



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2017

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

~MINUTES~

MEETING Monday, March 6, 2017
TIME 5:36 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor E. Denise Simmons

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Leland Cheung	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jan Devereux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig A. Kelley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
David P. Maher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nadeem A. Mazen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Timothy J. Toomey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PRESENTATIONS

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

In memory of Ethel Ampey.

SUBMISSION OF THE MINUTES

On motion of Vice Mayor McGovern the submission of the Minutes for February 6, 2017 were accepted on a voice vote of eight members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manny Lusardi, 15 Lambert Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. He stated that he is a proud first generation American. He spoke of his father's arrival to America 101 years ago. He stated that his father was disappointed to find out that even though the USA was, and is, a nation of immigrants, it did not cultivate a welcoming community. He stated the important of assisting, supporting and standing up for righteous

organizations like the ACLU of Massachusetts. He stated that the ACLU has a long history of representing American civil rights without ever taking a bipartisan stance. He asked the City Council to pass Policy Order #1.

Kim Quarantello, 9A Ware Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated her support for Policy Order #1. She stated that she works on legislative advocacy efforts with the Harvard Law School Immigration Response Initiative. She stated that students on campus mobilized to develop initiatives that would protect the rights of noncitizens and immigrants in the Greater Boston area. She stated that this program deputizes local law enforcement which undermines trust in law enforcement agencies and threatens community safety. She noted that this program also drains local resources and lacks sufficient federal oversight.

Sumbul Sidviqui, 530 Windsor Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated that she completed a year-long thesis on this program, specifically evaluating the program in Rhode Island. She stated that this program is bad policy. She stated that Massachusetts is the only state in the Northeast that has these agreements. She stated that there has been a lack of sufficient federal oversight of this program and it threatens the community's safety and hinders community policing.

Amy Nadel, 265 Grove Street, stated that we must do everything we can to resist whatever the government wants that will frighten neighbors. She stated her support for this Policy Order.

Theresa Hill, 46 Holworthy Street, stated that we have to do everything we can to resist whatever the government wants that will frighten neighbors. She stated her support for this Policy Order. She stated that she is frightened that local and state authorities have to act out on federal actions that the City does not approve of. She stated that this flies in the face of the current regime's stated purpose that they support localities.

Theodore Feldman, 31 Leonard Street, Somerville, spoke on City Manager Agenda Item #4. He stated that he is speaking on behalf of Harvard University's Cycling Association. He stated his support and suggested open discussion on how the signage can be best used around the city to support improvements in bicycle safety infrastructure. He stated that he sees this as a public safety campaign. He stated that Cambridge accident data received from the Cambridge Police Department states that more has to be done, not only pop-up bicycle lanes. He stated that the #1 mediating factor of accidents is volume and not poor road conditions. He stated that we must make motorists and cyclists more aware of dangerous intersections around the city. He stated that we must look at how best to use signage.

Sue Butler, 14 Clinton Street, spoke on Policy Order #3. She stated that she knows that the City Council has received correspondences from Watertown city officials and citizens. She stated that she has also been watching the e-mail streams from Cambridge citizens as well. She stated that it is an interaction between two cities so one would hope that there would be the utmost of civility. She stated that those trees are very important to people in Watertown. She stated that whoever cut the trees stopped cutting just before a beautiful old elm tree. She stated that this tree merits a great deal of perspective. She stated her hope that this will not be cut down. She asked the City to build a civil discourse with the people of Watertown.

Carl Rothenhaus, 75 Lawn Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. He stated the immigration enforcement and law enforcement in general, in his opinion, should not be an example of cooperative federalism. He stated that it should be conducted in a dual federalist way. He stated that federal, state and local enforcement should be separate from each other and function in their own spheres. He asked why the state is doing more than it needs to when these resources could be used to combat the opioid epidemic. He stated his full support of Policy Order #1.

Gary Mello, 324 Franklin Street, spoke on Resolution #1. He stated that all City Councillors will agree that Affordable Housing is the greatest challenge the community faces. He said that for two decades, Mr. Valentine has been the sole occupant of a triple decker on Brookline Street. He stated that the house was moved to its present location from its original Blanche Street site for the sole benefit of Mr. Valentine following a long process as twisted and out of kilter as the structure is itself on its own foundation. He stated that no person has ever been served by more agencies, both public and nonprofit, for housing protections. He stated that the subject structure on Brookline Street is presently in a tax seizure process. He stated that the City should go forward with action to get several under housed people off the street.

