

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2014: David F. Meyer
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Health Alliance Board of Trustees:  
Reappointments:  
Moacir Barbosa, Cambridge seat (3-year term)  
Steven Manos, Cambridge seat (3-year term)  
Gerald McCue, Somerville seat (3-year term)  
New Appointment:  
Katharine S. Kosinski, MD, Cambridge seat (1-year term)
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-26, regarding improving safety at the intersection of Cambridge Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the acceptance of Section 34 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 establishing a local option that will allow the stipend paid to Retirement Board Members to be increased to \$4,500 per year.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a proposed ordinance which will enable the Cambridge Police Department to conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals applying for certain enumerated licenses.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-59, regarding a report on measures to improve public safety in Central Square.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-66, regarding a report on ways to combat bicycle thefts and on implementing bicycle recovery programs.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-70, regarding a report on allowing residents to register their bicycles to the National Bike Registry Program through the CPD website and the feasibility of using this program when recovering stolen bicycles.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$133,437.51 funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account (\$97,423.51) and to the Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$36,014) which is a reimbursement of expenditures related to the 2013 Marathon Bombing during the week of Apr 15, 2013 through Apr 24, 2013 and will be used to offset overtime costs and to purchase a Morphotrak system used for identifying latent finger prints.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$180,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance

account (\$80,000) and to the General Fund Police Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account (\$100,000) to cover medical services for personnel injured on the job.

11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Point Emergency Communications Center Support (PSAP Support) Grant funded from the State 911 Department for \$301,330 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$203,500) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$97,830) which will support certain Emergency Communications dispatch personnel, overtime and annual maintenance costs of software and other equipment.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant funded from the State 911 Department for \$61,587 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$23,840.75), Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$13,346.25) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account (\$24,400) which will support the cost of attending training courses, fees for conferences and software maintenance expenditures, and reimburse overtime costs for dispatcher's attending the trainings.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$10,000 from the Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to pay for the City's cost of hosting the World Cup Semi-Final and Final matches held on July 12 & 13, 2014.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$141,330, in license renewal fees from Comcast to the Public Investment Fund Cable Television Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the local Public, Educational and Government cable television stations.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to zoning text prepared by the Community Development Department in regard to a request made by the Ordinance Committee at its June 9 public hearing on the Chun, et al. Zoning Petition, which proposes amending the zoning in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-53, regarding a report on limited equity cooperative housing.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-64, regarding a report on the possibility of installing traffic calming measures on Inman Street between Hampshire Street and Broadway.
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-44, regarding the proposed Grand Junction Community Path.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-71, regarding a report on the feasibility of streamlining the

- permitting process for one-day permits for food trucks visiting Cambridge for special events.
20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$635,116 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$608,248), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,368) and to the Travel and Training account (\$1,500) and will fund ESOL, literacy, and high school equivalency preparation classes (teaching, advising, and assessment), as well as volunteer coordination, technology coordination, distance learning for ESOL students, student leadership activities, childcare through the Center for Families for a family literacy class, and out-stationing at Career Source to identify and refer potential adult education students. It also includes administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking.
  21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Men's Health League grant from the Cambridge Public Health Department in the amount of \$500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support the Self-Care Component of the Boys II Men Project, including yoga instruction and cooking classes.
  22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000 for the Cabot grant funded by the Cabot Family Charitable Trust to the Department of Human Services Salary and Wages account which will support staff salaries for Baby University, specifically a Saturday Group Facilitator and a Family Support Worker.
  23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Cambridge Community Foundation to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$37,745) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$12,255) and will support the ongoing programming for families who have participated in the Baby University program.
  24. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) Bridge to College Program grant in the amount of \$13,700 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$12,800) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$900) which will support the Bridge-to-College Program in providing educational support services to adult CHA residents and assisting them in making the transition to post-secondary education.
  25. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Children's Trust Fund grant for the Center for Families program in the amount of \$62,000 to the Department of Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$60,354) and to the Department of Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,646) which will support a portion of salary and benefit costs of three staff and group leaders who organize and lead parenting classes and workshops in different areas of the city as well as contracts with consultants and supplies.
  26. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$286,800.53 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA to operate its family shelter from July 1, 2014 through Feb 28, 2015, including the provision of case management for ten homeless families at a time as referred by the DHCD.
  27. 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 \$225,341 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$16,900) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$208,441) and will 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.
  28. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$112,800 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$4,776) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$108,024) and will be used to support homelessness prevention programs based at the Multi-Service Center.
  29. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network.
  30. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center through individual donations and from a family foundation in the amount of \$22,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and will support English for Speakers of Other Languages classes at the Community Learning Center.
  31. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Community Center grant in the amount of \$220 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used by the Cambridge Community Center and the Gately Youth Center to engaged in a nutritious snack collaboration project that will explore the barriers to implementing the Out of School Time Food Policy developed by a committee of Cambridge Youth Center staff and community organizations.
  32. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$88,979 to the Grant Fund

- Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$86,979) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) and will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Transitional Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
33. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-56, regarding a report on the Cambridge Street Underpass.
  34. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-65, regarding a report on barriers around outdoor dining.
  35. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-52, regarding a report on New Street improvements.
  36. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-58, regarding a report on NStar Gas Leaks.
  37. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, request support from the City Council of my intention to submit an application for funding under the Commonwealth's Infrastructure Investment Incentive Program (referred to as the "I-Cubed" program).
  38. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on the Cambridge Conversations: Preliminary Summary of Process and Input.
  39. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to actions I am taking in light of the July 16, 2014 ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in the case of Merit Construction Alliance v. City of Quincy as it relates to the Responsible Employer Ordinance.
  40. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY14 Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the amount of \$41,106 to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to enhance computer and MIS capabilities and implement the Mobile Office in cruisers along with handheld units for walking officers.
  41. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to proposed amendment to Chapter 6.04 of the Cambridge Municipal Code (the "Animal Control Regulations").

