MEETING Monday, March 21, 2016
TIME 5:31 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor E. Denise Simmons

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PRESENTATIONS None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION In memory of Kendra Speight

MAYOR SIMMONS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING RECORDED WITH AUDIO AND VISUAL DEVICES

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

On motion of Vice Mayor McGovern the submission of the Record for the March 14, 2016 was accepted on a voice vote of six members.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Manny Lusardi, 15 Lambert Street, spoke on Policy Order #7. He stated that as many know, he is a first generation American. He stated that his father came to America from Italy during World War I to pursue his hopes and dreams. He stated that an important family principle is no taxation without representation yet thousands of immigrant non-citizen Cambridge residents who pay taxes, contribute to the economy or have children who attend Cambridge schools cannot take part in voting for the City Council or School Committee members. He stated that Cambridge has been a national leader in protecting immigrants or non-citizens living on US soil. He stated that giving immigrants or non-citizens a non-voting representative that will only advise the City Council will give a voice to a large part of the Cambridge residents that is sadly under-represented in the city. He stated that many Americans take their civic duties for granted and allowing this immigrant representative an opportunity to represent all immigrants or non-citizens throughout Cambridge will have a tremendous civic value as a training ground for the responsibilities of citizenship. He stated that Cambridge needs to act now to protect the un-documented immigrant or non-citizen population in the city that is being forced back into the shadows.

Max Tegmark, 70 Vassar Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. He provided a financial report as it relates to this matter. He stated that although the Cambridge Retirement System currently invests in nuclear weapons production, the fraction is small and divesting would be easy since the vast majority of US companies are not involved in nuclear weapons production and there is a large number of socially responsible mutual funds that invest only in these nuclear weapons free companies. He stated his thanks to the City Council for considering this policy order. He stated that even though it is an eyesore that the City of Cambridge is currently investing in nuclear weapons, it is a very small fraction. He stated that there are mutual funds that already have excluded nuclear weapons production. He offered his assistance to answer any questions regarding this matter.

Lucas Perry, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, spoke on Policy Order #1. He stated that the City of Cambridge is known for its progressive values and is already on record in support of the abolition of nuclear weapons. He stated that he hopes that Cambridge will continue to act as a model for other cities and institutions by divesting from nuclear weapons. He stated that it is 2016 and we are often not thinking about nuclear weapons anymore. He stated that it was said that the nations of the world can only rise and fall together. He stated that we must disarm or risk perishing together. He stated that Cambridge is investing in these weapons to the risk of all.

Viktoriya Karkovna, 98 Elm Street, Somerville, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated that she would like to express her support of the policy order for the Cambridge Retirement Board to divest from companies that produce nuclear weapons. She noted that this would help to decrease the risk of nuclear war and direct money to more socially responsible causes.

Joseph Gerson, 2161 Massachusetts Avenue, spoke on Policy Order #1. He urged the City Council to support this policy order. He stated that since shortly after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the American Friends Service Committee has worked for the abolition of nuclear weapons. He stated that they have worked closely with nuclear weapons victims, those in Japan, down winders and miners and atomic vets here in the United Stated and those in other nations. He stated that a major nuclear weapons exchange would result in nuclear winter and the end of all like as we know it. He stated that if as few as 50-100 of the world’s nuclear weapons were detonated over cities, the resulting fires and smoke would lead to global cooling and the deaths of as many as two billion people in the northern hemisphere. He stated that tax dollars should not be used to create a new generation of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. He stated that this money should meet the essential human needs. He asked for City Council support of this order.
Elaine Scarry, 634 Green Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. She congratulated the City Council on Policy Order #1 and urged the City Council to pass this policy order unanimously. She stated that if only 1% of the current arsenal is used, 44 million will die on the first afternoon and 1 billion in the first month. She stated that Cambridge should take the lead on this action. She stated that every minute that the US nuclear architecture is in place it threatens the entire earth. She asked the City Council for unanimous support of this policy order.

Sylvia De Marrais, 39 Sherman Street, spoke on Policy Order #7. She noted that she is a member of the Non-Citizen Advocacy Group and helped work on creating this policy order. She stated that the main goal of this policy is to direct an advocate for the large proportion of Cambridge residents that are not naturalized. She noted that becoming a citizen is an extremely long process and even the most knowledgeable and prompt immigrants can wait from 5-22 years. She stated that what is definite is that non-citizens must pay state, local and federal taxes regardless with no one directly responsible to hear their concerns. She stated that many efforts have been made in Cambridge to help the foreign-born people but that with over one quarter of the population being foreign-born, and with only 2/5 of them being citizens, a clearer representative would be a way to unite these disenfranchised communities across the city. She stated that the representative would be an advocate for the community of non-citizens.

Dave Slaney, spoke on Policy Order #2. He stated that there is not much question that wages below $15.00 per hour is not fair. He stated that the minimum wage in Cambridge is $10.00 per hour. He stated that the best solution would be for the City Council to pass a minimum wage in Cambridge of $15.00 per hour. He stated that there is a bill that would give individual municipalities the ability to set their own minimum wage and he would like the City Council to support that bill. He stated that he would like the City Council to look into the possibility of a Home Rule Petition if that bill does not pass. He stated that we must look creatively at how the coverage of the Living Wage Ordinance can be expanded. He stated that the reach of this ordinance is very small.

Leslie Cohen, 237 Norfolk Street, spoke on Policy Order #2. She stated that she is in support of this order. She stated that last August the City Manager was asked to look into preparing a study to look into linking the Living Wage Ordinance with the Linkage Ordinance. She stated that this resolution asks the City Manager to tell us what is happening with this study. She stated that people cannot live on $10.00 per hour and added that the wage differential in Cambridge is getting wider and wider. She stated her hope that the City Council will adopt the policy order so that more information can be gathered.

Michaela Tegmark, 2 Wedge Pond Road, Winchester, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated that she moved to Cambridge in 2009 and she instantly fell in love with the city. She stated that Cambridge is a city that is devoted to education and progressive thinking. She thanked the City Council for considering this policy order and she asked for the City Council’s support.

Amy Grunder, 10 Clary Street, spoke on Policy Order #7. She stated her support for this policy order. She stated that she is offering her comments on behalf of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) where she is the Director of Legislative Affairs. She stated that MIRS supports this order because it would create incentives for greater civic engagement on the part of the foreign-born which would benefit all residents of the city. She stated that one-quarter of Cambridge residents are foreign-born compared to 15% of residents statewide. She noted that over 60% of these residents lack U.S. citizenship. She noted that since only citizens can vote, these residents lack direct input into the deliberations of city government. She stated that many people would benefit from the proposed policy order such as U.S. citizen children with foreign born parents. She noted that almost one-third of all children in Massachusetts are children of immigrants. She commented that long-term Cambridge residents having an immigration status which does not lead to a Green Card or U.S.
citizenship would be benefit as well as long-term Cambridge residents who are working toward lawful permanent resident status. She added that people with Permanent Residence Status who are eligible for citizenship but lack access to services to support their application process would benefit.