Patrick Barrett, 41 Pleasant Street, spoke on short-term rentals. He stated that Mr. Valentine is a delight and he is pleased that he is being honored. He stated that the Policy Order dealing with short-term rental units, as submitted, is half of an ordinance. He stated that there is language that is missing and this should be withdrawn, rewritten and resubmitted with full language. He stated that the City should not do this work twice.

Florrie Wescoat, 33 Market Street, spoke on Policy Order #3. She stated her support for this Policy Order. She stated that even though the 24 large trees probably grew spontaneously, they provided environmental and esthetic benefits. She stated that given the increasing problems with climate change, all trees contribute to the city and region. She recommended that a landscape design be implemented.

Sylvia de Marrais, 39 Sherman Street, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated her support for this Policy Order. She stated that this program gives ICE the ability to train certain state and county law enforcement officers to carry out some tasks that would otherwise be performed by ICE agents. She stated that she worries when she thinks about what might happen if the current President decides to enforce this partnership, and think it is time for us to sever it, as other states have done. She stated that it is more important than ever to use facts to help reach decisions. She stated that the potential enactment of this program does not help the relationship between immigrant communities and law enforcement in Massachusetts. She noted the importance of feeling safe in our communities and building relationships rather than having partnerships that will break these relationships.

Helen Snively, 1 Fayette Park, spoke about Policy Order #3. She read two letters from people in Watertown and Cambridge who could not attend this evening's meeting. She stated that the first letter was signed by three members of the Watertown Council and three members of Trees for Watertown. This letter asked that the City Council support Policy Order #3 regarding tree removal and other work on Cambridge's property in Watertown. She said that the second letter was from Quinton Zondervan, Green Cambridge, which noted primary concerns being that any remaining trees be preserved if possible without compromising safety and maintenance of the aqueduct, landscaping of the area in an ecologically sound manner and consultation with the Public Planting Committee, experts and Watertown residents to ensure that the best landscaping is done to maintain the aqueduct.

Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street, spoke on Communications and Reports from City Officers #1. She stated that the City needs to go over procedures and process to ensure that public comment and participation are the City Council and other City agencies are aware of and abide by laws that govern freedom of speech, civic participation and freedom of speech. She is pleased about the item on the Homeless Trust Fund. She said that she became concerned about the homeless people when she got involved in urban wilds because homeless people tend to gravitate to urban wild areas. She stated that some homeless people have issues with families and mental health and access to open space is important as a refuge.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, stated that he is analyzing the language of City Manager Agenda Item #2. He stated that he is troubled by the credibility of this Agenda Item when he reflects on how the opportunities for Affordable Homeless Housing at the Foundry building was circumvented for vested interest. He stated that these questionable policies also extend into exclusionary zoning policies that are playing their part in limiting housing opportunities for the homeless. Regarding Committee Report #1, he stated that this bears no relationship to public health, safety, morals or general welfare initiatives favorable towards the local homeless sector and mosaic. He stated that Ordinance 4.30.020 does not protect the wellbeing of the homeless sector and mosaic. He said that the City of Cambridge has a Godly mandated responsibility to provide adequate housing for all categories of people.

Libby Shaw, Trees for Watertown, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated that there are dozens of shade trees that exist on Cambridge property via the Stony Brook conduit through Watertown. She stated that the positive environmental and community contributions of these substantial shade trees are very real and quantifiable. She stated that a large, healthy urban tree is assessed at thousands of dollars in services and benefits. She stated that Cambridge took down over twenty of these trees along Linear Park in the start of February despite requests from Watertown citizens to pause in order to take into account the extent of negative impacts such large-scale degradation in the heart of Watertown. She stated that Watertown residents and officials pleaded for dialogue before the chain saws continued. She stated that preserving and increasing the population of large canopy urban shade trees is important to ensuring the health and wellbeing of cities such as Watertown and Cambridge.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, stated that regarding road safety, the 25-mph speed limit seems to be working okay. She stated that with respect to bike safety, Inman Square is not working out so well. She said that most of the time she goes through Inman Square she sees someone trying to turn left illegally. She stated that we must tell people that that the City means it when they say no left turn at that location. She stated that she realizes that those trying to go straight and around these vehicles tend to go into the bike lane. She stated that regarding Policy Order #1, she stated her support. She stated that this is one more instance of finding people to demonize so the rest can feel good about ourselves. She stated that it creates problems and we should not be part of that. Regarding the King Open, she stated that public art is important. She stated that she enjoys the murals and she is sure that a new one will be installed. She stated that a mural is appropriate for any space associated with the King Open School. Regarding Open Meeting Law training, she stated that she hopes that this includes all boards and commissions that deliberate so that they will not do some of the things that she has seen done inadvertently. She stated that she looks forward to Candidates Nights in the fall.

