

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-18, regarding a report on reviewing and adjusting newsbox placement.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-04, regarding a report on the feasibility of using pylons as a means through which to separate cyclist from motor vehicles and installing side guards on all City-owned trucks.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-02, regarding a report on the potential for a community local composting initiative.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-23, regarding a report on the reasons that the trees on Scott Street were damaged.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-19, regarding how the City plans to manage tree grates.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Taste of Cambridge grant received from the Cambridge License Advisory Board to the Cambridge Prevention Coalition (CPC) in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to assist the CPC with its efforts to reduce underage drinking and address substance abuse within Cambridge.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the California Pizza Kitchen donation in the amount of \$233.74 to Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used for transportation costs by the After-school programs.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a request from Leggat McCall Properties that the City of Cambridge consider the disposition by a long-term lease to Leggat McCall of four-hundred twenty (420) parking spaces and a portion of the ground floor retail space at the City-owned First Street Garage.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the proposed zoning petition regarding Medical Marijuana Regulations. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Nine of Sept 30, 2013.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to review the permitting process and any zoning and building code barriers to greater adoption of solar energy. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Fifteen of Sept 30, 2013.]

ON THE TABLE

3. 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.]

4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. 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.]
7. 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.]
8. 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.]
9. 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.]
10. 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.]
11. 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.]

12. 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.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Rumba Y Timbal requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 136 Bishop Allen Drive, backdoor of 7 Temple Street.
2. An application was received from Clover Fast Food, Inc. requesting permission for six tables and fourteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 5 Cambridge Center.
3. An application was received from Visionworks requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1 Brattle Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Historical Commission, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Omair Saadat regarding the Connolly Net Zero zoning petition.
2. A communication was received from Anthony Kopa regarding the Connolly Net Zero zoning petition.
3. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street regarding leadership on adapting to climate change.
4. A petition was received from residents of 2103 Massachusetts Avenue, 2107 Massachusetts Avenue, 2-6 Russell Street and 1 Russell Street regarding traffic calming steps for Russell Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Secretary Shaun Donovan for being honored with the Phillips Brooks House Association's Robert Coles Call of Service Award. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Ethel Ampey on the birth of her 22nd grandchild. Vice Mayor Simmons.
3. Speedy recovery wishes to Linda Miller. Vice Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Leaf on its recent successes and being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to BiddingForGood on its recent successes and being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
6. Resolution on the death of Cornelius T. Reddick Jr. Councillor Reeves
7. Retirement of Joan Kelley from the Retirement Board. Mayor Davis
8. Congratulations to David R. Slavitt on his new book titled Civil Wars: Poems. Councillor Toomey
9. Thanks to Lance Zimmerman for his assistance at a recent committee meeting and for his contributions to the Cambridge community. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to the Cambridge Boat Club, Community Rowing, Riverside Boat Club and Union Boat Club on hosting The Head of the Quinobequin, a youth sculling event, on Oct 13, 2013. Councillor Toomey

11. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Maher
12. Speedy recovery wishes to Cosmo Cremaldi. Vice Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 140th anniversary. Vice Mayor Simmons
14. Thanks to all who participated in making the annual Honkfest Festival a success. Councillor vanBeuzekom
15. Congratulations to the Cambridge Senior Center on the occasion of its 18th anniversary. Vice Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Director of the Information Technology Department and with any other relevant City staff and City partners to determine the feasibility of bringing free wireless internet access to Central Square, and to report back to the City Council on what must be done in order to make this a reality within the next year. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to work collaboratively with state officials who have domain over Route 16/Alewife Brook Parkway to create a long-term solution for safe pedestrian crossings. Councillor vanBeuzekom
3. That the City Manager is requested to form a committee of City officials and Fletcher Maynard teachers and staff to explore the possibility of using the newly acquired City lot at the corner of School and Cherry Streets for parking. Councillor Reeves
4. That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Cambridge Housing Authority to reopen the public decision about the smoking ban that is scheduled to go into effect on Aug 1, 2014, in order to allow for a more robust discussion and greater collaboration with all of those will be directly impacted by this policy change. Vice Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Council go on record requesting that Charles Winitzer, President of Eastern Bus Company, immediately negotiate, in good faith, a just contract with the United Steelworkers Union drivers so as to avert any disruption in service to our Cambridge students. Vice Mayor Simmons
6. That the Mayor is requested to form a new standing committee of the City Council -- a Non-profit Relations Committee. Councillor vanBeuzekom
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of new zoning language for stormwater separation. Councillor vanBeuzekom
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council the Assessing Department's findings regarding the feasibility of granting small commercial properties a modest exemption on their real estate property taxes. Councillor vanBeuzekom
9. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a report on how the city planning team supports and encourages safe bicycle lane travel citywide Councillor vanBeuzekom
10. That the City Manager, the Police Commissioner and their designees shall not activate or cause to be activated any security cameras, surveillance cameras, or any other video or audio recording, watching or listening devices or implement any policy relating to such cameras unless in

