

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Toomey has notified the City Clerk of his intention to file reconsideration on the vote taken on Aug 10, 2015 adopting Policy Order #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.
2. Councillor Toomey has notified the City Clerk of his intention to file reconsideration on Policy Order #18 of Aug 10, 2015 adopted by the City Council requesting 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: the State has enacted ridesharing regulations; and/or action is taken by the City to deregulate the Taxicab industry following the Mayor's Roundtable on this matter.
3. Councillor Toomey has notified the City Clerk of his intention to file reconsideration on Policy Order #24 of Aug 10, 2015 adopted by the City Council 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.
4. Councillor Cheung has notified the City Clerk of his intention to file reconsideration on Policy Order #25 of Aug 10, 2015 adopted by the City Council to petition 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".

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of the FY15 Shannon Grant for \$3,500 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 (\$1,500) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) which will be dedicated to hot spot patrols and Metro Gang Task Force participation.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant funded from the State 911 Department for \$58,770 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$33,565), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$8,730) and to the Travel and Training account (\$16,475) which will support Emergency Communications dispatch training of Emergency Communications Center personnel, fees, and annual maintenance costs of dispatch-related software.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental allocation from the Office of the Attorney General, Local Consumer Aid Fund for \$7,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumer's Council) Salaries and Wages

account (\$5,000), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,250) and to the Travel and Training account (\$750) and will be used to provide mediation services for the Waltham and Somerville consumer offices.

4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Early Childhood Resource Center grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in the amount of \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Library Salary and Wages account (\$1,600) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,400) which will support parent/provider workshops, library materials and staff time to provide on-site services.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant for the King Open Preschool and the Martin Luther King Preschool in the amount of \$45,000 received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$3,151) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$41,849) and will be used to support staff professional development, the purchase of supplies to improve classroom instruction, and parent outreach efforts including food and childcare.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the First Literacy grant in the amount of \$4,195 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$3,545) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$650) which will be used to cover part-time salaries and the cost of books and other educational supplies.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$6,178), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$619), and to the Travel and Training account (\$203) which will be used to provide ESOL services to seniors.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Metro North Regional Employment Board (MNREB) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Adult and Community Learning Services through MNREB in the amount of \$156,560 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$148,196), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$8,204), and to the Travel and Training account (\$160) which will provide funds for Adult Basic Education (ABE) services and for integrated ESOL/Math/Computers course for immigrants who are interested in training for careers in health care, primarily as nurse assistants.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Angelo's Pizza donation for the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program in the amount of \$125 to the Grant Fund Human Service Program Other Ordinary Maintenance account

- which will be used to purchase gift cards for the MSYEP Best of the Best event.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account in the amount of \$43,400 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$42,400) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,000).
  11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$10,906.27 to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account which will cover the City's costs already incurred, for participation in the trainings.
  12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-52, regarding a report on joining MASSCreative as a full member of the organization.
  13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-145, regarding a report on the Harvard Square crosswalks.
  14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-75, regarding a report on addressing pavement marking deficiencies.
  15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-82, regarding a report on implementing truck bans on Harvey Street and Chestnut Street.
  16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to proposed changes to the Open Data Ordinance.
  17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve the continuation of the jitney permit of Bridj.
  18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the Climate Protection Action Committee for a term of three years, effective Sept 1, 2015:
    - New Full Members  
Amber Clifton, Christopher Nielson, Keith Giampartone, Mina Markarious, Olga Faktorovich Allen, Paula Phipps, Sarah Mandlebaum, Shawn Hesse, Thomas Chase, Kris Locke, Sarah Brylinsky, Tim DeGarmo, Sarah Kennedy
    - New Associate Members  
Jackie Cefola, Sarah Hill, Suzanne Shepard
    - Reappointments  
Betsy Boyle, David Rabkin, Jerrylyn Huckabee, Johanna Jobin, Keren Schlomy, Marguerite Reynolds, Peter Crawley, Quinton Zondervan, Tom Page, William Zamparelli
  19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-81, regarding a report on an update on infrastructure improvements to the Area IV neighborhood.
  20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-69, regarding a report on the City policy of ticketing and towing vehicles that obstruct street cleaning, and determining whether modifying this policy to exclude towing vehicles would have a negative impact on the City's ability to maintain clean streets.
  21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to recommendations from the Community Preservation Act Committee Chair that the City Council formally appropriate/allocate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as follows:
    - 1A. 80% of the FY2016 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$6,560,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust;
    - 1B. 10% of FY2016 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$820,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
    - 1C. 10% of FY2016 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$820,000) allocated to Open Space;
    - 2A. 80% of FY2015 State Match revenues (\$1,180,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust;
    - 2B. 10% of FY2015 State Match revenues (\$147,500) allocated to Historic Preservation;
    - 2C. 10% of FY2015 State Match revenues (\$147,500) allocated to Open Space;
    - 3A. 80% of the Fund Balance (\$1,620,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust;
    - 3B. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$202,500) allocated to Historic Preservation;
    - 3C. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$202,500) allocated to Open Space;
    - 4A. Appropriate (\$10,000) from the Fund Balance for the cost of the Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues.
  22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Iram Farooq as Assistant City Manager for Community Development.
  23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-77, regarding a report on new bicycle corrals at CRLS.
  24. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-03, regarding a report on the feasibility of having the City commit to constructing 1,000 new affordable housing units by the end of this decade.
  25. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-60, regarding a report on restaurant employee parking.
  26. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to recommendations from the Transit Advisory Committee to developing a Transit Strategic Plan.
  27. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the City's new sick leave policy.
  28. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a request from Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties ("Normandy/Twining") to

make available for disposition approximately 1,042 square feet of City owned land known as Coolidge Place, which is an eight (8) foot wide public way that connects Massachusetts Avenue to the City-owned Municipal Parking Lot Number 6 on Bishop Allen Drive.

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WHEREAS: Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties (Normandy/Twining") has requested that the City of Cambridge ("City") make available for disposition approximately 1,042 square feet of City owned land known as Coolidge Place, which is an eight (8) foot wide public way that connects Massachusetts Avenue to Municipal Parking Lot Number 6 on Bishop Allen Drive (the "Parcel") for the purpose of enabling Normandy/Twining, the owner of the adjacent property at 447 Massachusetts Avenue, to develop residential uses for the site, 20 per cent of which will be permanently and privately subsidized affordable and middle income housing units, while providing the City with two equivalent alternative means of access, one fifteen (15) feet wide and the other ten (10) feet wide, to the Municipal Parking Lot Number 6 from Massachusetts Avenue (over 3,200 square feet in total). Normandy/Twining would be responsible for the construction of the two new pedestrian ways together with the construction of new City utilities located under the new pedestrian ways that will connect a future stormwater storage tank located within the Municipal Parking Lot Number 6 to the existing drain line in Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The disposition of the Parcel would facilitate the delivery of much needed affordable housing and above described new infrastructure; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby declares that the Parcel is available for disposition and authorizes the City Manager to initiate a process pursuant to Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 2.110 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, and other applicable laws, during which the value of the Parcel will be appraised, formal proposals will be solicited from interested parties, and public hearings will be held, which will result in a fair analysis of how the greatest public benefit can be obtained from the Parcel and assist the City in determining whether and on what terms to dispose of the Parcel.

#### ON THE TABLE

1. 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.
2. 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.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 public hearing held on July 14, 2015 to discuss proposed amendments to Section 11.200 entitled Incentive Zoning Provisions and Inclusionary Housing Provisions. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 24, 2015. Planning Board Hearing held July 21, 2015. Petition expires Oct 12, 2015.

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 July 15, 2015 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 2.126 entitled "Open Data Ordinance." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 24, 2015.

#### APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A zoning petition has been received from Patrick W. Barrett III, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by amending Article 2.000 ("Definitions") and Article 4.000, Section 4.22 ("Accessory Apartments").
2. An application was received from Night Market, requesting permission for two blade signs at the premises numbered 48 JFK Street and 75 Winthrop Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutter.
3. An application was received from Elm Street LLC d/b/a Lone Star Taco Bar, requesting permission for nine tables and twenty-nine chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 635 Cambridge Street.
4. An application was received from Sunset Bar, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 855 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.
5. Two applications were received from Central Square Business Association, requesting permission for two sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 402 Massachusetts Avenue and 403 Massachusetts Avenue. Permission has been received from the Salvation Army and Cafe Luna.
6. An application was received from Tahaza Hummus Kitchen, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered One Canal Park. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Nita Sembrowich, 209 Putnam Avenue, in support of policy orders on tour buses.
2. A communication was received from Harlan Weber and Matt Cloyd, Brigade Organizers, Code for Boston, regarding the Open Data Ordinance.
3. A communication was received from Irene Hartford, 207 Putnam Avenue, regarding tour buses going down Putnam Avenue.
4. Additional signatures filed by Michael Brandon, supporting the Elizabeth M. Stern, et al. Petition.
5. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding a city-wide yard sale.

6. A communication was received from Margaret H. Hamilton, Hamilton Technologies, Inc., 17 Inman Street, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the Cambridge City Council.
7. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, correcting an error in a communication from the Cambridge Residents Alliance.
8. A communication was received from 2551 Mass Ave LLC, 2552 Massachusetts Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Elizabeth M. Stern, et al., Petition.
9. A communication was received from John Hawkinson, regarding passing the four Open Data amendments.
10. A communication was received from Heather Hoffman, regarding Ames Street inclusionary housing units.
11. A communication was received from Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich, regarding her proposed order and enforcement of taxi regulations.
20. Happy 100th Birthday to the Trustees and residents of the Bay State Apartment Building. Councillor Cheung
21. Congratulations to the Olde Mouldy as they open a pop-up whiskey tasting shop at the Ames Street Deli. Councillor Cheung
22. Congratulations to the organizers and participants of the Vegan Food Truck Festival. Councillor Cheung
23. Congratulations to Heddi Siebel and her neighbors on organizing a community group that engaged in a productive and collaborative discussion regarding new development in their neighborhood. Councillor Cheung
24. Congratulations to MIT and Toyota on their new research partnership. Councillor Cheung
25. Congratulations to C.A. Webb on her new venture capital firm. Councillor Cheung
26. Resolution on the death of Albert E. McCallum. Mayor Maher
27. Resolution on the death of Florence Marcello Payack. Mayor Maher
28. Congratulations to Maria Mossaides on being named the Child Advocate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mayor Maher
29. Congratulations to Beatnik Beverage Company on the occasion of its grand opening. Councillor Cheung
30. Congratulations to the Western Avenue Baptist Church on celebrating its upcoming 99th anniversary in October 2015. Councillor Simmons
31. Congratulations to Travis McCreedy on his new position as the CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. Councillor Toomey
32. Resolution on the death of Thomas J. Poirier. Councillor Toomey
33. Resolution on the death of Pauline M. (Allain) LaCombe. Mayor Maher
34. Condolences to Michael Connolly on the death of his father. Councillor Toomey
35. Resolution on the death of William W. (Bill) Lichtenberg. Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
36. Thanks to Anil Kumar for being a good Cambridge neighbor. Mayor Maher
37. Resolution on the death of William F. Restuccia. Councillor Toomey
38. Resolution on the death of Joao F. Liberato. Councillor Toomey
39. Resolution on the death of Maria E. (Giacchetto) Signorino. Councillor Toomey
40. Congratulations to the 2015 Community Peacemakers and thanks for their service and positive example to the Cambridge community. Councillor Toomey
41. Congratulations to Tahaza Hummus on the occasion of its grand opening at One Canal Park. Councillor Cheung
42. Congratulating Izzy's Restaurant for almost thirty years of successful business. Vice Mayor Benzan
43. Wishing Joan Soble a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
44. Resolution on the retirement of Vinton Turner. Vice Mayor Benzan

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Paul J. Caruso. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Edward Ver Planck. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Ellen Eileen (Quinlan) Peterson. Councillor Toomey
4. Retirement of Nancy Madeiros from the School Department. Mayor Maher
5. Retirement of Linda O'Connor from the School Department. Mayor Maher
6. Retirement of Mary Spinoso from the School Department. Mayor Maher
7. Congratulations to Canan Dagdeviren on being named to the MIT Technology Review's list of "35 Innovators Under 35." Councillor Cheung
8. Recognize the month of October as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
9. Resolution on the death of Arthur "AJ, Archie" Silva. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of Patricia K. "Trish" (McCollem) Pimentel. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Eunice (Felton) Brennan. Mayor Maher
12. Resolution on the death of Dr. James Woodward Wallace. Mayor Maher
13. Resolution on the death of Zelda (Chambers) Lashley. Mayor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Mary E. (Toomey) Mahoney. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Maria da Conceicao (Sousa) Braga. Councillor Toomey
16. Congratulations to Steve Kerrigan and Jacob Watts on their recent engagement. Councillor Simmons
17. Resolution on the death of Rose Mary (Campbell) Poillucci. Councillor Toomey
18. Congratulations to George Byars and Michael Spinelle on their upcoming nuptials. Councillor Simmons
19. Resolution on the death of Daniel C. "Cosmo" Albano. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Maher

45. Wishing Marc Saunders a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
46. Congratulating Jose Masso for his 40 year Anniversary as host and producer of bilingual radio show Con Salsa! Vice Mayor Benzan
47. Wishing Sheila Doyle Russell a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
48. Wishing Rozann Kraus a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
49. Wishing Gigi Rodriguez-Sanchez a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
50. Wishing Harold Beckford a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
51. Wishing Pam Baxter a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
52. Wishing Elechi Kadete a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
53. Wishing Shani Ellis a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
54. Wishing Carla Chi-Chi Gonsalves a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
55. Wishing Bano Khan a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
56. Wishing Yawu Miller a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
57. Wishing Maria Rosa Vasalla a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
58. Wishing Charlie Marquardt a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Benzan
59. Wishing Mushtaque Mirza a quick and complete recovery. Councillor Simmons
60. Congratulating the West Cambridge Yankees for winning the 2015 Major League Mayor's Cup. Mayor Maher
61. Congratulating the East Cambridge Blue Jays for winning the 2015 Minor League Mayor's Cup. Mayor Maher
62. Resolution on the death of Margaret (Foley) Trainor. Mayor Maher

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate City staff to determine if improvements can be made to the Cambridge portion of Belmont Street to match the Belmont improvements of new sidewalks, trees and streetscape improvements. Mayor Maher
2. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to determine a suitable location in the vicinity of Cushing and Vineyard Streets to honor the Santa Lucia Society and that this request be and hereby is forwarded to the Dedication Committee with the request that the Committee hold a special meeting to approve this sign request. Mayor Maher
3. The City Manager is requested to instruct the relevant departments to meet as soon as possible with all stakeholders of the paths from Rindge Avenue and behind Russell Field that converge at the western end of the Russell Field House toward the back entrance/exit of the Alewife T Station including residents in North Cambridge regarding the development of short-term and long-term solutions as it