#### **ON THE TABLE**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council to determine the types of spaces that are most needed within the local arts community with the view of using the Foundry to fill those needs and to allocate appropriate funds to make appropriate upgrades for the purpose of creating a community arts center. (Order Amended by Substitution.) Order Number Ten of Jan 27, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Mayor Maher on Jan 27, 2014.
2. An application was received from Ting-hsu Chen requesting permission to widen the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 14 Soden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. Applications and Petitions Number Six of Feb

24, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Feb 24, 2014.

3. That the City Council go on the record in opposition to any type of casino project in the Greater Boston area whether constructed and managed by Mohegan Sun or Wynn Resorts. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons on Order Number Five of June 16, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Cheung on June 30, 2014.
4. 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 June 4, 2014 to discuss creating a new Chapter in the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance entitled "Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses". Committee Report Number One of June 30, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on June 30, 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 June 18, 2014 to discuss revisions to the Cambridge Municipal Code Section 9.04.050 (A) Defacing public property of Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property". Committee Report Number Five of June 30, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on June 30, 2014.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Nov 22, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 8.68 entitled "Concussion Prevention and Management in Youth Activities at City Facilities." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 23, 2013.
7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Dec 19, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.67 entitled relating to Plastic Bag Reduction. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 24, 2014.
8. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office 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 June 24, 2014 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code entitled "Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after July 14, 2014.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Frederick Kantor requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 69 Clarendon Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.

2. An application was received from Couture Nail Spa requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 99 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development, Historical Commission and abutters.
3. An application was received from Alden & Harlow requesting permission for nine tables and thirty-six chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 40 Brattle Street.
4. An application was received from Mina Custom Print requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 766A Cambridge Street.
5. An application was received from Boomerangs requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 563 Massachusetts Avenue.

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Thomas L. Albert, Vice President, Government Relations, Feld Entertainment, Inc. regarding the proposed Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses.
2. A communication was received from Torgun Austin urging the City Council to pass Councillor Carlone's procedural change to the zoning ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Peggy Fox-Warren, 46 Fresh Pond Place, transmitting support for the proposed zoning change introduced by Dennis Carlone.
4. A communication was received from Seth Zeren transmitting his opposition to the City Council the special permit granting authority (SPGA) for large projects.
5. A communication was received from Gayle Morgan and Paul Guglietti, 197 Lexington Avenue and Sophia Culpepper, 199 Lexington Avenue, urging the City Council to support the proposal from Councillor Carlone to amend the zoning ordinance to allow City Council Project Review.
6. A communication was received from Sally Eaton Arnold, 6B Russell Street, transmitting opposition transferring special permit granting authority from the Planning Board to the City Council.
7. A communication was received from Elizabeth Stern, 20 Cambridge Terrace, endorsing Councillor Carlone's Petition.
8. A communication was received from Richard Fiorentino transmitting support of the Carlone Petition.
9. A communication was received from Quinton Zondervan, 235 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, transmitting support of petition regarding Special Permit Project Review.
10. A communication was received from Claudia Majetich, 329 Concord Avenue, transmitting support for Council Carlone's Petition.
11. A communication was received from John Boesen, 25 Suffolk Street, transmitting support on the Carlone Petition on Large Project Special Permits.
12. A communication was received from David Levitt, 14 Notre Dame Avenue, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition.
13. A communication was received from Kathy and John Roberts, 321 Huron Avenue, urging the City Council to vote for Dennis Carlone's Petition.
14. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman in support of forwarding the Carlone et al. Petition to the Ordinance Committee for discussion.

15. A communication was received from Tom Burke, 11 Buena Vista Park, regarding Special Permit Authority.
16. A communication was received from O. Robert Simha, 6 Blanchard Road, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition.
17. A communication was received from Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, transmitting support of the Carlone Petition on Large Project Special Permits.
18. A communication was received from Lawrence Bluestone, 18 Centre Street, urging the City Council to vote no on the petition making the City Council the Special Permit Granting Authority.
19. A communication was received from Randa Ghattas, 88 School Street, urging the City Council not to support the Carlone Petition for City Council Project Review.
20. A communication was received from Jan Devereux, 255 Lakeview Avenue, transmitting support of Policy Orders #10 and #6 of June 30, 2014 and the Carlone Petition on Special Permits.
21. A communication was received from David Chilinski, 221 Hampshire Street, transmitting opposition to the Petition to grant the City Council Special Permit granting authority.
22. A communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett III, 41A Pleasant Street, urging the Council to vote no on the petition to make the City Council the Special Permit Granting Authority.
23. A communication was received from Sam Seidel, 381 Broadway, in opposition to transferring the Special Permit Granting Authority from the Planning Board to the City Council.
24. A communication was received from Mairi Staples, 145 Concord Avenue, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition.
25. A communication was received from Carolyn Fuller, 12 Douglass Street, transmitting opposition to the petition to give special permit granting authority to the City Council.
26. A communication was received from Joseph T. Coyle, MD, 230 Lake View, Avenue transmitting support to the zoning legislation introduced by Dennis Carlone giving the City Council the responsibility to provide oversight on large development projects for the duration of the Master Plan process.
27. A communication was received from Rozann Kraus, Founder, The Dance Complex, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition.
28. A communication was received from Alec Wysoker, 12 Suffolk Street, encouraging the City Council to support the Carlone Petition regarding special permits.
29. A communication was received from Andy Nash, 18 Worcester Street, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition on Large Project Special Permits.
30. A communication was received from Amanda Hurd in opposition to the City Council having the power to grant or amend building permits.
31. A communication was received from Ruth Ryals in opposition to the City Council having the power to grant or amend building permits.
32. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, 7 Ashburton Place, transmitting support of the Carlone petition on Project Review Special Permits for large projects.
33. A communication was received from Gayle Morgan, 197 Lexington Avenue, urging the City Council to support the proposal from Councillor Carlone to amend the zoning ordinance to allow City Council Project Review.
34. A communication was received from Marc S. Weiss in opposition to the City Council assuming Special Permit Granting Authority.
35. A communication was received from Tamar Granovsky, 42 Lopez Avenue, transmitting opposition to Councillor Dennis Carlone's procedural change to the Zoning Ordinance that would give the City Council the authority to grant special permits rather than the Planning Board.