either case there shall be held a prior affirmative vote of the majority of the City Council specifically authorizing the contemplated activation or implementation. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a public meeting held on Mar 28, 2013 to explore how long-term collaborative efforts between the cities of Cambridge and Boston can heighten the region's ability to retain talented students and to consider the impact on neighborhoods and long-term development.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee for a joint public meeting held on Aug 5, 2013 to discuss the future of the Foundry Building.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (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)

Tues, Oct 15

2:30pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting for the following (1) to review the activities of the committee to date in the 2012-2013 City Council term, including information gleaned from the committee sponsored tours of Harvard, MIT and Lesley; (2) to plan tours for Cambridge College and Longy School of Music, (3) to discuss Education First; and (4) to hear a panel presentation regarding the Cambridge based efforts to establish and Office of College Success. (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

2:00pm 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)

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)

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 Oct 7, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been renowned as an international hub of innovation and cutting edge technology, thanks in large part to the presence of MIT and many of the world’s leading and most respected technology companies that are located in and near Central Square and Kendall Square; and

WHEREAS: In keeping with the City’s reputation as a technologically advanced community, the City has made great strides in recent years in implementing several locations that offer our residents with free wireless internet access. These free “wifi” hotspots can be found on the City’s website at

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/itd/cpi.aspx>; and

WHEREAS: Earlier this year, Harvard Square, through a combination of public and private partnerships, became the latest area to successfully launch free, robust public wifi access; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Hall is located directly in the heart of Central Square, the heart of MIT is located just beyond Central Square, and City administrators have made public statements in the past about hoping to eventually establish free internet wireless access throughout the entire City. It would therefore seem fitting that the City should work to establish free public wifi access in the Central Square area in the immediate future; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Information Technology Department and with any other relevant City staff and City partners to determine the feasibility of bringing free wireless internet access to Central Square, and to report back to the City Council on what must be done in order to make this a reality within the next year.

O-2 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: In North Cambridge and the Cambridge Highlands, three major traffic corridors -- Route 2, Route 3 and the Route 16 (the Alewife Brook Parkway) merge into one roadway; and

WHEREAS: The location where these three routes merge into one road is commonly known as the Alewife Brook Parkway that is heavily traveled by pedestrians, bicyclists and motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS: On either side of this roadway are the Alewife Brook Parkway Shopping Center, the Fresh Pond Mall, neighborhoods, playing fields, parks, ponds, the redline MBTA terminus and many high-density housing developments; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 23 at 7:40pm, a pedestrian was struck and killed in a collision with a car on Alewife Brook Parkway; and

WHEREAS: This is the second incident in three months involving pedestrians walking along Alewife Brook Parkway being struck by cars; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work collaboratively with state officials who have domain over this roadway, to create a long-term solution for safe pedestrian crossings along Route 16, the Alewife Brook Parkway; 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-3 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The teachers and staff at the Fletcher Maynard Academy have difficulty parking their cars where many of them are not Cambridge residents, but much needed and loved by the students and parents of the Fletcher Maynard Academy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a committee of City officials and Fletcher Maynard teachers and staff to explore the possibility of using the newly acquired City lot at the corner of School and Cherry Streets.

