

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Affordable Housing Trust: Reappointments: Peter Daly (2-year term), Florrie Darwin (1-year term), Gwendolen Noyes (1-year term), Susan Schlesinger (3-year term), James Stockard, Jr. (3-year term), William Tibbs (2-year term). New Appointment: Elaine Thorne (3-year term)
2. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Water Board for a term of 5-years, effective Sept 26, 2016: Kathleen Kelly, Jason Marshall
3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Fair Housing Assistance Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$41,400 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$31,400) and to the Travel and Training Account (\$10,000), to be used to cover a portion of the salary of an Attorney-Investigator, who works on cases from the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP).
4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$252,878.87 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account, to be used to further support the City's affordable rental housing development and preservation efforts.
5. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,000 from the Cambridge Community Foundation to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account, to support the ongoing programming for families who are participating in, or have participated in, the Baby University program.
6. 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 Services Salary and Wages account (\$148,710), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,690), and to the Travel and Training account (\$160), to be used in two parts: one part funds a portion of our core Adult Basic Education (ABE) services in conjunction with our main DESE grant and the second part is for an Adult Career Pathways grant.
7. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$34,576 to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account, to support the purchase of computer equipment in new police cruisers.
8. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$23,415 within the EOPSS FFY16 Focused Deterrence Grant, from the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account to the Grant Fund Police Extraordinary Equipment account, to support a Smart Policing Initiative which uses a problem-solving focused approach to crime prevention.
9. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as members of the Planning Board for a term of five years, effective Sept 26, 2016: Steven Cohen, Hugh Russell and Tom Sieniewicz
10. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the Steering Committee for the City's Birth to Grade Three Partnership.
11. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Outdoor Lighting Zoning recommendations.
12. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2017: A. Authorize the use of Free Cash of \$10,180,000 to reduce the FY17 tax rate; B. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overlay surplus/reserves to be used for reducing the FY17 tax rate; C. Authorize \$1,700,000 from the City Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget; D. Authorize \$517,970 from the School Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget; E. Appropriate \$8,000,000 from Free Cash to the City Debt Stabilization Fund; F. Classify property into five classes; G. Adopt the minimum residential factor of 55.9103%; H. Approve the residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes; I. Vote to double the normal value of the statutory exemption; J. Vote the FY17 exemption of \$309.00 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D; K. Vote the FY17 asset limits of \$61,298.00 allowed Under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E; L. Vote the FY17 income and asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D as follows: income and assets limits for elderly persons from income limits of \$25,346 for those who are single and \$38,019 for those who are married, asset limits of \$50,689 for those who are single and \$69,698 for those who are married; M. Vote the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for the purposes of MGL Chapter 62, Section 6, subsection (k) for a single person (\$57,000) and for married (\$85,000).
13. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a members of the Cambridge Arts Council Advisory Board for a term of 3 years effective Oct 1, 2016: Christine Lamas Weinberg, Katherine Shozawa and Olufolakemi Alalade
14. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Broadband Task Force recommendations and Tilson Report.
15. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to City accomplishments during City Manager 2013-2016.
16. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-16, regarding the plan to take Vail Court by eminent domain.

17. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the City's Agreement with MassDOT and MBTA regarding funding contribution agreement for Green Line Extension Project.

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk's Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer. [Placed On The Table as Amended by Councillor Mazen on Jan 25, 2016.]
2. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
3. An application was received from Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
4. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 20, 2016. Tabled on a motion by Councillor Mazen on June 27, 2016.]
5. An application was received from the Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, requesting permission to hang twenty-three temporary banners on electrical poles in Harvard Square. These banners will promote the Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker. The temporary banners will be hung from Nov 17 to Jan 3, 2017. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Aug 1, 2016. Tabled on motion of Councillor Toomey on Sept 12, 2016.]
6. That the City Council amend Policy Order #2 of Aug 1, 2016 by striking out "election issues" and inserting "charter schools," so that the Oct 24, 2016 Roundtable/Working Meeting's focus will now be charter schools. [Tabled on a voice vote of eight on motion of Councillor Devereux on Sept 19, 2016.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. A proposed amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge" to create an additional Medical Marijuana Overlay District (MMD-4) that would be coterminous with the Business B and Office 3 Districts that are within the Harvard Square Overlay District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Sept 26, 2016. Planning Board hearing was held Aug 16, 2016. Petition expires Nov 29, 2016.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from India Food & Frozen Yogi, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 80 River Street.
2. An application was received from The Hourly Oyster House, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 15 Dunster Street. Approval has been

received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.