36. A communication was received from Jennifer Craft, 30 Holworthy Place, transmitting support of the Carlone Petition.
37. A communication was received from David Neiman, 32 Essex Street, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition on Large Project Special Permits.
38. A communication was received from Chantal Eide in favor of City Council approval any large new development projects.
39. A communication was received from Sarah E. Kennedy, Director of Government Affairs, on behalf of the membership of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, in opposition to the Carlone petition.
40. A communication was received from Stephen Harrington and Sebastien Roumeau, 28 Essex Street, transmitting support of the Carlone Petition on Large Project Special Permits.
41. A communication was received from Steve Johnson, 17 Peters Street, transmitting deep appreciation to Councillor McGovern and his colleagues for the very kind and extremely flattering resolution.
42. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman, 82 Elm Street, regarding affordable housing.
43. A communication was received from State Representative Marjorie C. Decker regarding the resolution on Restorative Justice and her support to the Senate Ways & Means Committee members.
44. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille regarding selected ongoing environmental outrages from the City of Cambridge.
45. A communication was received from Jan Devereux regarding Planning Board training.
46. A communication was received from Mike Phillips, Whittemore Action Committee, 57 Madison Avenue, transmitting the Whittemore Ave Garden Petition.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Francisco M. Borges. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Richard T. "Richie" Salvia. Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Robert N. Dunn. Mayor Maher
4. Congratulations and thanks to Central Square Business Association and Sandrine's Bistro on their annual Bastille Day celebration. Councillor Cheung
5. Thanks to the Central Square Business Association on the 12th Annual Taste of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
6. Congratulations to Spray Cake for their success at the Brand-a-Thon event. Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulations to John Reynders on the occasion of receiving the CIO of the Year Award from the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations and thanks to the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association for their success in helping restore Magazine Beach Park. Councillor Cheung
9. Thanks to the Mmmaven Project for their service to the youth of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to KeyPals on their twenty years of service in enhancing education throughout Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
11. Resolution on the death of Seth Teller. Councillor Toomey
12. Retirement of Carol Correia from the School Department. Mayor Maher
13. Retirement of Donna DiTucci from the School Department. Mayor Maher
14. Retirement of Marie Grimm from the School Department. Mayor Maher
15. Retirement of Jeanne Murphy from the School Department. Mayor Maher
16. Retirement of Denise Talaric from the School Department. Mayor Maher
17. Condolences to Timothy Adams and Susan Green Adams on the loss of their son, Timothy Green Adams. Councillor Simmons
18. Congratulations to Richard Murray on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Jounce Therapeutics. Councillor Cheung
19. Congratulations to Ripley Burns on being selected to tour with Circus Smirkus and best wishes for continued success. Councillor Cheung
20. Speedy recovery wishes to Bernard Goldberg. Councillor Simmons
21. Resolution on the death of Davonte Rolando Neal. Mayor Maher
22. Resolution on the death of Mary Agnes "Lovey" Mackey. Mayor Maher
23. Thanks and best wishes to Kara Coredini, Executive Director of Mass Equality, as she leaves her position at the end of 2014. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Robert A. "Bob" Havern, III. Councillor Toomey
25. Resolution on the death of Carl E. Clarke. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of Tracy Galvin. Councillor Toomey
27. Thanks to the Central Square Business Association for its efforts in organizing the viewing of the World Cup in Cambridge. Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
28. Thanks to Forest City for its efforts in organizing and realizing the viewing of the World Cup in Cambridge. Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
29. Resolution on the death of Gerard "Jerry" McCabe. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of Stella Mary (Leccese) Perroni. Mayor Maher
31. Resolution on the death of Elvira (Bonaiuto) Signorino. Councillor Toomey
32. Congratulations to the Cambridge Historical Society on winning first place in the New England Museum Association award competition for its most recent book "Saving Cambridge: Historic Preservation in America's Innovation City." Councillor Cheung
33. Congratulation to Christopher Bavitz on receiving CCTV's Leading Role Award. Councillor Toomey
34. Thanks to Scouts Cambridge for the work they do to for the Cambridge community. Councillor Cheung
35. Condolences to the family of Mary C. Fanning. Councillor Simmons
36. Resolution on the death of Kensley David. Vice Mayor Benzan
37. Congratulations to Sandra Corneau for going above and beyond in her role as Executive Director of the John F. Kennedy Apartments. Vice Mayor Benzan
38. Condolences to the family of Reverend Edward L. (Tweed) Green. Councillor Simmons
39. Commend President Obama, Vice President Biden, the House of Representatives and the Senate for the steps they have taken to the enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Vice Mayor Benzan
40. Congratulations to the MIT Lincoln Laboratory on their six new technologies that won R&D 100 Awards. Councillor Cheung
41. Thanks to Pensole/LEAS for opening its doors to Cambridge youth and congratulations to the students who completed the PENSOLE/Leaders Emerge After Direction (LEAD) program. Vice Mayor Benzan
42. Happy 40th Birthday wishes to Daniel Weinstock. Vice Mayor Benzan

