

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$3,600,000 from the Water Fund Retained Earnings account to the Water Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to fund the purchase of water from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for approximately three months.
2. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,700,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund the replacement of a 105 foot rear aerial ladder (\$1.1 million), two paramedic squad units (\$400,000) and one ambulance (\$200,000).
3. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$93,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Election Other Ordinary Maintenance account to pay for costs associated with early voting for the State/Presidential election.
4. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$33,500 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (salary adjustment) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Election Salary and Wages account to pay for wages associated with early voting for the State/Presidential election.
5. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$125,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account for the purchase of green landscaping equipment for various City departments to begin using this fall.
6. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$120,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to execute a Zero Waste Plan for the City.
7. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$190,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to complete a Low Carbon Energy Supply Study.
8. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$47,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to complete a community-wide Greenhouse gas inventory.
9. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$38,300 from Free Cash to the General Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to procure consultant services to augment Cambridge's core environmental goals.
10. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board not to adopt the Urban Agriculture Zoning Petition to allow for the completion of the work of the Urban Agriculture Task Force.
11. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt the William Noyes Webster Foundation, Inc, Zoning Petition (expansion of Medical Marijuana Overlay District 1 in Alewife).
12. A communication transmitted from Lisa Peterson, Acting City Manager, in response to a request from the City Clerk on behalf of the Ordinance Committee for a legal opinion concerning proposed state ballot question 4 entitled "Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana".
13. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-49, regarding the feasibility of requiring gas pump labels with information about the environmental impact of burning fossil fuels at all gas stations in the City.
14. A communication transmitted from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Human Services Commission for a term of three years, effective Nov 1, 2016: Julie V. Asher
15. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$40,000 from free cash to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account. The funding will support the work that the Department has undertaken to develop a racial equity plan.
16. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/Adult and Community Learning Services (ACLS) in the amount of \$37,500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$35,681), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,669) and to the Travel and Training account (\$150) which will support the staff and operation of an ESOL class focused on teaching workers of the Division of Comparative Medicine at MIT.
17. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Flatbread Benefit Night donation in the amount of \$641 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the King Open Preschool classroom activities and supplies.
18. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$1,229,675 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$268,945), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$960,230) and to the Travel and Training account (\$500) which will allow the Department of Human Services to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program serving Cambridge and Somerville.
19. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

- (EFSP) grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.
20. Transmitting Communication from Lisa C. Peterson, Acting City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund City Council Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$21,500) and to the City Council Travel & Training account (\$3,500) to fund expenditures related to the City Manager search process.

ON THE TABLE

1. An application was received from CareWell Urgent Care, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 601 Concord Avenue. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
2. An application was received from Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street. [Tabled on a motion by Councillor Devereux on Apr 25, 2016.]
3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Mazen on June 20, 2016. Tabled on a motion by Councillor Mazen on June 27, 2016.]
4. An application was received from the Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, requesting permission to hang twenty-three temporary banners on electrical poles in Harvard Square. These banners will promote the Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker. The temporary banners will be hung from Nov 17 to Jan 3, 2017. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Aug 1, 2016. Tabled on motion of Councillor Toomey on Sept 12, 2016.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Bush Vox LLC, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 14 Arrow Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
2. An application was received from Concord Ave Cafe, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 294 Concord Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Harvard Real Estate, requesting permission for a projecting sign at the premises numbered 30 Dunster Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutter.
4. An application was received from Hops'N Scotch, requesting permission for three awnings at the premises numbered 1252 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutter.