relates to a safe pedestrian environment for all. Councillor Mazen

4. That the City Council go on record committing Cambridge to produce locally what it needs to consume by 2054. Councillor Mazen
5. That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 3665 filed by State Representative Peter Kocot that calls for modest revisions to our public records legislation, calls for municipalities to provide timely, reasonable responses to public records requests, and seeks to bring the state of Massachusetts up to par with the rest of the nation. Councillor Mazen
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate City departments regarding the possibility of a satellite police station in Central Square, data for incidents in Central Square for the last six months, increase of the City's drug treatment capacity and beds, additional trash barrels and updates for sidewalk and street improvements. Vice Mayor Benzan
7. That the City Council meetings scheduled for Nov 30, 2015 and Dec 28, 2015 be and hereby are cancelled. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and report back on zoning and building potential along Cambridge Street and Gore Street between Second Street and Third Street. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to investigate the feasibility of incorporating sail shades or other devices at the playground of the Cambridge Public Library during the summer months. Councillor Carlone
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to discuss installing a four way stop sign at the intersection of Fifth Street and Otis Street. Councillor Toomey
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Fire Chief to determine if fire hydrant markers are needed during the winter months to help locate buried hydrants and to help encourage resident to clear snow from around hydrants. Councillor Toomey
12. That the City Manager is requested to explore proposals, as well as other solutions now being considered by the city, to more humanely work for residents who wish to stay in their homes, in their neighborhoods and among their friends. Councillor Carlone
13. That the City Council go on record endorsing the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation's leadership in supporting the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action(JCPOA). Councillor Carlone
14. That the following regular City Council meetings be scheduled as Roundtable/Working meetings: Oct 5, 2015 - Roundtable to discuss Opioid Abuse; Oct 26, 2015 - Roundtable to discuss City-Wide Planning; Nov 16, 2015 - Roundtable between the School Committee and the City Council; Dec 14, 2015 - Roundtable to discuss Transportation Issues. Mayor Maher
15. That the City Council and Mayor of Cambridge commit to the Compact of Mayors agreement so that we may further a

- collective effort to fight the effects of climate change in our city and around the world. Councillor Carlone
16. That the City Manager is requested to look in to the possibility of outfitting City Fire Department emergency response vehicles with appropriate state of the art GPS equipment. Councillor McGovern, Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
  17. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Public Works Department to expand the repaving area for the Alewife Brook sewer separation project beyond the current boundaries to any areas that were affected by the obsolete stormwater and sewage system. Councillor Cheung
  18. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Police Department to increase Community and Homeless Outreach in the Central Square area and to make available on the City's website a report on the results from the recent Cambridge Charrette on Homelessness. Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Simmons
  19. That the City Manager is requested to explore the creation of a new part-time position(s), either paid or voluntary, of dog park stewards for each of Cambridge's dog parks. Councillor Kelley
  20. That the City Council go on record formally urging MIT to reconsider the decision to not renew the lease for Metropolitan Moving & Storage, and to determine whether any other viable alternatives to this plan exist. Councillor Simmons
  21. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to create an electronic list containing the number of parking stickers issued to each development in the past ten (10) years should be made publicly available, to include, if possible, any demographic information that would help inform car ownership discussions such as age of the car owners. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Mazen and Councillor McGovern
  22. That Chapter 12.12 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Street Excavations and Obstruction," be amended by adding a new section 12.12.065 entitled "Maintenance of safe passage-proper marking of hazards and trench closure required." Councillor Kelley, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Toomey and Councillor Cheung
  23. That the City Council go on record in support of the Berkman Center's efforts to bring Cambridge and the U.S. into a global connection with sports representatives and health ministers from many nations and applauds the Berkman Center for working to engage Harvard University in the Conference. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Toomey
  24. That the City Manager is requested to contact MassDOT Secretary Pollack on behalf of the City Council to reaffirm the City of Cambridge's continued support for the Green Line Extension project. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Toomey
  25. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant City staff on how best to implement a program so that Cambridge's various public notifications for events such as BZA or Planning Board meetings are legibly printed and convey useful information in a similar manner as those used in Somerville. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Carlone
  26. That the amendment to the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to amend the provisions of the PUD-KS District set forth in Section 13.10 of the Zoning Ordinances and which includes a majority of the Volpe Transportation Systems Center site, be refiled as of Sept 28, 2015. Vice Mayor Benzan
  27. That the City Manager confer with the CRA and report back with clarification regarding the past and future relationship between the CRA and Boston Properties and if Boston Properties will be the party to develop and lease any new square footage as a result of the zoning petitions passage and if the City Council can require a process for new developers to bid on CRA projects. Councillor Toomey
  28. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council and the Public Works Department to determine if the City of Cambridge can emulate the public art program begun in Japan that transforms sewer covers into original artwork. Councillor Toomey
  29. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether additional staffing is needed in the Animal Commission for after-hours emergencies, to determine whether new protocols must be established to more adequately help residents resolve after-hours emergencies. Councillor Simmons
  30. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City staff and the City Solicitor on the possible applicability of the Washington decision to Cambridge charter school enrollment and tuition reimbursement issues. Councillor Kelley, Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan
  31. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority with the view in mind of purchasing the property on Vail Court in order to convert to affordable housing. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Simmons
  32. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to instruct City contractors and staff to find alternatives to the use of City parks and green spaces as temporary dumping or staging zones during City projects. Councillor Cheung
  33. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to determine if street and sidewalk conditions in the East Cambridge area should be revaluated relative to the Five Year Street and Sidewalk Construction Plan and to evaluate tree wells in East Cambridge that are in disrepair and present tripping hazard. Councillor Toomey
  34. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the feasibility of piloting and testing technology to allow MBTA buses to communicate with City of Cambridge traffic signals to reduce bus delays. Councillor Mazen
  35. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the bus delay mitigation project and present an implementation action plan to reduce delays on MBTA bus routes within Cambridge municipal boundaries. Councillor Mazen

36. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge Peace Commission, together with the Cambridge Community Response Network, to ascertain how many Syrian Civil War refugee families Cambridge could reasonably offer asylum to, including the provision of basic necessities of life. Councillor Mazen
37. That the City Council go on record requesting that Boston Properties present in writing an outline of the project that is moving forward at 88 Ames Street, including the full number of affordable units that will be included in this project, and a clear explanation should there be fewer affordable units than was the City Council's understanding at the time that this project was approved Councillor Simmons and Councillor McGovern
38. That the City Manager is requested to initiate communications with the City of Boston and Waze to determine Cambridge's eligibility as a part of this pilot program - and whether Cambridge can join the Boston pilot if a new Cambridge only pilot is infeasible. Councillor Mazen
39. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to become an official partner of Our Convention alongside the Cities of Boston and Somerville, providing input into the agenda and sending appropriate representatives. Councillor Mazen
40. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Arts Council and the Department of Public Works to develop a plan that incorporates local artists and designers in the process of beautification of civic infrastructure, on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis and upon the successful formulation of a plan by the Arts Council and the Public Works Department establish an "Art Works" working group authorized to carry out the redesign and beautification of Cambridge's public infrastructure. Councillor Mazen
41. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and any other appropriate City Departments to determine whether the Cambridge Historical Commission has the authority to initiate a Study for a possible designation of a Neighborhood Conservation District without exercising its jurisdiction during the study period to administer the area as though it had already been designated. Vice Mayor Benzan

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing held on Aug 11, 2015 to discuss the Concussion Ordinance which seeks to prevent and manage concussions in youth activities taking place in Cambridge facilities.
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 Aug 11, 2015 to discuss how to assist tenants in danger of losing their homes due to the recent sale of their buildings on Harding Street.
3. 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 Sept 1, 2015 to discuss the city's street performance, artist coordination, busking policies, and to engage local and Greater Cambridge artists in conversation with a view to increasing opportunities for public performance, while decreasing any barriers to entry that currently exist.

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 Aug 6, 2015 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 8.70 entitled "Prohibition on the Use of Polystyrene Based Disposable Food Containers."
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 Aug 20, 2015 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 Mass. 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 and revise Article 20, Section 100-111.
6. 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 Sept 8, 2015 to discuss implementing a minimum wage of \$15 an hour.
7. A report was received by Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, from the STEAM working group for a joint public hearing held on June 29, 2015 by the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee and the Economic Development and University Relations Committee to bring the STEAM working group together to develop strategies and timelines for summer research.

