

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following members of the Foundry Advisory Committee:
Deborah Rue - 3-year term
Folakemi Alalade - 2-year term
Jamie Sabino - 1-year term
Jason Slavick - 3-year term
Mark Tang - 2-year term
Mariam Bucheli - 1-year term
Richard Thal - 3-year term
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-06, regarding a report on reaching out to representatives and city officials in surrounding communities to gauge interest in forming an inter-city committee which would meet three times per year to discuss and develop strategies for common issues that would be best handled regionally with support from the state.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Kids' Council for a term to expire June 30, 2017: Jack Kiryk
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire Oct 27, 2017: Lauren McPhersen-Siegrist
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a request from Urban-SRP 1971 Mass Ave, LLC ("Urban"), for an aerial license for two structural canopies and two structural cornices to be constructed, installed, repaired, replaced and maintained over portions of the City-owned sidewalk on Massachusetts Avenue and Allen Street which is located alongside Urban's property located at 1971 Massachusetts Avenue.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-107 and Council Order Number 54, dated 9/21/15, regarding the minimum wage.
7. Transmitting communication 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 FY2016:
 - A. Authorize the use of Free Cash of \$11,450,000 to reduce the FY16 tax rate;
 - B. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overlay surplus/reserves to be used for reducing the FY16 tax rate;
 - C. Authorize \$1,300,000 from the City Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget

- D. Authorize \$540,865 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 55.5325%;
- H. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes;
- I. Vote to double the normal value of the statutory exemptions;
- J. Vote the FY16 exemption of \$307 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D;
- K. Vote the FY16 asset limits of \$60,938 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E;
- L. Vote the FY16 income and asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D as follows: Income limits of \$25,197 for single and \$37,796 for married; and asset limits of \$50,392 for single and \$69,289 for 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 (\$56,000) and for married (\$84,000).

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-60, regarding a report on restaurant employee parking. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Twenty-five of Sept 21, 2015.

ON THE TABLE

2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status and next steps for the Beekeeping ordinance. Order Number Ten of Mar 30, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Mar 30, 2015.
3. 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

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 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.

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 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." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 5, 2015.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from NGIN Workplace, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 210 Broadway.
2. A constable bond was received from Albert T. Darling for approval of the surety.
3. An application was received from YWCA Cambridge, 7 Temple Street, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Annual Tribute to Outstanding Women on Wed, Oct 26th at 5:30pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Elizabeth Stern, 20 Cambridge Terrace, regarding the Stern Petition.
2. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, transmitting clarification from The Library of Congress on the terms "United States" and "United States of America."
3. A communication was received from Rosemary Booth and Jerry O'Leary, 303 Third Street, transmitting concerns about the Volpe site (PUD-KS) rezoning.
4. A communication was received from Rosemary Booth and Jerry O'Leary, 303 Third Street, regarding difficulties with GSA's initial "land swap" effort.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Ian Mello on completing his first solo flight as a licensed pilot. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Mae (Leccacorvi) Murphy. Mayor Maher
3. Commend members of Our Harvard Can Do Better on their work advocating for sexual violence policy reform at Harvard University and beyond. Councillor Cheung
4. Happy centennial anniversary to the faculty, students and staff of the Longy School of Music. Councillor Cheung

5. Congratulations to Laura Younger on recently joining the American Red Cross National Regional Headquarters. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Thelonious Monkfish Restaurant on its recent expansion by adding a new room called the Jazz Baroness Room. Vice Mayor Benzan

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and the Cambridgeside Galleria to consider ways to make the crosswalk from Charles Park to the entrance of the Galleria safer to pedestrians, and to improve the line of sight for drivers and cyclists and to evaluate whether the location of the Super Tour bus kiosk and station is appropriate considering the high volume of traffic on the road and hazard to pedestrians. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Solicitor, draft a response regarding the Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Ilan Levy for the City Council's consideration. Mayor Maher
3. That the former Mahoney's site be dedicated open space in honor of Nelson Mandela. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff, and the cities mentioned in the order, to find a collaborative solution to the specific problem of increased air traffic from 33L RNVA, including sharing the cost of an independent noise impact report in the current budget year. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City of Cambridge recognizes and counts itself among the cities participating in the "No Fly Day" (#NoFlyDay) which is to occur Oct 24, 2015 and recommending that residents and city personnel refrain from flying on this day. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff to investigate the feasibility of installing meters that accept modern payment solutions: including credit and debit cards, rechargeable parking cards, and smart phone application payment. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to draft an ordinance extending Cambridge's big bank retail storefront limitations to the rest of Porter, Harvard, Central, and Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Public Works Department to create a "Project Notification Board" posted in a conspicuous public area near the Common to notify residents of any major project events and to provide a contact number questions regarding the project, ensure that all environmental standards are being closely followed

and that up to date soil testing results are posted on the project notification board and to take appropriate action to mitigate the impact of the project on abutters. Councillor Cheung

