CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of the FY14 Shannon Grant for \$5,000 received from the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols in the Area IV neighborhood.
- 2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of Addendum #2 to the Fair Housing Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$1,400 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to cover the costs of a HUD Partnership funded training seminar regarding HUD's LGBT Equal Access Rule.
- 3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$1,000 in donations from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to the Grant Fund Human Rights Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to cover the costs of food and other supplies for CHRC's April 2015 Fair Housing Event.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Dr. Anne Fabiny as a member of the Cambridge Council on Aging Board (agency representative) for a two year term to expire October, 2016.
- 5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-93, requesting an update on the Early Childhood Task Force.
- 6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, requesting that the City Council vote to designate the contracted part-time position of Trainer and Facilitator for the Early Childhood Services Task Force as a special municipal employee for purposes of the state Conflict of Interest Law, G.L.c.268A.
- 7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to 1.) an order required by the State to execute a contract associated with a grant award of up to \$200,000 for renovations to Hurley Street Park through the Our Common Backyards Grant Program; and 2.) the appropriation of the \$200,000 to the Community Development Department Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures Account from the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Our Common Backyards grant to be used for improvements to Hurley Street Park.
- 8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, requesting that the City Council formally appropriate/allocate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as follows:
 - 1A. 80% of the FY2015 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$6,240,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust;
 - 1B. 10% of FY2015 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$780,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
 - 1C. 10% of FY2015 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$780,000) allocated to Open Space;

- 2A. 80% of FY2014 State Match revenues (\$1,360,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust;
- 2B. 10% of FY2014 State Match revenues (\$170,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
- 2C. 10% of FY2014 State Match revenues (\$170,000) allocated to Open Space;
- 3A. 80% of the Fund Balance (\$2,400,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust;
- 3B. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$300,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
- 3C. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$300,000) allocated to Open Space;
- 4A. Appropriate (\$10,000) from the Fund Balance for the cost of the Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues.

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 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 11, 2014. Planning Board Hearing held June 17, 2014. Petition expires Sept 30, 2014.
- 9. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a public hearing held on Aug 14, 2014 to review expenditures/allotments in reference to the City Council Travel and City Council Resolutions with possible amendments, the position of Deputy City Clerk and any other items that may properly come before the Committee. Report Accepted and Placed on File two orders adopted 8-0-1 see order #13 and #14. Committee Report Number Two of Sept 8, 2014 Rule 38 - Travel Policy -Placed on Unfinished Business for one week.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- 1. An application was received from People's United bank requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 485 Massachusetts Avenue.
- 2. A zoning petition has been received from Charles D. Teague, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to clarify existing ordinance so that said ordinance can be enforced: align the zoning amendment expiration date in the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to be the same as state law, align the Special Permit criteria with adjudicated state law and require that the master plan be followed whereas following the master plan is optional under state law.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jacquelyn Smith, 7 Ashburton Place, transmitting support for the Carlone Petition.

- 2. A communication was received from Gary Dmytryk, 2440 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding Policy Orders #9, #10 and #12 of Sept 8, 2014 and the Carlone Petition.
- 3. A communication was received from the Neighborhood Association of East Cambridge regarding the planning and permitting process in Cambridge and the Carlone Petition.
- 4. A communication was received from Mara Levine, 1 Birch Street, regarding the Carlone petition.
- 5. A communication was received from Michael Hawley regarding the Carlone Amendment and Sullivan Courthouse.
- 6. A communication was received from Arthur Strang regarding the Carlone Petition and the Special Permit process.
- 7. A communication was received from Claudia Majetich and Steven Landau regarding the Carlone Petition.
- 8. A communication was received from Joanna Herlihy, 410 Norfolk Street transmitting support for the Carlone Petition.
- 9. A communication was received from Larry Rosenberg, 48 Antrim Street, transmitting support of the Carlone petition.
- 10. A communication was received from Ginna Donovan, 1 Malcolm Road regarding the Carlone petition.
- 11. A communication was received from Margaret Desjardins regarding the Carlone petition.
- 12. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding the Council being involved in decisions of big developments.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Congratulations to Deborah Goldberg on winning the Democratic Primary for Treasurer on Sept 9, 2014. Councillor Simmons
- Congratulations to Attorney General Martha Coakley on winning the Democratic Primary for Governor on Sept 9, 2014. Councillor Simmons
- Congratulations to Steve Kerrigan on winning the Democratic Primary for Lieutenant Governor on Sept 9, 2014. Councillor Simmons
- 4. Congratulations to City Councillor Leland Cheung on waging a spirited campaign for the Democratic Lieutenant Governor nomination. Councillor Simmons
- 5. Congratulations to Michael A. Sullivan on waging a spirited campaign for Democratic Middlesex County District Attorney nomination. Councillor Simmons
- 6. Congratulations to Paula M. Crane on being appointed as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
- 7. Congratulations to Jeff Rosenblum as he returns to LivableStreets. Mayor Maher
- 8. Best wishes to David Watson as he steps down from his position as Executive Director of MassBike. Mayor Maher
- 9. Congratulations to Maura Healey on winning the Democratic Primary for Attorney General on Sept 9, 2014. Councillor Simmons
- 10. Resolution on the death of Santa M. (Crupi) Bonacci. Mayor Maher
- 11. Happy Birthday wishes to Rosea Mercedes Benzan. Vice Mayor Benzan

