16. Congratulations to Paul Sullivan on being elected 2016-2017 Representative to the School Committee at CRLS. Vice Mayor McGovern
17. Congratulations to Ryles Jazz Club and Somerville and Cambridge Elder Services on the anniversary of Kate's Café at Ryles and in expressing its best wishes for many good times and good meals for years to come. Mayor Simmons
18. Resolution on the death of Helen M. (Masterson) O'Regan. Councillor Toomey
19. Recognition of the First Massachusetts Bicentennial Battery in their 40th year and thanks for bringing authenticity and history into Cambridge celebrations. Vice Mayor McGovern
20. Congratulations to the First Holiness Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Mayor Simmons
21. Congratulations to VBI Vaccines for its critical innovations and efforts to counter diseases such as Hepatitis B. Councillor Cheung
22. Congratulations to the Massachusetts Senior Action Council on 35 years on incredible advocacy. Mayor Simmons
23. Resolution on the death of John "Jack" McKim. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Sandra "Alessandrina" DiMaio. Councillor Toomey
25. Congratulations to the Martin Luther King School and its partners for their commitment to sustainability and environmental leadership. Councillor Cheung

26. Congratulations to Katherine Flynn on the occasion of becoming a partner of the Kneerim & Williams Literary Agency. Councillor Cheung
27. Congratulations to Prospect Hill Academy's Class of 2016. Councillor Cheung
28. Recognize July as African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month as a means of highlighting the urgency of bone marrow donations for African Americans. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. Declare that the five black marble slabs that comprise the perimeter of the Prince Hall Monument, which were mined in Africa and now are located upon the historic Cambridge Common, represent the more than 5,000 Black men who helped fight for this country's independence during the Revolutionary War. Mayor Simmons
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern for a street corner dedication in honor of George and Patricia Hinds in the vicinity of Fayette Street and Broadway. Vice Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Council go on record expressing its solidarity with Saint Peter's Episcopal Church's Resolution of Christian Intent. Mayor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City staff to develop and conduct a robust outreach effort to survey the City's small business owners to determine how many of these businesses expect to remain in their current locations over the next half decade and to determine how the City can better support these businesses and work with them to ensure they remain a vibrant part of our community. Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council at its summer meeting of Aug 1, 2016 on any construction projects being planned along the corridor and what the land owners commitments have been to advancing the vision of a Grand Junction Multi-use Path running the length of the rail corridor from the Charles River to the Somerville border. Councillor Toomey
6. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request of Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of Jack McKim in the vicinity of Otis Street and Fifth Street. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Council go on record in support of Massachusetts House Bill 4187, an Act Protecting Massachusetts Pollinators. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the feasibility of the City of Cambridge filing its own home rule petition regarding reduced speed limits in thickly settled areas in conjunction with the City of Boston's current efforts. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of implementing a truck ban on Prospect Street during certain times of the day, or to otherwise mitigate the impact of the trucks utilizing this street. Mayor Simmons

10. That the proposed addition to Title 6, entitled "Animals," regarding the restriction on the sale of animals in pet shops be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Animal Commission to investigate the costs and benefits of potential responses to the feral cat issue in close consultation with animal rights organizations, city residents, public health officials. Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Jan Devereux, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on June 15, 2016 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.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on June 14, 2016 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."

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

5:00pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to receive an update from the City Manager's Search Focus Group and the development of the draft profile. This hearing to be televised. (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)

Tues, July 19

3:00pm Public Safety Committee and Housing Committee (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)

Mon, Jan 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 27, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Oct 20, 2008, the City Council declared that Mr.

Prince Hall, a Patriot and Abolitionist who lived during this country's colonial era, should henceforth be known as a Founding Father, and the City erected a monument on the Cambridge Common to Mr. Hall's memory and to that of all other African-American men and women of that era, patriots one and all; and

WHEREAS: Though initially barred from enlisting in Washington's Army, more than 5,000 Black men ultimately fought with General Washington in every major battle of the Revolution, including Monmouth, Yorktown, and Valley Forge, as documented in the 2008 publication [Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War](#); and

WHEREAS: In 1984, the United States Congress approved a resolution ([Public Law 98245](#)) honoring the role of the Black patriots, runaway slaves, and freedom petitioners in this nation's earliest years, calling on the nation to memorialize them, and in 1986 Congress approved legislation calling for a [Black Revolutionary War Patriots](#) national memorial, yet this monument has not yet materialized; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's Prince Hall Monument, in addition to honoring the memory of a specific individual, was also designed to be a teaching tool, with the hope that it would remind us of the many unsung heroes who helped shape this country, and that it might inspire us to dig deeper into our history; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record declaring that the five black marble slabs that comprise the perimeter of the Prince Hall Monument, which were mined in Africa and now are located upon the historic Cambridge Common, represent the more than 5,000 Black men who helped fight for this country's independence during the Revolutionary War; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in its appreciation of the lives and legacies of these 5,000 Black patriots, Prince Hall's contemporaries, and in expressing the hope that their memories shall live on in the Prince Hall Monument that stands as the first monument of its kind anywhere in the nation.

