

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-85, regarding a report on the playground facilities for Jackson Place Apartments.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Maren Batalden, MD, MPH, to the Cambridge Health Alliance Board medical staff seat, for the term of 1-year effective Oct 1, 2014.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 101, regarding a report on the implementation of a city-wide job fair for Cambridge residents.
4. 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 FY2015:
 - A. Authorize the use of Free Cash of \$12,650,000 to reduce the FY15 tax rate;
 - B. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overlay surplus/reserves to be used for reducing the FY15 tax rate;
 - C. Authorize \$563,765 from the School Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget;
 - D. Appropriate \$12,000,000 from Free Cash to the City Debt Stabilization Fund;
 - E. Classify property into five classes;
 - F. Adopt the minimum residential factor of 56.1250%;
 - G. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes;
 - H. Vote to double the normal value of the statutory exemptions;
 - I. Vote the FY15 exemption of \$302 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D;
 - J. Vote the FY15 asset limits of \$59,961 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E;
 - K. Vote the FY15 income and asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D as follows: Income limits of \$24,793 for single and \$37,190 for married; and asset limits of \$49,584 for single and \$68,178 for married;
 - L. 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 (\$55,000) and for married (\$82,000).

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That as we undertake the Cambridge Conversations and the Master Planning Process, the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to study emerging business types in Cambridge and how they are affected by the use regulations in the Zoning Ordinance, and to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance that will help classify such businesses in a clear, rational way that supports the long-term interests of the community and instruct the Community Development Department to evaluate appropriate ways to facilitate home-based

businesses above and beyond what is currently allowed. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Five of Sept 22, 2014.]

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Planning Board to begin testing strategies to enhance such engagement at the earliest opportunity by methods such as requiring developers to hold a public meeting in the neighborhood and provide a report along with the permit application describing public input and changes to the project as a result of such input and to suggest changes to the Planning Board rules, which could be adopted by the Planning Board and/or Zoning Ordinance, which could be enacted by the City Council to codify successful community engagement strategies. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Six of Sept 22, 2014.]
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of installing "no smoking marijuana" signs in city playgrounds and that signs further provide that persons found to be doing so could be fined in accordance to Massachusetts General Laws: CHAPTER 94C, Section 32L. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Fourteen of Sept 22, 2014.]

ON THE TABLE

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council to determine the types of spaces that are most needed within the local arts community with the view of using the Foundry to fill those needs and to allocate appropriate funds to make appropriate upgrades for the purpose of creating a community arts center. (Order Amended by Substitution.) [Order Number Ten of Jan 27, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Mayor Maher on Jan 27, 2014.]
5. An application was received from Ting-hsu Chen requesting permission to widen the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 14 Soden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Six of Feb 24, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Feb 24, 2014.]
6. That the City Council go on the record in opposition to any type of casino project in the Greater Boston area whether constructed and managed by Mohegan Sun or Wynn Resorts. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons on Order Number Five of June 16, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Cheung on June 30, 2014.]
7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on June 18, 2014 to discuss revisions to the Cambridge Municipal Code Section 9.04.050 (A) Defacing public property of Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property". [Committee Report Number Five of June 30, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on June 30, 2014.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Nov 22, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 8.68 entitled "Concussion Prevention and Management in Youth Activities at City Facilities." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 23, 2013.
9. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Dec 19, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.67 entitled relating to Plastic Bag Reduction. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 24, 2014.
10. 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 Sept 3, 2014 to discuss a zoning petition to amend the Zoning Map by creating the Cambridge Highlands Overlay District to be coterminous with the district currently zoned Residence B located in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood, situated north of Concord Avenue, south of and adjacent to the Blair Pond Reservation, and east of and adjacent to the municipal boundary with the Town of Belmont; and creating Section 20.800 - Cambridge Highlands Overlay District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 6, 2014. Planning Board Hearing held Sept 16, 2014. Petition expires Dec 15, 2014.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Felipe's Taqueria requesting permission for three tables and twelve chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 21 Brattle Street.
2. An application was received from Duncan MacArthur requesting permission to relocate an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 16-18 Bellis Circle; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
3. An application was received from City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works requesting permission for three signs at the premises numbered 5 Western Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Elizabeth Stern, 20 Cambridge Terrace, transmitting support for Policy Orders 5, 6 and 7 of Sept 22, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy Birthday wishes to Polly Allen. Councillor Simmons
2. Happy Birthday wishes to Red T. Mitchell. Councillor Simmons
3. Happy Birthday wishes to Georgina Dottin. Councillor Simmons

