

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, effective Dec 7, 2015: Robert Slate
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Kids' Council for a term of three years, effective Jan 4, 2016: Alanna Mallon
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the CLC grant in the amount of \$23,700 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages acct. (\$21,753) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance acct. (\$1,947) which will support the Bridge Program advising, coaching and mentoring, for the ESOL/Certified Nursing Assistant Program, and education and career advising for other CLC students.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$500 donation from the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers' Association to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which was used to purchase turkeys for the Turkey Give-Away to families attending the Frisoli basketball league championship.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Mass Formula Grant in the amount of \$128,924.47 funded by the Mass Exec. Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$73,545.16), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$50,134.31), and to the Travel and Training account (\$5,245) and will be used to provide transportation for seniors to medical appointments and weekly food shopping trips and will support one part-time weekend coordinator position, an office aid, a meals assistant and several instructors who provide services at the Citywide Senior Center.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a member of the Public Art Commission for term of three years, effective Dec 7, 2015: Alex Van Praagh
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a [Planning Board recommendation](#) to adopt with suggested modifications the PUD-KS (Volpe Site) Rezoning Petition.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a [Planning Board recommendation](#) to adopt the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority/MXD Rezoning Petition in the revised version dated Nov 4, 2015, with suggested clarifications.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-94, regarding a report on a [list of parking stickers issued to each development in the past ten years](#).
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to [proposed amendments to the Community Benefits Ordinance](#).
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Nicole Murati

Ferrer, Esq. as Chair of the License Commission, effective Jan 11, 2016.

12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund Mayor Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Mayor Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover costs associated with the Boards and Commissions event and other increases in other ceremonial events. This transfer will allow for current and anticipated costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$45,000 from the General Fund Police Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of replacing windows on the second floor of the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Facility due to the settling of the building.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Carlone on Applications and Petitions Number Two of Nov 23, 2015.]

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City departments to draft a Home Rule petition that would allow Cambridge to establish a Job Creation and Training linkage fee to be managed by a Cambridge Jobs Trust. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Order Number Two of Oct 19, 2015. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Cheung on Nov 2, 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 Esmeralda Lambert d/b/a Esmeralda, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 54 Church Street.
2. An application was received from The Comedy Studio, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1238 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Mike Connolly, 20 Harding Street, regarding a Comprehensive Housing Plan.
2. A communication was received from Joseph Sullivan, 79 Upland Road, regarding a Comprehensive Housing Plan.
3. A communication was received from Rachel Wyon, 283 Sidney Street, regarding the Comprehensive Housing Plan.
4. A communication was received from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC regarding Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2017.
5. A communication was received from Laura Younger, Director of Administration, American Red Cross of Massachusetts, 130 Main Street, transmitting her thanks and gratitude to Councillor Denise Simmons and the City Council congratulating her recent affiliation with the American Red Cross.
6. A communication was received from Councillor Craig Kelley, transmitting a communication from a resident regarding car share zoning.
7. A communication was received from Phyllis Bretholtz, 65 Antrim Street, transmitting a note of thanks for Volpe Site Vote.
8. A communication was received from Aaron Weber, endorsing car-sharing services.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Evelyn F. Grace. Mayor Maher
2. Condolences to the family of Pat Dance. Councillor Simmons
3. Happy 50th Anniversary to Arnell and Marcell Jones. Councillor Simmons
4. Thanks to the Cambridgeport students for their efforts in sending care packages to members of the military abroad. Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulations to Darrin Korte on being named Executive Director of the Cambridge Community Center. Councillor Toomey
6. Thanks to Corinne Espinoza for her service as the interim Executive Director of the Cambridge Community Center. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to Parsnip Restaurant on the occasion of its grand opening. Councillor Cheung
8. Thanks to Andrew Ivanoskis for service to the Kennedy-Longfellow School as well as the greater Cambridge community through his deep commitment to volunteerism. Mayor Maher
9. Condolences to the people of San Bernardino County, California. Councillor Carlone
10. Resolution on the death of Juan Luis Del Valle. Vice Mayor Benzan

