

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Coolidge Place Land Disposition Report, pursuant to Chapter 2.110 of the Cambridge Municipal Code.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Planning Board recommendation favoring the Coolidge Plan Land Disposition.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to further study the Barrett, et al Zoning Petition
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation to adopt with changes the Carsharing Zoning Petition (refiled).
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the purchase of the premises numbered 0 Winter Street, Assessor's parcel #165-21-1, in the Town of Lincoln ("the Property") consisting of 54.35 acres of undeveloped land for the purposes of protecting the City's drinking water supply and for land conservation.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account. This appropriation will be used to procure consultant services to augment Cambridge's core environmental goals.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-85, regarding a report on the feasibility of having the City purchase the buildings on Harvard Street and Harding Street.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-100, regarding a report on the feasibility of piloting signal priority technology at traffic signals and Awaiting Report Item Number 15-101, regarding a report on the status of bus delay mitigation improvements.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-112 and Awaiting Report Item Number 15-123, regarding Cambridge Common message board and traffic patterns.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-99, regarding a report on the possible applicability of the Washington decision to Cambridge Charter School enrollment and tuition reimbursement issues.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-60, regarding a report on restaurant employee parking. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Twenty-five of Sept 21, 2015. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Sept 28, 2015.]
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-107 and Council Order Number 54, dated 9/21/15, regarding the minimum wage. [City Manager Agenda Number Six of

Sept 28, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Mazen.]

3. That the Council go on the record to state that the second Monday of October henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge, in recognition of the indigenous people of America's position as native to these lands, and the suffering they faced following European conquest of their land. [Order Number Fifteen of Oct 19, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan.]
4. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Nadeem A. Mazen, Chair of the Neighborhood & Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts & Celebration Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 20, 2015 to discuss coordinating local resources to provide housing and services for incoming refugees from the Syrian Civil War. [Committee Report Number Three of Nov 2, 2015 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Mazen.]
5. An application was received from the Boston Ballet, 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, requesting permission to hang twenty-three temporary banners on electrical poles on in Harvard Square. These banners will promote the Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker. The temporary banners will be hung from Nov 23 to Jan 4, 2016. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Benzan on Applications and Petitions Number Four of Nov 2, 2015. Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Benzan on Nov 9, 2015.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to proposed amendment to the Living Wage Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 16, 2015.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from the Margaret Brown, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 293-295A Concord Avenue; 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.
2. An application was received from the Syed Nuruzzaman, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 154-158 Magazine Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
3. An application was received from the Julie Hendrick, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 7 Channing Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
4. An application was received from the Alba De Jesus, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 7 Eighth 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.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities transmitting notice of a public hearing on a petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, on the proposed Three-Year Plan. The hearing will take place on Nov 30, 2015, 2:00pm at the Department's offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, MA.
2. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities transmitting notice of a public hearing on a petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, on the proposed Three-Year Plan. The hearing will take place on Nov 30, 2015, 2:00pm at the Department's offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, MA.
3. [A communication was received from Kim Courtney](#), regarding Xavier Dietrich's Open Meeting Law Complaint against the Board of Zoning Appeal and Chair Constantine Alexander.
4. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, Individually and as Chair, Friends of the White Geese, regarding protecting the Charles River, its water, its animals, its land, its trees and related from destructive environmental behavior by government agencies.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Craig Kelley on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulations to David Maher on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Dennis Carlone on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Marc McGovern on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Nadeem Mazen on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Tim Toomey on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Leland Cheung on his re-election to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Simmons
8. Thanks to Dennis Benzan for his honorable service to the City Council for the 2014-2015 term. Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Anne Wilkins. Councillor Toomey
10. Retirement of Christine Baer from the School Department. Mayor Maher
11. Retirement of Stephen Koulalis from the School Department. Mayor Maher
12. Retirement of Mitchell Zweibel from the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Maher
13. Recognition of the great professional and civic contributions made by Joseph Calautti and Rizzo Tailor. Councillor Carlone
14. Resolution on the death of Sylvia Rosslyn Pilch. Mayor Maher