43. Congratulations to Ahsani Graves-Cribbs for being selected to attend USA Football's National Team Development Games. Vice Mayor Benzan
44. Thanks to all of the organizers and participants of the Cambridge Jazz Festival. Vice Mayor Benzan
45. Happy Birthday wishes to Paula Jean Smith and her husband James Lawrence Smith. Vice Mayor Benzan
46. Resolution on the death of Peik Larsen. Mayor Maher
47. Congratulations to Doshia Beard on being named Assistant to the Executive Secretary to the School Committee. Councillor Simmons
48. Congratulations to Judy Martin on being named Executive Secretary to the School Committee. Councillor Simmons
49. Happy Birthday wishes to Tom Milton. Councillor Simmons
50. Retirement of Patricia A. Berry from the School Department. Mayor Maher
51. Congratulations to Luzmar Centeno de Valerio on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
52. Congratulations to Josephine Santana on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
53. Congratulations to Victoria Rodriguez de Shams on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
54. Congratulations to Jocelyn Marinez on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
55. Congratulations to Geisa Matos Machuca on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
56. Congratulations to Milagros Cruz on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
57. Congratulations to Annia Lembern on being honored for her significant contributions to the Latino community during Boston's Annual Dominican Festival & Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
58. City Council support of Dominican Festival & Cultural Week and congratulations to the event coordinators, Julia Guerrero and Luis M. Matos. Vice Mayor Benzan
59. Thanks to Jochy Santos for serving as the International Grand Marshal for the Dominican Festival and Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
60. Thanks to David Suazo for serving as the Grand Marshal for the Dominican Festival and Cultural Week. Vice Mayor Benzan
3. That the City Manager is requested to devise and implement a system that will require the City to publicize and convene a community meeting within 72 hours of any catastrophic event - including but not limited to murders, shootings, or other similar episodes - that could impact public safety or the perception of public safety. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Council go on record affirming its support for the preservation of the Silver Maple Forest. Councillor Carlone
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner and report back to the City Council and the community on the specific number of additional police officers that will be assigned to patrol Area IV neighborhoods, whether this increased police presence will be in place through the winter months, and what other additional measures will be undertaken by the Police Department in Area IV. Councillor Simmons
6. City Council support of H.135, An Act Providing Housing and Support Services to Unaccompanied Homeless Youth. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Council go on record urging Lance Bennett and John Stebbins, on behalf of Pro-Con Projects, Ltd., to meet with Brian Doherty, General Agent of the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District, or with other designated representatives of this organization, at City Hall at a mutually agreeable time to address the issues that have been raised regarding hiring of local skilled construction workers for their Marriot Hotel project on Monsignor O'Brien Highway. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments regarding the loss of on-street parking spaces as well as the loss of a handicap parking space in Municipal Lot #8 as a result of the reconstruction/reconfiguration of Western Avenue. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to appoint a committee to pursue the possibility of establishing a sister city relationship with Tuskegee, Alabama. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of launching a homeless donation meter program similar to Denver, CO's Donation Meter Program in the City of Cambridge, and to report back to the City Council about this in a timely manner. Councillor Simmons
11. That the City Manager consult with the Police Department and other appropriate personnel to determine the feasibility of implementing a Neighborhood Captain Program that would allow residents to sign up to hand deliver information from the City to their immediate neighbors, and to report back to the City Council on whether such a program could be implemented by December 2014. Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Benzan
12. That the City Manager is requested to work with community experts, local universities and the Cambridge Water Department to produce a research study determining the possible harmful effects of continuing to fluoridate the city's water supply. Councillor Mazen
13. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to determine how to resolve

## **ORDERS**

1. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Helen Brown Bryant for a dedication at the corner of Marvin Place and Columbia Street in honor of her mother, Bertine Brown. Councillor Simmons
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- that will require contractors hired by the city to implement and adhere to policies consistent with the city's policies regarding gender identity and sexual orientation and to identify circumstances in which a waiver may be granted, as well as the procedures for granting a waiver. Councillor Cheung
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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee for a public hearing held on June 11, 2014 to explore the way forward for a shared use with a rail and trail path along the Grand Junction Corridor.
2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee and Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee for a joint public meeting held on July 1, 2014 to discuss the ongoing out of school/STEAM working group research.
3. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, 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 July 2, 2014 to discuss 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.
4. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public meeting held on July 8, 2014 to discuss the Cambridge Protection Action Committee's proposed Action Plan.
5. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public meeting held on

June 25, 2014 to discuss the results of the 2014 Cambridge Community Health Assessment.

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

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Councillor Leland Cheung transmitting information on The Rush to Build Walkable Urban Grocery Stores.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey Jr. regarding his appeal of a public records denial with the Division of Capital and Asset Management and Maintenance regarding the sale price of the Sullivan Courthouse.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Chris Burns, Deputy Executive Director, Cambridge Retirement Board, transmitting the Cambridge Retirement System ballot count for one of the elected positions on the Cambridge Retirement Board.

## **HEARING SCHEDULE**

### **Mon, July 28**

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

### **Wed, July 30**

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Dennis Carlone, et al. zoning petition requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to designate the City Council as the exclusive special permit granting authority for Project Review Special Permits. This hearing to be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

### **Thurs, Aug 14**

5:30pm Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee (TBD)

### **Wed, Aug 20**

5:30pm The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss how to best launch Small Business Town Hall Meeting. (831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room)

### **Thurs, Aug 21**

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee and Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss the progress of each STEAM subgroup and set action-oriented goals to be met before the end of the year. (Main Library, 449 Broadway, Community Room)

### **Wed, Sept 3**

5:30pm Ordinance Committee (TBD)

### **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)

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### **Mon, Oct 6**

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

### **Mon, Oct 20**

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

### **Mon, Oct 27**

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

### **Mon, Nov 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Nov 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Nov 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Nov 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Mon, Dec 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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## **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 July 28, 2014

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

O-2 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a complex urban environment, with a diverse mix of homes, businesses, public spaces, neighborhoods, and people; and

WHEREAS: The City is extremely proud of the efforts that are made to conserve open space and to provide residents with places to build community; and

WHEREAS: The City is also very proud of its Community Garden program, which often has a long waitlist due to the popularity of the program; and

WHEREAS: The Whittemore Avenue Community Garden was once the largest garden in the program, with 65 plots located at the corner of Whittemore Avenue and Magoun Street in North Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City invested time and resources in an attempt to negotiate the preservation of the garden following a City Council policy order dated February 11, 2011, but the City Council learned later that year that negotiations had been unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has recently been presented with a Petition to Conserve and Restore the Whittemore Avenue Community Garden with signatures from over 500 Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to attempt to resume negotiations to purchase and preserve the Whittemore Avenue Community Garden site; and be it further



ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of securing this site by eminent domain, if negotiations prove unsuccessful, either directly on behalf of the City, or by consulting with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, provided that the owner receives fair compensation based on an independent appraisal in accordance with all applicable laws; 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-3 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to devise and implement a system that will require the City to publicize and convene a community meeting within 72 hours of any catastrophic event - including but not limited to murders, shootings, or other similar episodes - that could impact public safety or the perception of public safety; and be it further

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

O-4 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Silver Maple Forest is the site of a controversial development project along Acorn Park Drive in Cambridge; the forest is located at the intersection of Cambridge, Belmont, and Arlington; and

WHEREAS: The 15.6-acre Silver Maple Forest is a small-river floodplain forest and is an integral part of the Alewife Reservation ecosystem, home to deer, coyote, mink, river otter, red fox, fishers, and some 90 species of birds, including hawks, wild turkey, blue heron, swans, cat birds, hummingbirds, and goldfinches; and

WHEREAS: Local advocates and noted hydrologists continue to assert that the current proposal does not adequately meet the needs for storm water management in the 25, 50, 75, and 100 year storm scenarios, all of which are expected to increase in severity as a result of climate change; and

WHEREAS: According to a report prepared by the hydrology firm Horsley and Witten, the proposal to clear the Silver Maple Forest would result in significant loss of vegetation and associated evapotranspiration; these losses would elevate the current water table, inundating the proposed underground storm water storage basin and compromising the integrity of surrounding infrastructure and the safety and property of nearby residents; and

WHEREAS: Development of the Silver Maple Forest would directly impact the capacity of the surrounding area to withstand the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS: Development of the Silver Maple Forest would also add additional traffic to an area where traffic congestion has become a major issue for many Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Representatives from the Trust for Public Lands, a national organization with a respected track record of brokering deals in similar situations, have been making attempts to contact the developer, Mr. J. Brian O'Neill of the O'Neill Properties Group of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, in an effort to secure an option to purchase the Silver Maple Forest; and

WHEREAS: On Saturday, June 28, 2014, more than 150 local residents gathered at the Alewife T satiation and paraded up Acorn Park Drive to the Silver Maple Forest in an effort to raise awareness and promote the preservation of this important community resource; the event featured participation from members of the City Council, the Belmont Board of Selectman, the Massachusetts State Senate, the Massachusetts Sierra Club, Green Cambridge, Friends of Alewife Reservation, the Mystic River Watershed Association, the Cambridge Residents Alliance, the Fresh Pond Residents Alliance, TROMP, Lesley University Division of Science and Mathematics, the Green Sanctuary Team, the Coalition to Preserve the Belmont Uplands, Belmont Citizens Forum, Belmont Land Trust, Sustainable Belmont, Sustainable

Arlington, Occupy Arlington, and many other local organizations; and

WHEREAS: Over the past fifteen years, the City Council has adopted no less than twelve policy order resolutions in support of the Silver Maple Forest, now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Council go on record to affirm that the City of Cambridge is ready, willing, and able to contribute funds for the preservation of the Silver Maple Forest, as part of a broader effort that might include additional funding from grants, institutions, corporations, philanthropists, other municipalities such as Arlington and Belmont, the Commonwealth, and any other possible sources of revenue; and

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a message to Mr. J. Brian O'Neill of the O'Neill Properties Group of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, sending him our warmest regards and informing him that the City is eager to do its part to help reach a resolution to this matter that will be to his benefit and to the benefit of all concerned; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with staff to convene an open meeting with officials from Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, along with representatives of other interested parties, to discuss all possible options for the preservation of the Silver Maple Forest; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take any and all legal steps necessary to prevent the City from providing any water or sewer connections to the proposed Silver Maple Forest development site; and

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

O-5 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Following the tragic July 3rd shooting that took place on Windsor Street, residents of the Area IV neighborhood met with the Police Commissioner and representatives of the City to discuss measures that will be taken to reduce the chance of continued violence in this part of the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner and report back to the City Council and the community on the specific number of additional police officers that will be assigned to patrol Area IV neighborhoods, whether this increased police presence will be in place through the winter months, and what other additional measures will be undertaken by the Police Department in Area IV; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to post information about the specific measures the Police Department is taking in regards to Area IV on the City's website, in order to ensure that residents can readily review the steps being taken by the City to keep them safe going forward.

O-6 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Massachusetts has approximately 6,000 unaccompanied homeless youth living in the state; and

WHEREAS: Homeless youth are at a higher risk for physical abuse, exploitation, health disabilities, and substance abuse, as well as suffer greater barriers to education; and

WHEREAS: Homeless youth fare poorly at adult homeless shelters where they are routinely subject to violence and victimization; and

WHEREAS: The term unaccompanied homeless youth lacks a common definition throughout federal sources of support and between federal and state sources of support causing discrepancies in homeless youth data and gaps in support coverage; and

WHEREAS: H.135 will allow for contracts to be made with organizations and agencies to provide housing and support services to address the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth that may

include provision of basic needs; housing options including emergency shelter and short term housing; "Transition to Independent Living" Programs; counseling; access to medical, dental, and mental healthcare; education and employment services; case management; advocacy and referral services; life skills training; and

WHEREAS: H.135 will also provide a single definition for unaccompanied homeless youth as those 24 years of age and younger who are not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian and who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence for use in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: This Act will ensure services are provided to homeless youth in all urban, suburban and rural area of the state; and

WHEREAS: This Act provides for data collection and outcome measures to help understand the scope of the population as well as the needs of the population; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of H.135, An Act Providing Housing and Support Services to Unaccompanied Homeless Youth; 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 elected Cambridge delegation in the House and Senate as well as Senate President Therese Murray; and to the members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In early 2014, the City Council became aware of the fact that Pro-Con Projects, Ltd., which is constructing a Marriot Hotel on the site of the old Genoa Packing Company along the Monsignor O'Brien Highway, had been unresponsive to representatives of the local building trade unions who wished to discuss the possibility of Pro-Con's hiring local skilled construction workers for this project; and