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

1. A communication was received from Councillor Leland Cheung, transmitting a report on community policing strategies and policing in Cambridge.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Sept 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Sept 22**

12:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to further discuss the linkage recommendations that are currently under consideration by the City Council. (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)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the petition filed by the CRA to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan area (KSURP) and to amend the current zoning for the MXD District in Kendall Square to reflect the proposed changes to the Plan. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Sept 24**

9:30am The Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the need for Cambridge to establish a wage theft ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)  
6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Oct 1**

2:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 6**

5:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss Sustainable Transportation Planning for the city. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 13**

2:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss issues of bike safety, including traffic enforcement, street maintenance and traffic signal devices including lights and signs. (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)

**Thurs, Nov 12**

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss increased street crimes. (Ackermann Room)

**Mon, Nov 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Nov 17**

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the rodent problem. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Nov 18**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 6.000 to create a new Section 6.24 Carsharing Provisions that will create a definition and general provisions for Carsharing and will allow the limited use of parking spaces. This hearing to be televised. (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)

**Mon, Jan 4**

10:00am City Council Inaugural Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Sept 21, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Belmont Street is a busy street that connects Cambridge, Belmont, and Watertown; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Belmont has recently made improvements to the Belmont side of Belmont Street by adding new sidewalks, trees, and streetscape improvements; and

WHEREAS: Approximately five blocks of Belmont Street is in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate City staff to determine if similar improvements can be made to the Cambridge portion of Belmont Street to match the Belmont side.

O-2 Sept 21, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Cambridge's own Santa Lucia Society, which has been a fixture in the Mount Auburn neighborhood for over 75 years, will officially be dissolving at the end of the summer; and

WHEREAS: The Society has been a social gathering spot for countless Italian Americans who have carried on the tradition of honoring Saint Lucy, the Patron Saint of the Poor and Eyes, and has hosted its annual Labor Day Weekend Festival along Cushing Street for many decades; and

WHEREAS: This Labor Day will mark the official end of the Society; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to determine a suitable location in the vicinity of Cushing and Vineyard Streets to honor the Santa Lucia Society and that this request be and hereby is forwarded to the Dedication Committee with the request that the Committee hold a special meeting to approve this sign request.

O-3 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The paths from Rindge Avenue and behind the Russell Field that converge at the western end of the Russell Field House and proceed toward the back entrance/exit to the Alewife T Station are used by large numbers of people walking, while also being used by many people riding bicycles; and

WHEREAS: With insufficient signage, demarcation, and enforcement many people riding bikes routinely ride at dangerous speeds through this area, endangering pedestrians on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS: These paths are "shared" paths, which often inadvertently undermine pedestrian and bike safety; and

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WHEREAS: Many pedestrians are elderly, children and families with children-including in baby carriages-who are especially vulnerable to passing cyclists; and

WHEREAS: The signage, paint jobs and other information throughout these pathway areas is confusing, ambiguous, imprecise, and sometimes even self-contradictory, perhaps contributing to the persistence of dangerous transit habits; and

WHEREAS: Mindful of certain jurisdictional issues in this area, which may present special challenges in planning and negotiating effective measures to create safe conditions for both pedestrians, and bicyclists, but which are far from insurmountable, especially given the urgent need; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the relevant departments to meet as soon as possible with all stakeholders - including residents in North Cambridge active in seeking redress and solutions to this issue - to evaluate the full scope of the problem, and develop and implement both short and long term solutions, satisfactory to the community, with a priority for establishing, in particular, a safe pedestrian environment for all as soon as possible in this area; and be it further

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

O-4 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms and Professor Neil Gershenfeld started the class "How to Make Almost Anything," which revealed the potential for 3d printers, laser cutters, and other rapid fabrication equipment to impact the creative drive of students and the entire manufacturing sector, over a decade ago; and

WHEREAS: This class eventually gave way to an international Fab Foundation of nonprofit fabrication labs, scattered across the globe and doubling in total number of community labs worldwide every 1.5 years, now numbering more than 600; and

WHEREAS: At the tenth annual conference of all Fab Labs, in 2014, Barcelona led a 40-year challenge to make sure that, by 2054, the city will create locally all the goods that it needs to consume-whether food, energy, or products; and

WHEREAS: The eleventh annual conference, FAB 11, has been hosted in Cambridge, Boston, and Somerville over the last several days, extending the 39-year challenge on self-sustainability to these host cities; and

WHEREAS: Mayors Walsh and Curtatone accepted the challenge on Sat, Aug 8, on behalf of their cities; and

WHEREAS: The challenge now stands before Cambridge, waiting for adoption; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record committing Cambridge to produce locally what it needs to consume by 2054; and further be it

RESOLVED: That Cambridge commits to working this year to discuss with the other regional cities what parts of our current expenditure on infrastructure, energy, food, and services is locally generated-and what additional portion may be locally generated in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Fab Foundation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The 189th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is considering the adoption of House Bill 3665, An Act to Improve Public Records; and

WHEREAS: The Act would amend the twenty-sixth clause of section 7 of chapter 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts's public records laws were created in 1973 and record keeping and digital technologies have evolved rapidly since; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is falling behind other states in the adoption of public records laws, and this legislation will bring the state up to pace with the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS: A functioning democracy requires transparent governance and an informed citizenry; and

WHEREAS: Government is beholden to its citizenry and, increasingly, citizens expect access to government records in order to make valuable insights in service of the public good, while combating waste; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of House Bill 3665 filed by State Representative Peter Kocot that calls for modest revisions to our public records legislation, calls for municipalities to provide timely, reasonable responses to public records requests, and seeks to bring the Commonwealth of Massachusetts up to par with the rest of the nation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Representative Brian Dempsey, Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Geoffrey Beckwith, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin, and all members of the Cambridge House Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Sept 21, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: In October 2012, the Massachusetts Cultural Council designated Cambridge's Central Square as one of the twenty-one Cultural Districts in the State; and

WHEREAS: Central Square is home to a mix of diverse churches, restaurants, independently owned shops, creative start-ups, and working artists; it serves as the commercial center for the surrounding neighborhoods of Area 4, Cambridgeport, Mid Cambridge, MIT, and Riverside; and Central Square is also a part of the MIT and Cambridge College campuses, making it a destination for local residents, students, professors, artists, restaurant patrons, and tourists among others; and

WHEREAS: Central Square is a place often avoided by some residents due to public safety considerations and unkempt conditions; and

WHEREAS: Some sidewalks, tree wells, and areas of Central Square are covered with litter, cigarette butts, human waste, and light debris; and

WHEREAS: Many of the solar powered big belly trash barrels have been reported to be faulty and nonfunctional; and

WHEREAS: Residents have reported witnessing several physical fights, altercations, and acts of violence in Central Square at various hours of the day; and

WHEREAS: It is self-evident that Central Square has not been immune to the opioid drug epidemic given the ever-increasing numbers of persons "hanging out" in and around Central Square who are coping with substance abuse; and

WHEREAS: Considering all these social and economic ills in our beloved Central Square, also known as the Cultural Heart and Downtown of Cambridge, residents have complained consistently and repeatedly about limited police presence to help alleviate these social and economic ills plaguing Central Square, its businesses and its residents; and

WHEREAS: No family or person should feel unsafe and uncomfortable visiting or passing through Central Square; and

WHEREAS: The population of the City of Cambridge has increased by 3.8% from the 2000 U.S. Census to the 2010 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has only one police station for the City; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has twelve police stations for 617,594 residents (2010 US Census Figure); and

WHEREAS: It is anticipatable and foreseeable that Cambridge will see more housing and commercial growth in and around Central Square; maintaining the highest levels of public safety, civil order, and cleanliness may require increasing our Cambridge Police and Public Works resources and personnel staff; and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding a history of policy orders related to improving public safety and cleanliness of Central Square, these issues remain a serious and surmountable challenge; and