15. Resolution on the death of Anthony L. "Tony" Ferraro. Mayor Maher
16. Congratulations to Jose Mateo Ballet on their 30th anniversary this upcoming holiday season. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to Chris Hoeh on receiving the National Council for the Social Studies Outstanding Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for 2015. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to Kate McGovern on publishing her first novel. Councillor McGovern
19. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Class of 1980 on their upcoming 35th reunion. Councillor McGovern
20. Congratulations to Yesenia Alfaro-Alvarez on her election to the Chelsea School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
21. Congratulations to Judith Garcia on her election to the Chelsea City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
22. Congratulations to Gladys Lebron-Martinez on being re-elected as a Holyoke City Councillor. Vice Mayor Benzan
23. Congratulations to Carlos Vidal on his election to the Waltham City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
24. Congratulations to Nelson Roman on his election to the Holyoke City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
25. Congratulations to Jossie M. Valentin on her re-election to the Holyoke City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
26. Congratulations to Enio Lopez on his election to the Chelsea City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
27. Congratulations to Ana Hernandez on her re-election to the Chelsea School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
28. Congratulations to Kelly Garcia on her election to the Chelsea School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
29. Congratulations to Jeanette Velez on her re-election to the Chelsea School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
30. Congratulations to Diana Maldonado on her election to the Chelsea School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
31. Congratulations to Andres Vargas on his election to the Haverhill City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
32. Congratulations to Yamir Rodriguez on her election to the Chelsea City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
33. Congratulations to Irene G. Feliciano on her election to the Holyoke School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
34. Congratulations to Maria Carrasco on her re-election to the Lynn School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
35. Congratulations to Adrienne Nunez on her re-election to the Greenfield School Committee. Vice Mayor Benzan
36. Congratulations to Luis Tejada on his election to the Chelsea City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
37. Congratulations to Adam Gomez on his election to the Springfield City Council. Vice Mayor Benzan
38. Honoring the life and legacy of the late Leslie H. Kimbrough. Vice Mayor Benzan

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back on the feasibility of making a comprehensive housing plan an early action item of the pending citywide planning process. Councillor Carlone and Councillor Mazen
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works for the purpose of incorporating the regular cleaning of the area underneath trash bins into the existing maintenance duties for pickup. Councillor Kelley
3. City Council support of the efforts of the Harvard Graduate Student Union and urging the Harvard administration to commit to refrain from legal or other action that would delay graduate employees' right to choose collective bargaining, to refrain from efforts to influence research assistants and teaching assistants in their decision to vote on HGSU-UAW, and to commit to commence good-faith negotiations for a contract immediately upon confirmation of a majority vote by research assistants and teaching assistance in favor of HGSU-UAW as their union. Councillor Toomey, Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Council stand in solidarity with The White House in favor of a cleaner and more sustainable future. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Mazen
5. That the City Council go on record in support of House Bills 2870 and 2871. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Mazen and Councillor Toomey
6. That the City of Cambridge sympathizes with the people of France and offers our deepest condolences during this period of loss and mourning. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen and Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the vision of including within the Master Plan and Alewife Study a plan for the relocation of the DPW facilities. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Council go on record rebuking the inflammatory comments made by Governor Baker as unnecessary and divisive relating to accepting Syrian refugees. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen and Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on whether there are plans to relocate the Animal Commission currently under consideration. Councillor Simmons
10. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Marc McGovern for a street corner dedication in honor of H.A. and Margaret Rey. Councillor McGovern
11. That the City Manager is requested to make known the City Council's support for House Bill H.1656 and Senate Bill S.901, Acts relative to the support of the expansion of housing courts in the Commonwealth are current being considered by the Massachusetts legislature. Councillor Cheung and Councillor McGovern
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to sign on to the attached Amicus Curaie brief in

support of the California Teachers Association on behalf of the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung

13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Department to determine the feasibility of the Cambridge Police Station becoming a Safe Trade Station. Councillor Cheung
14. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission in order to operate at least 5 early polling locations, for the entire day, for the entirety of the 11 day early voting period and that the City Manager and Election Commission confer further as to the feasibility of operating a greater number of early polling locations, and issue a report detailing their findings. Councillor Mazen