WHEREAS: This led the City Council to initiate a meeting with representatives of Pro-Con and representatives of the local skilled building trades, to ensure that Pro-Con was conducting its business in accordance to the best business practices expected of all companies operating in Cambridge, and to ensure that Pro-Con was employing as many local skilled laborers and members of the building trades on this project as possible; and

WHEREAS: In the ensuing months, representatives of the local skilled building trades have sought a follow-up meeting with Pro-Con, as have members of the City Council, yet all overtures from the City Council to Pro-Con have been met with silence, which suggests that this New Hampshire-based company has little interest in conducting itself as a friendly business entity while in our community; and

WHEREAS: It is hoped that Pro-Con would seek to assure the people of Cambridge that it is not simply coming into our community to make some money while disregarding the impact of its operations upon the people who are hosting it, and it is hoped that this company would seek to employ as many local laborers and tradesmen as possible to boost the local economy and help more Cantabrigians provide for their families; and

WHEREAS: Pro-Con's casual disregard for returning communications from individual city councilors is troublesome, as this suggests that Pro-Con is more concerned with its profits than with its impact upon the very people this City Council represents; and

WHEREAS: While Pro-Con has taken some cursory steps to encourage the hiring of local workers for this project, and while its representatives have vouched for the safety measures implemented on this job site, the City Council cannot have any degree of confidence in Pro-Con until its principals are more forthcoming and are willing to open the lines of communication; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Lance Bennett and John Stebbins, on behalf of Pro-Con Projects, Ltd., to meet with Brian Doherty, General Agent of the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District, or with other designated representatives of this organization, at City Hall at a mutually agreeable time to address the issues that have been raised above; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Lance Bennett of Pro-Con Projects, Ltd, John Stebbins of XXS, LLC, and Brian Doherty of the Building & Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments regarding the loss of on-street parking spaces as well as the loss of a handicap parking space in Municipal Lot #8 as a result of the reconstruction/reconfiguration of Western Avenue; 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-9 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a committee to pursue the possibility of establishing a sister city relationship with Tuskegee, Alabama.

O-10 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Over the course of the past fifteen years, as the national economy has faltered and the gap between the wealthy and the less fortunate has continued to expand, many social service programs in municipalities across the country have seen their funding sharply decrease, leaving our most vulnerable residents with ever fewer options for assistance, and Cambridge is sadly no exception to this trend; and

WHEREAS: Communities like Denver, CO have seen their homeless population increase, even as the funds to assist the homeless have plummeted, yet Denver has experimented with an innovative idea by placing dozens of "donation meters for the homeless" throughout their city; and

WHEREAS: These donation meters resemble parking meters in appearance and operation, and can accept change and, in some cases, credit cards, and the money all goes directly toward local social service providers rather than to the city for the rental of a parking space; and

WHEREAS: These donation meters have been projected to raise upwards of \$100,000 per year, as well as raise public awareness about homelessness and the need to more aggressively tackle this issue; and

WHEREAS: The donation meters have the benefit of taking money that might otherwise go to individual panhandlers and be channeled into programs that can do more than just provide a single meal or a single cup of coffee, the decals on the meters can inform residents of just where their money will be going, and these meters will likely increase the chances of passersby donating some money; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the feasibility of launching a homeless donation meter program similar to Denver, CO's Donation Meter Program in the City of Cambridge, and to report back to the City Council about this in a timely manner.

O-11 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: It must be recognized that, while the vast majority of Cambridge residents do own computers, smart phones, and answering machines, there are still appreciable numbers of residents who do not have these important communication tools, and it has traditionally been difficult to ensure that the City's communications reach these individuals in a timely fashion, if at all; and

WHEREAS: Communities such as Dunstable, MA have had success in establishing Neighborhood Captain programs, which allow residents to volunteer to provide a valuable service in distributing information to their neighbors that the community also broadcasts via text message, email, and automated phone calls; and

WHEREAS: By identifying a number of individuals in each neighborhood who are willing to serve as official informational conduits that hand deliver important news to their neighbors on a city's behalf, these communities are not only ensuring that valuable information is being distributed, they are also increasing the community ties and personal relationships in each neighborhood, and they are providing a role for individuals who wish to contribute something of value to their community; and

WHEREAS: Establishing such a program in Cambridge would allow the City to deliver information about weather related events, public meetings, and other, similar events to a number of households that might otherwise miss hearing these announcements, and this would further the City's goal of being as inclusive and engaging of the community as possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Police Department and other appropriate personnel to determine the feasibility of implementing a Neighborhood Captain Program that would allow residents to sign up to hand deliver information from the City to their immediate neighbors, and to report back to the City Council on whether such a program could be implemented by December 2014.

O-12 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Water fluoridation is the practice of adding industrial-grade fluoride chemicals to the public water supply for the purpose of preventing tooth decay; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Water Department has fluoridated its public water supply at a level of 1.0 ppm for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS: Most developed countries besides the United States, including 97% of western Europe do not fluoridate their drinking water; and

WHEREAS: Comprehensive data from the World Health Organization reveals that there is no discernible difference in tooth decay between the minority of western nations that fluoridate water, and the majority that do not; and

WHEREAS: Fluoride is classified by the FDA as a drug, not a nutrient, with many side effects and known neurotoxicity and therefore it is not appropriate to add to a city's water supply; and

WHEREAS: Fluoride's main benefit comes from topical contact with teeth and not from ingestion, and many large scale meta-studies have shown no statistically significant difference in the cavity rates of individuals in fluoridated or non-fluoridated areas; and

WHEREAS: Fluoridation is causing millions of children to develop dental fluorosis, a discoloration of the teeth that is caused by excessive fluoride intake; and

WHEREAS: More than 33 studies have reported an association between fluoride drinking water concentration and reduced IQ; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with community experts, local universities and the Cambridge Water Department to produce a research study

determining the possible harmful effects of continuing to fluoridate the city's water supply; 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-13 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that a number of residents living in the area around Harvard Street and Pine Street have expressed concerns about the tendency for rain water and water from melting snow to pool where the two streets meet, leading to icing conditions in the winter months and creating hazardous road conditions year-round; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works to determine how to resolve the issue of water pooling and run-off at the corner of Pine Street and Harvard Street.

