#### CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Zainab Lakhani as a member of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Oct 17, 2014.
- Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-82, regarding a report on the feasibility of preparing a climate change checklist and evacuation plan for residents.
- 3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-60, regarding a report on implementing a truck ban on Concord Avenue and the possibility of installing traffic calming to reduce speeds.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-48, regarding the appointment of the Central Square Action Team strategies that will help Central Square capitalize on and enhance its designation as a Cultural District.
- Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an update on Participatory Budgeting in Cambridge.
- 6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-45, regarding the Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance.
- 7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt with suggested alternative text the North Point Retail Parking Zoning Petition.
- 8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 14-84, regarding the Planning Board process.

### CHARTER RIGHT

- 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number One of Oct 20, 2014.]
- 2. Congratulations to Marvin Gilmore on the release of his biography Crusader for Freedom. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Maher on Resolution Number Twenty-seven of Oct 20, 2014.]

## ON THE TABLE

- 3. 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.]
- 4. 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.]
- 5. 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.]
- 6. 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.]
- 7. 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.]
- 8. 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.]
- 9. Congratulations to Bill O'Connell on being inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. [Resolution Number Twenty-Five of Oct 20, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Oct 20, 2014.]
- 10. Congratulations to David Tynes on being inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. [Resolution Number Twenty-Six of Oct 20, 2014 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Oct 20, 2014.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Sunset Cafe requesting permission for three signs and two awnings at the premises numbered 851-857 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutter.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. A communication was received from Michael Brandon, Clerk, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee regarding the curb cut application for 60-62 Magoun Street.
- 2. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, transmitting comments of the City Council Agenda for Mon, Oct 20, 2014 regarding Policy Order #5, #13, #14, #16 and #20.
- 3. A communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett II, 41A Pleasant Street, regarding the policy order on Lots #5 and #6 of Oct 20, 2014.
- 4. A communication was received from Peter Valentine transmitting information on sitting.
- 5. A communication was received from Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, transmitting comments on affordable housing orders of Oct 20, 2014.
- 6. A communication was received from Nicole B. Caprioli, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the City Council resolution of Sept 22, 2014 pertaining to Just A Start, Inc., Butler Property Management and Apex Billing Solutions.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Congratulations to Mary Ting Hyat on the opening of her new business Bagelsaurus. Councillor McGovern
- Resolution on the death of John Laughlin. Councillor Cheung
- 3. Resolution on the death of Frances Cooper-Berry. Mayor Maher and Councillor Simmons
- Congratulations to City Manager Richard Rossi and his staff on receiving the Ruth Barron Award by the Cambridge YWCA. Mayor Maher, Councillor McGovern and Vice Mayor Benzan

### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to commission a study of

- Cambridge Youth Centers with a focus on use rates and underutilized space. Councillor Mazen
- 2. The City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Arts Council, and the Department of Public Works to determine the feasibility of creating and maintaining one or more street piano(s) in one or more parks and/or plazas in Cambridge. Councillor Mazen
- 3. That the Council go on record in support of the CIC grant application for a Human Services Portal submitted on Oct 10, 2014. Councillor Mazen
- 4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Department, the Fire Department, and other appropriate City departments to review the negative impacts, if any, of street-narrowing initiatives. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Kelley and Councillor McGovern
- 5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff to review drone use in Cambridge for use in developing a City regulation or Ordinance on such use. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
- 6. That the City Council requests to obtain from the School Committee an update on any efforts by Cambridge Public School Department (CPSD) to survey students and their families who are opting for Charter Schools rather than going to CPSD. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung
- 7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Dog Park review committee. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
- 8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and local residents to investigate traffic flow issues in this area, to include the side streets from Clifton to Cedar Streets, and to come up with a report of collisions in the area, traffic enforcement efforts in the area (to include a list of citations given) and possible safety improvements for the area to include fixed "School" signs with blinking lights during school hours by the Banneker School, traffic calming and issues particular to the large number of students on these streets going and coming from school. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
- 9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and local residents to organize a series of North Massachusetts Avenue meetings to discuss the future of North Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
- 10. That City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the future of Hubway in and around Cambridge with special emphasis on what its financial future is likely to be and how the City of Cambridge may be impacted by that company's financial future. Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Cheung and Councillor McGovern
- 11. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City Departments to explore the feasibility of installing a speed bump at the corner of Upton Street and Magazine Street to reduce the speed at which cars travel on