9. The City Council fully supports the actions of Divest Harvard and wishes to join in support of the suit to enjoin Harvard University to divest their endowment from fossil fuels. Councillor Cheung
10. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the City of Somerville to consider solutions to wrong way traffic from South Street in Somerville. Councillor Toomey
11. That upon completion of the educational campaign to research, create and disseminate information on products containing neonicotinoid pesticides, the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Department of Health and the Ordinance Committee to draft and submit an Ordinance to ensure the discontinuation of the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in Cambridge. Councillor Mazen
12. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey for the dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Norfolk and Harvard Street in honor of Father Thomas Scully. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Simmons
13. That the City Manager is requested to report back on the ability to increase funding for affordable housing in a manner which would not adversely impact real estate taxes on existing housing units or cause a shift in taxes from commercial, industrial and personal property taxes to the residential class and given the limitation upon the tax classification, any recommendation must not jeopardize the current tax distribution by shifting a greater burden on the residential taxpayers which would result in making existing housing less affordable for current residents. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Kelley
14. That this City Council go on record supporting stronger limits on ground-level ozone and smog and supporting the EPA's adoption of strengthened air pollution limits in this area and urge President Obama to support this effort and to veto any Congressional attempt to block strengthened limits on ozone and smog pollution and urging local members of Congress to oppose any legislation to block or undercut these strengthened limits on ozone and smog pollution. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Kelley
15. That a Home Rule Petition "AN ACT TO ADOPT PROTECTIONS FOR CAMBRIDGE'S GOVERNMENTALLY-INVOLVED HOUSING STOCK" be submitted to the General Court for a

special law relating to the City of Cambridge to be filed with an attested copy of this order which is hereby approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only. Councillor Mazen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 Aug 5, 2015 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal code in Chapter 1.121 entitled "Living Wage Ordinance."
2. 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 Aug 18, 2015 to discuss amendments to the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance for the area along Walden Street near the intersection of Garden Street and extending through the intersection of Sherman Street currently zoned Business A be rezoned to a newly created zoning district entitled Business A-4 and to add a new Business A-4 line to Section 5.33.
3. 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 Sept 22, 2015 to further discuss the petition to amend the incentive zoning requirements that is currently under consideration by the City Council.
4. 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 Sept 23, 2015 to discuss the recommendation of the Cambridge Off Leash Working Group on dogs and the steps that have been taken to implement the group recommendations in the City.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor David P. Maher transmitting an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Marc C. McGovern transmitting a report on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Income Insecurity in Cambridge.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss Opioid Abuse. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (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)

Tues, Oct 20

- 3:30pm Transportation and Public Utilities Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

- 5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss City-Wide Planning. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (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 Roundtable/Working Meeting between the School Committee and the City Council. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (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. Click here to view the petition. 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)
MEETING CANCELLED.

Mon, Dec 7

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

Mon, Dec 14

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

Mon, Dec 21

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

Mon, Dec 28

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

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 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Residents of East Cambridge have alerted the City Council to the hazardous crosswalk from Charles Park to south entrance of Cambridge-side Galleria; and

WHEREAS: Numerous conditions make this crosswalk particularly dangerous for the high number of pedestrians using that entrance, including: the placement of extra-large planters obstructing the view

of pedestrians and drivers alike; Boston Super Tour buses that frequently queue or pickup/drop off passengers over the whole or part of the crosswalk; groups of people waiting in the crosswalk entrance for Boston Super Tour buses to arrive; cars exiting the parking garage racing to catch the light at the intersection of Cambridgeside Place and Edwin H Land Blvd; and congestion caused by taxis trying to enter the waiting area; and

WHEREAS: These and other complicating factors are made worse at rush hour and during heavy snow fall, when large piles further obstruct the line of sight to pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS: Despite being just over 550ft long, Cambridgeside Place has experienced 44 accidents between 2010 and 2013, and among these were collisions with pedestrians and bicyclists; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and the Cambridgeside Galleria to consider ways to make the crosswalk from Charles Park to the entrance of the Galleria safer to pedestrians, and to improve the line of sight for drivers and cyclists; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City consider moving the large planters so that pedestrians do not have to step into the road to see around the overgrown plants; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City evaluate whether the location of the Super Tour bus kiosk and station is appropriate considering the high volume of traffic on the road and hazard to pedestrians; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-2 Sept 28, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The City Council is in receipt of an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street which appears under Communications and Reports from City Officers Number One; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Solicitor, draft a response regarding the Open Meeting Law complaint for the City Council's consideration, and that the City Solicitor request an extension from the Attorney General's Division of Open Government so that the draft response may be considered and voted on by the City Council at its next regular business meeting of Oct 19, 2015.