5. A zoning petition has been received entitled "Central Square Restoration Petition," to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in Article 2.000 ("Definitions") and Article 20.300 ("Central Square Overlay District") signed by area residents.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Joseph Poirier, opposed to Vail Court eminent domain.
2. A communication was received from Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, expressing his gratitude for the resolution congratulating his wife, Chung Ok Kim, on her retirement.
3. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, regarding getting strategic about connectivity resources and minimizing disruption.
4. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, Individually, and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding the governmental destruction on the Charles River.
5. A communication was received from Marcie Whichard, Vice President, Industry and Public Affairs, Petco and Maureen Kats, Senior counsel and government Affairs, PetSmart, transmitting revised language to the amendment on new Chapter 6.20 entitled "Restrictions of the Sale of Animals in Stores."
6. A communication was received from Michael Turk, 11 Ware Street, regarding inclusionary zoning – an early history.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Representative James P. McGovern for his dedication and commitment to ending hunger and being a recipient of a James Beard Award. Vice Mayor McGovern
2. Resolution on the death of Michael P. Murphy. Councillor Maher
3. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Peter Cignetti. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Lillian D. Lowe. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate personnel to determine the feasibility of replacing the City Hall elevator with a newer, more reliable system. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and the Cambridge Police Commissioner, and to report back to the City Council on what specific recommendations and measures the City should consider in order to prevent future bicycle accidents and fatalities from occurring, and to make our streets safer for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City Departments to design a pilot system of flex-post separated bike lanes and intersections, along Massachusetts Avenue, Hampshire Street, and Cambridge Street to determine how installation of flex-posts might be used as either interim or permanent bike safety solutions while other infrastructure improvements can be designed and analyzed for safety and implemented as appropriate.

Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley

4. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations committee be and hereby is requested to hold a committee hearing to discuss the possibility of adding a bike-bus lane to Pearl Street and any measures that can be taken to accommodate on-street parking preferences of residents. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen
5. That the City Manager is requested to include separated bicycle facilities or adjacent off-street paths in any plans for reconstructing all or part of Massachusetts Avenue, along the entire length of the reconstructed segment and to give first priority to the safety and convenience of the most vulnerable road users – pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users – with second priority to the safety and convenience of motor vehicles in any plans for reconstructing all or part of Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazen
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Budget Department, and other relevant City departments to install pilot program protected bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue between Cedar Street and Harvard Square starting on Nov 1, 2016, to install pilot program protected bike lanes on Cambridge Street between Inman Square and Quincy Street and to install pilot program protected bike lanes on Broadway between Prospect Street and Quincy Street, all for the period of at least one month. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern
7. That the City Manager is requested to include protected bike lanes on both sides of Huron Avenue for the full length of its reconstruction, per the Cambridge Bicycle Plan. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen
8. That the City Manager is requested to form a Vision Zero Working Group comprised of staff from the relevant City departments and residents to collaboratively develop and review traffic safety plans, street designs, public education initiatives, traffic enforcement and related policies with the shared goal of eliminating crashes that result in serious injuries and deaths as quickly as possible. Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern
9. City Council opposition to any pathway or other intrusion which might be developed through the woods, marshes, or Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) or other natural resource habitat to create a pedestrian trail to the Alewife T stop from areas west and north of Little River and to any other development which could in any way impact the 100-year flood plain which is predicted to experience such flooding every 30 years, and wetlands, BLSF, or bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW), associated with the Alewife Reservation. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the Council as soon as possible with an outline for drafting possible legislation and other recommendations for interim actions to identify and address the public health impacts of any commercial wood-fired ovens currently operating in the city and/or to ban the use of wood-fired ovens by

commercial establishments. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen

11. That the City Manager is requested to consult with staff on what authority the City has to further restrict the routes of travel and delivery hours of oversized trucks on City street. Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on all issues having to do with the testing for any presence of chromium-6 in Cambridge's drinking water and any relevant plans to deal with this issue. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons
13. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate individuals in order to create or procure a portrait of Barbara Ackermann with the goal of unveiling this portrait for display in the Sullivan Chamber by March 2017. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 15, 2016 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Title 6 entitled "Animals" by adding a new Chapter 6.20 entitled "Restrictions on the Sale of Animals in Pet Shops."
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 22, 2016 to discuss the zoning petition filed by Jane W. Heatley, President of the William Noyes Webster Foundation, Inc. to amend Section 20.700, Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts by extending the district.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 14, 2016 to discuss the evolving technologies with which the public and municipality interact regarding public works issues and emergency events.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 28, 2016 for the purpose of discussing the redesign of the Out of Town News Kiosk.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Councillor Leland Cheung, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 5, 2016 to discuss the refiled petition to amend the Zoning Map in the Riverside Neighborhood from the existing Residence C-1 to Residence C within the area bounded by Franklin Street, River Street and Putnam Avenue.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 18

6:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the work of the first phase of the Broadband Taskforce. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 19

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Cambridge Housing Authority's recent re-opening of the Section 8 waiting list, the Cambridge Housing Authority's issuance of vouchers to public housing applicants, and the Cambridge Housing Authority's preference policies. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Roundtable/Working Meeting on Charter Schools. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 26

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee and the Housing Committee will conduct a joint public hearing to discuss legislative approaches to regulating short-term rentals in the City, including provisions submitted as a draft proposal on Sept 26, 2016 attached to Policy Order #5. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 27

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition by the City Council to amend four sections in Article 19.000 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge. The proposed changes are intended to complement the proposed new municipal Lighting Ordinance by strengthening the review of outdoor lighting in significant new development. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Title 15 entitled "Buildings and Construction" by adding a new Chapter 15.22 entitled "Outdoor Lighting." This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 2

5:15pm Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 9

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition by the City Council to delete the existing Section 20.700 – Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts; create a new Section 11.800 – Medical Marijuana; and list Registered Marijuana Dispensary within Section 4.35 of the Table of Use Regulations, allowed only by Planning Board Special Permit within Business A, Business B, Business B-1, Business B-2, Business C,

Industry A-1, Industry B-1 and Industry B-2 districts. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

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

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 17, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The elevator in City Hall has been exhibiting signs of wear and tear in recent months, with numerous people reporting getting stuck between floors from anywhere between several minutes to substantially longer intervals; and

WHEREAS: The worst episode occurred during the City's Iftar celebration in July, when several people packed into the elevator became trapped for close to an hour; and

WHEREAS: The City has been fortunate that nothing more than inconvenience has been experienced by those who have been trapped in the elevator, but it would be wise to invest in a long-term solution to ensure that more serious episodes are not given the opportunity to occur; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate personnel to determine the feasibility of replacing the City Hall elevator with a newer, more reliable system, and to report back to the City Council in a timely manner.

O-2 Oct 17, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: On Oct 5, 2016, the City witnessed another tragic incident in which a 60-year old bicyclist collided with a vehicle and the bicyclist lost his life; and

WHEREAS: This is the second bicycle fatality that has taken place in Cambridge in just the past half year, and there have also been numerous non-fatal collisions and near-collisions in the city throughout this same period; and

WHEREAS: In response to this latest fatality, residents from across Cambridge have been reaching out to their elected officials demanding a more concerted effort in making this city safer for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS: Many of the actions residents have been calling for may already be under various stages of consideration or implementation, but without a centralized source for information about these efforts, it remains difficult for those looking on the City's website to fully and easily ascertain what the City's actions and plans are; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel in order to create a new page on the City's website that is specifically devoted to providing timely and thorough information about what efforts have been and are being taken to increase bicycle safety, detailing what efforts are currently under consideration to decrease the likelihood of future bicycle-related fatalities, and detailing precisely how residents who wish to can continually receive up-to-date information on these matters; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Community Development Department and the Cambridge Police Commissioner, and to report back to the City Council on what specific recommendations and measures the City should consider in order to prevent future bicycle accidents and fatalities from occurring, and to make our streets safer for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians.