3. An application was received from Petali Flowers, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 92 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and Historical Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Rebecca Rutenberg, Vice President, Public, Affairs, The Novus Group, transmitting a letter and data on Airbnb usage in Cambridge from William D. Burns, Senior Advisor, Airbnb.
2. A communication was received from Carol Lynn Alpert, regarding clarifications on the Lighting Ordinance in response to Councillor Kelley's questions and comments.
3. A communication was received from Megan Brook, 103 Inman Street, regarding the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.
4. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding the City Manager candidates.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Chung Ok Kim on her retirement. Councillor Maher
2. Congratulations to Sofia Bernstein for being named the Young Woman Awardee at the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016 celebration. Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Ruth Allen for being named the Ruth Barron Awardee at the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016 celebration. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Susan Dupuis for being named one of the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016. Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Toni Phillips for being named one of the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016. Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Professor Intisar Rabb for being named one of the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016. Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Jody Adams for being named one of the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016. Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to Michele Scott for being named one of the YWCA Cambridge's Outstanding Women of 2016. Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to the Cambridge Hitmen All Stars travel baseball team for winning the silver medal at the Turn Back the Clock tournament at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. Vice Mayor McGovern
10. Thanks to the Recreation Department for their cooperation and support in making the Friends of Cambridge Athletics Day of Service event a great success. Vice Mayor McGovern

ORDERS

1. City Council support for the Strike of Harvard Dining Workers and to join all picket lines of Harvard Dining Workers on the Harvard campus. Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
2. Support of the membership of 32BJ SEIU District 615 in their master janitor contract campaign, and in calling upon building owners to join in asking that commercial cleaning contractors provide good full-time jobs with fair salaries and benefits. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern
3. That the City Manager is requested to explore purchasing translation devices that will allow community members to better participate in community meetings. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City Departments to determine if additional water fountains and/or water bottle fill stations could be placed in other locations around Danehy Park. Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
5. That the City Manager is requested to refer the attached short-term rental draft ordinance to the City Solicitor, Inspectional Services Department and any other relevant department for comment and review as components of a potential short-term rental ordinance and be referred to a joint hearing of the Housing and Public Safety Committees scheduled on Oct 26, 2016, at 5:30pm for discussion, and to hear back from the City on the proposed policies. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux
6. Dedication of an appropriate City building to dedicate in honor of Richard Rossi, City Manager. Vice Mayor McGovern

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Aug 30, 2016 to continue public discussion regarding the recent completed Inclusionary Housing Study and the Draft Recommendations of the Community Development Department.
2. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Sept 8, 2016 to continue the public discussion regarding the recently completed Inclusionary Housing Study and Draft Recommendations of the Community Development Department.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 26

- 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)

Wed, Sept 28

- 3:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the ongoing drought and the impact on the Cambridge water supply, what restrictions on water use may be appropriate to consider and what

public outreach is needed on water conservation measures. (Sullivan Chamber)

- 6:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the redesign of the Out of Town News Kiosk in Harvard Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Sept 29

- 5:30pm Special City Council Meeting to vote on extending an offer to a finalist for the position of City Manager. Additionally, the City Council may meet in Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with the prospective City Manager or to conduct contract negotiations with the prospective City Manager. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 5

- 5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the refiled petition to amend the Zoning Map in the Riverside Neighborhood from the existing Residence C-1 to Residence C within the area bounded by Franklin Street, River Street and Putnam Avenue. The most significant changes would be that the allowed Floor Area Ratio would decrease from 0.75 to 0.60, the required lot area per dwelling unit would increase from 1,500 to 1,800 square feet, and the open space requirement would increase from 30% to 36% of a lot. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 6

- 6:00pm Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Basement Conference Room, 831 Massachusetts Avenue)

Mon, Oct 17

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 18

- 5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the work of the first phase of the Broadband Taskforce. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 19

- 5:00pm Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 24

- 5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting topic to be determined. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 25

- 6:00pm Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 26

- 5:30pm Public Safety Committee and Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 7

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

- 5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss Envision Cambridge. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 26, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Dining Workers at Harvard University transform an Institution into a home for students; and

WHEREAS: Harvard Dining Workers reflect the diversity of the student body, helping students of color feel more welcome on a campus that rarely reflects this diversity; and

WHEREAS: The average pay for Harvard Dining Workers was less than \$35,000 in 2015; and

WHEREAS: Harvard has proposed healthcare plan changes that would raise copays and shift costs onto Dining workers further driving down annual income; and

