

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, regarding two commitment letters received from Boston Properties relative to the 88 Ames Street project.
2. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$26,000 from the General Fund Electrical Department Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Electrical Department Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
3. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$275,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
4. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,265,069 in funds from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Grant to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account for the Alewife Sewer Separation Program which will fund the MWRA eligible portion of construction change orders and additional engineering costs during construction.
5. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an appropriation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in the amount of \$7,800 to the Grant Fund Historical Commission Salaries and Wages account (\$4,300), the Grant Fund Historical Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,000) and the Travel and Training account (\$500) which will continue to support part-time archives assistants.
6. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$35,188 from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Public Investment Fund Fire Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to purchase three dual-band compliant mobile radios and modem equipment for Wi-Fi and Long Term Evolution connectivity.
7. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services for \$187,500 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will purchase a replacement bus for Hazmat Communications and monitoring equipment.
8. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,200 from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Grant Fund Fire Department Travel and Training account which will be used to send staff to a hazardous material conference in Baltimore, MD that will focus on preparedness for hazardous material transportation-related incidents.
9. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an appropriation from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) through the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$21,865.50 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will fund the installation of new security cameras to monitor fire station entrances and bay doors, radio infrastructure, and computer equipment room networks.
10. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-140, regarding a report on the feasibility of the Police Station becoming a Safe Trade Station.
11. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-128, regarding a report on the potential for using illuminated pedestrian crossing signs.
12. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$326,000 from Hubway generated revenue (\$280,000) and Parking Fund revenue (\$46,000) to the General Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account. This appropriation will be used to pay for FY16 Hubway operating expenditures. This appropriation will bring Hubway's total operating budget to \$746,000 which includes \$280,000 from Hubway revenue, \$140,000 in reinvestment from the contractor, and \$326,000 from the Parking Fund. \$280,000 of the Parking Fund revenue was included in the FY16 Capital Budget.
13. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-120, regarding a report on the Alewife Bridge/Platform project.
14. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$190,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to pay for completion of the feasibility study and preliminary design of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Fitchburg Line commuter rail tracks to link the Alewife Triangle and the Alewife Quadrangle.
15. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for conceptual and schematic design for proposed improvements to Point Park, at the intersection of Broadway and Main Street in Kendall Square. The funds were given to the City as a part of a 2012 agreement between the City and Boston Properties, LP.
16. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for the design and construction of a new public open space along Galileo Galilei Way and bounded by Binney Street, Broadway, and the Grand Junction railroad tracks, as part of a 2012 agreement with Boston Properties.

17. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$8,336,980 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used for the construction of two new public open spaces in the eastern Cambridge/Kendall Square area: Rogers Street Park on Rogers Street between Second Street and Third Street, and Triangle Park, between First Street, Binney Street, and Land Boulevard.
18. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a transfer in the amount of \$3,728,500 associated with the MIT PUD-5 Zoning, Ordinance #1355 (\$3,500,000) and Education First's agreement for the North Point Building project, Ordinance #1337 (\$228,500) from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Community Benefits Stabilization Fund which will be used to provide financial support to non-profit charitable community benefits organizations serving Cambridge residents determined by a process established by the City.
19. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$112,100 from the Mitigation Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to remove stormwater (inflow) from the sewer system to offset the new sewer flows associated with the development at 22 Water Street.
20. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-49, relative to a report on the progress of the former Tokyo Restaurant site.
21. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-89, regarding a report on zoning and building potential along Cambridge Street and Gore Street between Second and Third Streets.
22. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-138, regarding a report on the feasibility of having a comprehensive housing plan as part of an early action item of the citywide planning process.
23. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-119, regarding a report on the feasibility of a redesign contest for Carl Barron Plaza.
24. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-116, regarding the intersection of Fayerweather Street and Concord Avenue.
25. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2016: Burton Malkofsky
26. Transmitting communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 15-32, regarding a report on the economic analysis for Central Square.

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. 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

5. 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.
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 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 28, 2015. Planning Board Hearing held Oct 27, 2015. Petition expires Feb 16, 2016.
7. 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"). The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 28, 2015. Planning Board Hearing held Oct 27, 2015. Petition expires Feb 17, 2016.
8. 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 21, 2015. Planning Board Hearing held Oct 13, 2015. Petition expires Dec 22, 2015.

