

RECONSIDERATION

1. A communication was received from Susan Carter, 41 Holden Street transmitting two petitions requesting that the curb cut for 93 Kirkland Street be denied.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek approval from the Mass Dept. of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2014:
 - A. Authorize the use of Free Cash of \$9,000,000 to reduce the FY14 tax rate;
 - B. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overlay surplus/reserves to be used for reducing the FY14 tax rate;
 - C. Authorize \$586,670 from the School Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget;
 - D. Authorize \$1,000,000 from the City Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget;
 - E. Appropriate \$12,000,000 from Free Cash to the City Debt Stabilization Fund;
 - F. Classify property into five classes;
 - G. Adopt the minimum residential factor of 56.4071%;
 - 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 FY14 exemption of \$298.00 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D;
 - K. Vote the FY14 asset limits of \$59,151 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E;
 - L. Vote the FY14 income and asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D as follows: Income limits of \$24,458 for single and \$36,687 for married; and asset limits of \$48,914 for single and \$67,257 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 (\$53,000) and for married (\$80,000).
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a notification from the State Department of Revenue that as of July 1, 2013, the City of Cambridge certified free cash balance is \$142,176,089.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Kids' Council effective Oct 1, 2013 for a 1-year term:
John Lindamood - Specific Area Representative
Rio Nelson - Youth Representative
Zachary Spitz - Youth Representative
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-20, regarding a report on safety at the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, Cambridge Street and Warren Street.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-22,

regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Cedar Street and Mass Avenue.

6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-08, regarding a report on improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of Mass Avenue and Upland Road including the number of tickets issued for "blocking the box".
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-25, regarding a report on evaluating the use of green colored pavement within bike lanes along major roadways and intersections.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-06, regarding a report on the feasibility of ensuring all City-sponsored committee meeting minutes are available online.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the proposed zoning petition regarding Medical Marijuana Regulations.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to provide a formal report that addresses classroom overheating concerns and general input of parents and teachers, and propose a short-term plan to the City Council. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Davis on Order Number Nine of Sept 16, 2013.

ON THE TABLE

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
3. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the appropriate city officials including the City Solicitor and report back to the City Council regarding modification of the ordinance (10.12.030) that links the awarding of a one yearlong Visitor Parking Permit per household to the purchase of a \$25 Cambridge Resident Parking Permit. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013. Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on Feb 11, 2013.]
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of implementing a pay-by-phone parking meter program in Cambridge, and report back to the City Council with recommendations as soon as possible. [Order Number Two of Mar 18, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Mar 18, 2013.]
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-29, regarding a report on the feasibility of not allowing residents of new buildings to obtain on-street resident parking stickers. [City Manager Agenda Number Two of Apr 1, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 1, 2013.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston requesting permission for twenty-six temporary banners on electrical poles along JFK Street from Memorial Drive to Mount Auburn Street and fifteen temporary banners on electrical poles along Massachusetts Avenue from the Inn at Harvard (1201 Massachusetts Avenue) to General MacArthur Square across from Church Street encouraging visitation to the John Singer Sargent Watercolors exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Temporary banners will be hung Oct 11 through Dec 31. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.
2. An application was received from Dahn Holistic Fitness requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1773 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Department of Public Utilities transmitting notice of a public hearing on Oct 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston regarding an investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, pursuant to Chapter 209, Section 51 of the Acts of 2012, An Act Relative to Competitively Priced Electricity in the Commonwealth, to establish a cost-based rate design for NSTAR Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company.
2. A communication was received from State Senator William N. Brownsberger transmitting thanks for providing a copy of the resolution urging the members of the Joint Committee on Public Service to act favorable on S1225, An Act relative to public investment in fossil fuels.

3. A communication was received from Nancy Gold, 938 Massachusetts Avenue transmitting support for the Net Zero Petition.
4. A communication was received from State Senator William N. Brownsberger transmitting thanks for sending two City Council resolutions on double poles and on the Crime Gun Tracing Act.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Elida Rodriguez from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Davis
2. Congratulations to Carrie Murphy and David Chancogne on the birth of their children Lila Violet Murphy Chancogne and Quentin Olivier Murphy Chancogne. Councillor Cheung
3. Retirement of Pamela Beckett from the Human Services Department. Mayor Davis
4. Congratulations to Placester on the occasion of being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Pastors Larry and Virginia Ward of Abundant Life Church on a very successful Back To School event. Vice Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations and thanks to Vanessa Shannon for the message she provided as keynote speaker at the Abundant Life Church's Back to School event. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of Brendan J. Synnott. Councillor Maher
8. Congratulating Art Bardige for his role in creating and successfully launching the Sidewalk Math: We Count. Vice Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulating Fletcher Maynard Academy Principal Robin Harris for her role in helping to successfully launch the Sidewalk Math: We Count. Vice Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulating Lesley University's Yihsing Liu for her role in helping to successfully launch the Sidewalk Math: We Count. Vice Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulating Lesley University's Martha McKenna for her role in helping to successfully launch the Sidewalk Math: We Count. Vice Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulating the City of Boston which was ranked the most energy efficient US city by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. Mayor Davis
13. Congratulating Garfield and Pearl Morrison on their 50th wedding anniversary. Councillor Reeves
14. Congratulations to Sara Seager for being honored as one of the 24 recipients of the 2013 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. Councillor vanBeuzekom
15. Congratulating Fortified Bicycle Alliance for being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
16. Happy Birthday wishes to former State Representative Mel King. Vice Mayor Simmons
17. Resolution on the death of Edward F. Bocca. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Frank J. Souza, Sr. Councillor Toomey