- the street, and to make the street safer for residents and pedestrians. Councillor Simmons
- 12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments and the Cambridge Science Festival's steering committee and organizers to discuss the feasibility of hosting an open air STEAM festival for adults of all ages, including our senior population, between Apr 17-26, 2015 and report back to the City Council before the Cambridge Science Festival proposal deadline of Dec 5, 2014. Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Mazen
- 13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, the City Engineer, and Post Master, to review the attached survey plan with the intention of confirming the change of "North Point Boulevard Extension" to "Education Circle" and report back to the Council once the name has been changed. Councillor Toomey
- 14. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, the Cambridge Police Department, and the Cambridge Department of Public Works to determine the feasibility of hosting a program similar to the Exchanging Places program in London. Councillor Mazen
- 15. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Health Alliance and Mr. Palin to determine the best way to implement PaperHealth in Massachusetts area hospitals. Councillor Mazen
- 16. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate City departments to install a raised intersection and traffic-calming measures in front of Cadbury Commons on Sherman Street. Councillor Cheung
- 17. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the status of the Masse Hardware Company sites located at 243 Walden Street and 253 Walden Street and, if available, consider acquiring one or both sites for mixed-income affordable housing of a suitable scale and report back to the Council regarding findings. Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a public hearing held on Oct 8, 2014 to review the City Council's most recent goals and to make recommendations for the FY16 Goals; said goals to include a goal relating to City-wide planning.
- 2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Oct 15, 2014 to discuss a zoning petition filed by CJUF III Northpoint LLC to amend certain provisions of the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance that governs the Planned Unit Development in the North Point Residence District to allow limited amounts of off-street retail parking.

# HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Mon, Oct 27

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

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#### 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 Mass. Ave., 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." This hearing to be televised. (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 Mass. Ave., 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 Mass. Ave., 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

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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)

## Tues, Dec 2

4:00pm The Human Services and Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss poverty and issues related to the experience of organizations working with those living in poverty. (831 Mass. Ave., Basement Conference Room)

#### 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 27, 2014

# COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Cambridge Youth Centers offer diverse and high quality programs that promote leadership, athleticism, and youth development; and

- WHEREAS: Youth Centers provide a safe-haven for teenagers to learn, grow socially, and develop positive social values outside the school day; and
- WHEREAS: Youth centers provide an essential source of emotional and moral support for neighborhood especially in situations of abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS: Youth centers despite being a community asset, may be underutilized by the community in terms of programming and space; and
- WHEREAS: Youth centers may be able to increase enrollment and engagement through a proactive program of outreach, mentorship and streetwork; and
- WHEREAS: Underutilized youth center space could be a resource for other community and Out of School Time programming; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to commission a study of Cambridge Youth Centers with a focus on use rates and underutilized space; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to include strategies for recruitment and outreach-especially those that address low-use rates and programmatic additions-as part of the study; 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-2 Oct 27, 2014

## **COUNCILLOR MAZEN**

- WHEREAS: In New York City's Bryant Park, a street piano is maintained by public and private contributors such as Sam Ash, the Local 208 Musicians Union, the Jazz Center of New York and the Music Performance Trust Fund serving as an attraction to both tourists and lifelong residents; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge and Boston have a significant professional music community that could be tapped for public performances; and
- WHEREAS: Schools such as Longy, Berklee, and the Boston Conservatory have talented students that could benefit from a slightly more formal street performing venue in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: Street pianos were placed throughout Cambridge and Boston as part of the Play Me, I'm Yours installation in 2013 to much acclaim and community support; and
- WHEREAS: Installing a street piano-especially with regularly scheduled performances by professional musicians-could enhance underutilized public spaces such as Carl Barron Plaza, University Park, and Alfred E. Vellucci Community Plaza; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, the Arts Council, and the Department of Public Works to determine the feasibility of creating and maintaining one or more street piano(s) in one or more parks and/or plazas 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-3 Oct 27, 2014

## **COUNCILLOR MAZEN**

WHEREAS: The Patrick Administration developed the Community Innovation Challenge grant program in 2012, in