Vice Mayor McGovern moved suspension of the rules in order to dispense with the regular order of business to bring forward the City Manager's Agenda and then return to Reconsideration.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were –
Suspended.

II. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting Communication from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$175,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will fund expenses incurred to repair the garage gate at the Main Library that was damaged by a motorist as well as increased costs related to the Main Library's HVAC system and cleaning services contract.

CMA 2017 #52

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

CITY MANAGER’S NON-CONSENT AGENDA

2. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to a request to establish the Richard C. Rossi Housing Assistance Fund (the “Fund”), and that \$35,641.46 in donations received be appropriated into this Fund.

CMA 2017 #53

Mayor Simmons stated that Mr. Rossi’s good work done during his tenure as City Manager will continue through this fund. At this time Vice Mayor McGovern assumed the Chair.

City Manager DePasquale invited Mr. Rossi to come forward. He stated that Mr. Rossi has been committed to affordable housing and this will allow the City to help those who are facing emergency situations to stay in Cambridge. He expressed all the City staff who worked on the process and to those who contributed to the fund.

Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that the administration is pleased to request the creation of this fund honoring Mr. Rossi commitment to affordable housing. She explained that the Richard C. Rossi Housing Assistance Fund was established by the Friends of Richard Rossi and donations began in the fall of 2016. She stated that the purpose of the fund is to provide limited emergency financial assistance to residents experiencing difficulty remaining housed in Cambridge. She noted that pending availability of funds it could include first month’s rent and security deposit for households needing funds in order to lease a new unit, funds for families at risk of foreclosure due to mortgage and/or condo fee arrearages, credit repair help and funds for families at risk for homelessness due to rent arrearages. She stated that Mr. Rossi, as Deputy City Manager and City Manager, was dedicated to the preservation and improving access of affordable housing in Cambridge. She added that the Richard C. Rossi Assistance Fund will continue Mr. Rossi’s commitment by helping resident’s access new housing and assisting efforts to keep residents housing suitable housed in Cambridge. This is a request that the City Council establish this fund.

Mr. Rossi expressed his appreciation to all those who developed the idea, contributed to the fund and the City Council. He stated that this fund is needed. He explained that throughout the years he had been in the middle trying to help individuals who were stuck on housing issues and where smaller amount of funding would be of great help to them. He commented that there is nothing worse than going home at night and worry about if you will continue to live in the house that you are accustomed to living in. He stated that that this is a great start and he hopes that the fund grows and that it serves the Cambridge residents who need this kind of service.

Councillor Devereux asked how this fund grows. Deputy City Manager Peterson responded that it will grow through private donations and events that will be outside of City time in an attempt to increase donations to the fund. Councillor Devereux asked if there would be a marketing plan. Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that the Friends of Richard Rossi will be involved in this. There is plans at this time and there is interest to have this fund grow.

Councillor Toomey thanked Mr. Rossi for his participation in the creation of this fund. He added that short-term assistance is so important to people. The ability to access this fund for those in need makes a big difference for residents to remain in Cambridge. He stated that there are a lot of people in the community who are living on the edge. He stated that he hopes that the fund will continue to grow because the need will continue to grow.

Councillor Carlone acknowledge this as recognition of everything Mr. Rossi did for the City.

Councillor Maher stated that this was a wonderful way to mark an extraordinary career in the City. He stated that his expectation is that the fund will grow and continue to have an effect on families in the community who are struggling.