WHEREAS: Recently, our community suffered the tragic death of Tywann Jones, a 35-year-old Roxbury resident who was stabbed to death in the intersection of Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of developing a seasonal Litter Patrol and Control Program staffed by persons living in local shelters and/or receiving drug treatment by local non-profits such as the Salvation Army; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department, other appropriate City departments, the Central Square Business Association, and other local businesses to determine the feasibility of installing a satellite police station in Central Square to help address, deter, and build a greater sense of security and public safety for Cambridge residents, local businesses, tourists, restaurant patrons, and others visiting our Cultural District; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to gather and report data over the last six months related to the number of arrests, removals, First Responder calls and/or 911 calls to the Central Square area; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments including, but not limited to, the Department of Public Health, Cambridge Police, Cambridge Health Alliance, and agencies and groups such as the Cambridge Salvation Army, Cambridge Overcoming Addiction, the Cambridge Needle Exchange

Program, and other related stakeholders to determine the feasibility of increasing our City's drug treatment capacity and beds; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City Departments about adding additional trash barrels in Central Square and replacing the solar powered big belly trash barrels with more appropriate and better functioning trash barrels; and be it further

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments about an update and timeline for any sidewalk and street infrastructure improvements to the Central Square Area; 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-7 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council meetings scheduled for Nov 30, 2015 and Dec 28, 2015 be and hereby are cancelled.

O-8 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concerns regarding the sale of properties on Cambridge Street currently occupied by Citizens Bank on the corner of Third Street; and

WHEREAS: The Citizens Bank building is a unique structure and its history and significance has been a topic of interest; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and report back on zoning and building potential along Cambridge Street and Gore Street between Second Street and Third Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Historical Commission for opinions about historical significance of structures on this block; and be it further

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

O-9 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: A number of residents have notified us that during summer months, the playground on the grounds of the Cambridge Public Library becomes extremely hot and uncomfortable, preventing use of the playground, specifically the dark blue slides and black swing seats; and

WHEREAS: There is no shading, either natural or otherwise, to protect families and their children from the heat; and

WHEREAS: It has been suggested that the city implement a removable sail shade or other device which will beautify the landscape and make the playground more usable during hot summer months; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to investigate the feasibility of incorporating sail shades or other devices at the playground of the Cambridge Public Library during the summer months.

O-10 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to discuss installing a four way stop sign at the intersection of Fifth Street and Otis Street and to report back to the City Council.

O-11 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Maintaining appropriate access to fire hydrants during the winter is a public safety concern after large snow storms; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents are asked to clear snow around fire hydrants but if they do not Cambridge Fire Department personnel will take action to clear snow from hydrants; and

WHEREAS: Increasing the visibility of hydrants with fire hydrants markers that rise higher than average snow banks could help to encourage residents to clear the snow by visually demonstrating the public safety hazard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Fire Chief to determine if fire hydrant markers are needed during the winter months to help locate buried hydrants and to help encourage resident to clear snow from around hydrants and to report back to the City Council.

O-12 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: For some time, many low and middle-income residents are financially struggling to remain in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 6,000 households are on the Cambridge Housing Authority's waiting list for subsidized housing; and

WHEREAS: 120 households, many long-term residents, are being forced entirely from Harvard Street, and partially from Harding Street housing, due to building owners who plan to renovate their buildings for significantly higher 'market' rents; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge wants to strengthen tenant rights in a manner fair to all parties; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the three proposals below, as well as other solutions now being considered by the city, to more humanely work for residents who wish to stay in their homes, in their neighborhoods and among their friends.

1. Undertake a City-Wide Survey of Tenants Rent: A detailed study will more accurately portray the Cambridge housing situation. For example, how many building owners offer below market rents to residents, which long-term building owners would consider selling their properties to the city to retain affordable housing, etc.
2. Strengthen the Condominium Conversion Law: Cambridge presently uses the Commonwealth's condo ordinance. As previously discussed in 2000, a stronger ordinance is needed that could be expanded to include non-owner occupied two or three family housing.

3. Expand Use of CPA Housing Funds: CPA funds could be used for practical one-time expenses that greatly affect housing availability for Section 8 tenants, including Holding Fees, Incentive Fees, and Reduction in Real Estate Taxes.

O-13 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: On July 14, 2015, the United States along with the four other permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, Russia, France, and UK) as well as Germany and Iran, reached an agreement known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA); and

WHEREAS: The JCPOA is the result of years of negotiation and its successful conclusion has been hailed as a model that might be applied to other intractable international problems; and

WHEREAS: Domestically, the JCPOA is slowly building political support which may allow it to go into full effect after congressional consideration next month; and

WHEREAS: However, an unrelenting and well-financed campaign against the deal threatens to defeat it in the US Congress; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation including Senator Markey, Senator Warren, Representatives Jim McGovern, Seth Moulton, Stephen Lynch, Niki Tsongas, and Katherine Clark, have provided their support; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council, representing all the people of Cambridge, enthusiastically endorse the Massachusetts delegation's leadership in supporting the JCPOA so that we may live in a more peaceful and just world; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-14 Sept 21, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the following regular City Council meetings be scheduled as Roundtable/Working meetings:

Oct 5, 2015 - Roundtable to discuss Opioid Abuse

Oct 26, 2015 - Roundtable to discuss City-Wide Planning

Nov 16, 2015 - Roundtable between the School Committee and the City Council

Dec 14, 2015 - Roundtable to discuss Transportation Issues

O-15 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Climate change, and the gases that produce it, are already having an adverse effect on the health of the planet; and

WHEREAS: Cities around the world are acting to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change, but their progress too often goes unrecognized and is not measured or reported consistently; and

WHEREAS: Sharing the impact of these current efforts and catalyzing new action is imperative, in part because a new United Nations climate change agreement will soon be negotiated in Paris in Dec, 2015; and

WHEREAS: The potential impact of cities taking climate action in three sectors alone-buildings, transportation, and

waste-would make an impact greater than the total emissions of the United States and the 28 member states of the European Union combined; and

WHEREAS: The Compact of Mayors is a global coalition of mayors and city officials committing to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, enhance resilience to climate change and track their progress publicly; and

WHEREAS: It is an agreement by city networks and their members, to fight climate change in a consistent and complimentary manner to national efforts, which includes:

1. Collecting the significant climate action data that cities are already reporting in a consistent, transparent manner and makes that data available in a single space.
2. Building on existing cooperative efforts, partnering with other initiatives to better measure and communicate the impact of city action.
3. Representing the greatest opportunity to bring attention to, and quantify, city action, both in the lead-up to Paris and beyond.

ORDERED: That the City Council and Mayor of Cambridge commit to the Compact of Mayors agreement so that we may further a collective effort to fight the effects of climate change in our city and around the world.

O-16 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Cambridge Fire Department vehicles are not equipped with laptop or other GPS equipment; and

WHEREAS: The efficacy of emergency efforts is dependent on response time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look in to the possibility of outfitting City Fire Department emergency response vehicles with appropriate state of the art GPS equipment and report back to this Council with findings.

O-17 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is currently undertaking a massive Public Works project to separate the Alewife Brook and sewer outflow; and

WHEREAS: The stated principal goals of the project are "to improve water quality in the Alewife Brook by eliminating combined sewer overflows; protect Fresh Pond Reservoir from potential contaminants; and control the occurrences of street flooding and sewer and stormwater backups on public and private properties"; and

WHEREAS: An important part of the Alewife Brook sewer separation has been the digging up and repaving of streets within project boundaries, which has resulted in much higher quality pavement in areas that had experienced significant pavement damage due to flooding and sewer backup; and

WHEREAS: The Alewife Brook sewer separation project boundaries do not encompass the larger affected area which has seen an increased traffic load and their roads disrupted by the project work, and due to the project, the larger affected area has seen a negative impact on the quality of their streets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Public Works Department to expand the repaving area for the Alewife Brook sewer separation project beyond the current boundaries to any areas that were affected by the obsolete stormwater and sewage system.

