

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 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 \$668,177 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$640,241), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$26,136) and to the Travel and Training account (\$1,800) which provides funding for ESOL, literacy, and high school equivalency preparation classes (teaching, advising, and assessment); for 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 and also includes administrative costs for data entry, reception, clerical work, and fiscal tracking.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation from 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 (\$13,090) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$610) 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.
3. 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 which will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Civic Education Grant for \$119,226 funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$113,565), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,411), and to the Travel and Training account (\$250) which supports ESOL/Civic Education classes provided by the Community Learning Center.
5. 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 \$287,449.07 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA and used to operate its family shelter from July 1, 2015 through Feb 28, 2016, including the provision of case management for ten homeless families at a time as referred by the DHCD.
6. 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 (\$11,519) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$101,281) which will be used to support homelessness prevention programs based at the Multi-Service Center.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation from the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) through individual donations and from a family foundation in the amount of \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account which will support English for Speakers of Other Languages classes at the CLC.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$15,000 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$15,000) which will allow the Human Services Department to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds to the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition/Shannon Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$1,800 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$1,728) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$72) and will be used to support the design and implementation of the City Peace program, a violence peer leadership internship for teens through the Youth Centers.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for Library personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Karen Kosko as a member of the Cambridge Library Board of Trustees effective Aug 1, 2015 for a term of three years.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Gary Dmytryk as a member of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities for a term of three years, effective July 1, 2015.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointments of the following persons as members of the Kids' Council effective Aug 10, 2015:
 - Bridget Rodriguez, University Representative (3 year term)
 - Rabeya Akther, Specific Area Representative (1 year term)
 - Michelle Lower, Business Representative (3 year term)
 - Ron Benham, State Agency Representative (3 year term)
 - Neal Michaels, Community-at-Large Representative (3 year term)
 - Liz Hill, Community-at-Large Representative (3 year term)
 - Claude Jacob, Commissioner of Health & Hospitals Representative
 - Geeta Pradhan, Philanthropic Representative (3 year term)

14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-53, regarding a report on plans to address homelessness in the community.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-47, regarding a report on language for either a home rule petition or change to general state law that requires all individuals involved in a collision to give written contact information.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account (\$70,000) and to the Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$30,000) which will be used to continue the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI)-Focused Deterrence project.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-57, regarding a report on distributing materials to retail stores on the dangers of using neonicotinoid pesticides and urging them to cease stocking the pesticides.
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-63, regarding a report on the feasibility of requiring supermarkets and other food sellers and resellers to donate leftover food to donation centers in order to cut down on food waste.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to approve the Incentive Zoning Petition.
20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on Net Zero Action Plan/Green Building Requirements.
21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-51, regarding a report on the Innovative Communities legislation that promotes and supports the Mass startup economy.
22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-68, regarding continued efforts to engage federal and state delegations regarding FAA and flight patterns.
23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on the status of the Sick Leave Policy for Non Benefitted Employees.
24. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, requesting approval of the discontinuance of an approximately twenty (20) foot wide, 8,660 square foot parcel of City owned land along the eastern edge of Ames Street between Broadway and Main Street (the Ames Street Parcel) in connection with the disposition of this parcel that the City Council previously approved.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the School Committee with the view in mind to request the Superintendent of Schools to provide data regarding Charter

Schools. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Maher on Order Number One of June 22, 2015.]

ON THE TABLE

2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status and next steps for the Beekeeping ordinance. [Order Number Ten of Mar 30, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Mar 30, 2015.]
3. Congratulations to the Cambridge Synchronized Swans for qualifying for the synchronized Swimming Junior Olympics and best wishes for continued success. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Thirteen of June 15, 2015.]
4. That the proposed amendments to Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animal Control Regulations" be passed to a second reading; said amendments relate to adding the Park Ranger to the definitions, an increase in dog license fees, confinement fees and complaint disposition and penalty violations. [Order Number Ten of June 22, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on June 22, 2015.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Two applications were received from the Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets and JFK at Mount Auburn Street announcing the Gabriel Garcia Marques Tribute Event Sept 18-20, 2015.
2. An application was received from the Jeanne Gibson for J-CAT, LLC, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 55 Mount Pleasant Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
3. An application was received from SHINE, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 106 Prospect Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
4. An application was received from Barakat, Inc. requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing Barakat's 8th Annual Walk for Literacy on Sat, Sept 26th.
5. An application was received from the Jessie M. English, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 27 Corporal Burns Road; 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.
6. An application was received from Waugh Building LLC, requesting permission for two pre-existing projecting frames that holds six signs and one clock at the premises numbered 30-34 John F. Kennedy Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutter.
7. An application was received from Agenda for Children Literacy Initiative requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall

announcing the 19th Family Literacy Fun Day at City Hall on Sat, Nov 7th from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