9. 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 21, 2015.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Mike's Pastry requesting permission for two signs at the premises numbered 11 Dunster Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and Historical.
2. An application was received from the Derek and Ellen Reisinger, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 49 Washington Avenue; 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 Rita Leal, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 346 Norfolk 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 associations.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Quinton Zondervan, 235 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, regarding the order on standing up for Councillor Mazen.
2. A communication was received from Susan Yanow, 221 Norfolk Street, in support for Councillor Carlone's policy order.
3. A communication was received from Andrea Nash and Peter Berry, 18 Worcester Street, in support of Councillor Carlone's policy order.
4. A communication was received from Nancy Murray, 204 Erie Street, in support of Councillor Carlone's policy order.
5. A communication was received from Terrence Rothman, 285 Third Street, transmitting support of Councillor Nadeem Mazen and the policy order.
6. A communication was received from Stephen H. Kaiser, 191 Hamilton Street, regarding the limited but important progress on the Volpe Project.
7. A communication was received from Charlie Denison, Advocacy Committee Chair, LivableStreets Alliance and Rob O'Connor, Advocacy Committee member and Cambridge resident, 70 Pacific Street, regarding the zoning changes around parking spaces for carsharing.
8. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding the sign on the Council Chamber door.
9. A communication was received from Barbara Madeloni, President and Janet Anderson, Vice President, Massachusetts Teachers Association, transmitting a copy of

the amicus brief that was filed by school districts around the country in support of the right of unions to collectively bargain with school districts over agency fee arrangements.

10. A communication was received from Mara Levine, 1 Birch Street, regarding a crosswalk on Concord Avenue.
11. A communication was received from Maria Vetrano, 463 Concord Avenue, regarding restoring the crosswalk on Concord Avenue across from the MBTA stop and Vassal Lane School's ball fields.
12. A communication was received from Barbara Kibler, Executive Director and Mark Stearns, Director of Programs, Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House Inc, regarding the MXD Zoning Petition-Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Toni K. Trio. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Ann Marie E. (Rudgis) Johnson. Councillor Toomey
3. Speedy recovery wishes to John Belloste. Councillor Simmons
4. Retirement of James Smith, Jr. from the School Department. Mayor Maher
5. Congratulating Jeremy Collins and the entire Collins Family on the great success of being a Survivor Champion. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern
6. On Saturday, Dec 12th 2015, The United States joined 194 other nations and committed to lowering planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions. Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulating Bathesda on the release of Fallout 4, and thanking them for their contributions to Cambridge's long term city planning efforts. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulating Baxalta Pharmaceuticals on the opening of their innovation center in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulating Lovepop on their innovative ideas and Shark Tank funding. Councillor Cheung
10. Resolution on the death of Maria Costa. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That all items pending before the City Council and not acted upon by the end of the 2014-2015 Legislative Session be placed in the files of the City Clerk, without prejudice provided that those proposed ordinances which have been passed to a second reading, advertised and listed on the Calendar under "Unfinished Business" during the 2014-2015 City Council term, along with any other pending matters on the Calendar listed as "Unfinished Business," shall be forwarded to the next City Council and further provided that any items pending in committee may, at the discretion of the committee, be forwarded to the next City Council. Mayor Maher
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to provide a better economic analysis of the MXD District in Kendall as it would compare to a more typical

land acquisition and development deal and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey

3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to evaluate the safety of the corner of Richdale Avenue and Walden Street. Councillor McGovern
4. That the City Council join Okinawan citizens to oppose the U.S. Marine Base under construction at Henoko, aka Futenma Replacement Facility (“FRF”), off the coast of Okinawa Island. Councillor Mazen and Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to see the Polly Klaas Foundation child safety kit, or a similar child safety kit, made easily accessible via the City’s website for download. Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor regarding the various consumer protection measures that are available to Cambridge residents. Councillor Carlone, Councillor McGovern and Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct Inspectional Services to work with businesses in Central Square to clean unwanted graffiti on area buildings. Councillor McGovern
8. That the City Manager, in conjunction with the Director of the Cambridge Peace Commission and other relevant staff, is requested to explore a Sister City relationship with the City of Reykjavik, Iceland, in order to foster ties between the municipalities and report back to the City Council on the potential for establishing said relationship in a timely manner. Mayor Maher
9. That this City Council go on record opposing the discontinuance of the premium service from The RIDE and encouraging the MBTA to seek cost-saving measures elsewhere. Councillor McGovern and Councillor Simmons
10. That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Tim Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of Mary Poillucci in the vicinity of Third and Spring Streets. Councillor Toomey
11. That the Cambridge City Council go on record fully supporting H.1129, An Act providing a homeless bill of rights. Councillor McGovern
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to amend article 4.000 of the Zoning Ordinance to require that a power needs assessment be a requirement for appropriate projects that undergo special permit review. Councillor Cheung
13. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to give recognized community groups the ability to present alongside or directly after city staff, on the record and as part of the presentation agenda during meetings of the Ordinance Committee. Councillor Mazen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public

hearing held on Dec 10, 2015 to discuss the financial aspects of Community Benefits.