WHEREAS: Harvard Dining Workers have made every effort to reach a settlement throughout their 14 bargaining sessions since late May, extending their contract from June to September 17th; and

WHEREAS: If Harvard can tackle health and income disparities around the world but cannot tackle it on their campus Harvard workers will strike; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for the Strike of Harvard Dining Workers and to

join all picket lines of Harvard Dining Workers on the Harvard campus; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the management of Harvard University and Local 26 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Sept 26, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that commercial cleaning contractors are currently negotiating their master janitor contract with 32BJ SEIU District 615; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 15,000 janitors statewide, of which more than 1,300 live or work in Cambridge and will be affected by this contract; and

WHEREAS: The region's janitorial market remains primarily part-time, with two-thirds of 32BJ SEIU District 615 members working part-time, and this forces many of these workers to take on a second or third job; and

WHEREAS: Far too often, employers deliberately structure their positions as part-time in order to avoid their responsibility of paying health care for their workers, and when this happens, workers either lose income, or must take on multiple part-time jobs in order to just barely make ends meet; and

WHEREAS: Part-time workers and the underemployed continually struggle with no benefits and the rising cost of living, and raising standards for janitors and others working families would greatly strengthen our communities and our local economy; and

WHEREAS: By converting jobs from part-time to full-time, employees' health insurance costs would be shifted off the taxpayers and onto their employers, lessening the dependence of these individuals on the social safety nets; and

WHEREAS: The commercial real estate industry in Boston and Cambridge is exceptionally strong, and the rent prices in this region have continually been increasing since 2012, hitting people who rely upon their income as commercial cleaners particularly hard; and

WHEREAS: Workers in the City of Cambridge should be paid fair wages and benefits that will allow them to support themselves and their family, and they deserve a share of the rising prosperity that companies have been enjoying as the economy continues to rebound; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Council go on record in support of the membership of 32BJ SEIU District 615 in their master

janitor contract campaign, and in calling upon building owners to join in asking that commercial cleaning contractors provide good full-time jobs with fair salaries and benefits.

O-3 Sept 26, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council and the City Administration are looking at various ways to involve more residents in municipal conversations; and

WHEREAS: Many of those who do not participate are non-native English speakers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore purchasing translation devices that will allow community members to better participate in community meetings.

O-4 Sept 26, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Danehy Park is home to athletic fields, playgrounds and open spaces; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of people, including many high school sports teams, use Danehy Park on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS: There are only two water fountains located at either end of the park; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City Departments to determine if additional water fountains and/or water bottle fill stations could be placed in other locations around the park.

O-5 Sept 26, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: Hundreds of residents operate short-term rental units throughout the city, most prevalently on Airbnb, which had 1,610 unique listings this year as of July 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Current regulations and zoning ordinance do not permit the operation of short-term rental units;

WHEREAS: Residents should have a pathway to operate short-term rental units legally, safely, and in manner so as not to detract from the character and livability of surrounding residential neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to refer the attached short-term rental draft ordinance to the City Solicitor, Inspectional Services Department and any other relevant department for comment and review as components of a potential short-term rental ordinance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the attached short-term rental draft ordinance be referred to a joint hearing of the Housing and Public Safety Committees scheduled on Oct 26, 2016, at 5:30pm for discussion, and to hear back from the City on the proposed policies.

O-6 Sept 26, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Richard Rossi has loyally served Cambridge City government for 45 years in numerous capacities including, Purchasing Agent, Acting Commissioner of Public Works, Acting Director of the Water Department, and, for 32 years, Deputy City Manager; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Rossi has served as City Manager since July 2013; during his tenure, he has focused on building a core leadership team and creating bold initiatives focused on sustainability efforts, economic development, early childhood and STEAM education, fiscal management – including maintaining the City’s three AAA bond ratings, affordable housing, and strengthening Cambridge’s ongoing commitment to our diverse population; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, Mr. Rossi has worked to forge collaborative relationships with residents, business and community groups; these efforts contribute to Cambridge

being one of the best Cities in which to live, work, innovate, and play; and

WHEREAS: As City Manager, one of Mr. Rossi’s priorities was to ensure that each department would have a strong leadership team that was well prepared to be an asset to the City; the next City Manager will inherit a workforce that is highly professional and committed to working hard to achieve the City’s goals; and

WHEREAS: For Rossi: “As someone who grew up and went to public school in Cambridge, I am so proud that I have been able to play a role in helping my city - our city - become the great City that it is today;” now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council select an appropriate building to dedicate to Mr. Rossi in honor of his decades of service for the City of Cambridge.