O-3 Oct 17, 2016

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge continues to experience collisions between cyclists, pedestrians, cars and trucks, some of which result in injury or death; and

WHEREAS: Designated bike lanes, most of which are only designated only by a set of painted lines and stencils on the road, provide no physical protection for people who bike from motorized vehicles trucks or jaywalkers that park in or cross through the designated bike lane, often putting cyclists in danger; and

WHEREAS: The majority of serious collisions in Cambridge and elsewhere involved turning movements and dooring; and

WHEREAS: There are a variety of methods to separate and clearly designate bike lanes and/or constrain dangerous turning movements at intersections and along rights of way to include installing flex-post bollards, and plastic curbing; and

WHEREAS: It is possible that installation of flex-post bollards and/or plastic curbing along bike lanes and or at intersections could improve traffic safety, especially for people who bike, quickly and with minimal investment; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City Departments to design a pilot system of flex-post separated bike lanes and intersections, along Massachusetts Avenue, Hampshire Street, and Cambridge Street to determine how installation of flex-posts might be used as either interim or permanent bike safety solutions while other infrastructure improvements can be designed and analyzed for safety and implemented as appropriate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council no later than the second meeting in November regarding the City's plan for implementation of this pilot program and initial thoughts on how installation of flexpost bollards might be expanded and a timeline for implementation.

O-4 Oct 17, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and

WHEREAS: Pearl Street is in the midst of reconstruction associated with the Street and Sidewalk Reconstruction Program that includes new crosswalks, side street raised crossings, pedestrian ramps, and new street tree plantings; and

WHEREAS: Several recent bike fatalities in Cambridge have been attributed to the lack of separation and protected bike lanes; and

WHEREAS: The 2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan calls for a separated bike facility on Pearl Street; and
WHEREAS: The City Council discussed the Pearl Street reconstruction in 2015 and was presented with options to have either a dedicated bike lane that would have required a loss of parking on one side of the street or a daytime bike lane that would have been open to bikes and with no parking from 8am to 6pm on one side of the street, but the Council voted not to include a bike lane; and
WHEREAS: At the time, the City Staff assured the Council that the installation of a bike lane would still be possible after construction was complete and that the decision could be reconsidered, as only additional paint and signage would be needed to create a bike lane; and
WHEREAS: The construction project has left Pearl Street and nearby streets frequently without parking, serving as an informal pilot program of having fewer parking spaces on the street; and
WHEREAS: The City estimates that the construction will be complete in June of 2018; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has commissioned a professional parking consultant's report which has indicated that the Pearl Street corridor can absorb the loss of parking spaces due to addition of a protected bike lane; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a committee hearing to discuss the possibility of adding a bike-bus lane to Pearl Street and any measures that can be taken to accommodate on-street parking preferences of residents.

O-5 Oct 17, 2016
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR MAZEN
WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips"; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and
WHEREAS: Dana Laird was doored and subsequently killed in 2009 by an MBTA bus on Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square; and
WHEREAS: Phyo Kyaw was killed in 2011 by a tanker truck on Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square; and
WHEREAS: Anita Kurmann was killed in 2015 by a semi-trailer truck on Massachusetts Avenue after leaving Central Square; and
WHEREAS: Dr. Bernard "Joe" Lavins was killed last week by a truck on Massachusetts Avenue while commuting to work via the Minuteman trail and Massachusetts Avenue, through Porter Square; and
WHEREAS: Massachusetts Avenue is wide enough north of Harvard Square to add parking protected bike lanes while retaining parking on both sides of the street; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Avenue is a key route through the city for cyclists, as well as for pedestrians, transit users, and motorists; and
WHEREAS: According to data summarized by the City of Cambridge in the Cambridge Bicycle Plan, Massachusetts Avenue has more cyclist-motorist crashes than any other street owned by the City of Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: The 2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan calls for either a separated bike facility or an adjacent off-street path along the entire length of Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to include separated bicycle facilities or adjacent off-street paths in any plans for reconstructing all or part of Massachusetts Avenue, along the entire length of the reconstructed segment; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to give first priority to the safety and convenience of the most vulnerable road users – pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users – with second priority to the safety and convenience of motor vehicles in any plans for reconstructing all or part of Massachusetts Avenue.