John Robbins, 125 Marlboro Street, Boston, spoke on Policy Order #7. He stated that he is speaking in his capacity as Executive Director of Massachusetts Chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations. In that role he speaks daily to many people who are on the long road of citizenship. He stated that these people most want a voice in participation but also having their concerns heard in a venue of legitimacy. He stated that these individuals should feel fully vested and fledged in the society. He stated that this is timely since Syrian refugees will be coming to Cambridge in approximately 12-18 months in larger numbers and it would be good for the City Council to adopt this policy order.

Valerie Vande Panne, 66 Fayette Street, Director of Communications at MIRA Coalition, spoke on Policy Order #7. She stated that it can take as long as 20 years for new immigrants to fully participate in the civic lives of their communities. She stated that Policy Order #7 would address barriers by providing a crucial link between immigrant communities and local government. She stated that giving residents access to local government through a member of their own community could provide key information which includes U.S. Citizen children. She stated that in addition to people that have fled violence or natural disasters, there are long-term Cambridge residents who are working towards a Green Card. These people are working often more than one job and paying taxes. She stated that the waiting period for a Green Card can last for up to ten years. She stated that there are 300,000 Massachusetts residents who are eligible to become US. Citizens. She urged the City Council to pass this policy order.

Daniel Miller, 550 Memorial Drive, spoke on Policy Order #1. He expressed his support for this policy order and stated that nuclear proliferation is one of a handful of threats that present a true existential risk. He noted that investments in nuclear weapons make us less safe and are unnecessary to maintain national security. He stated that the City of Cambridge is known for its progressive values and he would like the City of Cambridge continue to act as a model for other cities and institutions by divesting from nuclear weapons.

Carol O’Hare, 172 Magazine Street, spoke on Policy Order #3, City Manager Agenda Item #8 and Applications and Petitions Item #1. She stated that the public should be able to find out which lobbyists have access to upper level city administrators and honchos in the various city departments who negotiate contracts, not to mention, City Councillors who obviously have significant powers to amend the City’s ordinances. She stated that lobbyists can and do often educate and provide relevant information and data to their target audiences but they are there to persuade for the benefit of those who hire or contract for their services. She stated that she has been trying to improve, expand, and clarify various public information systems in the city for years. She stated that regarding A-frame signs, the process is inadequate. She stated that this broken system needs to be fixed. She stated that the regulations and ordinance pertaining to signs in public way is one paragraph long. The ordinance regarding maintenance of news racks is seven pages long. She stated that news racks provide a better service.

Christie Dennis, 983 Memorial Drive, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated that she supports divestment of shares in companies that manufacture nuclear weapons held by the Cambridge Retirement portfolio. She stated that the United States promised in 1969, by signing the Non-proliferation Treaty, to work to eliminate nuclear weapons. She stated that although they have been decreased, there are still between 7 and 8 thousand nuclear weapons, 2,000 of which are on 14 Ohio Class submarines. She stated that since 1945 we have spent $4 trillion dollars on nuclear weapons and we are now proposing to spend over the next 30 years another $1 trillion. She noted that these resources could do so much for the human needs and infrastructure and is being spent on something that is dangerous and immoral and driven by a war machine which is the weapons industry.
Abel Carver, 404 Pforzheimer Mail Center, Harvard, spoke on Policy Order #1. He spoke in favor of this policy order. He stated that he is pleased that Cambridge has been a leader in working towards a sustainable future. He stated that the current nuclear weapons policy is evidence of a failure to educate the public in absence of a national conversation about what it means to have a secure nuclear policy. He stated that many people do not think that a nuclear threat exists anymore and citizens underestimate the number of nuclear weapons. He added that $1 billion dollars clearly indicates that this is an issue. He proposed that divestment is one step to raising awareness and starting a national conversation that has not been started by the national leaders. He stated that local government can contribute to the national conversation.

Anne Duggan, 41 Gibson Street, spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. She stated that she has come before the City Council previously and noted that she is unclear how this item is up for reconsideration when there is no new information. She reminded the City Council that this curb cut has been approved by all four of the required City departments. She stated that this curb cut meets all of the requirements and she asked the City Council to put this item to rest.

Jonathan King, 40 Essex Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. He stated that the thousands of nuclear weapons maintained on hair trigger alert by the United States have not protected us against terrorists. He stated that the current nuclear weapons arsenal decreases the security of the American people while limiting nuclear missile exchange. He stated that tax dollars finance these weapons and these dollars could be spent for housing, healthcare, education, public transit and environmental protection. He stated that the path to nuclear disarmament and domestic security needs to start amongst the citizenry and that divesting is the first step.

Richard Krushnic, 20 Oak Street, forwarded an article on nuclear weapons to the City Council. He stated that a former City Council member of many years ago, David Wylie, was instrumental in getting Cambridge to disallow nuclear materials from being transported through the city. He stated that it is only at the municipal level that public action can create the crescendo effect. He stated that the most important thing to keep in mind is the increased accuracy of the new generations of nuclear weapons that are being developed. He stated that the new generation of nuclear weapons will have dial able warheads and are so accurate. He stated that this is much more attractive to military people involved.

Patrick Barrett, 41 Pleasant Street, stated that he came to talk about the sidewalks in Central Square. He stated that in 1987 there was an action plan adopted by the City Council that recognized that the vaults in the sidewalks are a large impediment to improving the streetscape in Central Square. He asked the City Council to think pragmatically that the sidewalks can be fixed by addressing the issue of the vaults. He stated that there are simple ways to see what mechanisms can be used to remove the vaults.

Gerry Zuriff, 120 Foster Street, registered his objection to the curb cut on Gibson Street. He stated that he hopes that the City Council will not let the convenience of a driveway for one set of neighbors impede the health of his other neighbors. He stated that he hopes that the City Council will recommend a compromise such as relocating the driveway.

Genevieve Wagenknecht, 43 Gibson Street, spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. She stated that she is an immediate abutter to 41 Gibson Street. She stated that she and her husband believe that the current zoning Ordinance 6.441 does not permit a driveway or parking space to be within 10' of a habitable room unless it is that of the actual homeowner who wishes to have parking in close distance to their own home. She stated that given the entire section of 6.40 was written to “protect the health, safety and welfare of the users of the parking and of abutting properties,” it defies logic that this clause even can be read any other way. She stated that she and her husband have tried to communicate to the City Council their concerns
that this decision is being based on inconsistent information being that one set of plans presented show obstacles that will prevent the ability to have a car pull fully into the required space yet another set of plans conveniently leaves those off to show they can conform. She stated that just because someone can do something does not mean that they should. She stated that several City Councillors believe that the applicants can put a driveway in the location and as a result they should be able to do so regardless of the negative impact to their neighbors and community. She stated that this curb cut poses an impact to her and her family’s health and wellbeing and to property values. She asked that if the City Council votes in favor of this application it is sending a clear signal to the community that regardless of the impact of one’s actions, if you can do something then you might as well go ahead. She added that this has the potential to be a negative force in the community.