2. A communication was received from Marybeth Cosgrove, Operations Manager, City Clerk’s Office, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 3, 2015 to consider claims filed against the City.
3. 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 continue discussions 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.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Dennis A. Benzan and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Dec 8, 2015 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 numbers 158-168 which is three houses from the corner of Kinnaird Street to Jay Street.
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 Dec 14, 2015 to continue discussion on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 2.121 entitled “Living Wage Ordinance.”
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 10, 2015 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, regarding the work the Housing Committee has conducted throughout the course of the term and recommendations what the Housing Committee and the City Council will continue to work on in the coming term.
2. A communication was received from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, to briefly reflect upon the work the Civic Unity Committee has conducted throughout the course of the term and issue some recommendations what the Civic Unity Committee, the City Council, and the City Administration will continue to work on in the coming term.

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting modifications to MXD Zoning Petition and Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan Amendment.
4. A communication was received from Councillor Leland Cheung, transmitting an updated version of Article 6.000 of the Zoning Ordinances.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 21, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That all items pending before the City Council and not acted upon by the end of the 2014-2015 Legislative Session be placed in the files of the City Clerk, without prejudice provided that those proposed ordinances which have been passed to a second reading, advertised and listed on the Calendar under "Unfinished Business" during the 2014-2015 City Council term, along with any other pending matters on the Calendar listed as "Unfinished Business," shall be forwarded to the next City Council and further provided that any items pending in committee may, at the discretion of the committee, be forwarded to the next City Council.

O-2 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The current zoning petition for the MXD District in Kendall is unique in that the Developer, Boston Properties, does not have similar land acquisition costs that

other developers doing business in the City of Cambridge would have; and

WHEREAS: The economics of development influence the projects scope including the ratio of housing versus commercial and how to mitigate the impacts of development; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to provide a better economic analysis of this project as it would compare to a more typical land acquisition and development deal and to report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council request that the petitioners work with neighborhood groups that wish to form working groups to refine their proposals.

O-3 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: It has come to the attention of this City Council that area residents are increasingly concerned about safety at the corner of Richdale Avenue and Walden Street due to accidents and near misses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to evaluate the safety of corner of Richdale Avenue and Walden Street.

O-4 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Defense is in the process of building a new U.S. Marine base in Nago City, Okinawa, Japan to replace the current Futenma base located in Ginowan, Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS: The massive new facility, called "Futenma Replacement Facility," is currently being constructed in the Henoko and Oura Bays and according to the Congressional Research Service (CRS), is being opposed by most Okinawans for "a mix of political, environmental and quality of life reasons;" and

WHEREAS: Historically, the impacts of the U.S. military presence in Okinawa include dangers to local communities and the environment which include fires, aircraft crashes and emergency landings (average of 41 incidents per year), terrifying noise pollution that disrupts classes in local schools, and toxic contamination of land, air, water, and the ocean which have led to various affects people's health; and

WHEREAS: U.S. military presence in Okinawa had led to an average of 150 crimes per year committed by U.S. troops against civilians, which include robbery, arson, homicide, and rape; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. military presence also led to between 7,300 and 10,000 Okinawan women to resort to prostitution in response to a stagnant economy and the subsequent sex trafficking of Filipino women when Okinawan women were able to move onto formal occupations; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Defense continues construction of the new facility despite a 2003 lawsuit brought forth by Japanese and American Conservation groups who are advocating to protect the 5,334 species of animals in Henoko Bay, 262 of which are under threat of

extinction (particularly, the historically significant dugong-- a cousin of the manatee); and

WHEREAS: Okinawans have nonviolently participated in large demonstrations such as rallies and marches and have repeatedly elected Nago mayors, prefectural governors, and a prefectural assembly that is opposed to the new facility which includes Takeshi Onaga, governor of Okinawa, who pledged “to stop construction using every means at [his] disposal;” and

WHEREAS: The civil unrest has led to the arrests of Okinawans and Japanese civilians who have protested at the Camp’s main gate and is a violation of Okinawans’ democratic right--namely, their ability to influence and reject the policies that will affect their lives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council join Okinawan citizens to oppose the U.S. Marine Base under construction at Henoko, aka Futenma Replacement Facility (“FRF”), off the coast of Okinawa Island; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council joins Okinawan citizens to call upon the Government of the United States, through the elected representatives of the American people gathered in Congress, to ensure the following steps be taken in accordance with US laws and procedure.