Vice Mayor McGovern noted that there is no shortage of needs for this type of support. When the Income Insecurity Report was issued one of the things that stood out the most on the on-line survey was that those who took the survey made over \$100,000 per year and half of the participants stated that they have no money at the end of the month. This fund will go a long way to help residents and it will grow quickly.

The following order was now considered the question being on adoption, to establish the Richard C. Rossi Housing Assistance Fund, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR AGENDA 2A)

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

RESULT:	ORDER ADOPTED [8-0-1]
YEAS:	Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
ABSENT:	Mayor Simmons

The order was –
Adopted

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT AGENDA 2B TO APPROPRIATE \$35,641.46 TO THE FUND)

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

RESULT:	ORDER ADOPTED [8-0-1]
YEAS:	Councillor Carlone, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Councillor Mazen, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey
ABSENT:	Mayor Simmons

The order was –
Adopted.

3. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-3, regarding a review of the parking meter usage in Porter Square to be sure that the time limits appropriately consider the needs of local businesses and to review other areas where parking meter operating hours have been adjusted.

CMA 2017 #54

Councillor Toomey stated that the report was helpful. He stated that after 5 PM on the major arteries most people take more than an hour. He stated that he is looking to expand this to other areas of the City. He asked if there is a mechanism with the new meters that can be adjusted so that motorists can park for more than an hour. He stated that this is a great way to help small business owners. Mr. Barr responded that as additional meter technology is available he hopes that there will be a mechanism to change the parking times for different times during the day and night.

Councillor Cheung stated that the pilot of smart meters is going well. He added that the same app can be used for both Boston and Cambridge. He asked when this technology will be used around other parts of the City. Mr. Barr responded that the Passport Pay by Phone App will be deployed Citywide by the end of the 2017. He added that the policies and loopholes have been worked out. The zones need to be set up and signs installed. He stated that Smart Meter Technology is being discussed now with the budget process. Councillor Cheung supported meters having the ability for variable times.

Councillor Carlone stated that businesses on Huron Avenue would like to have meters with variable times. Mr. Barr explained that the East Cambridge Business Association invited his department to discuss this issue and as part of the deployment of the Pay by Phone the City wants to get the word out and the City has worked closely with the Harvard Square Business Association. He stated that as the next steps for deployment are decided the City will reach out to local businesses, business associations and Local First to discuss this. He stated that Huron Village is more about time limits rather than meters.

The item was -

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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4. A communication transmitted from Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 17-11, regarding installing signage related to the newly-implemented 25 MPH speed limit and increase the use of electronic signage to increase driver awareness of bike safety.

CMA 2017 #55

Councillor Devereux stated that thirty-eight streets were major/jurisdictional entry points into the City. She asked if other streets would be posted for 25 MPH. Mr. Barr stated that per state law the City is not allowed to post the defacto or standard speed limit because all are supposed to know the speed limit. This is also an attempt to avoid sign clutter. He explained that Mass dot allowed the City to post the speed limit at the entry points. He stated that the City can do advisory or warning signs which are not as effective. Councillor Devereux asked if the 25 MPH can still be enforced if there is no sign. Mr. Barr responded in the affirmative. The posted signs are large. He stated that this is about education. He noted that most of the surrounding communities have adopted the 25 MPH speed limit, however, Belmont and Watertown have not.

Councillor Carlone explained that some communities have installed 25 MPH signs years ago and they do not say advisory. He asked why the City cannot put up a 25 MPH sign. He stated that the City has the right to make a high density street 20 MPH. Mr. Barr stated that the City can install advisory signs which are yellow diamond shaped signs rather than the black on white signs. He added that the City stays away from installing signs that they are not supposed to install. He spoke about implementing the safety zones.

Councillor Toomey stated that this was to have signs posted at the major entry points of the City to alter those coming into the City that public safety is valued. He did support additional 25 MPH signs being posted in densely populated streets.

Councillor Kelley asked about the effect that the signs are having on speed and the posted sign analysis versus pre-sign analysis or are the signs being installed assuming that they will have an effect. Mr. Barr responded that there is speed data based on past requests. He stated that locations can be chosen to look at the before and after effect. He stated that this is about setting a tone and doing the right thing rather than strict enforcement and the impact of driving slower. He explained that on the Traffic Department's website there is a link to about 600 speed studies.