19. Congratulations to UNITE HERE Local 26 on the addition of food service workers from Lesley University and Simmons College into the union and reaffirming its support for the workers boycotting LeMeridien Hotel. Councillor Cheung
20. Congratulations to Harlan Weber and Kristen Merrill on their upcoming marriage. Councillor Cheung
21. Congratulations to Vanessa Kafka and Doug Hills on their recent marriage. Councillor Cheung
22. Speedy recovery wishes to Mary Battle. Vice Mayor Simmons
23. Happy Birthday wishes to Gina Dottin. Vice Mayor Simmons
24. Happy Birthday wishes to President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Steven A. Tolman. Vice Mayor Simmons
25. Condolences to Mary Cottreel on the death of her brother John C. Britt, Sr. Vice Mayor Simmons
26. Happy Birthday wishes to Red T. Mitchell. Vice Mayor Simmons
27. Happy Birthday wishes to Polly Allen. Vice Mayor Simmons
28. Happy Birthday wishes to Anthony Petrucci. Vice Mayor Simmons
29. Congratulations to Richard Stallman on the occasion of GNU's 30th anniversary celebratory hackathon at MIT. Councillor Cheung
30. Resolution on the death of Jane C. Reed. Councillor Maher
31. Thanks to Lorenz Finison for his work in shining a spotlight upon Katherine "Kittie" Knox. Vice Mayor Simmons
32. Welcome to Nan Towle Millet to Cambridge for the dedication of the Katherine "Kittie" Knox Monument at the Mount Auburn Cemetery upon the African American Heritage Trail. Vice Mayor Simmons
33. Congratulations to the Mount Auburn Cemetery and the Friends of Mount Auburn Cemetery for their work in bringing forth the new Kittie Kox Monument and for the successful dedication ceremony. Vice Mayor Simmons
34. Happy 87th Birthday wishes to Walter Montgomery. Vice Mayor Simmons
35. Happy 98th Birthday wishes to Margaret Driscoll. Mayor Davis
36. Resolution on the death of Janet A. (Bongiorno) Young. Councillor Maher
37. Congratulations to the Hotel Marlowe and Bambara restaurant on their 10th anniversary. Mayor Davis
38. Congratulations to Paul F. Walker on being named a 2013 Right Livelihood Award Laureate. Mayor Davis
39. Congratulations and thanks to the Cambridge Boat Club for its many years of hosting and partnership with the CRLS crew team. Mayor Davis
40. Condolences to the people of Kenya following the violence at the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi. Mayor Davis
41. Congratulations to Dina Katabil for being honored as one of 24 recipients of the 2013 John D. and Catherine T.

MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. Councillor vanBeuzekom

42. Congratulations to PushPage for being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for an appropriate site in Donnelly Field in honor of Steve Christo. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments as to the feasibility of installing a speed bump or other mechanism to reduce vehicle speeds on Aberdeen Avenue. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to complete a traffic count on Roberts Road to assess truck traffic. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Fire Department and provide a report to the City Council noting whether City of Cambridge firefighters are presented with unfamiliar hazards that require new firefighting strategies and procedures. Councillor vanBeuzekom
5. That the City Manager is requested to communicate with the MBTA and the Community Development Department regarding the MBTA #1 bus stops being changed without notifying the public. Councillor Reeves
6. That the City Manager hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City Departments on what measures can be taken to calm traffic along Sherman Street. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services with the view in mind of appointing a task force to recommend an approach to four year old education in Cambridge. Mayor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to review the selection process for the Inclusionary Unit program with a view toward making the process favorable towards former and current Cambridge residents. Vice Mayor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to establish an owner's handbook to be given to all residents living in Inclusionary Units, and for the Community Development Department to establish formal, annual check-in meetings with all Inclusionary Unit residents. Vice Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to report back to the City Council on the style, quality, and long-term care of all Inclusionary Units. Vice Mayor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of making more handicap accessible parking spaces available in the Central Square area. Vice Mayor Simmons
12. City Council support of the Active Streets Bill (Senate Bill 68/House Bill 3091). Mayor Davis