1. The Department of Defense (DOD) undertakes an appropriate and sufficient “take into account” process as ordered by the Court under the NHPA. To do so would presumably require referral to an impartial, scientific, international panel, which should include representatives of Okinawan civil society. That panel would be required to consider evidence on the presence of dugong in Oura Bay and the compatibility of such presence with the uses to which the Marine Corps would intend to subject the Bay should construction go ahead. In camera proceedings by a government appointed commission do not qualify as “appropriate” and “sufficient.”
2. The US Marine Mammal Commission reviews and comments on the DOD’s analysis.
3. Congressional hearings take up environmental issues in the Henoko plan.
4. Congressional hearings that address the lack of democratic process over the siting of this base in Okinawa.
5. Pending satisfactory resolution of the above four matters, the Government of the United States should abandon base construction works at Henoko; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Representative Michael Capuano, and Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, as well as to Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, Secretary of State John Kerry, and to the Okinawan activists who signed the statement cited above on behalf of the City Council.

O-5 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Although child abductions by strangers are exceedingly rare, it is important for families to establish concrete practices to protect their children and teach them the appropriate skills for possibly dangerous situations; and

WHEREAS: Many non-profits, such as the Polly Klaas Foundation distribute child safety kits, which provide tools for parents to teach their children about abduction as well as home-use fingerprint and DNA documents; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge strives to provide resources to its residents via the City’s website, and including a downloadable copy of the freely available Polly Klaas Foundation child safety kit could provide peace of mind to Cambridge families; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to see the Polly Klaas Foundation child safety kit, or a similar child safety kit, made easily accessible via the City’s website for download.

O-6 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CARLONE

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Over the past 20 years, the City of Cambridge has experienced a major increase in the value of residential real estate; and

WHEREAS: This rise in real estate value has meant greater wealth security for many of the city’s residents, however, it has also attracted increased attention from developers seeking to quickly profit from a hot real estate market; and

WHEREAS: Often, these development companies use aggressive sales tactics including mailings and unsolicited phone calls designed to target our city’s most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS: Many residents have complained of these tactics describing them as intrusive, unwelcome, and disreputable; and

WHEREAS: To better protect the homeowner, it is important that they are well informed of the many dangers in dealing with such companies; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor regarding the various consumer protection measures that are available to Cambridge residents; and be it further

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

O-7 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct Inspectional Services to work with businesses in Central Square to clean unwanted graffiti on area buildings.

O-8 Dec 21, 2015

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has established a robust Sister Cities partnership with many cities across the globe and these relationships have created enduring ties to many communities that have benefitted both the citizens of Cambridge and the citizens of our Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS: The City of Reykjavik, founded around 870, is the largest, most populated area in the nation of Iceland, has

been the epicenter of activity for the country and is experiencing a renaissance in recent years; and
WHEREAS: The City of Reykjavik is focusing its efforts on improving its entrepreneurship opportunities, its biotech, information technology and life sciences facilities as well as its universities and affordable housing options; and
WHEREAS: The City of Reykjavik is fully engaged in combating the effects of climate change by implementing sustainable practices and investing in renewable energy resources and has taken a leadership role in the international community by creating successful sustainably-driven partnerships between city government and local businesses; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, its residents and employees have much to share to further encourage these and other important efforts taking place in the City of Reykjavik; and

WHEREAS: Ambassador Robert Barber, a long-time Cambridge resident and current United States Ambassador to the Nation of Iceland, has consistently provided exceptional advocacy on behalf our city as well as the City of Reykjavik in his capacity as a shared resident of both communities, and has demonstrated his strong commitment to ensuring that our communities share the depth of our experiences and knowledge in order to create a continuously advantageous relationship; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and the City of Reykjavik would mutually benefit from promoting contact between our governments, non-profits, businesses and education programs as well as our youth and volunteer programs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, in conjunction with the Director of the Cambridge Peace Commission and other relevant staff, be and is hereby requested to explore a Sister City relationship with the City of Reykjavik, Iceland, in order to foster ties between the municipalities and report back to the City Council on the potential for establishing said relationship in a timely manner.