The item was -

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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POLICY ORDER # 3

Councillor Devereux moved for suspension of the rules to bring forward Policy Order # 3 on the Watertown trees while the City Manager is present.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were –
Suspended.

3. That the City Manager is requested to report back on how the City can mitigate the impact of work to the conduit property in Watertown and how it will be managed in the future, what efforts can be made to preserve the two mature trees that were marked but not removed, and how to involve the Watertown Tree Warden and Watertown Town Council in ensuring that Cambridge's right to protect its water conduit is carried out while also preserving harmonious relations with the residents of Watertown.

POR 2017 #69

Councillor Devereux, Councillor Kelley

Councillor Devereux stated that she realized that the water quality is a great priority and that the City had the legal right to cut down the trees. She wanted to ensure that the impact is mitigated and that the City communicates openly with the residents and town officials of Watertown so that the City is not embroiled in a public relations situation that could have been avoided. She stated that the City's intention was good and that the City values trees. She added that this situation was unfortunate.

City Manager DePasquale stated that the Deputy City Manager, Public Works Commissioner and he walked the site at different times. He added that Cambridge did work with the Watertown officials on this. This information was on Watertown's website and a notice was posted. He noted that there was communication. The property is private, but the administration felt it was right to work with the officials of Watertown. He explained that the City needed to identify the location of the manhole covers. He stated that the City will take the next steps to find the manhole covers and will determine what trees are majorly impacting the system. He assured the City Council that trees will not be taken down if they do not impact the water system. He further stated that Cambridge will do whatever is necessary to protect the water system. He explained that with this system trees cannot be allowed to grow and grown. He stated that the City has to decide what it will do with the property. He stated that once the covers are located, camera will be installed and every tree will be evaluated to determine preventing the trees from being taken down. Councillor Devereux suggested planting something meadow like that is attractive.

Councillor Mazen asked about the mechanism that the root trees actually interfere with the conduit. Commissioner O'Riordan stated that the sections of pipes are 60 inches in diameter and are open every ten feet. Trees look for water and water flows through the pipes and roots find their way into the pipes and sometimes the roots grow enormous within the pipes causing the pipes to rupture. He further stated that there are sections in this conduit where there are root balls that could cause significant and immediate damage to the conduit. This is how this system was constructed. Councillor Mazen stated that pictures may help environmentalist to understand what is best for all. He commented that those who object are reasonable people but may need to be fully informed. He stated that understanding the problem may lead to problem solving before things become problematic. He spoke about doing communication and planning first as a preventative measure in the future.

Councillor Carlone stated that he assumes that the pipes are so old that the City does not want to dig them up now until necessary to repair them and seal them in concrete. He asked how deep the pipes are. Commissioner O'Riordan responded that the topography of the area is variable and there are areas where the pipes are shallow and other locations where they are 2-3 feet below grade. He explained that there are trees immediately on top and trees adjacent to the pipe. He stated that the City will work with consultants that will help the City make the correct decision in how best to protect the pipe and preserve as many trees as possible. Councillor Carlone stated that he hoped that the canopy size trees are replaced at other locations in Watertown as a gesture of good faith. He asked if landscape architects would be brought in to make recommendations. City Manager DePasquale stated that this commitment has not been decided.

Councillor Kelley commented that the City needs to be better at communication and proactive at explaining things. City Manager DePasquale stated that Cambridge has been in communication with Watertown since 2013 on this matter. Councillor Kelley commented that the steps taken by Cambridge did not work well because we would not be discussing this now. He stated that the City needs to figure out how to reach those most impacted.

Councillor Devereux asked if the entire length of the pipe is being serviced from Stony Brook or is it this one area. Commissioner O'Riordan stated that it is typical for departments with underground utilities to survey their systems. He added that the Water Department has been doing a lot of work to protect this space. If there is additional work that needs to be done to protect this pipe the City Council will be made aware of this in advance.