8. An application was received from Kun Wang, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Sunset Road; 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.
9. A petition has been received from Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan (KSURP) and to amend the current zoning for the MXD district in Kendall Square to reflect the proposed changes to the Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Mary Murphy, supporting Carsharing in Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from Jan Devereux, 255 Lakeview Avenue, supports safety improvements on Huron Avenue and the Net Zero plan.
3. A communication was received from Sylvia Barnes, Harvey Street, supports sidewalks for pedestrians and protected lanes for bicyclist along Huron Avenue and the walkway at Fresh Pond.
4. A communication was received from Molly Moore, in support of keeping Zipcar available in Cambridge.
5. A communication was received from Stephen Kaiser, regarding the Introduction to the MBTA Red Line Capacity.
6. A communication was received from Carol Lynn Alpert, Charles Teague and Kenneth Taylor regarding contribution to the Net Zero Discussion.
7. A communication was received from Quinton Zondervan, regarding contribution to the Net Zero Discussion.
8. A communication was received from Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich, regarding Awaiting Report 15-30 and 15-41 regarding License Commission Fees and CAP Areas dated June 2, 2015 from Andrea Jackson, Chair of the Cambridge License Commission.
9. A communication was received from Mary Ann Donofrio, 120 Gore Street, regarding Upzoning for the Volpe Site.
10. A communication was received from Althea Buckley, regarding Animal Control Regulations.
11. A communication was received from Rosemary Booth and Jerry O'Leary, 303 Third Street, transmitting concerns about PUD-KS (Volpe site) rezoning proposal and process.
12. A communication was received from Kenneth E. Taylor, regarding the Volpe Site.
13. A communication was received from Rafael Jaramillo, 63 Reservoir Street, regarding Volpe and public space in Kendall Square.
14. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, 283 Sidney Street, regarding Volpe up-zoning.
15. A communication was received from Martin G. Evans, regarding the Public Records Bill.
16. A communication was received from Jessie M. English, PhD, 27 Corporal Burns Road, regarding an application for a curb cut at 27 Corporal Burns Road.

17. A communication was received from Denise Jillson, Executive Director, Harvard Square Business Association, transmitting support for the Night Market sign at 48 JFK Street.
18. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding amending and passing the Open Data Ordinance.
19. A communication was received from John A. Hawkinson, in support of four amendments to the Open Data Ordinance.
20. A communication was received from Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich, regarding taxi laws.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Pacheco Jewelers on being named the Best Jeweler in Cambridge by Reader's Choice. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Atasca Restaurant on being named Best Restaurant for Dinner in Cambridge by Reader's Choice. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to the New Deal Fish Market on being named the Best Fish Market in Cambridge by Reader's Choice. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to the East Side Bar and Grille on being named the Best Bar in Cambridge by Reader's Choice. Councillor Toomey
5. Commending Cure Forward on their important work and congratulations on their latest funding round. Councillor Cheung
6. Commending American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection on their work fighting childhood cancer. Councillor Cheung
7. Resolution on the death of Catherine H. (Hanson) DeFrancesco. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of William J. Pimentel, Jr. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Edward Cyril Chase. Councillor Simmons
10. Resolution on the death of Ethel Leona Butler Scott. Vice Mayor Benzan
11. Resolution on the death of Manuel P. "Manny" Martins. Councillor Toomey
12. Congratulations to The Just Crust on its second anniversary. Councillor Cheung
13. Resolution on the death of Justine (Santos) Bragalone. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Constance A. (Shanley) Thomas. Mayor Maher
15. Welcome Bristol Meyers Squibb to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
16. Resolution on the death of Henry Lukaszewicz. Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Kenneth N. "Boonie" Moore. Mayor Maher
18. Retirement of Kenneth W. Souza from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Maher
19. Resolution on the death of State Senator Thomas P. Kennedy. Councillor Toomey

20. Retirement of Christine Peters from the School Department. Mayor Maher
21. Resolution on the death of Leo Saidnawey. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
22. Resolution on the death of Diane T. Sullivan. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of retired Chief of Police of the City of Cambridge Anthony G. "Tony" Paolillo. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Maher
24. Resolution on the death of Thomas Joseph Dillon, Sr. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
25. Retirement of James M. Greene from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Maher
26. Resolution on the death of Joao F. Liberato. Councillor Toomey
27. Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Fred and Anne Haley. Councillor Toomey
28. Congratulations to the Preservation of Affordable Housing on its acquisition of the Briston Arms Apartment and thanks for their commitment to affordable housing in Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
29. Resolution on the death of Barbara M. (Duggan) Curtin. Mayor Maher
30. Resolution on the death of Constance G. "Connie" Kirwan. Mayor Maher
31. Resolution on the death of Darleen (Gondola) Bonislawski. Mayor Maher
32. Retirement of Priscilla Lee from the Human Services Department. Mayor Maher
33. Resolution on the death of Camille T. (Citino) Fratto. Mayor Maher
34. Resolution on the death of David O'Connor. Mayor Maher
35. Speedy recovery wishes to Thaddeus Szymanski. Councillor Simmons
36. Speedy recovery wishes to Jean Waxman. Councillor Simmons
37. Best wishes to Phillips Research North America on the grand opening of their new Innovation Center at 2 Canal Park. Councillor Toomey
38. Resolution on the death of Robert J. Latino. Councillor Toomey
39. Resolution on the death of Alex Rocco. Councillor Toomey
40. Resolution on the death of Maria L. (Viveiros) Tavares. Councillor Toomey
41. Resolution on the death of Jose C. Rego. Councillor Toomey
42. Resolution on the death of Edward Philip "Eddie" Chase. Mayor Maher
43. Speedy recovery wishes to Christine Peters. Councillor Simmons
44. Commending Margaret Hamilton on her longstanding commitment to the field of software engineering and her work on the Apollo program. Councillor Cheung
45. Thanking Larry Kessler for his years of leadership in working to stamp out HIV/AIDS, and in wishing him a happy retirement. Councillor Simmons
46. Resolution on the death of Timothy J. O'Leary Mayor Maher
47. Resolution on the death of Joan Mark. Mayor Maher
48. Thanking the Massachusetts Bicentennial Battery for their continued participation in Cambridge celebrations. Councillor McGovern
49. Happy 56th Birthday to Charlene Holmes. Councillor McGovern
50. Wishing Laura Carchia a quick and complete recovery. Councillor Simmons
51. Wishing David Blackman a quick and complete recovery. Councillor Simmons
52. Resolution on the death of Margaret Palange. Mayor Maher
53. That the City Council go on record commending Cambridge Camping for their longstanding commitment to providing a great camp experience to all members of the Cambridge community. Councillor Cheung
54. Congratulating Just A Start on the opening of their new Bio Medical Career Center. Councillor Toomey
55. That the City Council express its support of and solidarity with the electrical workers as they continue their contract negotiations with Verizon. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Benzan
56. That the City Council goes on record acknowledging the 50th anniversary of Medicare. Councillor Simmons
57. That the City Council acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Councillor Simmons
58. Resolution on the death of George Carvalho. Councillor Toomey
59. Resolution on the death of Annmarie (Ubertini) McMurty. Councillor Toomey
60. Congratulating the team behind Emerald on their success. Councillor Cheung
61. Resolution on the retirement of Elizabeth Cadigan. Mayor Maher
62. Resolution on the retirement of Theresa Toppan. Mayor Maher
63. Resolution on the retirement of Melvin Schmid. Mayor Maher
64. Resolution on the retirement of Xiaodong Ma. Mayor Maher
65. Resolution on the retirement of Paul Goldberg. Mayor Maher
66. Resolution on the retirement of Jane Maguire. Mayor Maher
67. That the City Council declare Sun, Aug 9, 2015 to be proclaimed as "Mike Brown Day" in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Mazen
68. That the City Council proclaim Sept 10, 2015 as "George Scialabba Day" Councillor Mazen
69. Wishing Barbara Mitchell all the best as she leaves her position as Executive Director of CLSACC. Mayor Maher

70. Congratulating Mojdeh Rohani on his appointment as Executive Director of CLSASS. Mayor Maher
71. Congratulating Ms. Gwill York on her election as Chair of the Museum of Science's Board of Trustees. Mayor Maher
72. Wishing Nena Rosa a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
73. Wishing Ron Savage a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
74. Wishing Seacia Pavao a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
75. Wishing Nicole Kelley a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
76. Wishing Rose Benzan a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
77. Wishing Steven W. Tompkins a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
78. Wishing Joyce Maguire Pavao a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
79. Wishing Julian De Las Nieves a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
80. Wishing Karina Buruca a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
81. Wishing Kathleen Clinton a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
82. Wishing Kessen Green a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
83. Wishing Larry Aaronson a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
84. Wishing Liz Phipps Soeiro a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
85. Wishing Lydia Rodriguez a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
86. Wishing Maria Bermudez a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
87. Wishing Ashlee Smith a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
88. Wishing Asya Jackson a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
89. Wishing Cheryl Watson Fisher and Charlotte Watson a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
90. Wishing David Matthews a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
91. Wishing Gabriel E. Gomez a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
92. Wishing Gabriel Thornton a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
93. Wishing Gloria Thompson a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
94. Wishing Jimmy Smith a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan

ORDERS

1. That the City Council amend Policy Order #11 of June 22, 2015 attached. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the effectiveness of the policy of ticketing and towing vehicles that obstruct

street cleaning, to determine whether modifying this policy to exclude towing vehicles would have a negative impact on the City's ability to maintain clean streets. Councillor Simmons

3. That the City Manager is requested to reach out to Easton Coach, Peter Pan, and Brush Hill Tours to relay the concerns raised regarding tour buses operating on restricted streets and to determine what actions should be taken against these companies and to determine how to enhance efforts to prevent tour buses from parking in multiple metered spaces in Harvard Square. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and other appropriate City personnel to compile a report of the housing and financial assistance options the City and its community partners offer to seniors living on fixed incomes in order to help them remain housed in their current units and to estimate how many seniors on fixed incomes are in danger of being priced out of their units in the coming half-decade to determine whether additional City resources are needed to assist these seniors. Councillor Simmons
5. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of Ed Chase. Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Council go on record commending the group "No Boston Olympics" on their successful fight against Boston 2024's flawed Olympics bid. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager consult with the Community Development Department and other appropriate City personnel to determine what kinds of incentives could be provided to landlords who choose to refrain from increasing the rents on their tenants, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Manager report back to the City Council on the diversity of his direct reports and the steps he has taken to reflect Cambridge's diversity in his hiring practices, specifically in management positions, during his term. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager implement an affordable municipal identification card program for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Benzan
10. That the City Manager develop a program to offer home electricity monitors to residents at cost, in a program similar to the distribution of rain barrels through the Department of Public Works. Councillor Cheung
11. That the City Manager confer with appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council with plans to address existing striping deficiencies and also to minimize confusing or missing street striping during ongoing construction projects. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
12. That the City Manager confer with relevant City staff to design, fund and implement an ongoing noise management program in the current budget year. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung

13. That the City Manager confer with relevant City and School staff to determine the best locations to install three new bike corrals in the immediate vicinity of entrances or exits to CRLS and to also have the new bike corrals in place before the start of the school year. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
14. That the City Manager confer with City staff with the intent of developing and implementing a plan that would address the issues with tour bus parking. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Council hereby goes on record urging Governor Baker and the State Legislature to move expeditiously in issuing guidelines and regulations that will ensure that taxi services and ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft are able to operate on a fair and even plane throughout the Commonwealth. Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Benzan
16. That the appropriate City departments in conjunction with other stakeholders, such as the Salvation Army, Cambridge Overcoming Addiction, and other non-profits conduct a survey of opioid-related deaths and persons struggling with the epidemic that are frequenting our squares, particularly Central Square. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern
17. That the City Manager confer with the Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development with a mind towards informing new property owners of the desire, based on planning studies, to expand Ahern Field and for planning staff to keep these desires in mind as a vision for this site is developed by the owners, and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
18. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate City Departments about the feasibility of placing an immediate moratorium on any fees paid by the Taxicab industry to the City of Cambridge until: 1) the State has enacted ridesharing regulations; and/or 2) action is taken by the City to deregulate the Taxicab industry following the Mayor's Roundtable on this matter. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
19. That the City Council goes on record refiling as of Sept 16, 2015, the attached proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to amend Article 6.000 of the zoning ordinance to create a new section 6.24 Carsharing Provisions which will create a definition and general provisions for carsharing and allow limited use of parking spaces for carsharing as a means to provide mobility options for Cambridge residents, employees and visitors. Councillor Cheung
20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff to provide an update and timeline for sidewalk, street, water, and sewer infrastructure improvements to the Area 4 neighborhood Vice Mayor Benzan
21. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff about the feasibility of implementing a truck ban on Harvey Street. Vice Mayor Benzan
22. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments with an update for plans for the creation of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) coordinating office, including any financial pledges from the City to implement the STEAM working groups recommendations. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
23. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to setup the most effective voting method that maximizes community participation for the renaming of Area IV. Vice Mayor Benzan
24. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts House and Baker administration to move swiftly in clarifying new law and associated regulation, taking into account the needs of municipalities in flux, and ultimately act with the intention of achieving parity and safety amongst transit operators of all kinds. Councillor Mazen
25. That the City Council go on record petitioning the Massachusetts General Court to enact the attached Home Rule Petition entitled "AN ACT TO ENABLE CERTAIN NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS". Councillor Mazen, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on June 30, 2015 to discuss with the License Commission how it works, the permitting and shared economy.
2. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a public hearing held on July 9, 2015 to discuss whether there are measures the City and local housing agencies and advocates can take to assist the soon to be displaced tenants of 295 Harvard Street.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a joint public hearing with the Planning Board on June 29, 2015 to discuss a petition by the Planning Board to amend Section 13.10 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance so as to change the development controls applicable in the Planned Unit Development at Kendall Square (PUD-KS) Overlay Zoning District.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on June 17, 2015 to discuss a City Council petition to amend Article 6.000 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to create a new section 6.24 Car sharing Provisions.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on July 14, 2015 to discuss proposed amendments to Section 11.200 entitled Incentive Zoning Provisions and Inclusionary Housing Provisions.
6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J.

Carlone and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on July 15, 2015 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 2.126 entitled "Open Data Ordinance."

7. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee, for a public meeting held on July 15, 2015 to discuss how emergent out of school time programs recruit underserved youth in innovative ways, how programs engage youth in advanced research or professional skills building, and how these programs may present exciting models for other organizations seeking to impact socio-economic and educational equity in Cambridge.
8. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on July 1, 2015 to discuss policing and public safety, community policing and police training.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, requesting the approval of the City Council to attend The World Class Cities Tour/Mazer Foundation in the Netherlands from Sept 27th - Oct 3rd.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Nadeem Mazen, transmitting amendments for the Open Data Ordinance.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Aug 10

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Aug 11

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Concussion Ordinance, which seeks to prevent and manage concussions in youth activities taking place in Cambridge facilities. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss how to assist tenants in danger of losing their homes due to the recent sale of their buildings on Harding Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Aug 18

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss amendments to the Zoning Map and Ordinance for the area along Walden Street near the intersection of Garden Street and extending through the intersection of Sherman Street currently zoned Business A be rezoned to a newly created zoning district entitled Business A-4 and add a new Business A-4 line to Section 5.33. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Aug 20

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Elizabeth M. Stern, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by changing the current zoning designation of Lot 84 (2551 Massachusetts Avenue) and Lot 65 (7 Richard

Avenue) on Assessing Block Map 186 from Business A-2 to Residence B and remove both from the MAOD and the NMAS, redraw the zoning district boundary lines so the two lots are in the Residence B zone and not in the MAOD or the NMAS and revise Article 20, Sections 100-111. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 1

5:30pm Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 9

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss steps that City Staff are taking to draft an RFQ for a City-wide energy broker who will help facilitate municipal energy aggregation for the City of Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 16

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the referred report on tree grates, empty tree wells, and stumps in the tree wells and the role that the Committee on Public Planting should take in advising the City Council, City Manager, and Department of Public works concerning future public planting and maintenance issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 23

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the recommendations of the Cambridge Off Leash Working Group on dogs and the steps that have been taken to implement the group's recommendations in the City. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Order #11 attached was adopted by the City

Council on June 22, 2015; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council amend something previously adopted by amending the fourth paragraph in Order #11 to read as follows:

WHEREAS: While the scene of this horrific murder is hundreds of miles and several states away from the City of Cambridge, we recognize that hatred and ignorance know no boundaries, and the people of Cambridge must continually be vigilant in working to foster the bonds of tolerance and community amongst us, and to help each member of this City understand that all lives matter and all lives are precious, and we must take actions to affirm that Black Lives Matter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That Order #11 of June 22, 2015 be amended in the fourth paragraph.

O-2 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Vehicles that obstruct street cleaning in Cambridge are subject to being ticketed, towed, and impounded, and the total cost to vehicle owners can often approach or exceed \$200; and

WHEREAS: Nearby communities, such as Somerville, have enacted less punitive policies in discouraging street cleaning obstruction, issuing hefty fines to illegally parked vehicles without resorting to the towing and impounding vehicles; and

ORDERED: It is important that Cambridge has policies in place that allow for the proper maintenance of our public streets, yet it is also important that we have a sense of fairness and proportion in the penalties meted out to street cleaning obstructionists; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine the effectiveness of the policy of ticketing and towing vehicles that obstruct street cleaning, to determine whether modifying this policy to exclude towing vehicles would have a negative impact on the City's ability to maintain clean streets, and to report these findings back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-3 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: A number of residents on Putnam Avenue have recently raised concerns about clusters of tour buses traveling down their street and heading to Harvard Square, despite the fact that Putnam Avenue has been designated by the City as one of 45 streets that trucks and tour buses are restricted from traveling upon; and