- order to encourage municipal innovation and regionalization efforts; and
- WHEREAS: In three years, the program has invested \$10.25 million in 74 unique projects from over 240 municipalities across the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: Projects funded by the CIC program support the development of initiatives at the municipal level to encourage performance management best practices and utilize new technologies to improve accountability and increase transparency; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has never been awarded a CIC grant nor has ever applied in the past three years since the creation of the program; and
- WHEREAS: The awarding of a CIC grant is contingent upon a plan for financial sustainability, with the aim of attributing no additional cost to the municipality upon implementation; and
- WHEREAS: The grant selection process is non-competitive and submitting multiple applications for a single municipality is encouraged; and
- WHEREAS: A completed CIC grant application for a Human Services Portal has been submitted with the cooperation of various city departments; and
- WHEREAS: The grant application has been completed with the support of members of the STEAM and Out of School Time working group, members of the Kids Council, and utilizing research prepared through a full day study with city employees and service providers; and
- WHEREAS: The support of the city council or legislative body for a given application will increase the likelihood of the Commonwealth funding the given project; and
- WHEREAS: Volunteers from Code for America and private institutions throughout Kendall Square have pledged probono work time contingent upon grant funding; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Council go on record in support of the CIC grant application for a Human Services Portal submitted on Oct 10, 2014; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Tim Dodd the Program Manager of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Oct 27, 2014 VICE MAYOR BENZAN COUNCILLOR KELLEY COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

- WHEREAS: As defined by the Community Development Department, traffic-calming is a way to design streets using physical measures that encourage people to exercise cautious driving, but also provide a safer and more livable environment to pedestrians and cyclists in our City; and
- WHEREAS: The leading experts behind the street-narrowing renovations along Concord Avenue, Western Avenue and other major arteries in our City affirm that the design of the roadway results in the desired effect of calming traffic without relying on compliance with traffic control devices such as signals and signs, or on enforcement; and
- WHEREAS: Proponents of these renovations have further stated that research on traffic-calming projects in the United States supports their effectiveness at decreasing automobile

- speeds, reducing the number and severity of crashes, and reducing noise levels for specific contexts; and
- WHEREAS: Although the remarkable, innovative efforts of our Traffic Department are much-admired, an everincreasing number of residents have raised serious concerns impugning the effectiveness of these traffic-calming measures, in particular the narrowing of major arteries used to enter and exit Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: Residents have reported that the narrowing of our City's most transited streets has directly led to a sharp increase in congestion, bottlenecks and motor vehicle accidents; and
- WHEREAS: Some first responders have also stated that the narrowing of major arteries presents a safety hazard in situations where the confined space does not permit fire trucks and other large emergency vehicles to gain access to certain units in order to properly respond to emergency situations; and
- WHEREAS: Mount Auburn Street and Western, Concord, and Massachusetts Avenues are heavily transited arteries that experience traffic congestion on a daily basis and are subject to bottlenecks during severe weather; and
- WHEREAS: In the case of a major snowstorm or other severe weather, the further narrowing of these streets has the potential to cause traffic to back up into contiguous towns, like Somerville, Arlington and Belmont, thus exacerbating an already inefficient traffic system and creating an additional safety hazard; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Department, the Fire Department, and other appropriate City departments to review the negative impacts, if any, of street-narrowing initiatives and report back to the Council in a timely manner.

O-5 Oct 27, 2014 COUNCILLOR KELLEY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG COUNCILLOR MAZEN

- WHEREAS: Drones, otherwise known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are becoming cheaper to acquire, more powerful in their capabilities and increasingly popular with hobbyists, businesses and governments for both amusement and observation purposes; and
- WHEREAS: The use of drones, which can weigh more than 20 pounds, over a densely populated City such as Cambridge raises privacy, trespass and nuisance while posing a possible hazard to public safety; and
- WHEREAS: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does not clearly prohibit much use of drones under 400' and this lack of clarity leads to confusion over how and where drones can be used in Cambridge, what sorts of restrictions apply to their use and what types of safety and insurance requirements drone operators must have; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff to review drone use in Cambridge for use in developing a City regulation or Ordinance on such use. Specific issues for the Manager to consider include, but not be limited to,
- Existing FAA regulations and prohibitions on use to include distinctions between hobbyists, commercial users and government officials, noting that only hobbyists, when