Vice Mayor McGovern suggested that any information provided by the City Manager could be part of the response to the sent to Watertown elected officials.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #3)

The order was -

RESULT:	ORDER ADOPTED
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I. RECONSIDERATION LIST

1. Councillor Toomey filed Reconsideration of the vote taken at the City Council meeting of February 27, 2017 on Policy Order #7 stating that the City Council support the 10-citizen petition recently presented to the Cambridge Historical Commission, asking for a tiered designation system and other amendments to the Harvard Square Conservation District guidelines and possibly to its boundaries.
REC-2017-1

Councillor Devereux wanted to debate whether to take up the motion for reconsideration. She stated that she did not want to take up the motion to reconsider because eight members of the City Council voted in the affirmative on the matter. In the meantime she stated that the Historical Commission has met and has considered the petition. This was the City Council's support of the citizens' petition. The citizens' petition has been reviewed by the Historical Commission and has decided to form a study committee to review the guidelines of the Historical District in Harvard Square. She felt that the original order should remain with eight members in support with one member recorded present.

Councillor Toomey stated that he will be voting in the negative on this. He stated that Cambridge has a charter and city manager form of government and the Historical Commission has a director and he believes that this is another way of circumvented this. He stated that if there was a wish to change the charter then a charter commission should be created. He commented that when the City Council gets an answer that they do not want another avenue is being formed to get the answers wanted.

Councillor Mazen spoke on the merits of the reconsideration. He stated that he was concerned with the way that reconsideration was filed. He hopes that reconsideration does not prevail now. He thought that either a proponent or opponent to an issue sees that something has changed and the measure may suffer a different fate because of being reconsidered. He noted that nothing has changed to indicate that this reconsideration needed or proper or in order for those reasons. He stated that to him this was a way to delay the commission receiving the vote and now has been made moot because of the reconsideration. He commented that the content was valid. He stated that the City Council not being able to state its position to a group that wants to hear from the City Council is not in contravention of the charter. He does not see why this would be reconsidered. He hoped that in the future reconsiderations are not allowed to pollute out proceedings.

Councillor Toomey stated that he took great umbrage on the comments made to impugn his integrity on filing reconsideration on this matter. He stated that he had a right to move reconsideration on the matter.

Vice Mayor McGovern cautioned about commenting on motive and to stick to the merits of the matter.

Councillor Kelley stated that City Council Rule # 35 gives all the option to file reconsideration. If the City Council does not like the rule it can be changed.

Vice Mayor McGovern now moved the vote on reconsideration and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

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

The motion to reconsider –

RESULT:	FAILED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE THE ACTION TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017 ADOPTING THE ORDER STANDS
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III. CALENDAR

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to establish the requirement that all appointments to the City's commissions, advisory committees, and task forces reflect the City's diversity and that the Civic Unity Committee is asked to sign off on all such appointments going forward.

POR 2017 #53

Mayor Simmons

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY MAYOR SIMMONS ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

Councillor Cheung made a motion to place this item on the table and the matter was –

RESULT:	TABLED ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG ON A VOICE VOTE OF 8 MEMBERS	Next: 3/20/2017 5:30 PM
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ON THE TABLE

2. An application was received from Mundo/Lux, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2 Bow Street.

APP 2016 #106

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG ON DECEMBER 19, 2016.

PLACED ON TABLE ON A VOICE VOTE OF 8 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR CHEUNG ON JANUARY 9, 2017.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN	Next: 3/20/2017 5:30 PM
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3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to organize regular suppers on the second Saturday of each month, starting on the 13th of August, with free food for the Cambridge community in open public spaces throughout the various Cambridge neighborhoods.

POR 2016 #184

Councillor Mazen

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN ON JUNE 20, 2016. TABLED ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BY COUNCILLOR MAZEN ON JUNE 27, 2016.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN	Next: 3/20/2017 5:30 PM
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4. The City Manager coordinate with the Finance Department, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, and community stakeholders to outline a proposed system of governance, management, and stakeholder engagement for the Foundry, to be discussed in a public forum with the Council and community.

POR 2016 #286

Councillor Mazen, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Carlone
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TOOMEY ON OCTOBER 31, 2016.
PLACED ON THE TABLE ON VOICE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS ON MOTION OF
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN	Next: 3/20/2017 5:30 PM
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5. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and any other relevant City department to survey of city residents, work, and visitors to determine who is interested in parking in the City.