Ted Wagenknecht, 43 Gibson Street, spoke on Reconsideration Item #1. He stated that the proposed site of the parking spot as a result of this curb cut violates Ordinance 6.44.1 of the Zoning Code. He stated that there can be misinterpretation of this ordinance as it is clear that an open parking space on grade cannot be within 10 feet of habitable windows of abutting properties. He stated that this has been communicated to the City Council at his last appearance and to the Inspectional Services Department yet the focus has been placed on determining the width of the proposed site and not on the fact that not only will the proposed parking spot be right on the plane of the 41 Gibson Street wall but also 5 feet from his habitable and occupied windows. He noted that every home except one has parking spaces that are 10 feet or more away from neighboring habitable windows. He stated that most importantly, there is a win/win location on the site where everyone gets some of what they want which is the Kenway side of the house. He stated that if this application is approved he will appeal to the BZA but the City Council can and should prevent this waste of time and resources by voting down this application and suggesting the Kenway location.

Rocky Jeunty spoke about the Haitian community and Policy Order #7. He stated that he represents the Haitian community and others that have no voice in Cambridge. He stated that anyone who is a resident in Cambridge should be able to vote in an election. He stated that if you are a resident you should be able to vote. He stated that he is speaking for those that have no voice.

David Thoreau, 16 Bristol Street, stated his support for Policy Order #1.

Susan Ringler, 82 Kinnaird Street, supported Policy Orders #1 and #7. She stated that Cambridge has a diverse and interesting city and this is a way to engage parts of the community that we are not engaged with. Regarding the tool library, she stated that she likes the idea but is not sure that it be done in the way that is listed. She stated that it may be a more seasonal situation and we could look for donations for some things as opposed to spending $60,000 in new tools. She stated that retired tools could be obtained from the Department of Public Works.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, stated that regarding Charter Right #1. She stated that transparency and access to knowledge about any matters before the government is good democracy. She expressed her delight on the resolution for Tom Lehrer. She stated that when her mother lived in Cambridge she was friends with him. She stated that one of her prized possessions is a copy of the self-pressed album inscribed to her mother from Mr. Lehrer. She stated that with respect to the bomb, social acceptability is incredibly important to changing anything. She stated that with respect to a non-voting member on the City Council, she pointed to the student members of the School Committee. She stated that we can look at the US House and the non-voting representative from the District of Columbia. It is an important and would enrich discussions.
Sheila Forman thanked the City Council for Policy Order #1. She stated that having worked on nuclear abolition for many years she is pleased with this policy order. She stated that this was on the ballot asking for President Clinton to call for an international meeting to get rid of nuclear weapons which passed by more than 60% of Cambridge residents. She stated that in the past the City Council agreed that it was sufficient to come out against having nuclear weapons. She stated that it is clear that the people of Cambridge are unhappy in the investments of criminal weapons. She stated her hope that the City Council agrees to divest from this investment.

Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street, stated that regarding the lobbying disclosure, it seems innocuous to her. She stated that she would like to encourage the city to enforce laws against visual clutter. She stated that green trees are placed with things that are the color of asphalt. She stated that she grew up under the shadow of nuclear weapons. She stated that she would like the City Council to take seriously the idea of protecting the urban canopy.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, stated that at the last meeting he stated that Christopher Columbus was a man of color but since that time he has uncovered information that lay claim to Columbus being born in Genoa, Italy. He stated that a Homelessness Trust Fund and Task Force is an alternative evidence based human service strategy and method to be applied toward ending homelessness. He stated that several weeks ago he joined in on calling Massachusetts lawmakers to declare a State of Emergency to End Homelessness. As it relates to the non-city representative to the City Council, he asked about the idea of a Homeless Liaison. He stated that he would like to see conversation and discussion in the Roundtable Meeting with the School Committee regarding the piloting of a new curriculum that explores the link between homelessness and poverty.

John Ratliff spoke in support of Policy Order #1. He stated that this is another step on an important road that Cambridge has been following for some time. He stated that there has been a history of trying to be a leader in this area where the world faces obliteration unless we act. He stated that it is almost inevitable that these weapons may be used. He stated that inaction is contributing to the doom of all of us. He commented that Cambridge can play an important role by stepping up the action. He stated that it is important that we pay attention to sidewalks and the ambiance of Cambridge but it is important to pay attention to the representation of residents from other countries who live here.

POLICY ORDER # ONE

Vice Mayor McGovern moved suspension of the rules to dispense with the regular order of business to bring Policy Order # One forward.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were suspended and Policy Order was before the City Council.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated his support for the Order. He noted that the Retirement Board may report back that they have a responsibility to invest in stable companies that promote growth. He hopes that this is not what is reported back to the City Council. He urged the Retirement Board to be creative and figure out a way to make this happen.

Councillor Cheung supported the Policy Order. He stated that it sends a statement and makes sense both morally and economically. He stated that working on divestment for fossil fuels previously the ability of the Retirement Board on divestment is tightly controlled by state statute and it may be reported back that a change in state regulation may be required. He stated that he wanted this to be done on the City level.
and if not press for change at the state level. He wanted the Retirement Board to reflect the City’s values in their investments.

Councillor Carlone commented that the facts from the speakers were troubling. He stated that he is voting for a friend from Japan who was four years of age when Hiroshima occurred and who lost ten of his brothers and sisters and his father. He, his mother and sister survived because they were in the country a mile away on the non-bomb side of the house.

Councillor Toomey stated that he will be supporting the Policy Order. He acknowledged the information in a brochure submitted in public comment and the effect of a nuclear attack on the food supply and the environment. He stated that two million people would be a risk for malnutrition.

Councillor Mazen stated that the larger issue is military spending and municipal investment. In looking into this he hopes that this sets a precedent. He stated that he wanted the City and the universities to look at what types of returns can be drawn consistently. He did not want national movements started on the local level as a distraction for municipal responsibilities. It will be cities like Cambridge that will take these struggles to the national level but it will be difficult to change spending patterns on things like education, civil defense and weapons of mass destruction.

Mayor Simmons commented on this being brought to the attention of the City Council. She stated that a single drop can start to wear down issues of importance to us. Cambridge has previously opposed nuclear proliferation and this Policy Order is just another step in this direction.