11. Speedy recovery wishes to Sheila T. Russell. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with Harvard to determine if there are other means to address construction needs that would not result in the removal of pear trees on Dunster and Holyoke Streets. Councillor McGovern
2. That the City Manager is requested to approach the current owner of the Tokyo restaurant site on Fresh Pond Parkway regarding the City's interest in purchasing this property for the development of affordable housing opportunities. Councillor McGovern, Councillor Simmons and Mayor Maher
3. That the City Council go on record denouncing the anti-muslim libel spread by Breitbart.com and similar organizations. Councillor Carlone
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant City staffers to determine the feasibility of establishing City-financed "gap vouchers," similar to those being considered by the City of Waltham, and to consider whether additional measures such as establishing standalone City-issued housing vouchers could be established. Councillor Simmons, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Carlone
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Police Commissioner and the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation to enforce no parking within Centanni Park and install appropriate signage. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel and report back to the City Council on what specific steps will be implemented in the coming year to ensure that the City's Boards and Commissions adequately reflect the rich diversity of the City, and to ensure that a greater level of citizen outreach and engagement by these entities is pursued. Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Finance Department to establish a parallel fund to the fund proposed in the Community Benefits Ordinance and to confer with the Finance Director to ensure that the parallel fund will be able to accept money from private entities and that it will spend the collected money in a similar manner to the Community Benefits Fund. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to maintain access to the green space in front of the King Open School along Cambridge Street for as long as possible before demolition occurs. Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 Nov 18, 2015 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 6.000 to create a new Section 6.24 Car-sharing Provision that will create a definition and general provisions for Car-sharing and will allow the limited use of parking spaces.
2. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise

Simmons and Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan, Co-Chairs of the Economic Development and University Relations Committee for a public hearing held on Nov 18, 2015 to continue discussions around the need for establishing a wage theft ordinance.

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public hearing held on Nov 17, 2015 to discuss the rodent problem in the City.
4. 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 Nov 19, 2015 to continue discussion on the petition filed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan area (KSURP) and to amend the current zoning for the MXD District in Kendall Square to reflect the proposed changes to the plan.
5. 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 Nov 19, 2015 to discuss a petition filed by Patrick W. Barrett III, et al. to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by amending Article 2.000 (“Definitions”) and Article 4.000, Section 4.22 (“Accessory Apartment”).
6. 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 Dec 3, 2015 to continue discussion on the petition filed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan area (KSURP) and to amend the current zoning for the MXD District in Kendall Square to reflect the proposed changes to the plan.
7. 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 Dec 1, 2015 to discuss the proposed Community Benefits Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Tanya L. Ford, Executive Director, Cambridge Election Commission, transmitting the [Final Official Results from the Municipal Election held on Tues, Nov 3, 2015 for City Council](#).
2. A communication was received from Tanya L. Ford, Executive Director, Cambridge Election Commission, transmitting the [Final Official Results from the Municipal Election held on Tues, Nov 3, 2015 for School Committee](#).

HEARING SCHEDULE

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

- 1:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the financial aspects of Community Benefits. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 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)

Tues, Dec 15

6:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss and raise community awareness about PrEP, a new preventative medication that can be taken by individuals who are at high risk for contracting HIV. (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 NMA, 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 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Harvard University plans to remove 11 pear trees on Dunster Street and 14 pear trees on Holyoke Street for construction staging; and

WHEREAS: The removal of trees runs counter to city goals; and

WHEREAS: Many in the community have raised concerns regarding Harvard's plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with Harvard to determine if there are other means to address their construction needs that would not result in the removal of these trees and to report back to the City Council as to any outcome.

O-2 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Board of Zoning Appeals has denied the special permit request to convert the former Tokyo restaurant on Fresh Pond Parkway into an auto repair garage putting the project in jeopardy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to approach the current owner of the site regarding the City's interest in purchasing this property for the development of affordable housing opportunities.