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Chair of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee for a public hearing held on Oct 20, 2015 to discuss Sustainable Transportation and the Cambridge Bike Plan.
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 hearing held on Oct 13, 2015 to discuss issues of bike safety on City streets, including traffic enforcement, street maintenance and traffic signal devices including lights and signs.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 12, 2015 to discuss a petition by the Planning Board to amend Section 13.10 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance so as to change the development controls applicable in the planned Unit Development at Kendall Square (PUD-KS) Overlay Zoning District. The majority of the PUD-KS District is occupied by the Volpe Transportation Systems Research Center operated by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
4. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee for a public hearing held on Oct 21, 2015 to receive a report from the Department of Human Services regarding the plan to move forward with the recommendations brought forth by the Charrette on Homelessness.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Kim Courtney and Xavier Dietrich, 955 Massachusetts Avenue #259, Cambridge, regarding the Minutes of the City Council meeting of Aug 10, 2015.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

7:00pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss a request from Normandy Real Estate Partners and Twining Properties to make available for disposition approximately 1,042 square feet of City owned land know as Coolidge Place, which is an eight foot wide public way that connects Massachusetts Avenue to the city-owned Municipal Parking Lot #6 on Bishop Allen Drive. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 1

10:00am The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed Community Benefits Ordinance. [Click here to view the proposed ordinance.](#) (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on a petition by the Planning Board to amend Section 13.10 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance so as to change the development controls applicable in the Planned Unit Development at Kendall Square (PUD-KS) Overlay Zoning District. The majority of the PUD-KS District is occupied by the Volpe Transportation Systems Research Center operated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Dec 3

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 8

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Kiril Stefan and Catherine Alexandrov, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to extend the Business BA-3 zone on Western Avenue currently in existence from Howard to Jay Streets onto the even number side of Western Avenue from #s 158-168 which is three houses from the corner of Kinnaird Street to Jay Street. [Click here to view the proposed ordinance.](#) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Dec 9

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by the Friends of MAPOCO, to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by a new sub-district of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District along Massachusetts Avenue between Porter Square and Cambridge Common. [Click here to view the proposed ordinance.](#) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Dec 10

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a zoning petition filed by Milford Medicinals, Inc., to amend the Cambridge Zoning Map to include 1001 Massachusetts Avenue in the MMD-1 Zoning Overlay. [Click here to view the proposed ordinance.](#) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 14

10:00am The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 2.121 entitled "Living Wage Ordinance." (Sullivan Chamber)

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

### Thurs, Dec 17

2:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code entitled Exotic Animal Ordinance. [Click here to view the proposed ordinance.](#) (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the refiled Elizabeth M. Stern, et al. petition to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by changing the current zoning designation of Lot 84 (2551 Massachusetts Avenue) and Lot 65 (7 Richard Avenue) on Assessing Block Map 186 from Business A-2 to Residence B and remove both from the MAOD and the NMAS, redraw the zoning district boundary lines so the two lots are in the Residence B zone and not in the MAOD or the NMAS and revise Article 20, Sections 100-111. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 4

10:00am City Council Inaugural Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Feb 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Nov 23, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Affordable housing in Cambridge is an area of great concern for the city; and  
WHEREAS: As we embark on the Citywide Master Plan it is important to make sure that affordable housing remains a primary focus; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the feasibility of making a comprehensive housing plan an early action item of the pending citywide planning process.

O-2 Nov 23, 2015  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Trash bins around Cambridge's sidewalks often harbor the very rubbish and refuse beneath their metal structure that they are meant to remove; and  
WHEREAS: In addition to presenting a persistent blight to the urban streetscape, the accumulating debris can provide a source of food and refuge for rodents; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works for the purpose of incorporating the regular cleaning of the area underneath trash bins into the existing maintenance duties for pickup.