O-18 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Central Square encompasses a bustling business district, housing for many residents, a major T station, and sees thousands of visitors daily; and

WHEREAS: In its role as a hub for the City, and due to its proximity to a number of social services providers and homeless shelters, Central Square also attracts a large number of homeless and transient individuals; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has been made aware of recent escalating tensions in the Central Square area; and

WHEREAS: In the past weeks, the City held a three-day Cambridge Charrette on Homelessness to discuss what new efforts the City can and should be taking to combat homelessness in our community; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department has an excellent Community Services Unit and Homeless Outreach Program, both of whom work tirelessly in their outreach and support for the City; and

WHEREAS: Greater coordination in the outreach to the homeless and transient population, as well as to the residents and visitors of Central Square, could help the various populations improve their relationship and reduce nuisance behavior, as could the establishment of a specific hotline for residents to contact when coming into contact with such behavior; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Police Department to increase Community and Homeless Outreach in the Central Square area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make available on the City's website a report on the results from the recent Cambridge Charrette on Homelessness in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council in a timely fashion.

O-19 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Dog parks and shared use parks, when properly managed, promote social interaction and community awareness more so than perhaps any other public space; and

WHEREAS: Maintenance of such spaces as clean, orderly, respectful, and safe spaces for dog owners, the general public, and neighbors alike is necessary to sustain the positive impact such parks might have in a community; and

WHEREAS: Currently, there is little active oversight or monitoring of the city's dog parks; and

WHEREAS: Having a specific person or persons created as points of contact for the various dog communities associated with specific dog parks could help manage related use issues in a proactive way; and

WHEREAS: If successful, the person(s) could become a model(s) on how to expand off-leash options through the City while minimizing problematic impacts on neighboring residents or other park users; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the creation of a new part-time position(s), either paid or voluntary, of dog park stewards for each of Cambridge's dog parks; and be it further  
ORDERED: That if these positions are thought to more likely be successful if the position is paid rather than voluntary, that the salaries for such stewards be paid out of proposed increases in dog license fees; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the responsibilities of such a person or persons would be to: regularly visit dog parks where dogs are permitted to be off-leash throughout or during a part of the park's operation in order to monitor off-leash use and to coordinate with dog owners, neighbors, and other interested parties to minimize disruptions such as early morning car door slamming and barking dogs; to distribute educational material, inform DPW of any cleanliness issues associated with the grounds, including the conditions of trash cans in which dog owners place bags of dog waste; and generally to promote the wellbeing of all park users and neighbors; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on this matter.

O-20 Sept 21, 2015  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Metropolitan Moving & Storage has, for over 120 years, served the Cambridge community with a low-cost, locally based, and family-owned alternative to national storage chains such as UHaul, and the storage facility has been of particular importance to low-income residents in Cambridge for generations; and  
WHEREAS: MIT, the landlord of this property, has recently opted not to renew the lease for the 900-unit Metropolitan Moving & Storage in order to develop the building into student housing, and those with items in storage at this facility had been given an initial deadline of Oct 31, later extended to January 2016, to remove all their possessions; and  
WHEREAS: While the City Council applauds MIT for recognizing that it must house a greater number of its students, the fact remains that the loss of this local business of more than a century is a great blow to this community, particularly to the hundreds of low-income residents who utilized it specifically due to its affordability and easy accessibility; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record formally urging MIT to reconsider the decision to not renew the lease for Metropolitan Moving & Storage, and to determine whether any other viable alternatives to this plan exist; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging that, at the very least, MIT consider granting one year to allow Metropolitan Moving & Storage customers find alternative arrangements to move and store their possessions; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to MIT President L. Rafael Reif, and to Paul Paravano and

Sarah Gallop of the Government and Community Relations Office of MIT, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-21 Sept 21, 2015  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
VICE MAYOR BENZAN  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Planning for development in Cambridge should anticipate the various effects that a growing population will have on communities, including where residents will park their vehicles; and  
WHEREAS: Residents should expect some stability in on-street parking expectations, which can quickly vanish when large developments bring many cars to local streets; and  
WHEREAS: Developers of large projects frequently use the explanation that relatively few of their residents own cars to support arguments for zoning changes or permit applications; and  
WHEREAS: It is possible that relatively few of their residents buy or lease parking spaces in the development but may, instead, use City parking stickers to park on local streets at a fraction of the cost of purchasing parking in the development or they own more cars than the number of parking spaces associated with a particular unit; and  
WHEREAS: Information on how the number of parking stickers obtained by residents of new projects is not readily available, thus there can be no reasonable, fact-based discussion with developers about the likely impact of projects on local parking conditions; now be it therefore  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to create an electronic list containing the number of parking stickers issued to each development in the past ten (10) years should be made publicly available, to include, if possible, any demographic information that would help inform car ownership discussions such as age of the car owners; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-22 Sept 21, 2015  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City's responsibility to keep streets passable and reasonably safe during construction must respond to the growing number of Greater Boston residents that choose biking as their primary or supplementary form of transportation; and  
WHEREAS: Depressions, open trenches, vertical features at the intersection of milled and un-milled pavement, as well as gas, water, and sewer access pipes can be truly hazardous to a cyclists; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That Chapter 12.12 of the Municipal Code, entitled "Street Excavations and Obstruction," be amended by adding a new section 12.12.065 entitled "Maintenance of safe passage-proper marking of hazards and trench closure required." which reads as follows:  
12.12.065 - Maintenance of safe passage-Proper marking of hazards and trench closure required.

A. Whenever any street is opened, occupied, obstructed or encumbered by any department of the City, or any other party to include contractors and subcontractors, workers must ensure that hazards in the work area must be clearly marked and safely managed to mitigate dangers to cyclists by:

1. Mark all vertical surfaces of 1 inch or more that are more than 30 degrees off of horizontal with bright yellow paint on the entire vertical surface(s) and at least 1/2 of the horizontal surface;
2. At all seam areas, where the roadwork is milled up to existing surface, pavement will be either ground at no greater than a 30 degree angle or have a ramp of asphalt fill ensuring that the contact point between the milled work and the existing surface has a ramp of no more than 30 degrees and the entire length of the seam area will be marked with bright yellow paint;
3. Ensuring that the paint marking hazards is refreshed as needed to maintain the required coverage;
4. Ensuring that all open trench or patching work will be closed by the end of business on Fridays except when weekend work is scheduled.

B. Violations of the paint requirement would be viewed as clear evidence of negligence on the part of whatever party was doing the street work.

and be it further

ORDERED: That the proposed ordinance amendment be referred to the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

O-23 Sept 21, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is planning the 6th edition of the International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (the Conference), to be held in May 2017; and

WHEREAS: The Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University (Berkman Center), in an effort to promote the use of digital technologies to establish and maintain connections between countries and citizens around the world and to build a bridge between sport, constructive dialogue and young people, is working to gain support for the United States (U.S.) to serve as the host country for the Conference and for Cambridge to be the site of the Conference; and

WHEREAS: Since 1976, the Conference has sought to provide a forum for the intellectual and technical exchange of information related to physical education and sport and provides an international platform for policy developments in these areas; and

WHEREAS: The objective of the Conference is to understand international practices regarding physical education and sport and to formulate strategies and set the direction for implementation of programs by governments across the globe; and

WHEREAS: The Conference provides an opportunity to promote policies that will maximize the participation of young people in sports and physical activities that can have a positive and life-changing effect by fostering healthy lifestyles, friendship, and community; and

WHEREAS: The Conference provides a mechanism for constructive engagement on issues ranging from gender equality and health to technology and diversity, as well as the potential for important connections to be made among diverse ethnic groups from around the world; and