O-3 Sept 28, 2015

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to dedicate the park at the corner of Western

Avenue and Memorial Drive (formerly the Mahoney's site) in honor of Nelson Mandela; and be it further
ORDERED: That this be referred to the City Manager for the necessary action.

O-4 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Beginning in June 2013, air traffic departing Boston Logan Airport from 33L RNVA has been concentrated into "air highways," dramatically increasing the frequency of high decibel events for North Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: The air corridors formed by 33L RNVA are having similar impacts on the nearby communities of Somerville, Medford, Arlington, Belmont, Winchester, and Watertown, causing residents from those communities to form citizen action groups, including Fair Skies West Boston; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has previously directed the City Manager's office to seek ways to increase cooperation between nearby cities, but without specific topics around which to organize; and

WHEREAS: The City Council approved O-12 as amended, which includes a request that the City Manager explore implementing a noise measurement program; and

WHEREAS: Consultation from experts indicates that a multiple-city sound study conducted by a firm specializing in the field might be the most effective way to accurately measure the noise impact of 33L RNVA, and also record data in accordance to FAA standards; and

WHEREAS: Noise abatement for Cambridge and other communities is unlikely unless a firm produces an independent noise impact study, the costs and benefits of which can be shared widely; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Council recommends that the city consider hiring a firm capable of producing an independent impact study in accordance with FAA standards as a way to satisfy Policy Order O-12 from Aug 10, 2015; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff, and the cities mentioned above, to find a collaborative solution to the specific problem of increased air traffic from 33L RNVA, including sharing the cost of an independent noise impact report in the current budget year; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore using this issue as a template for future collaborations; and be it further

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

O-5 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The implementation of the FAA's NextGen Air Transportation System, which concentrated flight paths, has significantly increased the frequency of air traffic over affected areas, decreasing the quality of life for those underneath; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is among the hundreds of communities throughout the United States negatively impacted by the NextGen system, including the neighboring cities of Somerville, Medford, Belmont, Arlington, Watertown, and Winchester; and

WHEREAS: In addition to frequent complaints from residents to both Massport and City offices, citizens of this and other communities have formed action committees to address the problem; and

WHEREAS: Multiple communities around the United States are supporting a "No Fly Day" to draw attention to the detriment NextGen is having on communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge recognizes and counts itself among the cities participating in the "No Fly Day" (#NoFlyDay) which is to occur Oct 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City go on record recommending that residents and city personnel refrain from flying on the designated day.

O-6 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cities like Boston, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., have introduced "smart" parking systems, which integrate re-usable meter cards, smartphone apps, and can even accept credit cards to pay for parking; and

WHEREAS: Many cities have seen an increase in parking revenue after replacing traditional meters with high tech meters due to increased turnover and more efficient parking spot usage; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City staff to investigate the feasibility of installing meters that accept modern payment solutions: including credit and debit cards, rechargeable parking cards, and smart phone application payment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan to implement new parking payment solutions in Cambridge in a timely manner.

O-7 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge piloted limitations on the street level retail presence of big banks in the recent rezoning for North Massachusetts Ave and Kendall Square; and

WHEREAS: Residents have repeatedly voiced a strong preference for shopping at locally owned retail in our squares, which is proven to contribute more to the local community and economy than non-locally owned; and

WHEREAS: Citibank recently announced closure of its branches in the Boston area, four of which are in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Storefronts for big banks are more about their marketing than our community's needs, and do little to enhance the vibrant streetscape desired in City squares; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to draft an ordinance extending Cambridge's big bank retail storefront limitations to the rest of Porter, Harvard, Central, and Kendall Square; 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-8 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is currently undertaking a number of large public works projects, including the renovation of the Cambridge Common; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Common sits at the nexus of Harvard Square, many corridors of transportation through the City, and residential areas; and

WHEREAS: Many residents abutting the Cambridge Common have expressed concerns about the current state of the project, including: unclear notifications regarding project undertakings, lack of environmental impact mitigation and soil testing, and worry about the use of the Common as a staging area for other City projects; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Public Works Department to create a "Project Notification Board" posted in a conspicuous public area near the Common to notify residents of any major project events and to provide a contact number questions regarding the project; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Public Works Department to ensure that all environmental standards are being closely followed, and that up to date soil testing results are posted on the project notification board; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Public Works Department to take appropriate action to mitigate the impact of the project on abutters including tarping dirt piles overnight and during weekends, and spraying water to

reduce the spread of dust to surrounding areas; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Public Works Department to ensure that the Cambridge Common is not being used as a staging area for other City projects; and be it further

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

O-9 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a leader in the drive for greater environmental sustainability and the fight against global warming; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Divest Harvard has initiated a lawsuit to enjoin Harvard University to divest their endowment from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS: The City Council fully supports the actions of Divest Harvard and wishes to join in support of the suit; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to submit the attached Amicus Curaie brief in support of Divest Harvard to the Court on behalf of the Cambridge City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be hereby is requested to submit the Amicus brief no later than the Oct 4, 2015.