- 12. Happy Birthday wishes to Benjamin Devanthery. Councillor McGovern
- 13. Happy Birthday wishes to Lisa Dobberteen. Councillor McGovern
- 14. Welcome Paul Creedon to his new position as Business Production Analyst/Project Manager in the City Clerk's Office. Councillor Simmons
- 15. Retirement of Katherine Clover from the School Department. Mayor Maher
- 16. Retirement of Donna Douglas from the School Department. Mayor Maher
- 17. Retirement of Claire Koen from the School Department. Mayor Maher
- Declare Sept 21, 2014 as Gratitude Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher
- 19. Resolution on the death of Daniel F. Souza. Councillor Toomey
- 20. Congratulations to Mitch Ryerson on being named one of the 2014 recipients of the Maud Morgan Arts' Spirit Award. Councillor Simmons
- 21. Congratulations to Lori Lander on being named one of the 2014 recipients of the Maud Morgan Arts' Spirit Award. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

- 1. That the City Council go on record supporting the Don't Leave Seniors Behind Healthcare Campaign of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council and in asking that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts eliminate the asset test for Medicare Savings Programs and raise the income eligibility level to 300% of poverty. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung
- 2. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Dec 29, 2014 be and hereby is cancelled. Mayor Maher
- 3. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Nov 17, 2014 be and hereby is cancelled. Mayor Maher
- 4. Scheduling of Roundtable/Working Meetings on Oct 6, 2014 with the Affordable Housing Trust, Dec 1, 2014 to discuss city-wide planning including discussions with the Planning Board and Jan 12, 2015 to discuss city-wide planning including discussions with the Planning Board. Mayor Maher
- 5. That the Chair of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee schedule a meeting to review the City Council's most recent goals and make recommendations for FY16 Goals to include the addition of a goal relating to City-Wide Planning. Mayor Maher
- 6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to evaluate the possibility of a "No Left Turn" sign at the corner of Huron Avenue and Royal Avenue during the hours of 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm. Mayor Maher
- 7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts State Police regarding the possibility of adding increased traffic enforcement to Memorial Drive. Mayor Maher
- 8. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from

Susan Canina for a street corner dedication in honor of Ralph & Winifred Canina. Councillor Toomey

- 9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council whether the construction project at the Martin Luther King, Jr. School is in compliance with the provisions of the Cambridge Employment Plan. Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Simmons
- 10. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Sandi Goldberg for a dedication at the corner of Prospect Street and Bishop Allen Drive in honor of her grandfather, Samuel Louis Klashman. Councillor Simmons
- 11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with all relevant City Staff to determine if efforts to implement truck side guards could be deployed more broadly across all city trucks. Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public meeting held on July 9, 2014 to discuss the Community Development Department's efforts to preserve expiring use buildings, and a discussion about inclusionary zoning and the Nexus study.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 15

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

Wed, Sept 17

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 hearing for subcommittees to report back on their timeline for creating a definition and clear goals for the citywide STEAM coordinator position. (831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room)

Mon, Sept 22

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

Mon, Sept 29

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)
- 6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Oct 6

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

Wed, Oct 15

5:30pm The Ordinance committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by CJUF III Northpoint LLC to amend certain provision of the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance that govern the Planned Unit Development in the North Point Residence District to allow limited amounts of off-street retail parking. This hearing to be televised. (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)

September 15, 2014 Cambridge City Council meeting

Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon. Nov 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 12

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussions on creating a new Chapter in the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Wild and Exotic Animals in Traveling Shows and Circuses. (TBD)

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) Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) Mon. Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) Mon, Jan 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon. Feb 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) Mon, Feb 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) Mon, Mar 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) Mon. Mar 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 15, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Contrary to widely held belief, many if not most seniors struggle to pay for their healthcare, since Medicare, while providing a foundation for healthcare, still exposes seniors to premium payments, deductibles and co-payments (averaging \$467 a month) even when seniors receive meager incomes; and

WHEREAS: People 65 and older spend on average three times more of their income than those 64 and younger (15% of income as opposed to 5%); and

WHEREAS: Medicare does not cover dental health, vision, hearing or podiatry, and seniors are likely to incur serious costs in addressing health concerns impacting these uncovered areas: and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts healthcare reform and Affordable Care Act modeled on it have made many gains in making healthcare affordable by expanding Medicaid and offering subsidies to people under 65 who receive income up to 300% of the federal poverty line, but did not extend the same benefits to those aged 65 and over; and