The question now came on the adoption of Policy Order # 1, the same being the City Council’s opposition to investing funds from the Cambridge Retirement System in any entities that are involved in or support the production or upgrading of nuclear weapons systems, which reads as follows:

POR 2016 #68
Mayor Simmons

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

| RESULT: | ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0] |
| YEAS:   | Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey, Mayor Simmons |

I. RECONSIDERATION LIST

At this time Vice Mayor McGovern assumed the Chair and the City Council now proceeded to take action on the Reconsideration. He announced that if the City Council wanted to reconsider the matter to vote in the affirmative and then the matter comes up for discussion. If members do not wish to reconsider the matter vote in the negative. He read the following:

1. Mayor Simmons filed reconsideration of the vote taken on March 14, 2016 adopting an order for a curb cut at the premises numbered 41 Gibson Street.

REC-2016-2

The question now came on the motion for reconsideration and the roll was called and resulted as follows:
RESULT: RECONSIDERATION FAILED [2-7-0]
YEAS: Kelley, Mayor Simmons
NAYS: Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey

The action taken on March 14, 2016 adopting the order –

Stands.

II. CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

2. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of $50,000 from the General Fund Electrical Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Public Investment Fund Electrical Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase a new bucket truck.
   CMA 2016 #59

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]
YEAS: Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey, Mayor Simmons

3. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of $20,904 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account ($18,192), to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($1,562), and to the Grant Fund Human Services Travel and Training account ($1,150) which will support the Bridge to College Program.
   CMA 2016 #60

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]
YEAS: Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey, Mayor Simmons

4. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Mayors Community Safety Initiative through the Executive Office of Public Safety for $12,810 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account ($11,520) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($1,290) which will be used to support the design and implementation of the City Peace program, a violence peer leadership internship for teens through the Youth Centers.
   CMA 2016 #61
5. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-15, regarding the curb cut application for 41 Gibson Street.
   CMA 2016 #62

   RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

6. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation not to adopt the Peter L. Cohen, et al., Zoning Petition, with a recommendation that the issue be incorporated into a broader study.
   CMA 2016 #63

   RESULT: REFERRED TO THE PETITION

9. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the 2015 Update of the City of Cambridge Hazard Mitigation Plan and Policy Order.
   CMA 2016 #66

   The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:

   (HERE COPY ORDER #12)

   On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

   RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]
   YEAS: Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey, Mayor Simmons

CITY MANAGER’S NON-CONSENT AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the transfer of $20,000 from the General Fund Electrical Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Electrical Extraordinary Expenditures account which will allow the Electrical Department to continue to expand the fiber optic network for public safety radios. The project is supported by savings from the Electric Streetlight budget.
   CMA 2016 #58

   Councillor Carlone questioned expanding the fiber optic network and how extensive is the network.

   Deputy City Manager Peterson explained that this fiber has to do with the City’s radio system and will replace some copper circuits and analogy lines that are currently supported through Verizon. The
City will then pull its own fiber to have a more stable reliable connection. City Electrician Lenkauskas stated that the current network is approximately 35-36 miles of cable throughout the City. All City buildings are connected. Over the last 15 years the City has been connecting radio sites to incorporate this also. There are currently 10 radio sites and this will expand those 10 radio sites. He explained that the radio sites are for the public safety network and handles all City-owned radio communication in the City, including Police, Fire and Public Works. He stated that there is no one site that hits the whole City. This is mostly for backup and redundancy. He stated that 80% of the City’s fiber is underground due to the reliability. Extra fiber has been added for the future. Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that the City has a Broadband Task Force that is looking at the broader question of how broadband and internet service is improved across the City. The role of the City’s network and fiber is being reviewed and if building out the system is an option. An outside consultant is working with the City on this. She spoke about the capacity and security issues and that it is unlikely that the existing system can be significantly expanded to be able to provide the backbone of a broader network. The City is looking into using the network responsibly and looking into expansion including the Cambridge Housing Authority properties. Councillor Carlone stated that he was more interested in the conduit because the fiber will improve over time.

The question now came on adoption of the order and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

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7. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-6, regarding a report on piloting a Tool Library.

*CMA 2016 #64*

Councillor Devereux commented that the Tool Library could become a Participatory Budget item in the future. She stated that looking at the Somerville model there could be substantial savings with limited hours, part time employees and less expensive space. She stated used tools could be another savings.

Mayor Simmons liked the idea of the tool library. She suggested that two part-time positions be considered rather than one full-time position. She asked if this program would be more seasonal and expressed her concern about the condition of the used tools. She was concerned with the liability aspect. She asked if a more modest rollout could be considered.

Public Works Commissioner Owen O’Riordan commented that the response was to provide an estimate of the cost of having a tool library in the City. He added that this may be something that is run privately or a joint entity run by the City and a non-profit. He commented that people with experience would be the type of employee to run the operation as well as liability insurance issues. He stated that the City Council wanted employees paid the prevailing wage and this is the reason that a full time employee is significant. Tools need to be inspected and this requires experienced employees. The seasonal issue would depend on the need and the demand.

Councillor Cheung stated that this is a great idea and he can envision this located in the Foundry building. He spoke about this being put into a “budget bucket list” to review issues that may have a budget impact and prioritize them as a group. This program would fit into the “budget bucket list.”
Councillor Kelley stated that he would be more euthanasic about the tool sharing working if the bike tool stations were regularly maintained. He stated that in the master plan process he envisions sharing things that the City already has in the zoning table of uses. There are ways to do things that do not require government action.

Councillor Mazen noted that there are ways to open conversation about the existing resources in a given neighborhood accrued, shareable or visible to one another. He stated that this type of benefit is critical to any basic well-functioning community. The tool library is a replacement to the knowledge of who have the tools in the neighborhood. This would benefit from a public relationship with the City.

Councillor Kelley do we really want people not to know their neighbors well enough to borrow from. He stated that he wanted to encourage this relationship building. This is a bigger issue than just a tool library.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

8. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 16-12, regarding a report on A-Framed signs.

CMA 2016 #65

Councillor Carlone commented that the memo alludes that there are 100 signs permitted. He stated that it would be helpful if signs were regulated by the width of the sidewalk. He questioned if signs are removed for non-compliance. Commission O’Riordan responded that rarely are signs removed. The retailer is spoken to about the process or how they are not complying with the process and they are encouraged to comply. He informed the City Council about the difficulty with compliance because of the turnover in personnel so the signs are put into a different location by different personnel. He further stated that the City generally works with businesses to inform them as to what is appropriate and why it is appropriate. Councillor Carlone suggested having the rules on the signs. He spoke about the impediment to the visually impaired. He urged the City to rethink these misplaced elements.

Councillor Devereux commented that the response does not address when the City would reach a point where we would say that there are too many signs. She asked when the City Council would overrule the permission of the Commissioner of Public Works. She asked why the City Council is involved in the approval process. Commissioner O’Riordan stated that he feels obliged that these come before the City Council because they are prescribed by ordinance that they be brought before the City Council. It is at the discretion of the City Council if the permit is issues. He did not know of an instance where it was denied. He stated that additional guidance can be reviewed. A broader discussion would be about the esthetics of the signs. He added that ultimately it is the decision of the City Council to grant the signs. He further added that maybe it is time to develop regulations similar to newsracks for signs.

Councillor Mazen spoke about the necessity of these signs for a small business. He stated a district like Central Square is awful for retailers. There is so much traffic and small businesses need space for advertising. He added that it is difficult for a single entity to do business in Central Square. He stated that all these little components are not adding up to a vibrant retail in Central Square.
Councillor Kelley stated that as A-framed signs are looked at he spoke about the fact that a number of the signs can be knocked over by the wind.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the Complete Streets Policy and Council Order.  
CMA 2016 #67

Councillor Carlone noted that the state roads are the worst in the City and are difficult to cross. He wanted the City to discuss the state roads with the state. He state more focus needs to be put on all the streets in the City. He spoke about humanizing the streets again.

Councillor Kelley asked for examples of complete streets that the City has done.

Kathy Watkins, City Engineer, stated that one of the things that the City looks at is complete streets vary by the location and it is about what works for all the different modes. She spoke about the renovation of Binney Street from an auto dominated environment which has been transformed with a bike facility, EZ Ride shuttle, and improved crosswalks and on street parking to change the character of the street. She further stated that dramatic changes have occurred on Palmer and Winthrop Streets in Harvard Square.

Councillor Kelley stated that he disagrees with the City’s approach to bike and pedestrian facilities. He stated that the aspirations in the report are not actually real. He did not think safe biking will occur in his lifetime. He suggested muting down some of the promising language that is setting up unrealistic expectations about what can be accomplished.

The question now came on adoption of the order which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER #13)

The roll was called and resulted as follows:

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]

YEAS: Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey, Mayor Simmons

11. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the adoption of a Policy Order committing Vision Zero, a set of goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries.  
CMA 2016 #68

Councillor Carlone stated that everything done from a transportation point of view tries to slow cars down. He stated that one less lane in Central Square has slowed traffic down. He noted that the City does not state its policy on roads; this is the biggest Vision Zero that the City could do. He spoke about motorists not obeying the speed limit. He favored something done about recommended speeds.
Councillor Devereux liked the commitment and the aspiration. She added that the reason speed limit signs are not seen is because it is 30 MPH in residential areas. She commented that it difficult to travel at 25 MPH on Brattle Street even though the speed limit is 30 MPH. She favored working with the state to get lower residential speed limits. She questioned the pedestrian plan which is one of the components of this. She asked if the pedestrian plan will be updated. Assistant City Manager for Community Development Ms. Farooq stated that the pedestrian plan is on their list to be updated. It may be slated for work in 2018.

Councillor Kelley noted that speed is an issue. He commented that the vast number of accidents happen at turning movements. He wanted to ensure that the intersections are well designed for visibility and force drivers to slow down as well as getting pedestrians and bicyclists to think differently at intersections.

Councillor Carlone wanted to meet with Ms. Farooq to hear about the 2000 pedestrian plan.

The question now came on adoption of the order which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER #14)

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12. A communication transmitted from Richard C. Rossi, City Manager, relative to the block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017. **CMA 2016 #69**

Councillor Toomey noted that this is great news. This is the sixth year that there has been no increase in the water rates. Cambridge is unique in that it has its own water treatment plant.

Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that she is pleased to recommend a moderate increase to the sewer rate and a zero increase in the water rates. She stated that 3.2% increase to the sewer rate increase relates to a combined rate of 2.24%. Last year the 2017 projected water and sewer combined rates were higher based on the March 2015 consumption rates. Lower rates are being provided due to estimates from the Water budget being lower and lower MWRA projected rates. She noted the senior discount of 15% for seniors aged 65 and over not to exceed $90 annually. There is also a low income rate of 30% not to exceed $180.

Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs Louis DePasquale stated that this is not a one-time thing. If one looks at the five year average the water rate the increase is zero and the five year sewer rate increase it is 3.2% with a net of 2.4% and this together with the 4.5% property tax levy over the same time period. He stated that much has been accomplished in this time. There has been $22 million in sewer bonds during this time period. The infrastructure needs are being addressed. He stated that the administration is pleased with this outcome. In the future there may be slight increases on the sewer side but will be a controllable rate.
Councillor Cheung stated that this is fantastic news that is welcomed by the residents. This level of service would not be provided if the City went to the MWRA. He stated that water is taken for granted, but not in Cambridge.

Vice Mayor McGovern spoke about the AAA bond rating and how it impact the City to be able to do the things it does that allows people to stay in Cambridge.

Councillor Kelley stated that he is impressed especially with the fact the CPA money is not being used to support the Water Department. He noted that the weather has not been typical and that this has an impact on the City’s water and how the City helps people think about consumption in times of drought is something that has not been thought about. He wanted the message about water consumption to be effective.

Councillor Carlone questioned bonding $20 million for sewer construction and this does not impact the sewer rate. He asked if the sewer cost eventually captured. Mr. DePasquale stated that this is primarily the rate increase is the bonding of the sewer projects. He stated that consumption increase helps the budget. He stated that the fund balance of $11 million is looked at annually.

Councillor Maher stated that this points out the need for predictability for the taxpayers over time.

Councillor Devereux asked if there are figure on per capita consumption; is there savings in per capita consumption. Water Department Director Sam Corda responded that it is 45-55 gallons per day per person. The limit is 65 so Cambridge does well on the per capita per day. Cambridge’s rate has been stable and under the limit.

Councillor Kelley spoke about heavy water users such as Harvard, MIT and Biogen. If ever water consumption is needed there would need to be different messages to the different water users.

The question now came on adoption of the order which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR AGENDA # 12)

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### III. CALENDAR

#### CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure that planning applications and supporting materials are made available via the City of Cambridge’s website.  

   *POR 2016 #60*
Councillor Cheung

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX ON MARCH 14, 2016.

Councillor Cheung moved to amend by substituting in place thereof a new Policy Order.

The question now came on the amendment – and on a voice vote the amendment –

Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended by substitution, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER FOR CALENDAR ITEM # 1)

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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2. An application was received from Capital One, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 24 JFK Street.

APP 2016 # 5
PLACED ON THE TABLE ON A MOTION OF COUNCILLOR CHEUNG ON JANUARY 25, 2016.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Clerk’s Office and the appropriate departments to implement within three months an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker’s name and affiliation as well as a timer.

POR 2016 #18
Councillor Mazen, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons
PLACED ON THE TABLE AS AMENDED BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN ON JANUARY 25, 2016.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

POR 2015 #501
Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor Benzan
ORDER NUMBER FIFTEEN OF OCTOBER 19, 2015 PLACED ON TABLE ON MOTION OF VICE MAYOR BENZAN. MOTION TO AMEND BY SUBSTITUTION BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN CARRIED ON AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF 8 SUBSTITUTE TEXT
PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF 8.

Councillor Mazen moved that this be referred to a joint hearing between the Civic Unity and Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee. There is positive conversation and there is has been public comment in support of this movement.

Councillor Carlone stated that he could see the discussion that the Italian celebration be an Italian day of celebration as well as the native Americans have their day of celebration. He stated that he hopes this is where this is heading.

Vice Mayor McGovern felt that this is the way the motion seems to be heading. It is not a concern about Columbus as it is about an established Italian heritage celebration. He stated that now is the time to have a more publicly open meeting to discuss this matter. It is a balance to correct the historical record and to not slight a community that has cherished a holiday for a long time.

RESULT: REFERRED TO THE CIVIC UNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD LONG TERM PLANNING, PUBLIC FACILITIES, ARTS & CELEBRATION COMMITTEES FOR A JOINT HEARING

IV. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Capital One, requesting permission for a projecting blade sign at the premises numbered 24 John F. Kennedy Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.

   APP 2016 #17

   RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Eudora Olsen, transmitting support for feminine hygiene products available in public restrooms.

   COM 71 #2016

   RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. A communication was received from Hasson J. Rashid, regarding a local Homeless Trust Fund legislation.

   COM 72 #2016
3. A communication was received from Richard B.F. Saunders, transmitting concerns related to CAS Foundation Application for a Registered Marijuana Dispensary.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

4. A communication was received from Carol O’Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding posting planning applications.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

5. Communication received from Max Tegmark, Department of Physics, MIT, in support of Order # 1 on nuclear divestment together with a financial report summarizing the research done at MIT, Harvard and Boston College.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

6. Communication received from Lucas Perry, Project Coordinator, Future of Life Institute, in support of Order # 1 and that divestment from nuclear weapons is a sane and human response to the current nuclear paradigm.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

7. Communication received from Viktoriya Krakovna, in support of Order # 1 to divest from companies that produce nuclear weapons.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

8. Communication received from Joseph Gerson urging the City Council to adopted Order # 1 encouraging the City’s pension fund to divest from investments related to nuclear weapons production.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE
9. Communication received from Elaine Scarry, Professor, Harvard University, 634 Green Street, in support of Order # 1 and urging the City Council’s unanimous support.
   COM 79 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10. Communication received from Daniel R. Miller in support of Order # 1 calling on the Retirement Board to divest from nuclear weapons manufacturers.
    COM 80 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. Three communications received from Carol O’Hare, 172 Magazine Street, in support of Calendar Item # 1 relating to posting planning applications, Order # 3 relating to lobbying disclosure and Agenda # 8 relating to A framed signs.
    COM 81 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

12. Two communications received from Jonathan King, 40 Essex Street in support of Order # 1 and that the path to nuclear disarmament and domestic security needs to start amongst the citizenry and divesting is the first step.
    COM 82 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

13. Communication received from Sylvie de Marrais, 39 Sherman Street, member of the Non-Citizen Advocacy Group, in support of Order # 7, relating to a non-citizen representative.
    COM 83 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

14. Communication received from Manny Lusardi, 15 Lambert Street, in support of Order # 7 relating to appointing an immigrant representative to the Cambridge City Council.
    COM 84 #2016
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

15. Communication received from Christie Dennis in support of Order # 1 to divest shares in companies that manufacture nuclear weapons held by the Cambridge Retirement Board portfolio. 
   COM 85 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

16. Communication received from Amy Grunder, Director of Legislative Affairs, Massachusetts, Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, 105 Chauncy Street, Boston, in support of Order # 7 concerning the election of a non-voting member to the City Council. 
   COM 86 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

17. Communication received from Genevieve Wagenknecht, 43 Gibson Street, in opposition to the curb cut application for the premises numbered 41 Gibson Street. 
   COM 87 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

18. Communication received from Ted Wagenknecht, 43 Gibson Street, in opposition to the curb cut application for the premises numbered 41 Gibson Street. 
   COM 88 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

19. Communication received from Pavel Chvykov in support of Order # 1 relating to nuclear weapons divestment. 
   COM 89 #2016

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

20. Communication received from David Stanley, Postdoctoral Research Association, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Boston University, in support of the Cambridge Retirement Board divesting its holdings from companies that manufacture nuclear weapons. 
   COM 90 #2016
21. Communication received from Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding Calendar # 4 relating to Columbus Day and Order # 7 relating to a non-citizen representative to the City Council.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Maher moved adoption and upon adoption to make the resolutions unanimously sponsored and hearing no objections the motion – Carried.

2. Retirement of Susan Flannery from the Cambridge Public Library.
RES 2016 #86
Mayor Simmons and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

3. That the City Council declare April 9, 2016 to be Tom Lehrer Day in the City of Cambridge.
RES 2016 #87
Mayor Simmons and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

4. Congratulations to Joanne Chang, Maura Kilpatrick and Susan Regis for being nominated for a 2016 James Beard Award.
RES 2016 #88
Councillor Devereux and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

5. Resolution on the death of Fredrick Caruso.
RES 2016 #89
Councillor Toomey and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

6. Proclaim May 5, 2016 as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day in Cambridge and support the frank and open discussion of mental health in our community.
RES 2016 #90
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

7. Happy Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian.
RES 2016 #91
Councillor Toomey and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the CRLS Boys Basketball Team on their hard-earned semifinals victory and best wishes in the upcoming State Championship games against St. John's Shrewsbury.
RES 2016 #85
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone and entire membership.

Vice Mayor McGovern applauded the behavior of the CRLS students and the staff.

Vice Mayor McGovern moved to amend the Resolution by congratulating the CRLS Boys Basketball Team on winning the Division I State Championship.

Councillor Toomey stated that both teams demonstrated great sportsmanship. The game was emotional on both sides.

The question now came on adoption of the resolution as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED RESOLUTION # 1)

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Mayor Simmons suggested having the CRLS Basketball Team come before a City Council meeting.

8. Thanks to the CRLS Alumni Association for sponsoring the Are You Smarter Than A CRLS Student academic challenge and recognizing the achievement of the winners and participants.
RES 2016 #92
Vice Mayor McGovern and entire membership.

Councillor Kelley noted that the people at Google are not smarter that a CRLS student. He stated that the Cambridge students won against the Google team. He acknowledged the outstanding students at the CRLS student.

Councillor Carlone stated that the night was pleasant, fun and well run.
**VII. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST**


*POR 2016 #72*
*Councillor Kelley, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey*

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9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Water Department to create an informational web page that will provide plumbing infrastructure installation tips for residents, commercial customers, and contractors in the City of Cambridge.

*POR 2016 #76*
*Councillor Cheung*

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12. That the Cambridge City Council adopts the City of Cambridge Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 Update, in accordance with M.G.L. 40 §4 or the charter and ordinances of the City of Cambridge.

*POR 2016 #79*
*Mayor Simmons*

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13. That the City of Cambridge goes on record as adopting the attached Complete Streets Policy.

*POR 2016 #80*
*Mayor Simmons*

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14. That the City of Cambridge goes on record as committing to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes.

*POR 2016 #81*
Mayor Simmons

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED [9-0-0]
YEAS: Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Toomey, Mayor Simmons

NON-CONSENT POLICY ORDERS AND RESOLUTION LIST

2. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council as to what steps may have already been undertaken to examine the question of the legality of tying the Living Wage Ordinance to the Linkage Ordinance, what additional measures must be taken in order to obtain a definitive answer, and what the timeline for this process is projected to be.

POR 2016 #69
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern

Vice Mayor McGovern the income security commission and the Housing Committee asked the City to do a study on whether we can ask to tie the living wage ordinance to the incentive zoning in some way. Could the companies tied to our incentive zoning be subject to the living wage ordinance as well as getting a percentage of Cambridge residents hired at these companies? This is about security guards and cleaning help to earn a living wage of $15.00. This is a follow up on a request previously made.

Mayor Simmons stated that this is before the City Council through the income insecurity commission and a report back is needed on this.

Councillor Mazen stated that this is important work. He noted that supporting Senator Wolfe’s bill is important to this work and in lieu of such a bill existing there are means for us to establish our own $15.00 minimum wage provision and we are now reaching an economic imperative to do so. He stated that the economy will not grow equitably is the working class are not taken care of because the average worker cannot return the minimum wage to our community in a meaningful way. He added that research shows that increasing the minimum wage will not affect the volume of sales. The need for this is clear.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and other relevant City departments to consider the pending State legislation and pending legislation in the City of Boston and any other actions that would allow Cambridge to institute municipal lobbying regulations.

POR 2016 #70
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen

RESULT: CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR KELLEY
Next: 4/4/2016 5:30 PM
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Managing Director of the Cambridge Water Department for the purpose of creating an online database of lead service lines similar to the one created by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and to disseminate information to residents about the Cambridge Water Department's free quality testing and lead service pipe replacement services.

POR 2016 #71
Councillor Toomey

Councillor Toomey stated that the topic of water quality and lead in the pipes is being discussed due to the situation in Flint, Michigan. He expressed thanks to Representative Marjorie Decker who had a water drive at the Cambridge Water Department and the donations were delivered by the Teamsters to Flint, Michigan on behalf of the City of Cambridge. He stated that the Water Department does offer testing of the water that comes into homes in the City. This Policy Order is to bring awareness that there are still water pipes in the City that contain lead and this is asking for a lead data base with this information. He announced that today the MWRA is offering interest free loans to communities to replace aging lead water lines. He stated that Cambridge would be eligible to participate in this.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the status of home invasions in Cambridgeport and how the Cambridge Police Department is addressing this issue.

POR 2016 #73
Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey

(HERE INSERT ORIGINAL POLICY ORDER # 6)

Councillor Kelley commented that this was unclear whether it was home invasions or house break-ins and he does not know if there is a legal difference between the two. He wanted clarification as to which situation this Policy Order was referring to.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated that some of the people were home at the time of the break-ins. He stated that when people where at home when a break-in occurred he thought it was considered a home invasion. The point of this is that the data is not up to date and he wanted to find out what the current data is.

Councillor Kelley moved to amend the aforementioned order by striking out the words “home invasions” and inserting in place thereof “break-in.”

The question now came on the amendment and on a voice vote the amendment – Carried.
The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED POLICY ORDER # 6)

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED
7. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Art, and Celebrations Committee and the Civic Unity Committee hold a joint hearing to determine the feasibility of facilitating the appointment of an “Non-Citizen Representative” to the City Council.

POR 2016 #74
Councillor Mazen, Mayor Simmons

Councillor Kelley moved that this matter be referred to Government Operations, Rules and Claims.

Councillor Mazen spoke about the fact that 25% of residents were born out of the country and three out of five still have not obtained citizenship. He stated that it is striking to him that 15% of the population would be immigrant non-citizen and this represents one additional councillor of voters if all were to vote. He stated that he has heard from a legal perspective that this may prohibit citizenship if a non-citizen is voting to elect a non-citizen representative. He stated that he believes that this is a Neighborhood and Long Term Planning initiative as well as a Government Operations, Rules and Claims consideration. He asked Councillor Kelley to add Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee rather than replacing Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee. He is hoping the discussion will focus on a substantive solution and there is a strong need for representation and outreach to immigrant populations. The discussion will focus on how and when there is a solution.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated we need to figure out what is the goal to include non-citizens to the process but he does not feel that this is the right way to do this. He commented that he is not a fan of the “Boston Office of New Bostonians” because it is not clear who are the new Bostonians. He would prefer something like an office of Immigrant Services, where there is support for people who are new to the City and can get information about the city such as registering their child for school and to air their grievances rather than an elected representative.

Councillor Carlone noted that beginning the discussion at the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning and the Civic Unity Committees makes sense. When a proposal has been developed then it would be referred to Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee would be the logical step. He further stated that this is a work in process and needs more solidification and review of opportunities.

Councillor Kelley stated that he does not disagree with the concept, but the Policy Order is talking about creating a new non-voting position at City Council. He stated that adding a new position to the City Council should be discussed in Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee. He stated that changing the makeup of the City Council cannot go anywhere, but to the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee.

Councillor Devereux stated that this should be discussed in the original two committees as to what can be done better for non-citizens to make them feel included, to give them a voice and to improve services. She added that these individuals can go the Department of Human Services to get assistance. She asked if there is enough outreach being done and are they being invited to participate.

Councillor Mazen agreed with the proposed amendment by Councillor Kelley to broaden the language to develop a process and then forward it to Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee, if necessary.

Councillor Kelley amended the Policy Order to strike out the paragraphs four and five and to change the last paragraph to read as follows:
ORDERED: That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee and the Civic Unity Committee hold a joint hearing to discuss all issues related to non-citizen representation and outreach in Cambridge.

Mayor Simmons spoke about students coming to the City Council to file a home rule petition to allow non-citizens to vote in School Committee elections. She added that there has always been a desire for non-citizen residents to have a participatory role in the School Committee. This conversation will be well vetted and will come back to the City Council as to how to move forward on this issue as an opportunity to participate.

The question now came on the amendment and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Devereux, Kelley, Maher, Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey and Mayor Simmons - 9
NAYS: None - 0
ABSENT: None - 0
and the amendment – Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED POLICY ORDER # 7)

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED

8. City Council opposition to raising the cap on charter schools, supporting the improvement of district public schools and the equitable division of educational resources.

Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Kelley

Vice Mayor McGovern stated that other communities have gone on record in opposition to the Charter School cap. He stated that Charter Schools offer another option and are run differently than public schools. He commented that Charter Schools are not public schools and should not be funded with public money. Public schools accept and educate all students. He stated that if parents are unhappy with the decisions made by the School Committee they have a right to express their displeasure. If a parent has an issue with a Charter School they have nowhere to voice their concern. He stated that until the state can figure out how to fund Charter Schools in a way that does not hurt the public schools they should not be able to raise the cap.

Councillor Toomey stated that it would up to the voters in November whether the cap will be lifted. He stated that he is hoping for a compromise on this issue. He added that if the cap is lifted without adequate funding it could be disastrous.

Councillor Devereux stated that she worked at a Charter School in Cambridge and has a different perspective. She is reluctant to jump into the state’s discussion on this matter. There is a working group at the state, composed of four senators, who are working on a compromise bill that would avert a referendum. She wanted to see what happens with the working group and then to determine whether the decision is good or bad. She stated that the three Charter Schools operating in
Cambridge are working for the best interest of the enrolled students and that public funds are being used responsibly. She added that the Charter Schools are scrutinized by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. She added that she has no reservations about how the three Charter Schools are operating.

Councillor Mazen stated that this topic is so politically and financially charged. He stated that education in this country is in rough shape on the international spectrum. He added that different types of schools can learn from one another. He stated that Charter Schools were set up for the public schools to learn from and despite the constraints many schools can implement learning across the various landscapes. It is up to the School Committee to effectuate this conversation. The Charter Schools and Innovation Schools are funded by the entities that would take away and fundamentally dismantle the project of public education because of ulterior motives. He spoke about the ability to learn from one another and further stated that neither side feels confident in their position.

Councillor Kelley stated that he is on the anti-Charter School side of the conversation and is a proud parent of public education students. He stated that he reviews the data for the state and the enrollment declines between grades 9-12 for the Charter Schools and they are over twice the average of public schools. He stated that in particularly the Cambridge Charter School enrollment is bad. He added we cannot compare things and the district cannot learn from schools that lose 20-30% of their students. He made comparisons between public and Charter Schools. He added that until the fundamental question is answered as to who Charter Schools are serving with a huge drop in enrollment compared to public schools, this is a discussion that goes nowhere. He stated that he would drop the cap completely. He acknowledged that Charter Schools came out of the dissatisfaction with public schools. This needs to be fixed, but Charter Schools are not the way to fix this. He stated that Charter Schools are about privatizing public education and that this would be disastrous.

Councillor Carlone stated that all learn differently. He stated that he looks at this from the student’s point of view. He stated that he was impressed with both public and Charter Schools. He explained that he needed more information before he could vote on this matter. He felt that the discussions going on at the state level are very important and to preclude this does not seem productive. He stated that having a variety of education opportunities is needed and competition is good as well.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated that the City interferes with the state all the time. He added that until the financial impact is dealt with public and Charter Schools will never talk to each other.

Councillor Kelley stated that Cambridge is at its maximum with the existing schools and if the cap is lifted there are many other students at the elementary and high school who could attend Charter Schools.

Mayor Simmons stated that the City Council has to have a Roundtable to discuss Charter Schools.

RESULT: CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

10. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council on the effects of the removal of sidewalk vaults in Central Square.

POR 2016 #77

Councillor Cheung
RESULT: CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR KELLEY

11. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate Community Development Department personnel to reach out to the Cambridge Housing Authority in order to determine how to strengthen the opportunities for CHA tenants with Section 8 vouchers to secure Community Development Department inclusionary units.

POR 2016 #78
Mayor Simmons

Mayor Simmons stated that the Cambridge Housing Authority is in the middle of the RAD. During this renovation project CHA tenants have been offered Section 8 vouchers. She stated that the purpose of this Policy Order is to request the Community Development Department to be proactive with CHA tenants who have Section 8 vouchers to keep them in Cambridge. She added that the ability to use Section 8 vouchers in Cambridge is getting smaller.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no Committee Reports for March 21, 2016.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

There are no Communications and Reports from City Officers for March 21, 2016.

X. LATE RESOLUTIONS

RES 2016 #93
Councillor Maher and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

RES 2016 #94
Mayor Simmons and entire membership.

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED
ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor Kelley the meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

APPENDED INFORMATION

AWAITING REPORT LIST

16-6. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to report back with a rough estimate of capital and operating expenditures for a pilot City of Cambridge tool library for the year 2017.

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Councillor Mazen, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux (O-3) from 1/25/2016

16-8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Community Development Department to work with Eversource and other power providers to plan and implement infrastructure improvements to fully support future development in Cambridge and further to confer with the appropriate departments to draft an amendment to the City’s Zoning Ordinance that would see projects needing a special permit undergo a power needs assessment as part of the permitting process.

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux (O-8) from 1/25/2016

16-9. Report on organizing a Volpe Task Force made up of representatives from abutting neighborhood groups and Kendall Square residents and businesses.

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 2/1/2016

16-10. Report on ways the City of Cambridge can implement such a service with the goal of notifying residents of city-wide and neighborhood events and meetings via automated calls or text messages.

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Devereux (O-3) from 2/1/2016

16-12. Report on the current total number and locations of sandwich board and A-frame signs, details on the process and criteria for approval and annual renewal, details on the enforcement of non-compliant and unpermitted signs, whether the annual $75 fee remains appropriate, whether reasonable design guidelines could be encouraged or required in historic districts, and whether the application process could be improved to include more detail to better inform decision makers.

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen, Mayor Simmons (O-8) from 2/1/2016
16-13. Report on the study the benefits of a wellbeing index and plan for how it might be incorporated into various City planning processes, including the city wide Master Plan.

Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-6) from 2/22/2016

16-14. Report on the possibility of closing two lanes to cars (one in each direction) on Memorial Drive on April 29, 2016, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Walk/Ride Days, and the kick-off of the 5th Annual Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge.

Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons (O-17) from 2/22/2016

16-15. Report on issues raised concerning the curb cut application for 41 Gibson Street.

Councillor Maher (O-18) from 2/22/2016

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

16-16. Report on financial impacts and a plan to take Vail Court eminent domain.

Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons (O-12) from 2/22/2016

16-17. Report on what new measures must be implemented in order to prevent school buses and other large vehicles from accessing Magee Street.

Mayor Simmons (O-2) from 2/29/2016

16-18. Report on preparing a legal opinion on whether the Peter Cohen zoning petition is reverse spot zoning.

Vice Mayor McGovern (O-4) from 2/29/2016


Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 3/14/2016


Councillor Kelley (O-6) from 3/14/2016


Councillor Toomey (O-7) from 3/14/2016