O-10 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: Willow Street residents between South Street and Cambridge Street are experiencing an increase of wrong way traffic from South Street in Somerville; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the City of Somerville to consider solutions to wrong way traffic and to report back to the City Council.

O-11 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Neonicotinoid pesticides have been scientifically shown to be harmful to honey bees, bumble bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS: These pollinators are a critical component of the ecosystem and provide irreplaceable ecosystem services in the form of pollination - in residential and agricultural environments; and

WHEREAS: Recent studies have shown that pollinators are attracted to solutions containing neonicotinoid pesticides, despite their harmful effects, presenting a sizable hazard to bee populations; and

WHEREAS: The use of these pesticides in Cambridge is completely unnecessary; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Health, in a report dated June 26, 2015, in response to Policy Order #15, adopted May 18th, 2015, has created an awareness campaign action plan to research, create, and disseminate educational information on products containing neonicotinoid pesticides used and sold in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: That action plan is set to be completed in fall of 2015; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That upon completion of the educational campaign the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Department of Health and the Ordinance Committee to draft and submit an Ordinance to ensure the discontinuation of the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-12 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council to confer with the Dedication Committee to consider a request from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey for the dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Norfolk and Harvard Street in honor of Father Thomas Scully.

O-13 Sept 28, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an interest in promoting affordable housing in the City; and

WHEREAS: In order to accomplish affordable housing increases, it is necessary to investigate alternative streams of revenue; and

ORDERED: Given the need for additional affordable housing in the City, it would be desirable to increase funding to support additional housing units either through tax-supported levy increases or one time free cash appropriations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the ability to increase funding for affordable housing in a manner which would not adversely impact real estate taxes on existing housing units or cause a shift in taxes from commercial, industrial and personal property taxes to the residential class and given the limitation upon the tax classification, any recommendation must not jeopardize the current tax distribution by shifting a greater burden on the residential taxpayers which

would result in making existing housing less affordable for current residents.

O-14 Sept 28, 2015
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Smog air pollution represents a widespread threat to the health of Americans, especially in urban and other areas impacted by power plant emissions, worsening health problems including asthma, COPD, and other cardio-pulmonary conditions; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 26 million Americans, including 7 million children overall and 16% of African-American children suffer from asthma; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 45% of the American population - over 140 million people - live in counties receiving a failing grade from American Lung Association reports on air quality; and

WHEREAS: Ground-level ozone, the major component of smog pollution, is generated in large part by air pollution from power plant emissions and vehicle exhausts; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), acting pursuant to federal Clean Air Act mandate, is working to update its ambient air quality standards limiting ozone pollution for the protection of public health; and

WHEREAS: EPA studies show that stronger limits on ozone pollution and smog could result in as many as 7,900 lives saved, 1.8 million asthma attacks avoided, and 1.9 million missed school days avoided annually; and

WHEREAS: Health impact analyses show that the fiscal benefits of stronger limits on ozone pollution and smog could save taxpayers as much as \$75.9 billion annually, and far outweigh the costs of compliance; and

WHEREAS: It is strongly in the interest of cities and towns to protect the lives and health of our citizens who are particularly at risk from continued air pollution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record supporting stronger limits on ground-level ozone and smog and supporting the EPA's adoption of strengthened air pollution limits in this area; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging President Obama to support this effort and to veto any Congressional attempt to block strengthened limits on ozone and smog pollution and urging local members of Congress to oppose any legislation to block or undercut these strengthened limits on ozone and smog pollution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record encouraging other local leaders and organizations representing local governments to join in expressions

of support for EPA's work to strengthen the standards limiting ground-level ozone and smog.

O-15 Sept 28, 2015
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge, alongside other municipalities in the Greater Boston Area, is facing a housing crisis and it is imperative that the City preserves its affordable housing market; and

WHEREAS: Throughout Cambridge there exist "expiring use" properties which have federally mandated affordability requirements due to below market loans, loan guarantees, and other programs which aided in project financing; and

WHEREAS: Expiring use units are privately owned units with affordability restrictions that terminate at a future date, and which without proper intervention, could potentially become market rate housing displacing thousands of low-income and disabling residents who might not otherwise be able to afford to live in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City Council seeks to maintain the status of affordability in our housing to mitigate the current housing crisis; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That a Home Rule Petition "AN ACT TO ADOPT PROTECTIONS FOR CAMBRIDGE'S GOVERNMENTALLY-INVOLVED HOUSING STOCK" be submitted to the General Court for a special law relating to the City of Cambridge to be filed with an attested copy of this order which is hereby approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only.