O-9 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an interest in ensuring the mobility of its residents; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the newly appointed Fiscal Management Control Board, FMCB, of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, MBTA, is considering discontinuing premium services offered to the elderly and disabled through The RIDE among other cost-saving measures; and

WHEREAS: A premium trip is described as one that is booked for later the same day or one that is either to or from an address more than ¾ mile from active MBTA bus and subway service and outside of the core area, making it outside the area within which service is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA; and

WHEREAS: Discontinuing this service will reduce the independence of many of our community members, stranding them in their homes;

WHEREAS: Many of our elderly and disabled neighbors rely on this service to go to work, manage healthcare and doctors' visits, shop, maintain a social calendar, and attend

their daily lives, as well as utilizing it in case of the need for urgent care or other unforeseen circumstances; and
WHEREAS: 210,000 premium trips were completed last year, indicating an incredible number of people whose independence would be reduced and who would be effectively stranded in their own homes because they are unable to utilize the fixed route MBTA system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council does hereby go on record opposing the discontinuance of the premium service from The RIDE and encouraging the MBTA to seek cost-saving measures elsewhere; and be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Governor Charles Baker, to the elected Cambridge delegation in the House and Senate on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council confer with the Dedication Committee to consider the request from Councillor Tim Toomey for a street corner dedication in honor of Mary Poillucci in the vicinity of Third and Spring Streets; 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 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN

WHEREAS: Cambridge has an interest in furthering the protections of all its residents; and

WHEREAS: Many people who experience homelessness find themselves discriminated against based on their housing status; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 1129, An Act providing a homeless bill of rights, has just been favorably reported out of the Joint Committee on Housing and is awaiting its time in front of other committees; and

WHEREAS: This Act would establish a definition of those experiencing homelessness and protect rights to a reasonable expectation of privacy in personal property, confidentiality of records, voting and registering to vote, emergency medical care, freedom from discrimination in seeking or maintaining a job, equal treatment by state and municipal agencies, and the right to use and move freely in public spaces; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council does hereby go on record fully supporting H.1129, An Act providing a homeless bill of rights; 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 elected Cambridge delegation in the House and Senate as well as House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stanley Rosenberg on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cambridge requires the grant of a special permit by the Planning Board for all uses listed as "PB" in article 4.000 of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: The special permit process is intended to exhaustively and holistically review developments in the City, ensuring that proposed uses align with the intent of district's zoning, character, and needs; and

WHEREAS: In keeping with the goal of special permits, the City of Cambridge should seek to update required submissions for the grant of special permits when there are important factors in the construction of some special permitted developments that are not being accounted for; and

WHEREAS: In 2013, the development at H Mart was delayed due to unaccounted for power supply infrastructure needs, and now the hotel at Porter Square faces a similar unanticipated delay; and

WHEREAS: These unanticipated delays due to a lack of a detailed power supply infrastructure plan could be avoided if a detailed power needs assessment and proper infrastructure were requirements of the special permit review process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to amend article 4.000 of the Zoning Ordinance to require that a power needs assessment be a requirement for appropriate projects that undergo special permit review; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to require that NSTAR and any other power providers build up the necessary infrastructure to support anticipated developments.

O-13 Dec 21, 2015

COUNCILLOR MAZEN

WHEREAS: Development projects can have many implications for neighborhoods, often impacting value of property, traffic and transportation, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Community groups representing different geographic areas of the city exist, each having strong views regarding development projects, based upon the opinions of individual residents and local experts; and

WHEREAS: While developers acknowledge and meet with community groups, these meetings are often disconnected from policy makers and from the official city planning process; and

WHEREAS: One of the primary roles of government is to ensure its residents' opinions and concerns are weighed as an explicit part of formal city processes when making decisions that affect the city; and

WHEREAS: Community groups have no official way of interacting with the legislative process other than public comment and communications to the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to give recognized community groups the ability to present alongside or directly after city staff, on the record and as part of the presentation agenda during meetings of the Ordinance Committee, and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the appropriate departments to outline and report back with other ways to incorporate community groups into the legislative process prior to ordinance committee.