operating under 400', do not fall under some sort of FAA oversight

Definition of drone

Insurance of drone

Record keeping for drone maintenance and flight plans

Application for local usage of drones

Impact of existing regulations, such as FAA pre-emption, on

how Cambridge can regulate drone use

Size of drones and distance from operator

Ownership versus rental of drone

Age and licensing of drone operator

and be it further

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

O-6 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

**COUNCILLOR CHEUNG** 

WHEREAS: Cambridge spends roughly 10.5 million dollars a year on Charter Schools to educate Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: These students could be educated in Cambridge Public School District schools; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council requests to obtain from the School Committee an update on any efforts by CPSD to survey students and their families who are opting for Charter Schools rather than going to CPSD and to report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-7 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR MAZEN
WHEREAS: Cambridge has initiated a Dog Park review

committee; and WHEREAS: It's not clear what the status of this Committee's work is; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Dog Park review committee.

O-8 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

**COUNCILLOR CHEUNG** 

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Traffic issues, to include repeated accidents, near accidents and speeding in the section of Rindge Avenue from Cedar to Clifton Streets area have local residents concerned about traffic safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and local residents to investigate traffic flow issues in this area, to include the side streets from Clifton to Cedar Streets, and to come up with a report of collisions in the area, traffic enforcement efforts in the area (to include a list of citations given) and possible safety improvements for the area to include fixed "School" signs with blinking lights during school hours by the Banneker School, traffic calming and issues particular to the large number of students on these streets going and coming from school; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and implement a short term analysis of the traffic situation that might be effectively addressed through increased targeted enforcement while more permanent issues are being addressed; and be it further ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested

to report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-9 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

**COUNCILLOR CHEUNG** 

**COUNCILLOR MAZEN** 

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Avenue from Porter Square to Arlington is a major access path through Cambridge, is the spine of North Cambridge and has recently been rezoned; and

WHEREAS: This stretch of street was supposed to have been reviewed for improving the effectiveness of metered parking options; and

WHEREAS: Many parts of the sidewalk along Massachusetts Avenue have opportunities for tree plantings that have not be realized; and

WHEREAS: The portion of Massachusetts Avenue between Porter and Harvard Squares was the subject of a planning process that fed into a reworking of its streetscape that is currently going on; and

WHEREAS: Community meetings to discuss the future of this stretch of Massachusetts Avenue could help develop appropriate budget processes and plans for a more pleasant and efficient streetscape; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and local residents to organize a series of North Massachusetts Avenue meetings to discuss the future of North Massachusetts Avenue; and be it further

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

O-10 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR BENZAN

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Hubway has become a heavily used transportation resource in Cambridge and adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS: Hubway has, thus far, been financially viable because of initial grants from major institutional supporters and government agencies; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear what happens to Hubway when these grants run out, which may be in the next 18-24 months; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the future of Hubway in and around Cambridge with special emphasis on what its financial future is likely to be and how the City of Cambridge may be impacted by that company's financial future.

#### O-11 Oct 27, 2014

#### **COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

- WHEREAS: Residents who live near the intersection of Upton Street and Magazine Street have raised concerns about speeding vehicles in this area, which poses a danger to area residents and pedestrians alike; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City Departments to explore the feasibility of installing a speed bump at the corner of Upton Street and Magazine Street to reduce the speed at which cars travel on the street, and to make the street safer for residents and pedestrians; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter in a timely manner.

O-12 Oct 27, 2014 VICE MAYOR BENZAN COUNCILLOR CARLONE COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN COUNCILLOR MAZEN

- WHEREAS: Every spring since 2007, the City of Cambridge has been set alight in excitement over art and science during our annual Cambridge Science Festival; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Science Festival is a celebration showcasing all that is fun and leading edge in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) in the New England region;
- WHEREAS: A multifaceted, multicultural event, the Cambridge Science Festival makes science accessible, interactive, and fun, highlighting the impact of STEAM in our daily lives; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Science Festival offers a wide range of STEAM-related activities lectures, debates, exhibitions, concerts, plays, workshops, etc. over ten days at a variety of locations, modeled on art, music, and movie festivals, the Cambridge Science Festival makes STEAM part of the wider culture by illuminating the richness of scientific inquiry and the excitement of discovery; and
- WHEREAS: It would be of great benefit to our young adult, adult and elderly populations for the City of Cambridge to sponsor a STEAM open air festival during the Cambridge Science Festival focused on encouraging participants to explore the role of STEAM in their lives; and
- WHEREAS: This open air festival would target adults of all ages, including our senior population, and present them with opportunities for getting involved in STEAM, both for professional purposes and for better understanding innovation and smart technology; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments and the Cambridge Science Festival's steering committee and organizers to discuss the feasibility of hosting an open air STEAM festival for adults of all ages, including our senior population, between Apr 17-26, 2015 and report back to the City Council before the Cambridge Science Festival proposal deadline of Dec 5, 2014.