WHEREAS: The residents of Putnam Avenue have noted that they have routinely contacted the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to complain about the tour buses, and have been advised that they must note which companies' tour buses are at issue, which would allow the

City to then contact these companies and urge them to comply with this regulation; and

WHEREAS: Residents have noted seeing tour buses from Easton Coach, Peter Pan, Brush Hill Tours, among other companies, regularly traveling upon Putnam Avenue; and

WHEREAS: These residents have also noted that many of these tour buses routinely park in Harvard Square, taking up a significant number of metered parking spaces for significant periods of time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reach out to Easton Coach, Peter Pan, and Brush Hill Tours to relay the concerns raised in this Policy Order, and to determine what actions should be taken against these companies for operating upon restricted streets, and to report back to the City Council and the residents of Putnam Avenue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, the Cambridge Police Department, and other appropriate City staff to determine how to enhance efforts to prevent tour buses from parking in multiple metered spaces in Harvard Square, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-4 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A number of seniors living in private market apartments have recently raised concerns about the gradually increasing rents in the City, which, in the coming years, can and likely will outstrip the fixed incomes these retired individuals survive off of, threatening their ability to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has devoted significant resources to creating opportunities for low and moderate income people seeking to live in this community, and the City should commit to creating similar opportunities to allow our seniors to remain housed in their homes, in the community they have helped create; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and other appropriate City personnel to compile a report of the housing and financial assistance options the City and its community partners offer to seniors living on fixed incomes in order to help them remain housed in their current units; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to estimate how many seniors on fixed incomes are in danger of being priced out of their units in the coming half-decade, to determine whether additional City resources are needed to assist these seniors, and to report back to the City Council and the public in a timely manner.

O-5 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request to dedicate a street corner in honor of Ed Chase; 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-6 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has a long history of supporting and encouraging local leaders who take bold steps to enrich the communities of which they are a part; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a hub of innovation, ideas, and most importantly, action; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the group “No Boston Olympics” was instrumental in informing the citizens of the greater Boston area of potential pitfalls and dangers to hosting the Olympics; and

WHEREAS: Thanks in part to the efforts of “No Boston Olympics,” the City of Boston and United States Olympic Committee have abandoned their Boston-based bid; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record commending the group “No Boston Olympics” on their successful fight against Boston 2024’s flawed Olympics bid; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the leaders of “No Boston Olympics” on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, similar to much of the Greater Boston Area, is in the midst of an affordable housing crisis, with rents across the area steadily increasing even as many renters’ incomes have largely remained stagnant; and

WHEREAS: This alarming trend increases the likelihood that ever greater numbers of tenants - many of whom have lived here for years - will be displaced from their homes and possibly pushed out of the community due to their inability to pay increasingly higher rents; and

WHEREAS: The City is continually exploring ways to mitigate the full brunt of this crisis, including increasing the linkage fees that developers must pay towards the creation and preservation of affordable housing, seeking opportunities to build new affordable units on City-owned property, entering into public-private partnerships to help fund new affordable developments, and aggressively working to identify and preserve as many expiring use units as possible; and

WHEREAS: As part of this multi-pronged approach, the City should also be examining whether it is possible to offer any sort of incentives to those landlords who refrain from regularly increasing the rents they charge, as such selfless gestures could go a long way toward protecting their tenants from the economic squeeze too many renters are falling victim to; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and other appropriate City personnel to determine what kinds of incentives could be provided to landlords who choose to refrain from increasing the rents on their tenants, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-8 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge greatly respects the contributions of all its citizens, and recognizes that every day the members of our vibrantly diverse community make important contributions to our City; and

WHEREAS: One of the stated goals of the City Council is to “value and support the racial, socio-economic, cultural, and religious diversity of our City,” and the City of Cambridge should strive to reflect this goal and the diversity of its citizenry in its employment practices; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the diversity of his direct reports and the steps he has taken to reflect Cambridge’s diversity in his hiring practices, specifically in management positions, during his term.

O-9 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a diverse community, bringing together people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a leader in fighting for equal rights for all people, no matter who they are or where they are from; and

WHEREAS: The ability to provide proof of identity is a basic necessity that many Americans take for granted, and increasingly, the ability to provide identification is a gate-keeper for participation in everyday life; and

WHEREAS: Cities like San Francisco and New Haven have adopted successful municipal identification programs which serve as proof of identification and residency for many traditionally marginalized groups, including: immigrants, the homeless, low-income elderly, and people with mental illness or disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Giving all residents access to affordable and easily accessible identification allows them to more fully participate in the community, with proper identification, residents can: open bank accounts, register children in schools, apply for public benefits, borrow books from the library, and more seamlessly interact with law enforcement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to implement an affordable municipal identification card program for the City of Cambridge; 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-10 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is concerned with both improving the quality of its residents’ lives and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently adopted a “Net Zero” action plan, part of which included the City’s goal to reduce wasteful energy use in the pursuit of lower carbon emissions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a program to offer home electricity monitors to residents at cost, in a program similar to the distribution of rain barrels through the Department of Public Works.

O-11 Aug 10, 2015
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Ongoing major construction and street maintenance work, along with wear from a challenging winter, have left much of Cambridge's street striping, to include lane markings and crosswalks, faded or removed completely; and
WHEREAS: Incomplete street markings make travelling more dangerous for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians because the clarity of road use is not evident; and
WHEREAS: Ensuring City streets are properly marked, to include bike lanes, parking spots and crosswalks, is an important part of keeping our streets as safe as possible for all users; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council with plans to address existing striping deficiencies and also to minimize confusing or missing street striping during ongoing construction projects.