WHEREAS: Eleven states, including Alabama, Arizona, Mississippi, and our neighboring states of New York and Connecticut have expanded utilization of federal programs designed to help make healthcare more affordable to seniors, but Massachusetts has not taken advantage of these opportunities provided by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS: The application process to obtain assistance with the out-of-pocket costs of Medicare or to qualify for MassHealth as a senior is so cumbersome and confusing that many seniors who are eligible for benefits in Massachusetts do not receive them; and

WHEREAS: Assisting seniors to cover their onerous healthcare expenses will free them to expend more of their resources on purchases and activities in our city and thereby enjoy a richer life, while concurrently boosting the economic vitality of our community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Don't Leave Seniors Behind Healthcare Campaign of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council and in asking that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts eliminate the asset test for Medicare Savings Programs and raise the income eligibility level to 300% of poverty; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to raise the qualifying level of assets to enable more seniors to become eligible for MassHealth and thereby receive comprehensive health coverage including for vision, hearing, dental, and podiatry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council join with Massachusetts Senior Action Council in asking the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to simplify, streamline, and make more comprehensible the application process for assistance programs so as to ensure that the maximum number of seniors who are eligible for the programs become aware of them and able to successfully apply; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to John Ratliff of Massachusetts Senior Action, the Cambridge Delegation to the State House, and to Governor Deval Patrick on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Sept 15, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Dec 29, 2014 be and hereby is cancelled.

O-3 Sept 15, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Nov 17, 2014 be and hereby is cancelled.

Sept 15, 2014 O-4

MAYOR MAHER

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ORDERED: That the following Roundtable/Working Meetings be scheduled: Mon, Oct 6, 2014 at 5:30pm - Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Affordable Housing Trust. (344 Broadway, Second Floor Conference Room)

Cambridge Civic Journal www.rwinters.com September 15, 2014 Cambridge City Council meeting

Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 5:30pm - Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss city-wide planning, including discussion with the Planning Board. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room)

Mon, Jan 12, 2015 at 5:30pm - Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss city-wide planning, including discussions with the Planning Board. (Sullivan Chamber)

O-5 Sept 15, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

- ORDERED: That the Chair of the Government Operations, Rules & Claims Committee schedule a meeting to review the City Council's most recent goals and make recommendations for FY16 Goals to include the addition of a goal relating to City-Wide Planning; and be it further
- ORDERED: That said meeting be scheduled within the next few weeks.

O-6 Sept 15, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

- WHEREAS: Residents of Royal Avenue have experienced a sharp increase of "cut-through" traffic to avoid the traffic lights at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Huron Avenue especially during rush hour; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to evaluate the possibility of a "No Left Turn" sign at the corner of Huron Avenue and Royal Avenue during the hours of 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm.

O-7 Sept 15, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

- WHEREAS: Citizens have increasingly raised concerns about safety and speed along Memorial Drive; and
- WHEREAS: There have been a number of accidents including a pedestrian who was fatally struck and killed on Memorial Drive on Aug 19, 2014; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts State Police regarding the possibility of adding increased traffic enforcement to Memorial Drive.

O-8 Sept 15, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Susan Canina for a street corner dedication in honor of Ralph & Winifred Canina; 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-9 Sept 15, 2014

- COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN VICE MAYOR BENZAN COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Employment Plan municipal ordinance section 2.66.060 requires that no less than 25% of the total employee worker hours should be performed by bona fide Cambridge residents; and
- WHEREAS: This ordinance also states that no less than 25% of the total employee worker hours shall be performed by minority persons; and

- WHEREAS: This ordinance also states that no less than 10% of the total employee worker hours shall be performed by women; and
- WHEREAS: There is concern that these requirements are not being followed on the Martin Luther King, Jr. School construction project currently under construction; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council whether this project is in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all parties to rectify this situation immediately if the project is not in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance.

O-10 Sept 15, 2014

- COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
- ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Sandi Goldberg for a dedication at the corner of Prospect Street and Bishop Allen Drive in honor of her grandfather, Samuel Louis Klashman; 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-11 Sept 15, 2014
- COUNCILLOR CARLONE
- WHEREAS: It was reported this week that a bicyclist was injured in an accident involving a garbage truck at the corner of Inman and Harvard streets; and
- WHEREAS: Last year, the City of Boston worked with researchers from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center in Kendall Square to identify effective mechanisms for deploying "truck side guards," devices that are designed to prevent pedestrians, cyclists and smaller motor vehicles from rolling or falling underneath the body of a truck; and
- WHEREAS: Based on the results of a pilot program, the City of Boston is now considering an ordinance that would require any large, city-owned trucks purchased after July 1, or trucks contracted out by departments, to be equipped with safety rails running alongside the vehicles' midsections; and
- WHEREAS: Also last year, the City of Cambridge introduced a pilot program for truck side guards on a rubbish packer, a large dump truck used in snow operations and a clam shell truck; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all relevant City Staff to determine if efforts to implement truck side guards could be deployed more broadly across all city trucks; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter.