

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District for three year terms to expire Oct 1, 2016: Michael Robertson (reappointed from Associate to Full Member); Dr. Peter Schur; Marie-Pierre Dillenseger
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-29, regarding a report on the possibility of cafe outdoor seating on wooden platforms adjacent to the sidewalk curb in parking spaces and whether alcohol can be served on spaces in the street.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-37, regarding a report on what best practices, procedures and training is provided to firefighters for handling fire incidents in buildings equipped with solar power systems.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Formula Grant in the amount of \$116,240 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$63,757.72), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$46,927.48), and to the Travel and Training account (\$5,554.80) which will be used to provide transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments and weekly food shopping trips as well as to support one part-time weekend coordinator position, an office aid, a meals assistant and several instructors who provide services at the Citywide Senior Center.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by the Cambridge Community Foundation under their Immigrant Initiative in the amount of \$15,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$14,648) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$352) which will support an intermediate ESOL class in the Community Learning Center from September 2013 to June 2014.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center through individual donations and from a family foundation in the amount of \$24,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to support English for Speakers of Other Languages classes at the Community Learning Center.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$1,009,665 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 Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$237,236), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$770,429) and to the Travel and Training account (\$2,000) which will be used to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
8. 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 \$7,225 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which has been awarded to the Cambridge Senior Center Food Pantry by Project Bread to pay for purchases at the Greater Boston Food Bank, other food purchases for our Senior Food Pantry, as well as food for senior activities and events at the Senior Center.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds within the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the Grant Fund Historical Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Grant Fund Historical Commission Salary and Wages account which will support part time archivists working to improve online accessibility and process new and existing materials.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-38, regarding a report on what measures can be taken to calm traffic on Sherman Street, particularly near Walden Street.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-35, regarding a report on the feasibility of installing a speed bump or other mechanism to reduce vehicle speeds on Aberdeen Avenue.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-24, regarding a report on the usefulness of an "Open Right" campaign to prevent "dooring" to cyclists.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-31, regarding a report on having busses or other large public vehicles available at large scale events where drivers and safety professionals could help cyclists better understand the limitations of these vehicles and Awaiting Report Item Number 13-32, regarding posting cycling laws and etiquette in relevant locations.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-30, regarding a report on the possibility of starting street cleaning at a later time such as 9:00 am.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-11, regarding a report on efforts to monitor and evaluate current detours and traffic plans during significant construction projects.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-42, regarding a report on ways to improve the cleanliness of Central Square.
17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$500,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account for the design,

reconstruction and commissioning of the ground source heating and cooling system at the City Hall Annex.

18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-34, regarding appointing a task force to further examine the Connolly Petition.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
2. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the appropriate city officials including the City Solicitor and report back to the City Council regarding modification of the ordinance (10.12.030) that links the awarding of a one yearlong Visitor Parking Permit per household to the purchase of a \$25 Cambridge Resident Parking Permit. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013. Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on Feb 11, 2013.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of implementing a pay-by-phone parking meter program in Cambridge, and report back to

the City Council with recommendations as soon as possible. [Order Number Two of Mar 18, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Mar 18, 2013.]

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-29, regarding a report on the feasibility of not allowing residents of new buildings to obtain on-street resident parking stickers. [City Manager Agenda Number Two of Apr 1, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 1, 2013.]
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-22, regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Cedar Street and Mass Avenue. [City Manager Agenda Number Five of Sept 30, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Sept 30, 2013.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A zoning petition has been filed by Christopher H. Lutz, et al. requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by rezoning an area on the northern border of Richdale Avenue from Upland Road to Walden Street from its C1-A designation to residential C-1.
2. A zoning petition has been filed by John Chun, et al. requesting the City Council amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the entire 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 by deleting the designation Residence B and substituting therefore a designation of Residence A-2.
3. An application was received from abodeon requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 1731 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Nancy Ryan regarding the Cherry Street lot.
2. A communication was received from Martha Older regarding trees.
3. A communication was received from Charlotte Seid, 280 Windsor Street transmitting opposition to the council order regarding the Cherry Street lot.
4. A communication was received from Andrew Montone, Cambridge Art & Frame, 101 First Street transmitting sincere appreciation to the City Council for the thoughtful resolution.
5. A communication was received from Jill Shulman regarding the Connolly Net Zero zoning petition.
6. A communication was received from Ivria Fried regarding the Connolly Net Zero zoning petition.
7. A communication was received from State Senator Sal DiDomenico transmitting thanks for forwarding the City Council resolution relative to the Active Streets bill.
8. A communication was received from State Senator William N. Brownsberger transmitting thanks for forwarding the City Council resolution supporting the Active Streets bill.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Edward Nubar Guleserian. Councillor Maher
2. Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Wayne and Billie Miller. Councillor Cheung
3. Resolution on the death of Constance A. Carney. Councillor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Dr. Jonathan Edward (Jed) Diehlo. Councillor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of Joseph T. Cullinane. Councillor Maher
6. Happy 80th Birthday to Joyce Lee Smith. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of Irvin Williams. Vice Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to Corey Yarbrough on his work alongside the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition with the Theater Offensive's "Out On The Edge" Award. Vice Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Thinking Phone Networks on the occasion of being recognized by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to Cambridge Spirits on its grand opening at 9 Broad Canal Way. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to Molly Schlang and Belange Alce on the birth of their daughter Emelia Grace Alce. Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Officer Matt Brown on winning the first annual Let's Talk About Food: Men & Women In Blue Cooking Competition to benefit the One Fund. Mayor Davis
13. Appreciation to Environment Massachusetts and their staff for their long fought efforts to limit pollution and advocate for the closure of the Brayton Point Power Station. Mayor Davis
14. Congratulations to all Cambridge residents and employees on the occasion of Cambridge being named #1 of the 25 Best Places to Live in Massachusetts by Boston.com. Mayor Davis

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and other relevant City personnel and City partners and report back to the City Council potential solutions for the municipal employees that are having difficulty finding parking in Area IV for work purposes. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel, City partners, and the Governor's Office to develop a contingency plan to ensure that Cambridge residents who see part or all of their rent subsidized by federal funding will not see their housing jeopardized in the event of a future shutdown of the federal government. Vice Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and local civic programmers such as Code for Boston as to the feasibility of developing an interactive map that shows the location and rationale of

ongoing construction work throughout the City.
Councillor Cheung

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with MBTA officials as to the feasibility of posting weather-proof signage at eliminated and moved bus stops in the months following route adjustments. Councillor Cheung
5. That the City Council go on record re-filing a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 17.20 to increase the setback requirement abutting Linear Park and to clarify form and density language with the residential neighborhood. Councillor Maher
6. That the City Manager is requested to develop a coordinated effort to address the issue of rodent activity and provide help for homeowners who are dealing with this ongoing problem and the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the progress being made to address the issue of rat infestation in neighborhoods across the City. Councillor Maher
7. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works on the possibility of installing benches along the pathway leading from Clifton Street to Russell Field. Councillor Maher

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Cable TV Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 1, 2013 to develop an open data ordinance for the City of Cambridge.
2. 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 meeting held on Sept 4, 2013 to discuss the future of public safety efforts and investments in the City of Cambridge.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the University Relations Committee, for a public meeting held on Dec 7, 2012 to tour Harvard University.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the University Relations Committee, for a public meeting held on Mar 5, 2013 to tour Lesley University.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the University Relations Committee, for a public meeting held on Apr 5, 2013 toured the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 21

5:00pm Special Presentation to the 2013 Cambridge Food Heroes. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 28

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting between the City Council and the School Committee to discuss the coordination and administration of after school programs

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

Mon, Nov 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 7

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the petition received from Boston Properties to amend the Zoning Ordinances and Zoning Map in the Ames Street area. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Fri, Nov 8

9:30am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss City Clerk's Office staffing. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Nov 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 20

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition by the City Manager to amend the Zoning Ordinances to define and list Registered Marijuana Dispensary, delete Section 11.700 and create a new Section 20.700 entitled Medical Marijuana Overlay Districts. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Fri, Nov 22

9:30am The Ordinance Committee will 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. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 2

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

Wed, Dec 4

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 relating to smoking in public parks. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 6

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

Mon, Jan 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 21, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that municipal employees have been experiencing great difficulty finding adequate daytime parking, for work purposes, in Area IV, and that there is a general scarcity of residential parking spaces for residents in this part of the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and other relevant City personnel and City partners and report back to the City Council potential solutions for the municipal employees that are having difficulty finding parking in Area IV for work purposes.

O-2 Oct 21, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: As the specter of the partial government shutdown extending into November loomed over the nation, some housing advocates raised concerns that federal funding for Section 8 rental vouchers would be impacted, potentially delaying thousands of Section 8 tenants in Massachusetts from being able to fully pay their rent; and

WHEREAS: An article published on the MassLive website on Oct 8, 2013 (which can be found at

http://www.masslive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/10/federal_funding_for_low-income.html) stated, "...the state will no longer be able to pay landlords rental assistance for low-income tenants if the government shutdown continues through the end of the month." Aaron Gornstein, Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development in Massachusetts, also states in this article that it is unclear whether this would lead landlords to initiate eviction proceedings against their Section 8 tenants; and

WHEREAS: While the City Council is among the chorus of those who are grateful that the federal government shutdown was resolved last week, the episode highlights the need for the City to have contingency plans in place to assist those Cambridge residents who would most immediately, and most severely, be impacted by a future shutdown of the federal government; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge currently has over 2,500 apartment units that are partially funded through the Section 8 program. A plan is needed to ensure that the occupants of these units do not see their housing placed in jeopardy due to temporary shutdowns of the federal

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government like the one this nation just experienced; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel, City partners, and the Governor's Office to develop a contingency plan to ensure that those Cambridge residents who see part or all of their rent subsidized by federal funding will not see their housing jeopardized in the event of a future shutdown of the federal government; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this order to Greg Russ, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority; Peter Daly, Executive Director of Homeowners Rehab, Inc.; Deborah Ruhe, Executive Director of Just-A-Start Corporation; Governor Deval Patrick; the entire Cambridge delegation to the State House; and Aaron Gornstein, Massachusetts's Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development, on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Oct 21, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge residents have expressed concern over the high volume of construction that is currently in progress throughout the City; and

WHEREAS: Although the Department of Public Works provides an informative listing of current construction efforts on its website, an interactive map may enable residents to have a clearer understanding about the location and purpose of ongoing construction work by providing them with a spatial understanding about where certain projects are taking place in the City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and local civic programmers such as Code for Boston as to the feasibility of developing an interactive map that shows the location and rationale of ongoing construction work throughout the City and report back to the City Council.

O-4 Oct 21, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has recently come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the MBTA recently made efforts to improve the quality of service that customers receive on routes designated as "Key Bus Routes"; and

WHEREAS: While these service adjustments have been made to enhance customer comfort, convenience, safety, and accessibility while making the bus service more reliable, many stops have been eliminated on key bus routes; and

WHEREAS: Eliminating or moving stops without appropriate signage indicating of such will ultimately result in confusion amongst bus-riders in the months after the changes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with MBTA officials as to the feasibility of posting weather-proof signage at eliminated and moved stops in the months following route adjustments and report back to the City Council.

O-5 Oct 21, 2013

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: A zoning petition was filed by John Walker, et al to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to increase the setback requirement abutting Linear Park and to clarify language defining "form and density comparable with the residential neighborhood" by limiting the number of units in a single structure; and

WHEREAS: The petition was referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report at the City Council meeting of July 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS: The Planning Board held a public hearing on the petition on Oct 1, 2013 and there has been no report from the Planning Board received to date; and

WHEREAS: No public hearing was held by the Ordinance Committee within the prescribed period of time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record re-filing a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 17.20 to increase the setback requirement abutting Linear Park and to clarify form and density language with the residential neighborhood; and be it further

ORDERED: That the petition be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

O-6 Oct 21, 2013

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Residents in several neighborhoods across the City are reporting an increase in rodent activity; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a coordinated effort to address this issue and provide help for homeowners who are dealing with this ongoing problem; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the progress being made to address the issue of rat infestation in neighborhoods across the City.

O-7 Oct 21, 2013

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works on the possibility of installing benches along the pathway leading from Clifton Street to Russell Field.