O-14 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit upheld a February 2013 lower court ruling, invalidating apprentice mandates; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has an apprentice training provision in the Cambridge Employment Plan requiring all bidders or sub-bidders to participate or maintain a state approved apprentice program as a condition of bidding on city jobs; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long supported the need for high quality apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS: The City Council strongly believes that such apprenticeship programs are important to working men and women; and

WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to continue to support such programs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to determine if there are other options for requiring such programs and to report back to the City Council with a legal opinion on how to proceed in ensuring these programs remain part of the Cambridge Employment Plan.

O-15 July 28, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: A recent report in the New England Journal of Medicine revealed that the incidence of natural disasters worldwide has steadily increased since the 1970s. Alarmingly, there were three times as many natural disasters between 2000 to 2009 than between 1980 and 1989; and

WHEREAS: Although Cambridge is a leader in green initiatives that aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare the City for the effects of climate change, natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, and blizzards can occur suddenly and unexpectedly. In addition, other emergency events such as infectious disease outbreaks, release of hazardous materials and foreign or domestic terrorism may also occur without warning; and

WHEREAS: The strength of a resilient community is best measured by the emergency preparedness of its residents. All Cambridge residents should be in the best position to respond quickly and efficiently to any type of disaster or emergency event; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge should develop a comprehensive emergency and evacuation plan that will provide residents with greater knowledge of resources available to them in case of an emergency event, including safe evacuation routes, basic response strategies, and a checklist of essential items for emergency preparedness; and

ORDERED: Disseminating a comprehensive climate change checklist and evacuation plan to all Cambridge residents will help ensure that residents are in the best position to respond to an emergency event with the greatest level of preparedness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate departments and personnel to determine the feasibility of preparing a climate change checklist and evacuation plan, in multiple languages, for all residents in times of natural disaster, other emergency event, and report back to the City Council.

O-16 July 28, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanic Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS: The richness of Hispanic culture is the product of many cultures, including: Indigenous, European, African, Chinese, Indian, Filipino and Japanese. This extraordinary diversity of cultures and traditions shines through our music- a noble art that Martin Luther called one of the greatest treasures in the world; and

WHEREAS: Hosting a salsa festival in the Cultural District of Central Square would be a lively way of celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month and engaging all Cambridge residents in a cherished custom at the heart of Hispanic culture; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge community will benefit greatly from the arrangement of a cultural exhibit at City Hall that captures the history and contributions of the Hispanic community in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments, including the Arts Council about the feasibility of hosting a salsa festival between September 15 and October 15 that captures the essence of Hispanic culture; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments and commissions to determine the feasibility of organizing a cultural exhibit that celebrates the life and accomplishments of the Hispanic community in the City of Cambridge and report back to the City Council in a timely fashion.

O-17 July 28, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge has had a significant increase in the pace of development, particularly for large projects requiring a special permit; and

WHEREAS: Understanding the Planning Board process can be challenging for a resident unfamiliar with the special permit process; and

WHEREAS: There has been considerable public concern about public participation in the Planning Board process around special permits; and

WHEREAS: Some neighborhood groups learn about proposed developments late in the process which can limit the opportunity to make changes to proposals; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager has been working with concerned residents, city staff and Planning Board members to explore ways to improve the Planning Board process and make it more transparent; and

WHEREAS: The City Council and City Manager want to ensure the Planning Board process is fair and open and that all people coming before the Planning Board are treated fairly and their concerns are heard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form an advisory committee comprised of residents, business leaders and planning professionals to advise the City Manager and staff on ways to improve the Planning Board process; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Planning Board and Community Development Department with the view in mind of determining ways to make the special permit process more understandable and transparent to the public; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Planning Board to review their rules along with Chapter 40A with the City's Law Department and look for opportunities to provide greater opportunities for the public to be more involved and engaged and to require neighborhood engagement prior to projects coming before the Planning Board; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council with an update on these requested improvements this fall.

O-18 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The Jackson Place Apartments are comprised of affordable, multi-bedroom units, housing many families with young children; and

WHEREAS: Play is a critical aspect of a child's social, cognitive, and physical development; and

WHEREAS: Studies have shown that a lack of free, spontaneous play can significantly hinder growth; and

WHEREAS: The Jackson Place Apartments presently have no adequate playground or recreational facilities as part of their housing development in order to accommodate parents with young children; and

WHEREAS: While recreational facilities exist at Jefferson Park or as part of Fresh Pond Apartments, they both require children to pass through potentially dangerous intersections along Rindge Avenue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority and the residents of the Jackson Place Apartments to remodel and upgrade the existing playground and recreational facilities and/or move the park entirely; 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-19 July 28, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The building at 35 Cambridge Park Drive was recently acquired by Vecna; and

WHEREAS: Vecna already has a growing presence in Cambridge and plans to expand their campus on Cambridge Park Drive; and

WHEREAS: As part of this expansion, there is a possibility that Vecna will create retail frontage at the corner of Cambridge Park Drive across from the Archstone Apartment complex and adjacent to the Alewife MBTA Station and, with proper planning, could create a new public square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Community Development Department and reach out to the principals at Vecna to work with them and assist the company with its plan to create new retail and open space opportunities which could significantly add to the vitality of this growing area of Cambridge.