WHEREAS: The Conference provides an opportunity to showcase Cambridge and its youth sports programs, diverse schools and communities, and medical and research institutions-to exchange ideas and build partnerships around the world through collaborative discussion and the development of policies and strategies around physical activity and sport and in particular youth sports and athletics; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a longstanding and proud reputation for enriching the lives of a diverse community of young people through support of organized sports, fitness and recreational activities of many kinds; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge would have no financial obligation as the site of the Conference, while at the same time benefiting from the opportunity to engage with the world community on sports and physical education and provide its youth and adolescent athletes and student leaders with a potential forum to share ideas in these areas with global leaders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Berkman Center's efforts to bring Cambridge and the U.S. into a global connection with sports representatives and health ministers from many nations and applauds the Berkman Center for working to engage Harvard University in the Conference; and be it further

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

O-24 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the anticipated Green Line extension, which includes improvements to Lechmere station is in danger of being cut due to mis-estimated project costs; and

WHEREAS: The Green Line Extension project will have a lasting positive impact on transit access, economic development, and will offer other livability benefits in East Cambridge and the Kendall Square area; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the City of Cambridge established a transit advisory committee to help guide City policy on major transportation projects like the Green Line Extension; and

WHEREAS: The Transit Advisory Committee remains unanimous in their support for the Green Line Extension project; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact MassDOT Secretary Pollack on behalf of the City Council to reaffirm the City of Cambridge's continued support for the Green Line Extension project.

O-25 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: City issued permits for construction, demolition, zoning variance meetings, and similar are currently

handwritten onto pre-printed signs, making them difficult to read depending on clearly City staff writes; and  
WHEREAS: Illegible or poorly written permitting information makes it difficult for the public to understand what the notice pertains to and undermines the city's efforts to keep the public properly informed and involved; and  
WHEREAS: Other cities, such as Somerville, print the entire permit in a clearly legible typeface; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant City staff on how best to implement a program so that Cambridge's various public notifications for events such as BZA or Planning Board meetings are legibly printed and convey useful information in a similar manner as those used in Somerville; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on this matter.

O-26 Sept 21, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

ORDERED: That the attached amendment to the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to amend the provisions of the PUD-KS District set forth in Section 13.10 of the Zoning Ordinances and which includes a majority of the Volpe Transportation Systems Center site, be refiled as of Sept 28, 2015.

O-27 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The recent zoning petition filed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) would allow a significant increase in square footage to the MXD District; and

WHEREAS: Boston Properties has developed all or significant amount of the land in MXD District that is under the control or owned by the CRA; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the CRA and report back with clarification regarding the past and future relationship between the CRA and Boston Properties and if Boston Properties will be the party to develop and lease any new square footage as a result of the zoning petitions passage and if the City Council can require a process for new developers to bid on CRA projects.

O-28 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge puts great effort into finding new ways to incorporate public art into the daily lives of our residents; and

WHEREAS: Roadway projects are currently a primary focus of construction activity in Cambridge; and

ORDERED: A program in Japan, envisions manhole covers as opportunities to display public art and has grown to include over nearly 95 percent of the 1,780 municipalities, each having their own unique covers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council and the Public Works Department to determine if the City of Cambridge can emulate the public art program begun in Japan that transforms sewer covers into original artwork and report back to the City Council.

O-29 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Animal Commission operates upon the same business hours as most other City departments, from 8:30am to 8pm on Mondays, from 8:30am to 5pm Tuesday through Thursday, and from 8:30am to 12 noon on Fridays, with no weekend hours; and

WHEREAS: On the Animal Commission page of the City's website, those with after-hours emergencies are advised to contact the Cambridge Police Department's general switchboard for assistance, yet, depending upon the nature of the emergency, the Cambridge Police may be unable to assist and may advise callers to wait until Monday to contact the Animal Commission; and

WHEREAS: Emergencies, by their very nature, are seldom able to be put off for additional hours or days, and those with rodents or other creatures scurrying in their walls or attics on a Friday evening should not have to wait for Monday morning to have assistance dispatched to them; and

WHEREAS: The City Council understands that animal control issues will occur on an unpredictable timetable, and therefore the City must either have a more adequate plan in place for addressing after-hours animal-related emergencies, or the City must commit to providing more adequate information to those who are experiencing one of these emergencies outside of normal business hours so that their issues can be addressed in a timely manner; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to determine whether additional staffing is needed in the Animal Commission for after-hours emergencies, to determine whether new protocols must be established to more adequately help residents resolve after-hours emergencies, and to report his findings to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-30 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: In November of 2012, the citizens of Washington state voted on an Act to create 40 charter schools funded through the common school appropriations; and

WHEREAS: The Supreme Court of the State of Washington held in League of Women Voters v. State of Washington on Sept 4, 2015, that because charter schools "are not subject to local voter control, they cannot qualify as 'common schools'" within the meaning in the state's Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Court further held that "money that is dedicated to common schools is unconstitutionally diverted to charter schools;" and

WHEREAS: The Court found the entire Act unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS: In the absence of precedent, jurists often cite decisions reached in other states for guidance, and sometimes rely on precedent established by other courts; and

WHEREAS: Local petitioners may cite League of Women Voters v. State of Washington in similar suits, and thus the case may impact local policies such as Massachusetts' charter school programs; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge spends over \$10.5 million a year on charter school tuition for over 200 Cambridge students who might be impacted by the repercussions of law suits involving the Constitutionality of charter schools; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff and the City Solicitor on the possible applicability of the Washington decision to Cambridge charter school enrollment and tuition reimbursement issues; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding this matter.

O-31 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: There has been little progress resolving the issues with the property at Vail Court; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority has expressed an interest in purchasing said property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority with the view in mind of purchasing the property on Vail Court in order to convert to affordable housing.

O-32 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has many beautiful parks and green spaces, which are cherished by the community; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge also often undergoes expansive construction and maintenance projects which in the past have encroached on various City green spaces, seeing those green spaces used as either temporary dumping sites or staging areas; and

ORDERED: The necessity of construction should not come at the expense of any City parks or green spaces; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to instruct City contractors and staff to find alternatives to the use of City parks and green spaces as temporary dumping or staging zones during City projects.

O-33 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to determine if street and sidewalk conditions in the East Cambridge area should be reevaluated relative to the Five Year Street and Sidewalk Construction Plan; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer Department of Public Works to evaluate tree wells in East Cambridge that are in disrepair and present tripping hazard.

O-34 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: In 2014, the City of Cambridge completed a study of high-ridership MBTA bus routes within Cambridge to identify "hot spots" where buses experience the most traffic delay; and

WHEREAS: These delays could be reduced if traffic signals were designed to give buses priority through the intersection when necessary; and

WHEREAS: Bus delays reduce the convenience and attractiveness of using public transportation; and

WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips."; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge strives to be a leader in innovative solutions to decreasing our collective contribution to Climate Change; and

WHEREAS: MassDOT is currently working with the City of Boston to implement signal priority for MBTA buses; and

WHEREAS: Although traffic signals in the City of Cambridge, unlike the City of Boston, are not all interconnected to a centralized control center, low-cost technology is available that would allow MBTA buses to communicate directly with City of Cambridge traffic signals to allow for transit priority through intersections; and

WHEREAS: This technology must be tested within the City of Cambridge for efficacy and reliability before being implemented; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the feasibility of piloting and testing technology to allow MBTA buses to communicate with City of Cambridge traffic signals to reduce bus delays; 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-35 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: A great number of Cambridge residents, including seniors and youth, depend on MBTA buses for reliable and efficient transportation throughout the Greater Boston Area; and

WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips."; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge continues to plan for development around transit hubs throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents have expressed strong preference for improving MBTA transit services, particularly buses; and

WHEREAS: In 2014, the City of Cambridge's Community Development Department and Traffic, Parking, and Transportation Department completed a study of high-ridership MBTA bus routes within Cambridge to identify "hot spots" where buses experience the most traffic delay; and

WHEREAS: There are a number of low-cost tactics Cambridge can quickly implement to improve bus service and reduce bus delays in major corridors, such as traffic signal priority and queue-jump lanes; and

WHEREAS: Low-cost communication technology exists which would give MBTA buses priority at stoplights in the City of Cambridge, changing the signal immediately if possible, thus speeding bus commutes; and

WHEREAS: The establishment of Queue jump lanes would designate parts of the road for buses only, preventing buses

from being delayed by traffic in previously mentioned "hot spots"; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the bus delay mitigation project and present an implementation action plan to reduce delays on MBTA bus routes within Cambridge municipal boundaries.