O-3 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: A free press and an informed public are essential for a well-functioning democracy; and

WHEREAS: In the U.S., we are fortunate to have a wide spectrum of media outlets whose viewpoints are usually represented by fact based evidence and first-hand account information; and

WHEREAS: In an age where the ease of technology allows for any group or organization to produce "news," certain media outlets have the ability, and too often the willingness, to mislead, unfairly portray, and smear the honorable work of individuals in an attempt to build readership and sell subscriptions; and

WHEREAS: This form of news media is rightfully disregarded as illegitimate tabloid, nonetheless, it is important that we as a community publicly condemn these organizations who blatantly fabricate the truth; and

WHEREAS: Most recently, our fellow colleague and councillor, Nadeem Mazen, was the target of such baseless attacks by the online magazine Breitbart.com; and

WHEREAS: Breitbart.com has a history of outrageous and sensationalized journalism designed for shock value but which has no proven basis in truth whatsoever; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record denouncing the anti-muslim libel spread by Breitbart.com and similar organizations; and be it further

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

O-4 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: With the affordable housing crisis continuing to impact communities across the country, many municipalities are actively exploring new and different means of increasing the opportunities for people to be able to secure affordable housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Cities like Waltham are actively contemplating the feasibility of creating city-financed "gap vouchers," to increase the value of HUD-financed housing vouchers, in order to increase the likelihood that those with such vouchers will be able to afford the steep rents in Waltham, something they might otherwise be unable to do; and

WHEREAS: Similarly, Cambridge residents who obtain mobile vouchers are often finding that they must look for housing outside the city, because the steep rental prices in this city put most apartments out of reach, even when a resident has obtained a voucher; and

WHEREAS: As the City continues seeking ways to address the affordable housing crisis, new ideas must be considered and explored for viability, and the concept of creating city-financed "gap vouchers" seems well worth investigating to

see if it would allow more Cambridge residents to have a better chance of remaining in their community; and
WHEREAS: It is also well worth investigating whether there could be a viable way of having the City establish stand-alone, City-issued housing vouchers; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant City staffers to determine the feasibility of establishing City-financed “gap vouchers,” similar to those being considered by the City of Waltham, and to consider whether additional measures such as establishing standalone City-issued housing vouchers could be established, and to report back to the City Council about this in a timely manner.

O-5 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Police Commissioner and the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation to enforce no parking within Centanni Park and install appropriate signage.

O-6 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: One of the great strengths of Cambridge is the rich diversity found throughout our community, as people from all walks of life, from all over the world have come here over many generations to make Cambridge their home; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the 2014-2015 City Council term, the Civic Unity Committee has continued discussing ways in which the City could better speak to the concerns of our diverse population, and one frequent area of concern has been whether the City’s Boards and Commissions could be doing a better job of reflecting the City’s diversity; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate City personnel and report back to the City Council on what specific steps will be implemented in the coming year to ensure that the City’s Boards and Commissions adequately reflect the rich diversity of the City, and to ensure that a greater level of citizen outreach and engagement by these entities is pursued.

O-7 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a track record of supporting and encouraging charitable activities in the City that benefit the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is establishing a new Community Benefits Fund that will support charitable actions and foundations in the City; and

WHEREAS: If they desire to, community members and businesses should have the ability to support Cambridge charities’ efforts to fully serve the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Finance Department to establish a parallel fund to the fund proposed in the Community Benefits Ordinance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Finance Director to ensure that the

parallel fund will be able to accept money from private entities and that it will spend the collected money in a similar manner to the Community Benefits Fund; 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-8 Dec 7, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The green space in front of the King Open School is frequently used by neighbors as a place to walk and exercise their dogs; and

WHEREAS: The property will soon be preparing for demolition; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to maintain access to the green space along Cambridge Street in front of the school for as long as possible before the demolition occurs.