4. Happy Birthday wishes to Henry Wortis. Councillor Simmons
5. Happy Birthday wishes to Rozann Kraus. Councillor Simmons
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Warren Tolman. Councillor Simmons
7. Happy Birthday wishes to School Committee Member Richard Harding. Councillor Simmons
8. Happy Birthday wishes to Senator Anthony Petrucci. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Council go on record acknowledging the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
10. Happy 40th Birthday wishes to Joseph Rose. Councillor Simmons
11. Resolution on the death of Anthony B. D'Onofrio. Councillor Toomey
12. Urge all residents to support the Cambridge for the Cure team who will be participating in the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Oct 5, 2014. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record strongly urging the City of Cambridge Water Department to award its cleaning contract to a unionized vendor, to ensure that its workers will be treated fairly and respectfully, and will be paid prevailing wages. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Department and relevant City staff to ensure that incidents like the attacks on women at Fresh Pond are reported to the public in order for residents to be fully informed. Mayor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to delay trash collection on Lakeview Avenue and Standish Street until after 9:00am to alleviate traffic congestion in the area prior to the start of the school day. Mayor Maher
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to investigate the possibility of installing better signage at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Prospect Street so drivers are more aware that there are no left turns allowed at that intersection. Mayor Maher
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City staff in order to determine the feasibility of parking the rubbish truck that is equipped with protective side guards in front of 831 Mass. Ave. just prior to the start of the Oct 22, 2014 Transportation and Public Utilities meeting so that interested persons can see this new technology. Councillor Carlone

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chair of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee and Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee for a joint public meeting held on Sept 17, 2014 for

subcommittees to report back on their timeline for creating a definition and clear goals for the citywide STEAM coordinator position.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 29

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

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

Tues, Sept 30

3:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing with the Community Development Department to provide updates on inclusionary zoning, linkage, the Nexus Study, the three expiring use buildings (Briston Arms, the Close Building and Fresh Pond Apartments) that the City is working to preserve and preferences for affordable housing waitlists. (831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room)

Mon, Oct 6

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Affordable Housing Trust. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Thurs, Oct 9

4:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to review the City Council's most recent goals and to make recommendations for FY16 Goals; said Goals to include a goal relating to City-wide Planning. (831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room)

Wed, Oct 15

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by CJUF III Northpoint LLC to amend certain provision of the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance that govern the Planned Unit Development in the North Point Residence District to allow limited amounts of off-street retail parking. This hearing to be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Oct 20

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

Wed, Oct 22

3:00pm The Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public hearing to examine the potential for deploying truck side guards across all city-owned trucks as part of a proposed "Safe Truck" program for testing innovative tools that will enhance protections for cyclists and pedestrians. (831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room)

Mon, Oct 27

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

Thurs, Oct 30

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places." (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Nov 3

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

Wed, Nov 5

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Article V by adding a new Chapter 5.50 entitled "Civilian Fingerprinting and Criminal History Records Checks for Certain Licenses." (831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room)

Mon, Nov 10

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

Wed, Nov 12

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 6.04 of the Municipal Code entitled "Animal Control Regulations" to establish fines for failure to remove dog waste, failing to license a dog, violations to dogs off leash, changing the required time a dog can be kept in a kennel to be consistent with state law and park rangers be given authority to enforce animal regulations at Fresh Pond Reservoir. (831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room)

Mon, Nov 24

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

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss city-wide planning, including discussions with the Planning Board. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 12

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss city-wide planning, including discussions with the Planning Board. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 29, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is rightfully proud of its excellent reputation as an employer that strives to treat its workers with dignity and fairness, and which can rightly boast that its workers are paid prevailing wages and given access to affordable health care coverage; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the City's Water Department has recently put its cleaning contract out to bid, and that one of the vendors being considered, currently the lowest bidder for this contract, is a non-union vendor; and

WHEREAS: The City Council regularly takes strong stands against local organizations that do not offer the job training, job protections, fair wages, and the benefits that are often enshrined in union contracts, and the City Council should expect nothing less from the City itself as an employer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the City of Cambridge Water Department to award its cleaning contract to a unionized vendor, to ensure that its workers will be treated fairly and respectfully, and will be paid prevailing wages.

O-2 Sept 29, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: There have been two recent attacks on women at the Fresh Pond Reservation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Department and relevant City staff to ensure that incidents like these are reported to the public in order for residents to be fully informed.

O-3 Sept 29, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Huron/Concord Avenue neighborhood is currently going through a major sewer separation project that is disrupting travel through the neighborhood, particularly on weekday mornings; and

WHEREAS: Because of various street closures due to the ongoing project it is very difficult for parents and guardians to drop off their children at the Tobin School/Vassal Lane Upper School on Tuesdays, trash collection day, as the only through way to the school may be blocked by a trash collection vehicle; and

WHEREAS: The Tobin School day starts at 7:55am and the Vassal Lane Upper School day starts at 8:55am; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to delay trash collection on Lakeview Avenue and Standish Street

until after 9:00am to alleviate traffic congestion in the area prior to the start of the school day.

O-4 Sept 29, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: There are no left turns allowed at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Prospect Street in Central Square but many vehicles still make an illegal left turn; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to investigate the possibility of installing better signage at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Prospect Street so drivers are more aware that there are no left turns allowed at that intersection.

O-5 Sept 29, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: On Wed, Oct 22, 2014, at 3:00pm, the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to examine the potential for deploying truck side guards across all city-owned trucks as part of a proposed "Safe Truck" program for testing innovative tools that will enhance protections for cyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: The meeting will be held at 831 Mass. Ave. in the Basement Conference Room; and

WHEREAS: Protective side guards are currently installed on at least one of the City's rubbish trucks as part of a small pilot program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City staff in order to determine the feasibility of parking the rubbish truck that is equipped with protective side guards in front of 831 Mass. Ave. just prior to the start of the Oct 22, 2014 Transportation and Public Utilities meeting so that interested persons can see this new technology; and be it further

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