O-3 Nov 23, 2015  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Graduate employees are an integral part of the success of Harvard University in that their research and teaching is essential to the function of the university bringing roughly \$819 million in grants and contract to the University each year; and  
WHEREAS: Despite their dedication to their institution, they are met with job insecurity, late payments, termination without just cause, lack of dental coverage, lack of access to affordable childcare, and arbitrary scheduling; and  
WHEREAS: In order to address these issues, graduate employees at Harvard are organizing for union representation with the Harvard Graduate Student Union - UAW; and  
WHEREAS: Graduate workers at public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts have had the right to bargain legally recognized for years but graduate employees at private universities do not have their rights enforced by law; and  
WHEREAS: The Harvard Graduate Student Union - UAW has reached out for support in urging the Harvard administration to recognize the right of graduate employees to collectively bargain; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the efforts of the Harvard Graduate Student Union and urging the Harvard administration to commit to refrain from legal or other action that would delay graduate employees' right to choose collective bargaining, to refrain from efforts to influence research assistants and teaching assistants in their decision to vote on HGSU-UAW, and to

commit to commence good-faith negotiations for a contract immediately upon confirmation of a majority vote by research assistants and teaching assistance in favor of HGSU-UAW as their union.

O-4 Nov 23, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: President Barack Obama recently announced that the United States would be rejecting the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, ending the political fight over the Canada-to-Texas project that has gone on for much of the past seven years; and  
WHEREAS: In their decision, The White House and the U.S. State Department has further solidified the United States leadership role in the fight against climate change; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council stand in solidarity with The White House in favor of a cleaner and more sustainable future; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to The White House on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Nov 23, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Consumer and environmental protections are necessary if we wish to live in a safe and just world; and  
WHEREAS: Members of the Massachusetts State Legislature including Representative Lori Ehrlich, Senator James Eldridge, and Representative Timothy Toomey have introduced House Bill 2870 which protects gas and electricity customers from paying for unaccounted for gas ("UFG") by prohibiting providers from including the cost of "UFG," as well as the costs of reducing or remedying loss, in the rate base, and House Bill 2871 which requires the repair of all gas leaks when a road is opened up for a significant repair of the road or of an underground utility or other infrastructure; and  
WHEREAS: Along with groups like HEET, Mothers Out Front, The Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, and The Boston Climate Action Network, the City of Cambridge agrees in taking measures to safeguard the public from potential consequences prompted by such circumstances; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of House Bills 2870 and 2871; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Nov 23, 2015  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE  
COUNCILLOR MAZEN  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Fri, Nov 13, 2015, the City of Paris, France was attacked by members of the Islamic State in Iraq and

Syria (ISIS), killing at least 129 people and wounding more than 350 others; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge sympathizes with the people of France and offers our deepest condolences during this period of loss and mourning.

O-7 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has been a longstanding position that the City of Cambridge would seek opportunities to relocate the Public Works Department Facilities to the Alewife area; and

WHEREAS: The relocation of DPW operation would create Open Space opportunities in the Wellington Harrington neighborhood, one of the most densely populated in the City; and

WHEREAS: The Alewife area will be the first area examined in the Master Planning process; and

WHEREAS: Increasing land costs complicate a potential relocation within the City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the vision of including within the Master Plan and Alewife Study a plan for the relocation of the DPW facilities and to report back to the City Council.

O-8 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Tues, Nov 17, 2015, following the terrorist attacks in Paris in which 129 people were killed and more than 350 others wounded, Governor Charlie Baker made insensitive and unnecessary remarks about his desire to not accept Syrian refugees into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: While Governor Baker stated his desire was to put the safety of the people of Massachusetts first, the wording he chose sends the wrong message to our local immigrant and Muslim populations, and it obscures the fact that Massachusetts has a long, proud history of welcoming people from across the globe to make a good life for themselves in our community; and

WHEREAS: Governor Baker's remarks could feed into a distorted perception of our immigrant communities and potentially fan local anti-immigrant sentiment or other potentially harmful behaviors toward local immigrants; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record rebuking the inflammatory comments made by Governor Baker as unnecessary and divisive; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in affirming the very real need for there to be welcoming, safe communities that will accept those peoples fleeing from violence, murder, and persecution in their homelands, and our hope is that Massachusetts continues to be one of those welcoming, safe communities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Governor Charlie Baker on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that there has been some consideration given to relocating the Animal Commission from the City Hall Annex at 344 Broadway to another location, possibly within Police Headquarters on Sixth Street; and

WHEREAS: The Animal Commission is currently situated in a central location in the city, and is easily accessible to most residents by car, foot, or public transportation, and some residents have voiced concerns that changing the location of this department would make it more difficult for people to access its important services; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on whether there are plans to relocate the Animal Commission currently under consideration; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the City Manager to keep the Animal Commission operating out of its current location within the City Hall Annex.

