

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Elizabeth Speakman as Coordinator of the Cambridge Initiative on Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention, effective Oct 6, 2014.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointments of the following persons as Youth Representative members of the Kids' Council:  
Mariamawit Gashaw - 3-year term  
Linda Mindaye - 1-year term  
Griffin Andres - 2-year term
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, requesting City Council confirmation of the appointment of Anthony Pini as a Commissioner of the Cambridge Housing Authority effective Oct 20, 2014.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$10,580 from Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) Program Income to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to fund a contract with the Area Four Coalition through the Margaret Fuller House.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Clean Energy grant in the amount of \$200,000 to the Public Investment Fund Water Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used for the following Clean Energy Projects: installation of a solar array on the roof of the Water Treatment Plant and a Raw Water Pumping Variable Frequency Drive system.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Traffic Enforcement Grant Program in the amount of \$35,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will be used for high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to speeding and aggressive driving, impaired driving, distracted driving and occupant protection.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's (MAPC) Bicycle-Pedestrian Enforcement grant in the amount of \$26,500 to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account which will be used to provide increased enforcement of high-crash intersections and the collection of relevant data.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-104, regarding a report on notifications to the public on the attacks on women at Fresh Pond Reservation.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the donation of computer equipment valued at less than \$5000 to Get Connected! Solutions at Work.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-87, regarding a report on the feasibility of creating a fitness center for seniors.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-36, regarding a report on the feasibility of offering residents an online option to complete the City's annual census.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an agreement with 402 Rindge Corporation in the amount of \$1,700 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will allow the Community Learning Center to provide one English class onsite at 402 Rindge Apartments for residents for 14 weeks from November 2014 to February 2015, with assessment to occur in October.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to expand the existing contract with Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) to purchase nutritional foods to be distributed to eligible Cambridge residents through the Food Pantry Network.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to enter into a contract with the Early Childhood Associates, a local agency with expertise in national, state and local Birth to Third Grade systems.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$55,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to expand the City's current contract with Massachusetts Legal Assistance Center for the services of Greater Boston Legal Services in Cambridge. This also responds to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-39.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$1,400 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account which will support the administrative work related to the Friends of the CLC operations.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Metro North Regional Employment Board (MNREB) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Adult and Community Learning Services through MNREB in the amount of \$152,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$144,906), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,934), and to the Travel and Training account (\$160); one part funds a portion of our core Adult Basic Education (ABE) services in conjunction with our main DESE grant and the second part is for an Adult Career Pathways grant.
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Project Bread Food Pantry grant received from the Project Bread organization for \$5,500 to the Grant Fund Human Services

- Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to pay for purchases at the Greater Boston Food Bank, for other food purchases for our Senior Food Pantry.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-88, regarding a report on increasing enforcement of illegal parking in the bus stop at the corner of Cambridge and Sciarappa Streets.
  20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-40, regarding a report on improving traffic congestion at the intersection of Upland Road and Massachusetts Avenue and Awaiting Report Item Number 14-62, regarding a report on ways to improve the safety of the intersection of Springfield, Cambridge, Hampshire, Inman, Antrim and Beacon Streets in Inman Square.
  21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-92, relative to evaluating the intersection of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Bristol Street for safety improvements.
  22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 14-67 and 14-94, regarding improving pedestrian safety in the Fresh Pond Mall parking lot.
  23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-77, regarding a report on the lost of parking spaces in Municipal Lot #8.
  24. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 14-83 and 14-102, regarding hosting a Salsa Festival and cultural exhibits that celebrate the Hispanic community.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Arts Council to determine the types of spaces that are most needed within the local arts community with the view of using the Foundry to fill those needs and to allocate appropriate funds to make appropriate upgrades for the purpose of creating a community arts center. (Order Amended by Substitution.) [Order Number Ten of Jan 27, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Mayor Maher on Jan 27, 2014.]
2. An application was received from Ting-hsu Chen requesting permission to widen the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 14 Soden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Six of Feb 24, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Feb 24, 2014.]
3. That the City Council go on the record in opposition to any type of casino project in the Greater Boston area whether constructed and managed by Mohegan Sun or Wynn Resorts. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons on Order Number Five of June 16, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Cheung on June 30, 2014.]
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on June 18, 2014 to discuss revisions to the Cambridge Municipal Code Section 9.04.050 (A) Defacing public property of Chapter 9.04 entitled "Offenses Against Property". [Committee Report Number Five of June 30, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on June 30, 2014.]
5. That as we undertake the Cambridge Conversations and the Master Planning Process, the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to study emerging business types in Cambridge and how they are affected by the use regulations in the Zoning Ordinance, and to recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance that will help classify such businesses in a clear, rational way that supports the long-term interests of the community and instruct the Community Development Department to evaluate appropriate ways to facilitate home-based businesses above and beyond what is currently allowed. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Five of Sept 22, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor McGovern on Sept 29, 2014.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Planning Board to begin testing strategies to enhance such engagement at the earliest opportunity by methods such as requiring developers to hold a public meeting in the neighborhood and provide a report along with the permit application describing public input and changes to the project as a result of such input and to suggest changes to the Planning Board rules, which could be adopted by the Planning Board and/or Zoning Ordinance, which could be enacted by the City Council to codify successful community engagement strategies. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor McGovern on Order Number Six of Sept 22, 2014. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor McGovern on Sept 29, 2014.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Nov 22, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 8.68 entitled "Concussion Prevention and Management in Youth Activities at City Facilities." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 23, 2013.
8. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Dec 19, 2013 to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.67 entitled relating to Plastic Bag Reduction. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 24, 2014.
9. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Sept 3, 2014 to discuss a zoning petition to amend the Zoning Map by creating the Cambridge Highlands Overlay District to be

coterminous with the district currently zoned Residence B located in the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood, situated north of Concord Avenue, south of and adjacent to the Blair Pond Reservation, and east of and adjacent to the municipal boundary with the Town of Belmont; and creating Section 20.800 - Cambridge Highlands Overlay District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 6, 2014. Planning Board Hearing held Sept 16, 2014. Petition expires Dec 15, 2014.

### APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Tango Properties, LLC requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 60-62 Magoun Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association with a time extension request.
2. An application was received from Upward Spiral Studio requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 136 Bishop Allen Drive.
3. A petition was received from Alvin Helfeld, et al., 417 Concord Avenue, requesting the Fern Street remodeling plan be reevaluated so that parking is allowed on the left side of the street.

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Paul Tamaro, 4 Marion Street, transmitting a few examples of outdated signs on Cambridge Street from Inman Square to Lechmere Station.
2. A communication was received from the family of Maddalena Lecese transmitting thanks for the resolution in memory of Maddalena.
3. A communication was received from Laura Vellucci transmitting thanks for the resolution remembering her husband Peter.
4. A communication was received from Representative Louise M. Slaughter transmitting thanks for the resolution the Council recently passed to address the critical issue of antibiotic resistance and the role played by the overuse of antibiotics in livestock production.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Christy Felix for being named one of the Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2014. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Artis Spears for being named one of the Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2014. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Mary-Lou McLean for being named one of the Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2014. Councillor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Robin Harris for being named one of the Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2014. Councillor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Ellen Shachter and Susan Hegel for being recognized as two of the Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2014. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Department Christine Elow for being named one of the Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2014. Councillor Simmons

7. Congratulations to State Representative Jay Livingstone and Julie Proulx on their recent engagement. Councillor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Edward J. Lawlor. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Robert W. Kenneally. Mayor Maher
10. Congratulations to Bob Moses on being named the 8th Annual Call of Service Award Recipient by the Phillips Brooks House Association. Councillor Simmons
11. Retirement of Mary Martin from the School Department. Mayor Maher
12. Retirement of Carmen Mendes from the School Department. Mayor Maher
13. Resolution on the death of Linda R. Ramsey. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Bishop John Boles. Mayor Maher
15. Retirement of Hugh Crane from the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Maher
16. Happy Birthday wishes to Edith Sorrentino. Councillor McGovern
17. Happy Birthday wishes to Wanda Queen. Councillor McGovern
18. Congratulations to Steve Tolman, Natalicia Tracy, Secretary William Galvin and Congresswoman Katherine Clark for being honored at the 2014 Greater Boston Labor Council Salute to Municipal Officeholders Dinner. Councillor Simmons
19. Congratulations to Blaine and Lisa Lewis on the birth of their daughter Jenna Elizabeth Lewis. Mayor Maher
20. Congratulations to Oryzon on its grand opening in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Benzan
21. Best wishes to Dr. Joseph Bery Zorn on his retirement. Vice Mayor Benzan
22. Congratulations to Nihon Kohden on its grand opening in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Benzan
23. Resolution on the death of Maria Guzman. Vice Mayor Benzan
24. Congratulations to Father Vasken Kouzouian on his twentieth anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Order of Priesthood. Mayor Maher
25. Congratulations to Bill O'Connell on being inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. Councillor Toomey
26. Congratulations to David Tynes on being inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. Councillor Toomey
27. Congratulations to Marvin Gilmore on the release of his biography *Crusader for Freedom*. Mayor Maher
28. Congratulations to Stewart Won and Georgia Hammer on the birth of their daughter Hazel Jane Won who was born on Oct 16, 2014. Mayor Maher

### ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Finance to discuss the feasibility of introducing a Home Rule Petition requesting an increase to the residential exemption. Councillor Toomey

2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Finance to determine the best way to implement a plan to solicit and receive payment in addition to real estate taxes from willing participants and a vision of how these funds could be put to use. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with city project and traffic planners to see if a compromise can be reached which will allow parking on one side of Fern Street while accomplishing city efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. Mayor Maher and Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to ensure that the no-parking zone in front of 150 Erie Street is adequately enforced. Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and the City Solicitor with the intent of producing language for an affordable housing overlay district to be considered by the City Council. Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Benzan
6. That the Civic Unity Committee and the Economic Development and University Relations Committee be and hereby are requested to hold a joint meeting in the near future to explore the disparity of salaries paid to women in the City of Cambridge, career opportunities available to women in Cambridge, and the need to bring renewed attention to this critical issue. Councillor Simmons
7. That the Mayor is requested to appoint an ad hoc committee that will be tasked with examining ways to strengthen and enhance the City's job training and job placement programs, particularly in relation to skilled labor positions, with the goal of making recommendations to the entire City Council later this term. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back on possible next steps to advance the creation of the Grand Junction Multi Use Path on City and CRA controlled property identified as Phase 1 in the Grand Junction Feasibility Study. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with Central Square residents to evaluate the parking issues, consider options, and implement solutions near Central Square. Councillor Cheung
10. That the City Manager is requested to work with all relevant City Staff to revisit the possibility of providing a reduced-rate Hubway membership to low-income Cambridge residents. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
11. That the City Manager is requested to take all steps to ensure that the owner of the property on the Belmont-owned portion of the Silver Maple Forest is informed of the opposition to the use of Cambridge land is used for this project. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how many parking spots are being lost in the Riverside and West Cambridge neighborhoods as a result of the sewer separation project and other traffic mitigation projects and what, if any, accommodations are being made for residents during snow emergencies. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Mazen
13. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Affordable Housing Trust to investigate the status of the Tokyo restaurant site on Fresh Pond Parkway and if available, consider acquiring this site and report back to the Council regarding findings. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Benzan and Mayor Maher
14. That the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report: That the areas bounded by Garden, Walden and Sherman Streets and the park currently zoned Business A be rezoned to Residence C-1 to be consistent with the surrounding area. Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Manager is requested to make the necessary arrangements to televise the Ordinance Committee hearing scheduled on Thurs, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:00 PM in the Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room; this hearing is to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places". Councillor Carlone
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of hosting a Cambridge Challenge Competition for Transportation that offers a prize to the resident or group of residents that come up with the best viable solution to solve our greatest traffic issues. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Mazen
17. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Arts Council, the Department of Public Works to determine the feasibility of creating an adult playground in Cambridge. Councillor Mazen and Councillor Carlone
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Personnel Director and City Solicitor to determine if a point system similar to the system that awards preferences to Cambridge residents for Affordable Housing units can be used in the hiring process thereby providing a local preference for Cambridge residents when applying for positions within the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the City Solicitor and other appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of reducing the minimum income requirement under the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance for single person households made up of a senior and/or disabled resident. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Carlone
20. The City Manager is requested to determine the feasibility of collaborating with partners like the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA), and/or companies in the private and public sector to achieve the desired development objectives in a manner most cost-effective to the City and that ensures the City will retain a high degree of control over the ultimate outcome of the City-owned Lots 5 and 6.

Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Carlone

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public hearing held on Sept 30, 2014 with the Community Development Department to provide updates on inclusionary zoning, linkage, the Nexus Study, the three expiring use buildings (Briston Arms, the Close Building and Fresh Pond Apartments) that the City is working to preserve and preferences for affordable housing waitlists.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Oct 20

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

### Wed, Oct 22

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

### Mon, Oct 27

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

### Tues, Oct 28

3:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the impact of the Silver Maple development on the flood plain. (831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room)

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee and Economic Development and University Relations Committee will conduct a joint public hearing for the STEAM working group and its subcommittees to discuss how best to present their research to the greater Cambridge community and for working group members to collectively put forth sound recommendations around: STEAM workforce development and access for all to the innovation economy, and partnerships that will speed the journey. (Main Library, 449 Broadway, Community Room)

### Thurs, Oct 30

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

### Mon, Nov 3

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

### Wed, Nov 5

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

### Mon, Nov 10

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

### Wed, Nov 12

3:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 6.04 of the Municipal Code entitled "Animal Control Regulations" to establish fines for failure to remove dog waste, failing to license a dog, violations to dogs off leash, changing the required time a dog can be kept in a

kennel to be consistent with state law and park rangers be given authority to enforce animal regulations at Fresh Pond Reservoir. (831 Massachusetts Avenue, Basement Conference Room)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by Charles D. Teague, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to clarify the existing ordinance so that said ordinance can be enforced: align the zoning amendment expiration date in the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to be the same as state law, align the Special Permit criteria with adjudicated state law and require that the master plan be followed whereas following the master plan is optional under state law. This hearing to be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

### Mon, Nov 24

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

### Tues, Nov 25

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Timothy R. Flaherty, et al. II zoning petition requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge to expand the Medical Marijuana Overlay District, MMD-1 to encompass 61 Mooney Street. This hearing to be televised. (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway)

### Mon, Dec 1

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

### Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 12

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

### Mon, Jan 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Finance to discuss the feasibility of introducing a Home Rule Petition requesting an increase to the residential exemption and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has held the line on increasing the burden on our real estate tax payers and has kept the tax rates the lowest in the Commonwealth while maintaining an exceptional level of city services and resources; and

WHEREAS: It has been suggested that residents may be willing to voluntarily pay more taxes to help support city services; and

WHEREAS: If residents are willing to contribute in a voluntary manner above and beyond what is required the City should find a way to make this option available; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Finance to determine the best way to implement a plan to solicit and receive payment in addition to real estate taxes from willing participants and a vision of how these funds could be put to use and to report back to the City Council.

O-3 Oct 20, 2014

MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that many neighbors in the vicinity of Fern Street were surprised or caught off-guard by the city's plan to eliminate all parking in an effort to create a unique bicycle and pedestrian friendly passageway between Concord Street and Fern Street; and

WHEREAS: To date, more than 300 neighbors have signed a petition opposing the current plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to consult with city project and traffic planners to see if a compromise can be reached which will allow parking on one side of Fern Street while accomplishing city efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

O-4 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The front entrance of the LBJ Apartments at 150 Erie Street has long been designated as a no-parking area, to ensure that emergency vehicles can have ready access to this building that primarily houses senior citizens; and

WHEREAS: The curb in front of this entrance used to be painted yellow, to alert motorists to the fact that it is a no-parking zone, yet the yellow curb seems to have faded in recent years, and residents have reported an increased occurrence of non-emergency vehicles parking in this area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City personnel to repaint the yellow curb in front of 150 Erie Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel to ensure that the no-parking zone in front of 150 Erie Street is adequately enforced.

O-5 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

WHEREAS: The challenges of spreading affordable housing to all Cambridge neighborhoods are increasing due to factors such as property values and zoning restrictions; and

WHEREAS: As a city wide goal to keep Cambridge affordable for working class families, and to help to maintain our diversity, additional tools could be made available to assist in efforts to create more affordable housing in neighborhoods that are cost or zoning prohibitive for these sorts of developments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and the City Solicitor with the intent of producing language for an affordable housing overlay district to be considered by the City Council and to report back to the City Council.

O-6 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Despite decades of advancement by women in the workforce, various studies have recently indicated that in 2014, women working in full-time positions still earn, on average, 77 cents for every dollar earned by men; and

WHEREAS: Women are often underrepresented in certain job sectors, such as the skilled labor trades, STEM jobs, the financial services, and the political arena, and we find these trends true even in progressive cities like Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Civic Unity Committee and the Economic Development and University Relations Committee be and hereby are requested to hold a joint meeting in the near future to explore the disparity of salaries paid to women in the City of Cambridge, career opportunities available to women in Cambridge, and the need to bring renewed attention to this critical issue; and be it further

ORDERED: That this joint meeting should be focused not only on raising awareness of this issue, but also on possible policy recommendations to the entire City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the appropriate City staff is available to join and participate in this meeting.

O-7 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Mayor recently convened a very productive working meeting with representatives of the local skilled building trades, during which a number of issues were discussed, and those in attendance agreed that there is a need for increased collaboration between the City and the established building trades in order to train and place more Cambridge residents in steady jobs that pay family-supporting wages; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to appoint an ad hoc committee that will be tasked with examining ways to strengthen and enhance the City's job training and job placement programs, particularly in relation to skilled labor positions, with the goal of making recommendations to the entire City Council later this term; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor make efforts to include representatives from the Office of Workforce Development, the School Department, the Economic Development subcommittee, and other pertinent City departments on this ad hoc committee.

O-8 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: MIT's Property Feasibility Study for the Grand Junction Community Path has been completed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on possible next steps to advance the creation of the Grand Junction Multi Use Path on City and CRA controlled property identified as Phase 1 in the Grand Junction Feasibility Study and report back to the City Council.

O-9 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern that a combination of factors including the abuse of visitor parking permits, an increase in commercial activity, and a lack of parking enforcement have led to an overall decrease in the availability of street parking for residents living near Central Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with residents to evaluate the issue, consider options, and implement solutions to the parking issues near Central Square.

O-10 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge strongly supports the Hubway bike sharing system, which offers more than 1,300 bikes at 140 stations throughout the metro area and provides an excellent transportation and recreation option that aligns with our sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS: A standard Hubway membership costs \$85 per year if paid upfront (or up to \$240 per year if paid in monthly increments), and riders incur additional usage charges for trips lasting longer than 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to ensure that bike sharing is financially within reach for every Bostonian, the City of Boston offers low-income residents a subsidized Hubway membership for \$5 per year, which includes a helmet and other benefits; and

WHEREAS: For low-income residents participating in the Boston program, the allotted time before usage fees are applied is also extended, from 30 minutes to 60 minutes; and

WHEREAS: On Dec 10, 2012, the Cambridge City Council requested that the City Manager work with City Staff to consider a program of subsidized Hubway memberships for low-income Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: On Jan 3, 2013, the City Manager reported back with a memo that stated that the effect of subsidized Hubway memberships "is yet unproven" and further noted that "ridership in lower-income communities has been shown to be constrained by cultural and perceptual, as well as physical barriers that are generally unrelated to cost."; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston recently presented data to demonstrate the value of offering discounted Hubway memberships to its low-income residents; and

WHEREAS: The subsidized rate program has succeeded in engaging low-income residents while also dramatically increasing participation among people of color; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all relevant City Staff to revisit the possibility of providing a reduced-rate Hubway membership to low-income Cambridge residents; 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-11 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The Silver Maple Forest is a vital part of our local ecosystem; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has passed numerous resolutions in support of protecting this vital resource; and

WHEREAS: There are currently plans to develop a 300 unit project on the Belmont owned portion of the Silver Maple Forest; and

WHEREAS: It has become known that the developer's plans include a drainage pipe to be located on Cambridge property and this pipe was not included in the original petition approved by the city; and

WHEREAS: There are indications that the developer plans to use Cambridge land as a replication site; and

WHEREAS: Previous City Councils have gone on record indicating that no Cambridge land should be used in any way for this project; and

WHEREAS: There are indications that the plans to move forward with this development are imminent; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record opposing the use of Cambridge land in any way, including use for a drainage pipe or as a replication area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take all steps to ensure that the property owner is informed of this resolution and that no Cambridge land is used for this project and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-12 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The City is engaging in redesigning city streets as part of the sewer separation project and other traffic mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS: One result of this work has been a reduction in parking spaces in the Riverside and West Cambridge neighborhoods in particular; and

WHEREAS: The City's goal is to increase public safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, the loss of parking spaces can still place an undue burden on some residents, particularly senior citizens and parents with young children, especially during snow emergencies when parking is extremely difficult; and

WHEREAS: The safety of cyclists and pedestrians may continue to come into conflict with parking availability; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how many parking spots are being lost in the Riverside and West Cambridge neighborhoods and what, if any, accommodations are being made for residents during snow emergencies; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council regarding a plan for negotiating these conflicts with residents as the City aims for safer transit outcomes.

O-13 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The City Council, City Administration, and community organizations have all acknowledged the need for additional affordable housing, particularly three bedrooms units; and

WHEREAS: Inclusionary zoning alone will not resolve our housing crisis; and

WHEREAS: Finding locations to site new affordable and mixed income housing opportunities has proved challenging; and

WHEREAS: The private housing development slated for the Tokyo restaurant site appears to be stalled; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Affordable Housing Trust to investigate the status of the Tokyo restaurant site on Fresh Pond Parkway and if available, consider acquiring this site and report back to the Council regarding findings.

O-14 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report:

That the areas bounded by Garden, Walden and Sherman Streets and the park currently zoned Business A be rezoned to Residence C-1 to be consistent with the surrounding area.

O-15 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make the necessary arrangements to televise the Ordinance Committee hearing scheduled on Thurs, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:00pm in the Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room; this hearing is to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access and Sale of Tobacco Products and Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places".

O-16 Oct 20, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge is one of the easiest places to live or work without driving. However, more than 30% of Cambridge residents drive to work every day and 45% of those who work in Cambridge regularly commute to work via private vehicles; and

WHEREAS: As our city grows in number, we have had to face the natural growing pains that plague the area of traffic, problems dealing with congestion, narrowing arteries, reduced parking and troublesome configurations; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is unique in that it is the home to a multi-talented resident pool. Since its establishment, individuals from all walks of life and areas of expertise have been drawn to Cambridge, making it their home and gradually transforming a small colony into the vibrant, burgeoning innovation hub and intellectual center it is today. Our City has the creativity, energy and entrepreneurial spirit to provide viable solutions to our increasing traffic issues; and

WHEREAS: Contests like the Eastern Cambridge Kendall Square Open Space Design Competition and the City of Boston's Design Contest for Flood Adaptation have been successful in incentivizing local talent to generate leading-edge solutions to some of the biggest issues affecting their cities; and

WHEREAS: In order to ensure Cambridge can keep up with the transportation demands of a growing community, members of our Citywide S.T.E.A.M. working group have suggested that the City encourage all of its residents to partake in the mission of solving Cambridge's traffic challenges; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the feasibility of hosting a Cambridge Challenge Competition for Transportation that offers a prize to the resident or group of residents that come up with the best viable solution to solve our greatest traffic issues and report back to the Council in a timely manner.