O-12 Aug 10, 2015
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Airplane traffic over Cambridge has increased considerably in recent months; and
WHEREAS: Noise associated with new air traffic patterns can be as high as 75 decibels or more beneath the planes at all hours of the day; and
WHEREAS: There is an ongoing discussion about the noise impacts of these new patterns; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge could better participate in these discussions if it had relevant data about the decibel levels and times associated with overhead planes; and
WHEREAS: Equipment exists to provide ongoing noise measurement for relatively low cost; now be it therefore
ORDERED: That the Council go on record expressing concern about the increased noise in Cambridge due to new airplane patterns and the lack of solid data about the level and times of these noise disturbances; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff to design, fund and implement an ongoing noise management program in the current budget year; 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 Aug 10, 2015
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: There are not enough bike racks at CRLS for students to lock their bikes in reasonable proximity to the school's entrance; and
WHEREAS: Students wind up locking their bikes to benches, trees and other objects not intended to be used as bike racks, resulting in damage to trees, inconvenience to the general public and lack of adequate security for the bicycles; now be it therefore
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City and School staff to determine the best locations to install three new bike corrals in the

immediate vicinity of entrances or exits to CRLS; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the new bike corrals in place before the start of the school year; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on this matter.

O-14 Aug 10, 2015
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Tour buses parked on Mount Auburn Street east of Harvard Square frequently park in unauthorized spots; and
WHEREAS: These large buses block the bike lane, impede traffic flow, embark and discharge passengers in a manner that leads directly to large numbers of jaywalkers throughout the area, idle for long periods of time and cut down on sight lines; and
WHEREAS: The result of this illegal tour bus parking makes this area far more dangerous for cyclists and more dangerous for all who use this stretch of road no matter what their mode of transport, decreases air quality and results in noise pollution; now be it therefore
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff with the intent of developing and implementing a plan that would accomplish the following, whether it be by ticketing, towing, education or some other means:

- Limiting tour bus parking to only those spaces currently marked as such on Mount Auburn Street
- Dramatically decreasing jaywalking by having tour operators use the area's crosswalks
- Eliminate illegal idling; 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-15 Aug 10, 2015
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: A number of taxi drivers recently conducted a one-day work stoppage as a means of calling attention to the need for regulation of "ride-sharing" companies like Uber and Lyft, and the need to create a level playing field for any locally-operating businesses that provide personal transportation services for a fee; and
WHEREAS: In recent years, the rise of companies like Uber and Lyft, which are hailed via smartphone apps and easily paid for electronically, has disrupted the generations-old taxi business model not only in Cambridge and Massachusetts, but across the globe; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has explored the question of how to best regulate companies like Uber and Lyft while also ensuring that those who make a living by providing rides to others will be able to do so in a safe and fair environment, and the City concluded that this is an issue that must be decided by the Commonwealth, in order to ensure that these companies are all governed under a universal set of standards and guidelines, regardless of where they are interacting with the consumers; and
WHEREAS: As Cambridge and other municipalities wait for the Commonwealth to act on this, those who own taxi

medallions have seen their livelihoods threatened, the medallions they have invested their life's savings into have been plummeting in value, and many of these individuals are rightfully upset that the government has not been quick enough in working to ensure that all personal transportation companies are operating under the same set of rules and guidelines; and

WHEREAS: The City has a vested interest in ensuring that local consumers are able to access those businesses that wish to cater to their needs and vie for their patronage, and that all local businesses are governed by a standard set of rules and regulations that keep the services safe and the competition fair; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby goes on the record urging Governor Baker and the State Legislature to move expeditiously in issuing guidelines and regulations that will ensure that taxi services and ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft are able to operate on a fair and even plane throughout the Commonwealth; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Governor Baker and to the members of the Cambridge Delegation to the State House on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-16 Aug 10, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Opioids are pain relieving medication that reduce the intensity of pain signals reaching the brain and affect areas in the brain controlling emotion; medications that fall within this class include hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, codeine, heroin and related drugs;

WHEREAS: Opioids can also produce drowsiness, mental confusion, nausea, constipation, and depending upon the amount taken, Opioids depress respiration; and

WHEREAS: Taken as prescribed, opioids can be used to manage pain safely and effectively; however, when abused, just a single large dose can cause severe respiratory depression and death; depressed respiration can affect the amount of oxygen that reaches the brain, which can have short- and long-term psychological and neurological effects, including coma and permanent brain damage; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Health's Statistics show that the growth in opiate abuse and related deaths from heroin and prescription drugs began in the late 1990s and has grown at an alarming rate over the years; and

WHEREAS: Learn to Cope, a non-profit statewide support group, as well as other addiction experts blame the rise in addiction rates and deaths on the an increase in the ability of prescription pain relievers, such as OxyCotin and Vicodon, which began in the mid-1990s; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program found that the number of prescriptions for Schedule 2 opioids, including OxyCotin, steadily increased from about half a million in 1992 to about 4.5 million in 2012; and

WHEREAS: In the United States, Opiate overdose continues to be major health problem that has increased to almost 17,000 deaths per year among those who use, misuse, or opioid drugs; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is experiencing an opioid epidemic where the number of unintentional fatal opioid overdoses increased by 90 percent from 2000 to 2012; and according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's June 10, 2014 Opioid Task Force Report, in 2012, there were 668 opioid related deaths and in 2014, there were 1,256 opioid-related deaths in Massachusetts; and these alarming opioid related deaths in Massachusetts surpassed the number of people in the State killed by car accidents and guns combined; and

WHEREAS: Since the early 2000s, the age group reporting the highest level of heroin use in the annual U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's 2011-2012 survey has shifted from the 35-to-49 cohort to those between 26 and 34; and