O-10 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Marc McGovern for a street corner dedication in honor of H.A. and Margaret Rey; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for their review and approval.

O-11 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge desires the ability to effectively approach and enforce municipal codes regarding housing matters; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that House Bill H.1656 and Senate Bill S.901, both Acts relative to the support of the expansion of housing courts in the Commonwealth are current being considered by the Massachusetts legislature; and

WHEREAS: If passed, these acts would allow for the City of Cambridge to pursue housing matters in a specialized court designed to specifically deal with housing issues, allowing Cambridge to better protect our residents and more swiftly resolve violations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make known the City Council's support for House Bill H.1656 and Senate Bill S.901; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Order to Cambridge's State House delegation.

O-12 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a leader in supporting organized labor and those whom organized labor represents; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the California Teachers Association is engaged in a

lawsuit, Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association, that endangers extant collective bargaining agreements; and  
WHEREAS: The City Council is supportive of the collective bargaining actions of unions on behalf of those they represent and wishes to see union's strong position as advocates on behalf of their members preserved; and  
WHEREAS: Dozens of other municipalities and school districts, including the City of Boston, have joined in signing an amicus brief supporting the California Teachers Association in their lawsuit before the Supreme Court; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to sign on to [the attached Amicus Curaie brief](#) in support of the California Teachers Association on behalf of the Cambridge City Council.

O-13 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge residents make use of online services such as Craigslist to buy, sell, and trade goods with strangers who live in the area; and  
WHEREAS: While many people choose to finalize the deals that these sites facilitate in public spaces, there have been cases where public deals have resulted in robberies, muggings, or even shootings and stabbings; and  
WHEREAS: Providing citizens with a safe space to trade goods would reduce the chances of crimes occurring while trades are happening; and  
WHEREAS: Many communities have become "SafeTrade" communities by allowing and encouraging residents to make use of police station lobbies for completion of their deals, a full listing of "SafeTrade" communities can be found at <http://www.safetradestations.com>; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Department to determine the feasibility of the Cambridge Police Station becoming a Safe Trade Station and report back to the City Council.

O-14 Nov 23, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: The right to vote is of fundamental importance to the formation and continuation of American government, and is the cornerstone of our democracy; and  
WHEREAS: Voter turnout in previous elections is low, with 36.6% of eligible voters nationwide casting ballots in the 2014 General Election, and roughly 18% of Cambridge residents casting a vote in the 2015 municipal election; and  
WHEREAS: Increasing voter turnout will ensure a government that better represents the voters; and  
WHEREAS: The Massachusetts General Court pursuant to Chapter 111, (Section 12) of the Acts of 2014, has provided for 11 days of early voting, beginning with the 2016 election; and  
WHEREAS: Within that eleven day period municipalities are only required to keep open one polling location by law, but can make the choice to open additional locations; and  
WHEREAS: Common Cause Massachusetts, the state chapter of a national citizen advocacy group, recommend opening at least 1 polling place per 35,000 voters in their report "Early Voting: What Other States Can Teach Massachusetts;" and

WHEREAS: The United States Presidential Commission on Election Administration has stated, "[early voting] must be administered in an equitable manner so all voters can have equal opportunity to vote.;" and  
WHEREAS: Evenings and weekends will be the most convenient time for a large number of Cantabrigians - such as low-income workers, full-time employees, and parents with young children - to vote; and  
WHEREAS: The Common Cause report has estimated the additional cost of operating early voting locations at only "\$362.84 per location per full day;" now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission in order to operate at least 5 early polling locations, for the entire day, for the entirety of the 11 day early voting period and that the City Manager and Election Commission confer further as to the feasibility of operating a greater number of early polling locations, and issue a report detailing their findings; and be it further  
ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to develop and launch an awareness campaign that will educate Cambridge residents about early voting opportunities and procedures; and be it further  
ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission to operate the polling locations as non-precinct based, "Vote Centers", thereby allowing anyone desiring to vote early to do so at the center most convenient for them; and be it further  
ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Election Commission to make every attempt to accomplish this goal in time for the 2016 election; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.