O-17 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Adult playgrounds are large scale creative installations, consisting of games, music venues, performance space, and interactive exhibits built in urban centers that are intended to foster community and provide a public space for area residents to interact; and

WHEREAS: Cities such as Beijing, Copenhagen, Los Angeles, New York City, and Boston have installed Adult Playgrounds to community acclaim and widespread use at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS: Adult Playgrounds have been proven to offer constructive entertainment to a wide variety of the community members, and offer a shared space to foster deeper social connections, often revitalizing underutilized park space; and

WHEREAS: Artists, architects, performers and other creatives will have a space to create new works while fostering urban innovation in Cambridge; and the construction would be a creative, community effort; and

WHEREAS: Adult Playgrounds often have exercise equipment and structures encouraging cardiovascular and aerobic exercise, that have been shown to have a directly positive influence on overall community health; and

WHEREAS: The Lawn on D installation in Boston has proven to be an economic and cultural success since its opening in August, providing a platform for the artistic pursuits of the Greater Boston community; and

WHEREAS: While Cambridge is already home to a fitness-oriented playground on Magazine Beach, the new adult playground aims to promote fitness, as well as provide a community space for residents of all backgrounds to congregate and play, with an emphasis on events and artistic expression; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Arts Council, the Department of Public Works to determine the feasibility of creating an adult playground in Cambridge; and be it further

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

O-18 Oct 20, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Director and City Solicitor to determine if a point system similar to the system that awards preferences to Cambridge residents for Affordable Housing units can be used in the hiring process thereby providing a local preference for Cambridge residents when applying for positions within the City of Cambridge.

O-19 Oct 20, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: From 2000 to 2008, Cambridge experienced a 16% population growth in the senior community. As more baby boomers approach retirement age, this integral part of our City's fabric will increase in both number and percentage; and

WHEREAS: For most seniors and disabled residents, income decreases as the price of housing, basic needs, and medical expenses continuously rise, making this demographic group one of the most economically-challenged; and

WHEREAS: Current state and federally subsidized housing developments that serve elderly and disabled persons have been experiencing difficulty in housing the increasing volume of elderly and disabled applicants; and

WHEREAS: One of our City's greatest challenges between the short- and long-term will be meeting the housing needs of our senior and disabled population; and

WHEREAS: Most seniors and disabled Cambridge residents live on fixed incomes which prohibit them from qualifying for the Community Development Department's (CDD) Inclusionary Zoning rental program because they cannot meet the single person household minimum requirement of \$32,950; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to support and protect this vibrant demographic group our City will need to implement new strategies to meet their housing challenges; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the City Solicitor and other appropriate departments to determine the feasibility of reducing the minimum income requirement under the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance for single person households made up of a senior and/or disabled resident; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to report back to the City Council explaining any challenges associated with the proposed reduction and providing recommendations.

O-20 Oct 20, 2014

VICE MAYOR BENZAN  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: Cambridge is experiencing a historic surge of residential construction, but the prices of the vast majority of these new ownership and rental units are beyond the reach of most average wage-earners; and

WHEREAS: There is an urgent need to significantly increase the development of new housing consistent with neighborhood scale and character for both a range of incomes and family sizes, including our aging and disabled population; and

WHEREAS: City-owned lot 5, located at the intersection of Norfolk Ave. and Bishop Allen Drive, and city-owned lot 6, located at the intersection of Columbia Street and Bishop Allen Drive, present a unique opportunity to build up to 100% low-, moderate- and middle-income housing units; and

WHEREAS: These particular lots in Central Square are ripe for growth. The Central Square Final Report from the K2C2 Planning Study released by the Cambridge Community Development Department in 2013 revealed that the Committee discussed mixed-use development of city-owned lots with a strong residential component of larger units for families and significant components affordable to low, moderate, and middle-income households; and

WHEREAS: That as we move forward with efforts to add to the stock of affordable housing in Central Square, input from abutters and other concerned residents is included as a vital part of the process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine the feasibility of collaborating with partners like the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA), and/or companies in the private and public sector to achieve the desired development objectives in a manner most cost-effective to the City and that ensures the City will retain a high degree of control over the ultimate outcome of the lots; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department, the City Solicitor and any other appropriate City departments to determine how best to utilize of these city-owned lots and determine the feasibility of developing up to 100% affordable, middle-income, senior, and family housing units and report back to the City Council.