WHEREAS: The flood of prescription drugs introduced teens and college-aged people to opiates, eventually leading some to try heroin when they can no longer get prescription drugs; while a pill of OxyCotin can cost between 80 to 100 dollars, a bag of heroin, which provides the same effect, is 10 or 15 dollars; and heroin use leads to deterioration of the brain's white matter, affecting decision-making abilities and responses to stressful situations; and

WHEREAS: This is biggest public health epidemic that our state and region is faced with right now; and

WHEREAS: It is self-evident from simply walking through the Public Squares, such as Central Square, that our city is not immune to this epidemic; and given the risks for public safety, our City must address this issue aggressively; and

WHEREAS: Our City is fortunate to have the Department of Public Health and numerous nonprofits and support groups that have been working tirelessly to address this issue but perhaps without the benefit of all the resources that could be made available by assessing this community in crisis; this epidemic impacts everyone in everyone in our City and region; and

WHEREAS: The City must work towards increasing its capacity to deal with this crisis; it requires all stakeholders, government officials, and community members to stem the dramatic increase in opioid deaths, drug abuse, and homelessness in the city; and

WHEREAS: The City must examine the need for more treatment beds; provide education on addiction for professionals to care about women and pregnant mothers; and work towards making Naloxone, commercially known as Narcan, more widely available; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the appropriate City departments in conjunction with other stakeholders, such as the Salvation Army, Cambridge Overcoming Addiction, and other non-profits that they conduct a survey of opioid-related deaths and persons struggling with the epidemic that are frequenting our squares, particularly Central Square; and be it further

ORDERED: That the appropriate City departments conduct a survey of residents located around Central Square about any concerns that they might have about this crisis as evidence by them; and be it further

ORDERED: That his honor the Mayor be and here by is requested to schedule a roundtable discussion with the public, persons in recovery, victims, family of victims,

Middlesex District Attorney, civic or retired Drug Court judges, local non-profits, City staff from appropriate departments, and other stakeholders to examine implementation strategies and appropriate additional funding to ensure that we have the capacity to treat growing numbers of persons dealing with opioid drug abuse, mental health-related issues and homelessness; and be it further

O-17 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that parcels of land in East Cambridge presently Metropolitan Pipe and an abutting garage are for sale or have been sold; and

WHEREAS: These parcels, or portions of them, have been central to conceptual plans to expand Ahern Field on Fulkerson Street; and

WHEREAS: The idea to expand Ahern Field has been discussed in many neighborhood studies dating back to Green Ribbon Open Space Committee (2000), and more recently included by a presenter in the Connect Kendall Design Competitions; and

WHEREAS: An expansion of Ahern could increase open space options and compliment the series of uses already examined in the design competition; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development with a mind towards informing new property owners of the desire, based on planning studies, to expand Ahern Field and for planning staff to keep these desires in mind as a vision for this site is developed by the owners, and report back to the City Council.

O-18 Aug 10, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long history of supporting local businesses, such as taxicabs, which are motor vehicles licensed by the City of Cambridge to provide safe transportation; and

WHEREAS: Such vehicles are expected to meet all standards established by the City of Cambridge License Commission Taxicab Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS: According to Article II, Rule 1 of the City of Cambridge License Commission's Taxicab Rules and Regulations, "Every party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship, intending to do business as a taxicab for hire in the City of Cambridge shall obtain a medallion issued and authorized by the License Commission;" and

WHEREAS: Article I, Rule 1 of the City of Cambridge License Commission's Taxicab Rules states that, "Only the driver of a licensed Cambridge taxicab may pick up passengers for hire in Cambridge taxicabs stands designated by the Cambridge Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation or those private stands designated by the License Commission; only the driver of a licensed Cambridge taxicab may pick up a passenger on the public way who has hailed said taxicab; an out-of-town taxicab shall not respond to a street hail (unless it is a public safety situation) or park in a Cambridge taxi stand, but may respond to a telephone call or other pre-arrangement;" and

WHEREAS: Prior to being a licensed taxicab driver in Cambridge, all applicants are required to attend the Cambridge Taxi School and pass the written hackney exam; applicants are issued a probationary taxicab driver's license for a 60-day period upon completion of both training and exam; after the probationary period, a hackney driver may apply for a 1-year license; following said one-year period, the taxicab driver may renew his or her license either for another one-year period or a three-year period with a new background check conducted during the license renewal period at the taxicab driver's personal expense; and

WHEREAS: For many years, Cambridge Taxicabs have supported fees, trainings and regulations to ensure the highest levels of public safety; and

WHEREAS: The attitude towards the taxicab industry has begun to shift both locally and globally in favor of what are currently city-fee-exempted and training-exempted ridesharing services such as, Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar; and

WHEREAS: State Government currently is in the process of reviewing several proposals to regulate hail ride or ridesharing services; however, there is not a definite timeline for implementation or enactment of regulations; and

WHEREAS: The recent strike by Cambridge taxicabs has highlighted the economic struggle of Taxicab Drivers and their families; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative to begin the process of leveling the playing field with hail ride or ridesharing services by immediately helping to ease the financial burden faced by Taxicab Drivers struggling to compete with a societal shift to smart technology transportation services;

WHEREAS: Cambridge Taxicab Drivers are subject to fees and fines that are not imposed upon or required of hail riding service providers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby confer with the appropriate City Departments about the feasibility of placing an immediate moratorium on any fees paid by the Taxicab industry to the City of Cambridge until: 1) the State has enacted ridesharing regulations; and/or 2) action is taken by the City to deregulate the Taxicab industry following the Mayor's Roundtable on this matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager and Mayor be and hereby are requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-19 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Council goes on record refiling as of Sept 16, 2015, the attached proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to amend Article 6.000 of the zoning ordinance to create a new section 6.24 Carsharing Provisions which will create a definition and general provisions for carsharing and allow limited use of parking spaces for carsharing as a means to provide mobility options for Cambridge residents, employees and visitors; be it further

ORDERED: That said refiled petition be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committees for hearing and report.