O-4 Oct 7, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Last month, amid much controversy, the Cambridge Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners voted 3-1 in favor of banning all smoking on CHA property, including within tenants’ individual units; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that smoking tobacco products is an unhealthy and unwise practice, and that regular cigarette smokers place themselves at increased risk of developing a multitude of severe, potentially lethal health problems. Such information has been in the realm of public knowledge for many decades; and

WHEREAS: The City Council understands, appreciates, and affirms the very real dangers associated with cigarette smoking, yet it also understands that it is still legal for adults over age 18 to purchase and smoke cigarettes, and to engage in this behavior in their own homes if they so choose. This is true even in those homes in which young children or elderly individuals may also reside, and may be exposed to second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS: While society may be making strides towards limiting the areas where it is permissible to smoke cigarettes, and while the Cambridge Housing Authority’s smoking ban may have been born from good intentions, it nevertheless seems punitive to enforce one set of rules for those who have the means to live in private housing, and another set of rules for those who do not; and

WHEREAS: A number of people have raised concerns to the City Council that, despite the smoking ban’s stated intent of promoting public health and wellness, there could be unintended consequences that have yet not been adequately addressed. Furthermore, a number of individuals have suggested that, even granting the recently concluded 60-day period of public comment, a more robust public conversation on a policy change of this magnitude was and is merited; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Cambridge Housing Authority to reopen the public decision about the smoking ban that is scheduled to go into effect on Aug 1, 2014, in order to allow for a more robust discussion and greater collaboration with all of those who will be directly impacted by this policy change; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Greg Russ, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing

Authority, and to the entire Cambridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Oct 7, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In October 2012, the City Council passed a resolution urging Eastern Bus Company, which is contracted to provide busing services to schoolchildren in Cambridge and in a number of neighboring communities, to rehire any drivers that may have been terminated due to their involvement in forming a union, and that the company refrain from any form of retaliation against those workers who had sought to organize; and

WHEREAS: This Council Order was brought about as a result of representatives of the company's bus drivers reporting to the City Council that Eastern Bus Company had refused to collectively negotiate with its bus drivers, despite the fact that the National Labor Relations Board had certified the United Steelworkers Union as the sole collective bargaining agent for these employees in Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville, Waltham, and Wellesley; and

WHEREAS: In October 2013, representatives of the Eastern Bus Company bus drivers report that the company has not been negotiating a new contract in good faith, placing the parties on a collision course that could result in disruption of transportation for the students and parents of Cambridge and other communities served by Eastern Bus. These employees also state that the company continues to retaliate against those workers who are known union leaders by reducing their hours, the amount of money they are paid, or by other means. These union employees report that their union is an overwhelming majority immigrant workforce that is merely striving to attain fundamental benefits like adequate company contributions into family health insurance, life insurance, and retirement, and that their campaign is focused upon safety for children and justice for drivers; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge community places a tremendous amount of trust and faith in the people who drive our children to and from school each day, and it is only right that these bus drivers are able to work in an environment that is respectful and professional, and that they are able to support their families via this work. There is a growing national campaign seeking fairness and justice for low paid workers, and we in Cambridge embrace this vital effort. This is in line with the City's longstanding tradition of promoting fair labor practices at all companies doing business in and with the City, and it adheres to the ideals that the City itself strives to meet as an employer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting that Charles Winitzer, President of Eastern Bus Company, immediately negotiate, in good faith, a just contract with the United Steelworkers Union drivers so as to avert any disruption in service to our students; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Charles Winitzer, President of Eastern Bus Company; Representative of USW; Joseph Curtatone, Mayor of Somerville; Hans Larsen, Executive Director of the Wellesley Board of Selectmen; Jeannette A. McCarthy,

Mayor of Waltham; and David J. Kale, Administrator for Town of Belmont, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council presently has 17 standing committees; and

WHEREAS: These committees of the City Council are charged with meeting regularly to review matters referred to it by the City Council or to take up other matters within their domain; and

WHEREAS: This summer and fall, more than 40 executive representatives of the Cambridge Nonprofit Community gathered for a facilitated conversation about the state of the nonprofit sector and to discuss articulating a common voice for change and to ask the City Council what is considered a fair and reasonable Community Benefits Process; and

WHEREAS: For example, the University Relations Committee was formed to consider all issues regarding the relationship between the city and the educational institutions located in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The formation of a parallel Nonprofit Relations Committee will similarly consider all issues regarding the relationship between the city and nonprofit institutions located in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to form a new standing committee of the City Council -- a Non-profit Relations Committee.