O-36 Sept 21, 2015  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The Syrian Civil War has, to date, displaced some 4 million people, 49% of whom are under the age of 18; and  
WHEREAS: Those people, fearing for the safety of their lives, their beliefs, and their freedom, have turned to the international law recourse of asylum as per the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 UN Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees; and  
WHEREAS: The refugees are being turned away from affluent European countries, who have been tightening their asylum and/or migration laws in response to the crisis; and  
WHEREAS: The Syrian Civil War, which is undoubtedly the cause of this mass-scale displacement, is unlikely to be solved in a peaceable manner in the foreseeable future; and  
WHEREAS: The Pope and other world leaders have called for increased acceptance of asylum seekers during this difficult time; and  
WHEREAS: The '67 Protocol indicates that all States party to the signing of the protocol agreed to follow through on articles 2 to 34 of the '51 Convention, implying an agreement to uphold basic human, social and legal rights no matter who the person is; and  
WHEREAS: The States party to either or both of the '51 Convention and the '67 Protocol reaffirmed in a letter in 2001 (the 50th anniversary of the '51 Convention) that they would uphold these two documents, going further to say they "recognized in particular that the core principle of non-refoulement is embedded in customary international law..."; and  
WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission is charged with building connections and strengthening relationships, and promoting positive dialogue and fostering understanding within Cambridge, and without to the wider global community; and  
WHEREAS: Cambridge's wealth and cultural diversity make for an ideal destination for persons seeking asylum; and  
WHEREAS: Integrating persons displaced by the Syrian War into the Cambridge community would promote conversation about the crisis, strengthen our ties with the global community, and foster a greater understanding of the troubles of refugee status families; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed expression of sympathy and support, along with a copy of this policy order, to Nu Day Syria, John Robbins of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Massachusetts, and the United Nations Refugee Agency; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record stating that the migrant crisis will not be resolved until the root cause of the issue, that being the Syrian Civil War, is brought to a peaceable and permanent resolution; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge Peace Commission, together with the Cambridge Community Response Network, to ascertain how many refugee families Cambridge could reasonably offer asylum to, including the provision of basic necessities of life; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Peace Commission, together with the Cambridge Community Response Network, to follow through on organizing and providing asylum for the reasonable quota of families determined by the previous order, including provision of housing, employment, and other such basic necessities of life, until such time as the families are able to independently acquire and retain such necessities, provided those persons meet the requirements of refugee status under International Law; 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-37 Sept 21, 2015  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Earlier this year, the City Council approved a request by Boston Properties to construct a 280-unit residential building in Kendall Square at 88 Ames Street, with the understanding that 36 units of affordable housing would be included in the development; and  
WHEREAS: There have been recent concerns raised that Boston Properties plans to ultimately include only 32 units of affordable housing in this building, not the 36 units that were promised to the City - already below the 42 units that should have been included under the City's Inclusionary Zoning ordinance - that were a key rationale for the City Council's allowing the project to move forward; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting that Boston Properties present in writing an outline of the project that is moving forward at 88 Ames Street, including the full number of affordable units that will be included in this project, and a clear explanation should there be fewer affordable units than was the City Council's understanding at the time that this project was approved; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Council requests that this outline be submitted to the City Council for inclusion as part of the public record at the Oct 5, 2015 City Council meeting; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this council order to Michael Cantalupa of Boston Properties on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-38 Sept 21, 2015  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Waze is the world's largest community-based repository of traffic data; and  
WHEREAS: Boston City has coordinated with Waze to better determine traffic patterns, to manage traffic, and to respond to interruptions on regular traffic flow with unprecedented efficacy; and  
WHEREAS: Coordination with Waze would be of immense benefit to Cambridge, and has the potential to vastly increase the City's ability to increase efficiency of current

traffic infrastructure, to manage traffic, and to respond to changes in the expected patterns; and

WHEREAS: The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department's goals include, but are not limited to, increasing the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of TPT operations; supporting the mobility needs of the City's residents, businesses, and institutions; improving the quality of TPT services and maintenance of TPT facilities to the highest possible level while providing excellent customer service; and making use of technology to provide quality information, operational transparency and easy to use services; and

WHEREAS: Integrating Waze data with that of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department would allow the Department to monitor traffic patterns in real time and respond to deviations in expected patterns, thus increasing the Department's ability to fulfil its traffic management duties; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to initiate communications with the City of Boston and Waze to determine Cambridge's eligibility as a part of this pilot program - and whether Cambridge can join the Boston pilot if a new Cambridge only pilot is infeasible; and be it further

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

O-39 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: On Oct 9th, 2015, the 1st annual Our Convention will be held to discuss and build a shared civic agenda for young adults across Greater Boston; and

WHEREAS: Our Convention will have over 300 delegates, all young and promising experts from over 70 organizations, including Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, National Black Women's Society, Massachusetts Nonprofit Network; and

WHEREAS: The delegates will be discussing and forming solutions to these problems, which will be compiled and published online and in book format for anyone to read; and

WHEREAS: The cities of Somerville and Boston have already given their formal support to Our Convention and are supporting the agenda; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been invited to join in supporting Our Convention and discussing the agenda by Justin Kang, the organizer and Executive director of City Awake, which is building an ecosystem of social innovation and civic engagement across Greater Boston ; and

WHEREAS: Based on statistics from the US Census Bureau, it is show that the young adult population of Cambridge (ranging in ages between 20 and 34) makes up at least 45% of total population; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has always considered itself a place of progressive and modern thought, supporting youth and civic-initiatives; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to become an official partner of Our Convention alongside the Cities of Boston and Somerville, providing input into the agenda and sending appropriate representatives.

O-40 Sept 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge enjoys a thriving arts community consisting of artists, designers and innovators, and the Council has a history of reciprocal encouragement and support with that community; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's public infrastructure offers a hitherto unused canvas to display the talent of local artists, while simultaneously beautifying the city; and

WHEREAS: The City Master Planning process is slated to proceed for the next three years, providing ample opportunity for innovative infrastructure design policies to be incorporated; and

WHEREAS: Elements such as sewer caps, transformer boxes, drainpipes, sidewalk curbs, trash receptacles, culverts, park benches, retaining walls, streetlights, and utility poles owned by the city are just some examples of the infrastructure that could be utilized and re-designed by local artists; and

WHEREAS: The individual neighborhoods of Cambridge represent vibrant and unique communities that would provide for myriad designs and perspectives; and

WHEREAS: Global initiatives to beautify municipal infrastructure have provided for tourist attractions, greater happiness of residents, and an increase in civic pride; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Arts Council and the Department of Public Works to develop a plan that incorporates local artists and designers in the process of beautification of civic infrastructure, on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager, upon the successful formulation of a plan by the Arts Council and the Public Works Department, be and hereby is requested to establish an "Art Works" working group authorized to carry out the redesign and beautification of Cambridge's public infrastructure; 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-41 Sept 21, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and any other appropriate City Departments to determine whether the Cambridge Historical Commission has the authority to initiate a Study for a possible designation of a Neighborhood Conservation District without exercising its jurisdiction during the study period to administer the area as though it had already been designated; 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.