O-2 June 27, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Vice Mayor Marc McGovern for a street corner dedication in honor of George and Patricia Hinds in the vicinity of Fayette Street and Broadway; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-3 June 27, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, a bastion of tolerance in Cambridge, recently adopted a resolution of Christian intent denouncing the rhetoric emanating from politicians who seek to tear down individuals or group of people for whatever reason; and

WHEREAS: In its resolution of Christian Intent, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church affirms its belief in a Gospel in which all people are created equal by God and deserve to be treated as such; and

WHEREAS: To this extent, the resolution decries the use of inflammatory language that is destructive and self-aggrandizing as inconsistent with the message of Christ's Gospel of love; and

WHEREAS: The resolution calls on us to love one another as God loves us, a commandment the resolution affirms is the guiding light of Saint Peter's Episcopal Parish, is consistent with the message of the scriptures, and the Anglican tradition; and

WHEREAS: Saint Peter's Episcopal Church's resolution on Christian Intent is highlights the values of love and respect for people just as they are, values which have been championed by the City of Cambridge for many years, values which are at loggerheads with extremism in all form; now therefore it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its solidarity with Saint Peter's Episcopal Church's Resolution of Christian Intent; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Saint Peter's Episcopal Church on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 June 27, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Areas such as Harvard Square, Central Square, and Kendall Square have proven themselves to be incredibly attractive to businesses who look to situate themselves in prime, highly visible areas of the city where people tend to meet, shop, dine, and otherwise contribute to a strong local economy; and

WHEREAS: Due to the attractiveness of these locations and the natural base of consumers they cultivate and cater to, large national and international businesses have gravitated toward setting up retail locations in these areas; and

WHEREAS: Although the larger national and international businesses may bring many positive attributes with them, their capacity and willingness to pay increasingly high rents in prime Cambridge locations is contributing to the squeezing out of many smaller, locally-owned businesses who cannot necessarily afford the sharply rising rents from these locations; and

WHEREAS: As greater numbers of smaller, locally-owned businesses are forced to relocate to less attractive locations in our city, the larger companies are taking on an increasingly larger footprint in our community; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been dedicated to supporting the locally-owned businesses that provide many jobs and much character to our city, and it has long been recognized that it is ideal for our community to strive for a balance between larger, national businesses and smaller, locally-owned businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City staff to develop and conduct a robust outreach effort to survey the City's small business owners to

determine how many of these businesses expect to remain in their current locations over the next half decade, to determine how the City can better support these businesses and work with them to ensure they remain a vibrant part of our community, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-5 June 27, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The CRA, MIT and community celebrated a ribbon cutting for the first section of the Grand Junction Multi-use Path; and

WHEREAS: The Grand Junction Path continues to be a great opportunity to expand open space, to create a safe bike infrastructure, and to connect our neighborhoods to the river, schools and other open spaces in the eastern part of the city; and
WHEREAS: The path's success depends on the cooperation of the State and willingness of other property owners along the rail line to recognize its importance to the community and its importance as a transportation project; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at its summer meeting of Aug 1, 2016 on any construction projects being planned along the corridor and what the land owners commitments have been to advancing the vision of a Grand Junction Multi-use Path running the length of the rail corridor from the Charles River to the Somerville border; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back on the status on the Grand Junction overlay language.

O-6 June 27, 2016

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request of Councillor Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of Jack McKim in the vicinity of Otis Street and Fifth Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-7 June 27, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Pollinators, which include honeybees and other pollinating insects and animals, are responsible for helping to produce much of the food we consume; and

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, many of our most important crops require insect pollinators, including cranberries, blueberries, and apples; and

WHEREAS: These and many other crops are threatened by the precipitous drop in pollinators, and an increasing number of studies point to a class of pesticides, known as neonicotinoids, as the primary culprit; and

WHEREAS: Since they first came on the market in the early 1990s, neonicotinoids, which are a synthetic form of nicotine that attacks receptors in insects' nervous systems, have come to dominate about thirty percent of the global pesticide market, and are greatly harming our pollinators; and

WHEREAS: While the European Union suspended the use of many of these pesticides in 2013, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has allowed their continued use while it conducts a review that may not be completed until 2019; and

WHEREAS: Legislation to impose a moratorium on the use of neonicotinoids has stalled in Congress; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts House Bill 4187, An Act Protecting Massachusetts Pollinators, seeks to remedy this situation by requiring that neonicotinoids be applied only by licensed or certified applicators; that application be limited during the blooming season to agricultural and horticultural uses; that applicators be required to give property owners a notice of risks

associated with neonicotinoids; requires that seeds, plants, or other materials treated with neonicotinoids be labeled at the point of sale; requires that neonicotinoid training be integrated into the existing pesticide applicator licensing process; and that a special commission be established to investigate pollinator health; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of Massachusetts House Bill 4187; and be it further

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

O-8 June 27, 2016

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: On May 9, 2016, the City Council voted unanimously to support the Boston City Council and their home rule petition seeking reduced speed limits in "thickly settled" areas; and

WHEREAS: With the approval of City Manager Rossi, this City Council also voted unanimously to support and join larger regional efforts in order to lower speed limits in "thickly settled" areas; and

WHEREAS: On Tues, June 21, 2016, a Joint Committee on Transportation in the Massachusetts General Court was convened and various parties testified, including a representative from the City Council Office, primarily in support of lower speed limits in "thickly settled" areas; and

WHEREAS: The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) has compiled a "Driving Speed Fatality Risk Chart" that shows a 45% risk of fatality to pedestrians and cyclists in accidents involving an automobile that is traveling in the 30 to 35 miles per hour range, as compared to a 5% risk of fatality when automobiles are travelling in the 20 to 25 miles per hour range; and
WHEREAS: The risks associated with higher speed limits are known and Cambridge residents largely agree that lower speed limits, especially on neighborhood streets, make for safer streets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to report back to the City Council regarding the feasibility of the City of Cambridge filing its own home rule petition in conjunction with Boston's current efforts.

O-9 June 27, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that trucks frequently use Prospect Street to gain easy access to the Mass Pike at all times of the day; and

WHEREAS: Residents who live in this area have reported a greater number of trucks utilizing this route, which they feel has contributed to an increase in noise levels, exhaust emissions, and related health concerns to those who live on Prospect Street; and

WHEREAS: Noise pollution not only reduces the quality of life for residents affected by increased truck traffic, exhaust emissions may impair the health of residents suffering from bronchial ailments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of implementing a truck ban on Prospect Street during certain times of the day, or to otherwise mitigate the impact of the trucks utilizing this street, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-10 June 27, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Many people are aware of the terrible conditions in which large-scale breeders house and breed dogs and cats, but are unaware that the same terrible conditions effect birds, reptiles, and small mammals – conditions that often violate the federal Animal Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS: Most people who buy animals from pet stores do not realize that they come from these large-scale breeders, and pet stores often make assurances that their dogs and other warm-blooded animals come from USDA licensed breeders; and

WHEREAS: Even if breeders are licensed by the USDA, the USDA makes it clear that its standards for certification are merely survival standards and, while the USDA strongly encourages breeders to exceed them, enforcement is minimal and many breeders fail to meet them at all; and

WHEREAS: Where the law protects dogs, cats, and other mammals, birds and cold-blooded animals bred for the pet trade lack even these minimal protections and are completely unregulated under the Animal Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS: Animals sourced from these breeders have high instances of disease, genetic disorders, and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS: The MSPCA takes in hundreds of animals each year who were acquired at pet stores as consumers, unaware of hidden problems, are often unprepared and unable to spend the time and money required to properly care for these animals; and

WHEREAS: Across the country, thousands of independent pet stores as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of commercially bred dogs or cats and it would benefit consumers and animals alike for pet stores to sell or host adoptions of animals only in conjunction with animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations as consumers would be better informed about the background of the animals who are healthier and have been humanely treated; and

WHEREAS: The attached proposed amendment to The Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge in Title 6 entitled “Animals” would be amended by adding a new chapter, Chapter 6.20 “Restrictions on the Sale of Animals in Pet Shops” that would prohibit the sale of animals in pet shops except those animals obtained from or displays in cooperation with an animal care facility or an animal rescue organization and would further prohibit the sale of animals in public places such as open markets, parking lots, and public rights of way; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the attached proposed amendment to Title 6, entitled “Animals,” be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing on this topic.

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Animal Commission to investigate the costs and benefits of potential responses to the feral cat issue in close consultation with animal rights organizations, city residents, public health officials; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a summary of findings, including community members’ perspectives and the costs and benefits of potential response options.

O-11 June 27, 2016
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Residents of North Cambridge have submitted numerous noise and public health-related complaints regarding the presence of feral cat colonies in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Feral cats are defined as “wild” cats who either were born in the wild or were lost or abandoned by their owners; unlike free-roaming outdoor domestic cats, feral cats have spent all if not most of their lives with minimal human contact and as such typically cannot be socialized or revert to living indoors; and

WHEREAS: Left unattended, feral cats are susceptible to malnutrition and disease, and can also breed unchecked to the point of exhaustion, raising humaneness and public health issues; and

WHEREAS: Communities near feral cat colonies often complain of the significant noise created during cats’ mating or fighting, as well as of potential disease transfers to free-roaming domestic cats and/or humans, especially children; and

WHEREAS: Responses to feral cat issues include euthanasia and no-kill options; the most commonly-accepted humane method of feral cat population reduction is Trap Neuter Return (TNR), which involves trapping, vaccinating, spaying and neutering and returning feral cats to their environment where a volunteer caretaker monitors (and feeds) the cats in the colony; now therefore be it