O-20 July 28, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge stands with the hundreds of Market Basket employees who have walked out of their jobs in protest of the firing of CEO Arthur T. Demoulas; and

WHEREAS: Market Basket has not only had a history of providing high-quality, reliable and inexpensive options for many residents of Massachusetts, but has also employed thousands of individuals in hundreds of cities and towns throughout New England; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of Market Basket has demonstrated with their recent actions that they value profits more than they value the people that they employ; and

WHEREAS: The management practices of Market Basket should be based on fairness and a sense of family for all employees, and not simply about the bottom line; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a history of supporting workers rights, fair working practices and institutions that value employees above their own financial interests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge joins with our fellow citizens and municipalities in condemning the short-sighted and harmful actions of the Board of Directors of Market Basket; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge joins with our fellow citizens, municipalities and elected officials across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in calling for a boycott of Market Basket stores in the spirit of unity with current and former employees of Market Basket; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge fully supports those workers who are willing to risk their jobs and ultimately their livelihoods to protest the actions of the Board of Directors of Market Basket; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge requests that the Board of Directors of Market Basket reconsider their negative and harmful actions and immediately restore a sense of compassion toward its workforce, a sense of value towards its customers and a sense of respect toward the Commonwealth's citizens who have supported Market Basket for generations ; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Board of Directors of Market Basket and to the Cambridge Federal and State Delegations on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-21 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has implemented an open data portal, allowing the sharing of data from the city's various departments in a single online resource; and

WHEREAS: The information made available through the open data portal has been utilized by the public to design open source and for-profit apps in a spirit of transparency and innovation; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been working on their own open data portal and is planning on making it available to the public within the year; and

WHEREAS: The Cities of Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston; along with other Commonwealth municipalities could work together to create a federated cities page through which they would share their municipal data in aggregate; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Information Technology Department to coordinate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the opening of the Commonwealth's open data portal, creating a federated cities page where the cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville (along with other Commonwealth municipalities) can be shared in aggregate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Information Technology Department to coordinate with the Commonwealth upon the release of a federated cities page, holding and publicizing a design competition that highlights the projects possible given the newly available data; 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-22 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to draft a section to Chapter 2.112 City Contracts that will require contractors hired by the city to implement and adhere to policies consistent with the city's policies

regarding gender identity and sexual orientation and to identify circumstances in which a waiver may be granted, as well as the procedures for granting a waiver.

O-23 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: One of the expressed goals of the Cambridge City Council is to "foster community" and "support opportunities for citizens to participate"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long and rich tradition of civic participation across all races, genders, and age groups; and

WHEREAS: 11.4% of Cambridge's population is under 18 and many of the city's programs, policies, and issues - such as education, municipal planning, health, and public safety - directly impact the lives of young Cantabrigians; and

WHEREAS: The ideas and voices of Cambridge's youth should be heard by the city government and factored into city policies; and

WHEREAS: Youth councils, or groups of engaged young citizens that advise municipal and state policymaking, have been successfully adapted and utilized in cities and states such as Boston, MA, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Hampton, VA, San Francisco, CA, Maine, and Iowa; and

WHEREAS: According to the National League of Cities, youth councils are an "effective way to get more youth involved in solving local problems and more actively engaged in the community"; and

WHEREAS: Studies by the National Conference of State Legislatures and USAID find youth councils provide effective and creative solutions to local youth-related issues and promote civic participation, social awareness, self-confidence and social and work-related skills among young people; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Youth Council in Boston has seen great success in recent years, including the establishment of the "Mayor's Youthline," a phone hotline dedicated to answering municipal government-related questions for teenagers, the creation of an annual youth summit, and the formation of a youth participatory budgeting project that allowed students to propose community development projects that would receive municipal funding; and now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all appropriate departments and explore the feasibility of creating a Cambridge City Youth Council that will represent the youth population of the city and serve as an advisory board to the City Council; 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-24 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: One of the stated goals of 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: The concept of sustainability is one in which the City of Cambridge embraces and strives to implement and does so through various programs and policies but lacks a unified vision; and

WHEREAS: According to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability is not an end goal, but a journey that local governments can take to improve the social equity, environmental, and economic conditions in their jurisdictions"; and

WHEREAS: A common framework to guide local government efforts is a sustainability plan, which ties together a community's goals, strategies, implementation plans, and metrics for improving sustainability under a single framework; and

WHEREAS: A sustainability plan provides solutions in the areas of built environment, energy, food, nature, transportation, waste, and

water, and will offer specific actions to deliver results necessary for our city to become the greenest, healthiest, and most livable city in the nation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Community Development Department on the feasibility of producing a Cambridge Sustainability Plan with stated priority goals to complement Cambridge's Master Plan; 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-25 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: This year the City of Cambridge witnessed another successful City Dance Party that attracted over 12,000 guests; and

WHEREAS: Since 1996, the City Dance Party attracts both young and old and has grown into the identity of the Cambridge community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to extend the Cambridge Dance Party for an extra hour next year.

O-26 July 28, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has committed itself to becoming an age-friendly city and providing seniors with a good-quality of life and doing its part to meeting their basic needs; and

WHEREAS: According to the "Aging in the Cambridge Community" study by the Community Development Department in 2010, the city found that there were more than 10,000 seniors living in the City with 16% population increase from the 2000 Census and with an estimation that if the City of Cambridge follows national trends than elders "could account for close to 20% of Cambridge's population by 2030"; and

WHEREAS: As the population of elderly citizens is projected to increase, both nationally and locally, it has become imperative for municipalities to undertake policies to improve the quality of life of senior citizens especially in the areas of physical and mental fitness; and

WHEREAS: A common grievance from the city's elderly population has been access to affordable and convenient fitness facilities; and

WHEREAS: In a paper by the Institute for Public Administration at the University of Delaware, offering physical health promotion activities such as cardio and strength training have long term health benefits such as warding off heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease, and improving mental health; and

WHEREAS: Although the City of Cambridge boasts a number of fitness facilities, many senior citizens do not have the financial means to afford costly annual memberships, most fitness center's do not offer elderly discount rates, and Original Medicare does not cover fitness programs or gym memberships; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Human Services on the feasibility of either seeking space at the City Senior Center or another municipal building and creating a fitness center with affordable rates for senior citizens; and be it further

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