O-7 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: On Apr 29, 2013, Councillor Kelley introduced the Craig Kelley Zoning Petition for Stormwater Separation; and

WHEREAS: This proposed amendment Section 5.55: Special Provisions for Rainwater Separation in Residential Buildings was placed on file due to expiration of time limit on Sept 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS: This petition was not recommended by the Planning Board - the Planning Board did suggest modest zoning flexibility to facilitate the removal of central storm drains where property owners wish to do so; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department to incorporate the Planning Board and Community Development Department's suggestions for a new zoning petition. A petition that allows property owners a few feet of height relief by special permit, rather than a variance, in order to facilitate the alteration of a concave roof that collects rainwater into a pitched roof that allows water to run off onto the property; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of new zoning language for stormwater separation.

O-8 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is dedicated to both promoting business endeavors within Cambridge and strengthening small local businesses specifically; and

WHEREAS: A Massachusetts state law [G.L. c. 59, § 5I] which was adopted in 2000 allows the Cambridge City

Council to grant a modest real estate exemption to commercial properties that are occupied by businesses that have an average annual employment of no more than 10 people, an assessed valuation of less than \$1,000,000, and other criterion; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's Assessor's Office has completed a preliminary evaluation of the impact of this business exemption; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the Assessing Department's findings regarding the feasibility of granting small commercial properties a modest exemption on their real estate property taxes.

O-9 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge supports bicycling of all ages and experience levels; and

WHEREAS: Bicyclists have an equal right to travel on all of the city's roadways as do motorized vehicles -still, many bicyclists prefer to use the city streets which have markings for designated bike lanes or cycle tracks; and

WHEREAS: Bike lanes are frequently blocked by idling cars, delivery vehicles, and parked cars -- especially during rush hours; and

WHEREAS: Blocked bike lanes lead to unsafe conditions and is a concern for both cyclists and motorized vehicle drivers; and

WHEREAS: Safe, unencumbered bike lanes encourage a greater number of individuals to switch to bicycling as their main form of transportation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a report on how the city planning team supports and encourages safe bicycle lane travel citywide. Specifically detailing how design, enforcement and education relate to city planning. Please elaborate on the following questions in order to prepare for a Transportation, Traffic, and Parking Committee meeting on this topic.

- How will the City of Cambridge incorporate best design practices/strategies for bicyclists' safe travel on existing and future bike lanes?
- What programs of enforcement are in place in the City of Cambridge? For example, how many citations over a 2-year period have been issued for motorized vehicle drivers who inappropriately block bicycle lanes?
- Will the City of Cambridge place an informational pamphlet within motor vehicle excise tax bills that communicates - the importance of keeping bike lanes free of motorized vehicles and the concept of sharing roadways with bicyclists?
- Will the City of Cambridge in conjunction with Cambridge Public Schools promote a program of safe bicycling routes for school-age students?

O-10 Oct 7, 2013

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Three years ago, on Feb 2, 2009, the City Council adopted a unanimous order (O-18) requesting the City Manager to ensure that eight surveillance cameras funded by the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") were not installed in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Six such cameras have been installed in Cambridge, but remain un-activated; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department has promulgated a draft policy contemplating the activation of the DHS cameras and the installation and activation of other surveillance cameras throughout Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Councillor Kelley has held six public meetings allowing members of the community to comment on the draft policy; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager and the Mayor held a presentation on the draft policy on Sept 26, 2013, which was attended by more than 50 community members, who largely testified in opposition to the installation and activation of surveillance cameras in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: In statements made at the Sept 26, 2013 presentation, the City Manager and the Police Commissioner were forthright in their desire to conduct any policy implementation according to the principles of transparency and democracy, and, in so doing, to respond and adhere to the wishes and concerns of the people of Cambridge and their City Council; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, the Police Commissioner and their designees shall not (1) activate or cause to be activated any security cameras, surveillance cameras, or any other video or audio recording, watching or listening devices (any "Cameras"); or (2) implement any policy relating to such Cameras; unless in either case there shall be held a prior affirmative vote of the majority of the City Council specifically authorizing the contemplated activation or implementation; and be it further

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