O-6 Oct 17, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Bernard "Joe" Lavins was killed last week by a semi-trailer truck on Massachusetts Avenue while commuting to work via the Minuteman trail and Massachusetts Avenue, through Porter Square; and

WHEREAS: Amanda Phillips was killed in June by a landscaping truck after being doored on Cambridge Street near Inman Square; and

WHEREAS: More than 200 high school students commute to school, many of them on Massachusetts Avenue and Cambridge Street and Broadway, even though there are no bike lanes on either Cambridge Street or Broadway near Cambridge Rindge and Latin School; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Budget Department, and other relevant City departments to install pilot program protected bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue between Cedar Street and Harvard Square for the period of at least one month, starting on Nov 1, 2016; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with aforementioned departments to install pilot program protected bike lanes on Cambridge Street between Inman Square and Quincy Street for the period of at least one month, starting on Nov 1, 2016; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with aforementioned departments to install pilot program protected bike lanes on Broadway between Prospect Street and Quincy Street for the period of at least one month, starting on Nov 1, 2016.

O-7 Oct 17, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and

WHEREAS: Huron Avenue is a major through-street and bus transit corridor, which serves to connect residential side streets, schools and neighborhood shopping areas in West Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Huron Avenue is approximately 50' wide for much or all of its length, not including sidewalks, which could provide room for two 10' travel lanes (one in each direction), two 7' parking lanes (one on each side of the street), and two 8' protected bike lanes (one in each direction); and

WHEREAS: Based on a design developed in 2012, Huron Ave is presently being reconstructed to provide two 10.5' travel lanes, two 5' painted bike lanes, each with a 3' buffer to the left of the 7' parking lanes on both sides of the street, still placing cyclists between moving vehicles and the driver's side door zone; and

WHEREAS: The 2015 Cambridge Bicycle Plan calls for a separated bike facility on Huron Avenue but the final design described above does not meet the definition of separated bike lanes, as defined in the Bicycle Plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to include protected bike lanes on both sides of Huron Avenue for the full length of its reconstruction, per the Cambridge Bicycle Plan.

O-8 Oct 17, 2016

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: In March 2016, the Cambridge City Council unanimously passed resolutions put forth by the City Manager to formally adopt Vision Zero and Complete Streets policies, showing that the City of Cambridge is committed to achieving these goals; and

WHEREAS: Since then, two people on bikes have died on Cambridge streets as a result of crashes at heavily congested intersections already known to have high crash rates; and

WHEREAS: A resident trying to cross one of the same dangerous intersections on foot was killed in February this year, just before Vision Zero was adopted; and

WHEREAS: Following these three tragic crashes and other recent road fatalities in Boston, there has been heightened public interest in rapidly redesigning our public ways to prioritize safe, pleasant, and sustainable movement for all

modes and especially that of people who walk, bike and use transit; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a Vision Zero Working Group comprised of staff from the relevant City departments and residents to collaboratively develop and review traffic safety plans, street designs, public education initiatives, traffic enforcement and related policies with the shared goal of eliminating crashes that result in serious injuries and deaths as quickly as possible.

O-9 Oct 17, 2016

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge contains a 115 rare adaptation center and urban wild state park along the Upper Alewife Basin in northwest Cambridge owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, called Alewife Reservation, with ponds, streams and a river and surrounding wetlands, meadows, scrub-shrub and three groves along linear protected floodplain strips of biodiversity for one linear mile; and

WHEREAS: These rare natural Mystic River Watershed resources, to include both public and privately owned land, are a great benefit to the city and region, to include wildlife habitat as wells as both marsh and water resources that are beneficial in this time of unusual drought, and well stewarded and educated with the human and labor resources of Friends of Alewife Reservation; and

WHEREAS: The Alewife area in Cambridge was studied by a large state-wide Science Committee appointed by the City which presented a Vulnerability Assessment Climate Study at MIT in 2014 for the public which showed Alewife as a very vulnerable flood zone; and