13. That the City Manager is requested to evaluate new technology methods of communicating street sweeping to residents, with the specific request that an “opt-in” text alert be sent to residents who own parking passes (and resident guest parking passes) by linking geo-coded phone numbers with locations that are to be swept Councillor vanBeuzekom
14. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to devote a greater number of resources towards the challenge of improving the cleanliness of Central Square. Councillor vanBeuzekom
15. That the City Manager is requested to review the permitting process and any zoning and building code barriers to greater adoption of solar energy. Councillor vanBeuzekom

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 Aug 21, 2013 to discuss the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the petition filed by Mike Connolly, et al. to ensure all new construction or changes in use requiring Project Special Permits are built to avoid emission or greenhouse gases in daily operation thereby mitigating the risk of extremely dangerous climate changes.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 30

- 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)

Tues, Oct 1

- 2:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to examine the finances of various proposals for the future of the Foundry Building. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss safety associated with tour bus parking, traveling and touring through Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 7:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to develop an open data ordinance for the City of Cambridge. (Microsoft New England Research and Development Center, Thomas Paul Room, One Memorial Drive)

Mon, Oct 7

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

Tues, Oct 8

- 2:30pm The Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss ways in which the City of Cambridge can program public spaces for the enjoyment of the public, including information gleaned by a city delegation which visited New York City to explore summer programming and a discussion of how best to fund public programming in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 10

- 3:00pm Roundtable/Working Meeting for the City Council to discuss the Mike Connolly, et al. net zero zoning petition.

No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 16

- 4:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss ending homelessness in Cambridge with the Senior Policy Group on Homelessness. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 17

- 5:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Western Avenue Reconstruction project and its impact to Western Avenue between Green Street and Memorial Drive. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 21

- 5:00pm Special Presentation to the 2013 Cambridge Food Heroes. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 28

- 5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting between the City Council and the School Committee to discuss the coordination and administration of after school programs and activities. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 4

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

Mon, Nov 18

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

Mon, Nov 25

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

Mon, Dec 2

- 5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting with the Affordable Housing Trust. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 9

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

Mon, Dec 16

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

Mon, Dec 23

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

Mon, Dec 30

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

Mon, Jan 6

- 10:00am CITY COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 13

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

Mon, Jan 27

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

Mon, Feb 3

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

Mon, Feb 10

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

Mon, Feb 24

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

Mon, Mar 3

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

Mon, Mar 10

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

September 30, 2013 Cambridge City Council meeting

Mon, Mar 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request for an appropriate site in Donnelly Field in honor of Steve Christo; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-2 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In recent years, many residents have expressed concern about pedestrian and driver safety on Aberdeen Avenue due to pervasive speeding problems; and

WHEREAS: In an attempt to avoid waiting for traffic lights, many cars speed down Aberdeen Avenue from Huron Avenue to Mount Auburn Street, endangering pedestrians and other drivers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments as to the feasibility of installing a speed bump or other mechanism to reduce vehicle speeds on Aberdeen Avenue and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In an effort to reduce the adverse effects of truck noise and vibrations on residents, the City of Cambridge has encouraged all trucks to use the system of Posted Truck Routes for the majority of every street; and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, the City has received permission to ban trucks on a number of streets to all commercially plated trucks over 2.5 tons gross vehicle weight 24-hours a day; and

WHEREAS: Despite the posting of signage indicating that trucks are prohibited during night time hours, residents of Roberts Road in Cambridge have reported that they continue to suffer from pervasive truck use of their road throughout the day and that the number of trucks using the road seems to be increasing; and

WHEREAS: Completing a traffic count on Roberts Road by utilizing a mechanism that is able to sense double shocks from truck traffic will allow the City to present an informed case to the Commonwealth as to why trucks should be banned during the day on Roberts Road; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to complete a traffic count on Roberts Road to assess truck traffic and report back to the City Council.

O-4 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Various news agencies are reporting that fire fighters are facing new challenges in structural fire fighting with buildings that have solar power systems; and

WHEREAS: Renewable power sources such as solar power systems save on the use of conventional fuels such as petroleum and other fossil fuels and reduce energy costs for building owners; and

WHEREAS: These new energy systems are here to stay; and

WHEREAS: Solar power systems may present unfamiliar hazards that require new firefighting strategies and procedures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Fire Department and provide a report to the City Council noting whether City of Cambridge firefighters are responding to this concern; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide in the report information explaining what best practices, procedures and training is provided to Cambridge fire fighters for handling fire incidents in buildings equipped with solar power systems.