O-13 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: Pursuant to Chapter 12.04 Section 12.04.10 of the Municipal Code that the City Council go on record

- changing the name of "Northpoint Boulevard Extension" to "Education Circle" with the limit of the name change being from the back of the sidewalk along Education Street through the end of the cul-de-sac per the attached survey plan; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, the City Engineer, and Post Master, to review the attached survey plan with the intention of confirming the change of "North Point Boulevard Extension" to "Education Circle" and report back to the Council once the name has been changed.

O-14 Oct 27, 2014

**COUNCILLOR MAZEN** 

- WHEREAS: Cambridge has a burgeoning cycling population, with bicyclists a consistent feature on the city's main roads; and
- WHEREAS: Large trucks are an unavoidable hazard for cyclists, and many bicyclists do not know how to handle the danger presented by truck drivers while riding on main roads; and
- WHEREAS: A program like London's Exchanging Places, where cyclists have the chance to sit in the cockpit of a large truck and see exactly what a truck driver sees while he or she is driving, would be a beneficial educational aid to bicyclists; and
- WHEREAS: Alex Epstein, an engineer at the Volpe Center who researches truck safety and was instrumental in Boston's recent policy installing truck side-guards on vehicles as a pilot demo, touts this program as an effective educational resource; and
- WHEREAS: Crossrail Ltd, the London company behind the program, cites that in a recent survey of participants, 99% reported that after attending an Exchanging Places event they would change their cycling habits; and
- WHEREAS: It is clear that cyclists and truck drivers both have an equal right to the road, and therefore, educational measures will be an effective supplement to more mechanical bike safety initiatives such as truck side guards; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, the Cambridge Police Department, and the Cambridge Department of Public Works to determine the feasibility of hosting a program similar to the Exchanging Places program in London; and be it further ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to
- ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-15 Oct 27, 2014

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

- WHEREAS: A Living Will is an important legal document that specifies what actions should be taken in the event of terminal illness or indefinite life support; and
- WHEREAS: A Living Will ensures that in the event of terminal illness or injury, the victim's personal wishes regarding the removal of life support and the conduct of other difficult decisions become legally binding; and
- WHEREAS: The process of obtaining the copy of a Living Will-if one has been drafted at all-from the courts in an emergency can be complicated and time consuming in a

- situation where any delay could have severe repercussions; and
- WHEREAS: William Palin, a local Cambridge lawyer has used contemporary technology to create a free mobile app, PaperHealth, that is able to draft a legally binding Living Will on the user's mobile phone; and
- WHEREAS: Hospitals are already required to mention living wills during patient intake and implementation in area hospitals may fit neatly into existing intake procedures, thereby potentially bypassing bureaucratic red tape and court proceedings in the future; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Palin has made the initial release of PaperHealth tailored to Massachusetts, and is in talks with the Vermont Ethics Center and the Virginia Poverty Law Center to match the app to state by state medical and legal needs, a process that could easily be reapplied to Massachusetts; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Health Alliance and Mr. Palin to determine the best way to implement PaperHealth in Massachusetts area hospitals; and be it further
- ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to City Council on this matter.

O-16 Oct 27, 2014

**COUNCILLOR CHEUNG** 

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the appropriate City departments to install a raised intersection and traffic-calming measures in front of Cadbury Commons on Sherman Street.

O-17 Oct 27, 2014 VICE MAYOR BENZAN COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the status of the Masse Hardware Company sites located at 243 Walden Street and 253 Walden Street and, if available, consider acquiring one or both sites for mixed-income affordable housing of a suitable scale and report back to the Council regarding findings.