WHEREAS: Governor Baker has recently issued a climate bill to the Legislature which includes developing adaptation strategies to conserve natural resources which are employed to sustain resources which build resilience to impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS: The remaining acreage in and around the Alewife Reservation provides habitat for 20 mammal species, over 90 bird species, and flora to include possible endangered species with, FAR discovered, Gentiana Andrewsii registered with the state as one, and there are surrounding development threats to this plant, habitat and functioning of these wetlands; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to any pathway or other intrusion which might be developed through the woods, marshes, or Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) or other natural resource habitat to create a pedestrian trail to the Alewife T stop from areas west and north of Little River; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to any other development which could in any way impact the 100-year flood plain which is predicted to experience such flooding every 30 years, and wetlands, BLSF, or bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW), associated with the Alewife Reservation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Conservation Commission for consideration in any development permitting proceedings under the

Wetlands Protection Act regarding the Alewife Reservation or nearby lands that might come before that Commission.

O-10 Oct 17, 2016
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor, in coordination with staff at the Public Health Department, Inspectional Services, the License Commission and the Fire Department, to recommend the most appropriate and expedient actions, to include proposed ordinance and/or regulatory language, to identify and address the public health threats and detriments to residents' quality of life caused by commercial establishments operating wood-fired ovens and/or to ban the use by commercial establishments of wood-fired ovens, and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council as soon as possible with an outline for drafting possible legislation and other recommendations for interim actions to identify and address the public health impacts of any commercial wood-fired ovens currently operating in the city and/or to ban the use of wood-fired ovens by commercial establishments.

O-11 Oct 17, 2016
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The 1992 Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance (VTRO) requires the city to "make more efficient use of mass transit, bicycling, walking, and other alternatives to drive-alone trips"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has adopted a Complete Streets policy and has formally committed to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and

WHEREAS: During the week of Oct 3, 2016, very large trucks were involved in two collisions with cyclists, one resulting in serious injury, the other a fatality; and

WHEREAS: Oversized trucks such as semi-trailers, tractor trailers and "18-wheelers" are designed for interstate highways and have blind spots and wide turning radii that make them unsafe to travel on congested urban streets shared with vulnerable users such as cyclists and pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with staff on what authority the City has to further restrict the routes of travel and delivery hours of such oversized trucks on our streets, and report back to the Council with all feasible options as soon as possible.

O-12 Oct 17, 2016
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Water Department provides drinking water for Cambridge residents, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS: Safe and healthy drinking water is vital to safe and healthy individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's public drinking water has been tested for chromium-6, a pollutant that has a relevant public health goal in the state of California, though not in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Eight water samples tested from various Cambridge locations found levels of chromium-6 averaging 0.056 parts per billion, above the public health goal set by California of not more than 0.02 ppb; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on all issues having to do with the testing for and any presence of chromium-6 in Cambridge's drinking water and any relevant plans to deal with this issue.

O-13 Oct 17, 2016
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Barbara Ackermann, a dedicated public servant and a true Cambridge trailblazer, was and continues to be a towering figure in the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: Starting in 1962, Barbara Ackermann served six years upon the School Committee, she served for ten years on the City Council starting in 1968, and, from 1972 to 1973, she was the first woman to ever serve as Mayor of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The portraits displayed on the walls of City Hall provide a sense of this city's history, they open the door to community members engaging with that history and learning more about the people who have played a major role in shaping this community, and as of today, only three of the twenty-two portraits displayed on the second floor of City Hall are of women; and

WHEREAS: The fact that so few women have been given this public recognition creates a distorted view of our city's history, and it undercuts and devalues the important role that women like Barbara Ackermann have played in our municipal government over the past century; and

WHEREAS: Women's History Month is held every March, and March 2017 would be an excellent and timely moment to unveil a portrait of Barbara Ackermann as an important and symbolic first step in our working to ensure that the historic walls of City Hall more accurately reflect the history that has been made here; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate individuals in order to create or procure a portrait of Barbara Ackermann, with the goal of unveiling this portrait for display in the Sullivan Chamber by March 2017, and that the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.