O-5 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: The MBTA #1 bus route has changed bus stops without properly notifying the public. In addition, the recording that comes over the bus is not accurate. This has made riding the #1 bus extremely nerve-wracking for Cambridge passengers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate with the MBTA, and Community Development Department and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-6 Sept 30, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that residents on Sherman Street, particularly near the Walden Street intersection, have grown increasingly concerned about vehicles speeding down their street, creating a potentially dangerous environment for pedestrians and other motorists; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City Departments and then report back to the City Council and to Sherman Street residents on what measures can be taken to calm traffic along this stretch of road.

O-7 Sept 30, 2013

MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services with the view in mind of appointing a task force to recommend an approach to four year old education in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter with an expected date of a first report.

O-8 Sept 30, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to review the selection process for the Inclusionary Unit program with a view toward making the process favorable towards former and current Cambridge residents.

O-9 Sept 30, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Inclusionary Zoning is an important program in the City that allows residents to rent or own an affordable unit that they might otherwise not have access to. However, many of the people who take advantage of this program may not have prior experience with owning a unit or with living in a large apartment complex; and

WHEREAS: It would be beneficial for people who take advantage of the Inclusionary Unit program to be given a handbook or a manual that lays out all rules and expectations once they secure their unit. It would also be beneficial for the City to conduct an annual check-in with each of these individuals, to ensure that no issues or concerns are going unaddressed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to establish an owner's handbook to be given to all residents living in Inclusionary Units, and for the Community Development

Department to establish formal, annual check-in meetings with all Inclusionary Unit residents.

O-10 Sept 30, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Inclusionary Zoning is an important program in the City that allows residents to rent or own an affordable unit that they might otherwise not have access to; and

WHEREAS: There has been some concern raised over the years about whether the quality and care of the inclusionary units in various buildings is identical to non-inclusionary units in the same buildings, and whether the City has an adequate system in place to ensure that this is the case; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to report back to the City Council on the style, quality, and long-term care of all Inclusionary Units.

O-11 Sept 30, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of making more handicap accessible parking spaces available in the Central Square area.

O-12 Sept 30, 2013

MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Liveable Streets, the Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA) and the Smart Growth Alliance are working together to encourage passage of an Active Streets bill in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Active Streets Bill, filed by Representative Jason Lewis and Senator Harriette Chandler, would help support cities and towns to invest in "complete streets" infrastructure that supports walking, biking and transit for their communities; and

WHEREAS: "Complete streets" are streets designed to allow for more trips to be taken via active transportation such as walking and cycling, supporting residents to lead more active, healthier lifestyles and promote economic development; and

WHEREAS: Communities certified under the program would be eligible to compete for funding from a pool of \$10 million in dedicated state funding; and

WHEREAS: The Active Streets Certification Program would help the state reach the goal set by MassDOT to triple the number of walking, cycling and public transportation trips while simultaneously decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing physical activity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Active Streets Bill (Senate Bill 68/House Bill 3091); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Senate President Therese Murray, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge looks for ways to innovate with new technologies and increased efficiencies while providing services for the public good; and

WHEREAS: Presently there are clearly communicated dates, times and locations for street sweeping throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: The process for sweeping streets involves both resident cooperation and a team of sweepers, police officers and vehicle-tow operators; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to evaluate new technology methods of communicating street sweeping to residents, with the specific request that an "opt-in" text alert be sent to residents who own parking passes (and

resident guest parking passes) by linking geo-coded phone numbers with locations that are to be swept; 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-14 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Multiple policy orders in recent years have requested that the cleanliness of Central Square be significantly improved; and

WHEREAS: Despite action by the Department of Public Works and Central Square business owners, challenges associated with maintaining cleanliness in this active, well-used public space continue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to devote a greater number of resources towards the challenge of improving the cleanliness of Central Square; with the specific goal of reducing litter, odors, graffiti, improving sidewalk conditions and plantings; and be it further

ORDERED: That the city immediately power wash and/or steam clean sidewalks, grates surrounding trees, public benches, and trash receptacles to remove gum, cigarette butts, and other litter that has wedged between grates, under plastic trashcan liners or adhered itself to these objects; 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-15 Sept 30, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a goal to reduce greenhouse gasses throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: The city has partnered with MIT to create a map with solar potential for every rooftop in Cambridge to encourage the installation of rooftop solar

(<http://en.mapdwell.com/solarsystem/cambridge>); and

WHEREAS: Installation of photovoltaic and solar hot water systems has not exceeded the expected amount; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the permitting process, any zoning and building code barriers to greater adoption of solar energy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to evaluate whether an independent, dedicated solar power ombudsman could work with the city officials, businesses and residents to increase adoption of this renewable source of energy; and be it further

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