O-20 Aug 10, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff to provide an update and timeline for sidewalk, street, water, and sewer infrastructure improvements to the Area 4 neighborhood; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-21 Aug 10, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff about the feasibility of implementing a truck ban on Harvey Street; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely matter.

O-22 Aug 10, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments with an update for plans for the creation of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) coordinating office, including any financial pledges from the City to implement the STEAM working groups recommendations; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-23 Aug 10, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: In 1940, the Cambridge Planning Board decided to divide the City into thirteen planning districts, Area 1 through Area 13, as a way of better analyzing data for the upcoming census; and

WHEREAS: Over the years, the majority of these districts in Cambridge adopted more formal and welcoming neighborhood names, such as, East Cambridge, MIT Campus, Cambridgeport, Mid Cambridge, Riverside, Agassiz (North Harvard), Neighborhood Nine (Radcliffe), West Cambridge, North Cambridge, Cambridge Highland, and Strawberry Hill; and

WHEREAS: Prior to the creation of the planning districts, Cambridgeport was composed by what later became Area III, Area IV, and Area V; and after the district division, Area V was the only to maintain the name Cambridgeport; and

WHEREAS: Most neighborhoods continue to have a district designation, they are mainly referred to as their formal name; and Area IV is the only neighborhood in the City known strictly by its police or district name; and

WHEREAS: For many years, the majority of Area IV residents have expressed a desire to rename the neighborhood to something more fitting; and

WHEREAS: Many neighbors have expressed that being only identified by their police district name automatically presents perspective buyers and current residents with a negative perception of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: The City Council Order 27, from Feb 23, 2014, asked for the creation of a process to determine the new name for Area IV that would on Wed, Sept 12, 2015 during

the Area IV Pride Day through a community vote; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to setup the most effective voting method that maximizes community participation for the renaming of Area IV; and further be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to engage the Fletcher-Maynard School, Margaret Fuller House, Area IV Coalition, Area IV Youth Center, and any other interested community members to plan the renaming vote during Area IV Pride Day on Wed, Sept 12, 2015; and further be it

ORDERED: That the name chosen on Area IV Pride Day not be binding without a majority vote of City Council.

O-24 Aug 10, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Disruptive technologies and innovations in the transit sector have given way to new forms of unregulated passenger transit throughout the City of Cambridge and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts State Legislature has sought to provide clarity by creating comprehensive law and corresponding state regulations, with potential opportunities for additional municipal regulation; and

WHEREAS: Widely varying proposals for this legislation have been advanced, including H.3702 (Representatives Moran and Forry - available at

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/House/H3702>), H.931

(Representative Pignatelli -

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/House/H931>), and

H.3351 (Governor Baker -

<http://www.mass.gov/governor/legislationexecorder/legislation/oversight-of-transportation-network-companies.html>); and

WHEREAS: Taxi Cab drivers have approached Cambridge City Council with concerns about the vitality of their industry, the protection of their livelihoods, and the enforcement of their rights; and

WHEREAS: Taxi Cab drivers consider themselves long-term investors into the infrastructure and vitality of Cambridge, with large sunk costs committed towards the public good of the city, and with transit as their primary, full-time vocation; and

WHEREAS: All three bills attempt to create parity between the Taxi industry and Transit Network Companies (TNC's) by regulating the latter, with Taxi Cab drivers wishing to emphasize their support of H.3702 in particular; and

WHEREAS: Any successful bill or compromise legislation must achieve parity between Taxi industry regulations and TNC regulations in order to achieve both fairness and safety for all, including: background checks for TNC operators similar to the Taxi industry, insurance solutions for TNC operator vehicles or operator trips similar to the coverage mandated for the Taxi industry, ADA-equipped TNC vehicles at a reasonable level, regular inspections, fair licensing or similar permitting of TNC operators through the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, and clear markings for TNC vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Municipal and State regulations must assure TNC pricing transparency if there is to be some measure of

pricing parity between Taxi trips and TNC operator trips;
and

WHEREAS: The Boston Taxi Drivers Association seeks a return to dignity and respect for taxi drivers within the industry, through employee status for taxicab drivers-and an end to the “pay to work” model dominating the industry today; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts House and Baker administration to move swiftly in clarifying new law and associated regulation, taking into account the needs of municipalities in flux, and ultimately act with the intention of achieving parity and safety amongst transit operators of all kinds; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Cambridge’s State Delegation.

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COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cambridge prides itself on its inclusion of immigrant communities, and celebrates their contributions to the city; and

WHEREAS: The bureaucratic nature of the naturalization process can take well over a decade to fully enfranchise immigrants who have taken the necessary steps to apply for full citizenship; and

WHEREAS: According to the Census, 60% of our foreign-born residents are not yet citizens; and

WHEREAS: Their aforementioned disenfranchisement does not help foster political involvement in the other 40% of immigrants who can vote, nor does it set an example for their domestically-born children who will one day vote; and

WHEREAS: Many of the important discussions and debates in our city often disproportionately affect members of immigrant groups who cannot vote, but who still pay taxes, enroll their children in our schools, and contribute to our community on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS: Pre-citizens, after submitting their naturalization applications and thereby declaring their intent to be citizens, should have a voice in municipal politics if they have been Cambridge residents for over three years, indicating their familiarity with and investment in our city; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record petitioning the Massachusetts General Court to enact the attached Home Rule Petition entitled “AN ACT TO ENABLE CERTAIN NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS”.