POR 2017 #31

Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor McGovern
CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR KELLEY ON JANUARY 30, 2017.
PLACED ON TABLE ON A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CHEUNG VV8 ON FEBRUARY 6,
2017.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN	Next: 3/20/2017 5:30 PM
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6. An application was received from Reviewed.com, requesting permission for two projecting sign at the premises numbered 19 Brookline Street and 147 Green Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

APP 2017 #4

TABLED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

Councillor Devereux moved suspension of the rules to dispense with the regular order of business and bring forward Communication and Reports from City Officers # 2 as follows: a communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting appropriate documentation for your review regarding two signs at 19 Brookline Street and 147 Green Street.

COF 2017 #10

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were –
Suspended.

Communication and Reports from City Officers # 2 was -

RESULT: REFERRED TO THE CALENDAR #6

Councillor Devereux commented on the abutter forms. She suggested that the abutter form be made clear.

Councillor Carlone commented that from an urban design perspective the sign follows the historic cornice. He stated that he would be voting to approve the signs.

The question came on substituting the original documents in Communications and Report from City Officers # 2 for the documents in Calendar Item # 6 – and on a voice vote the documents were –

Substituted.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR ITEM # 6)

The order was

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED FOR 2 SIGNS ON A VOICE VOTE OF EIGHT MEMBERS

IV. APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from James Desrosiers for approval of the surety.
APP 2017 #7

RESULT: SURETY APPROVED

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Doug Brown, 35 Standish Street, regarding Vacant & Abandoned Properties.
COM 99 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

2. A communication was received from Lawrence Bluestone, 18 Centre Street, transmitting a letter of support for Central Square Restoration Zoning Petition.
COM 100 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

3. A communication was received from Saul Tannenbaum, 16 Cottage Street, in support of the Central Square Restoration Petition.

COM 101 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

4. A communication was received from Manny Lusardi, 15 Lambert Street, supporting Policy Order # 1 calling for Massachusetts to withdraw from the 287(g) program.

COM 102 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

5. A communication was received from Kim Quarantello, 9A Ware Street, supporting Policy Order # 1, the initiative to end the partnership between the State of Massachusetts and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

COM 103 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

6. A communication was received from Ted Feldman, representing the Harvard University Cycling Association, in support of signage to inform the public of the new speed restrictions which are proven to increase road safety and to expand the use of signage in conjunction with protected bike lanes.

COM 104 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

7. A communication was received from Carl Rothenhaus, 75 Lawn Street, in support of Policy Order # 1 to remove Massachusetts from the 287(g) program.

COM 105 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

8. A communication was received from Patrick W. Barrett, III, Pleasant Street, regarding Policy Order # 6 and urging that a text with a finished product on short-term rentals be completed before referral to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board.

COM 106 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

9. A communication was received from Gary Mello, 324 Franklin Street, regarding affordable housing and the resolution on Mr. Valentine.

COM 107 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

10. A communication was received from Florrie Wescoat, 33 Market Street, in support of Policy Order # 3 relating to the removal of twenty-three trees on City-owned property behind the Watertown Town Hall.

COM 108 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

11. A communication was received from Sylvie de Marrais, 39 Sherman Street, supporting Policy Order # 1 requesting City Council support for the ACLU's request that the Governor end the state's partnership with the 287(g) program.

COM 109 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

12. A communication was received from Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, regarding issues of homelessness and the homeless population.

COM 110 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

13. A communication was received from Helen Snively, 1 Fayette Park, who spoke on Policy Order # 3 and who read a communication was received from Trees for Watertown and from Quinton Zondervan from Green Cambridge regarding the removal of trees by the Water Department.

COM 111 #2017

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

VI. RESOLUTIONS

1. Celebrate Peter Valentine's contributions to the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Mazen, Mayor Simmons and entire membership.

RES 2017 #72

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

2. Congratulations to Frederick Wiseman for being awarded an Honorary Oscar Award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Councillor Devereux and entire membership.

RES 2017 #73

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

3. Declare April 2, 2017 as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Cambridge.

Mayor Simmons and entire membership.

RES 2017 #74

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

4. Congratulations to Sulmona on the occasion of their grand opening at 608 Main Street.
Councillor Cheung and entire membership.
RES 2017 #75

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

5. Resolution on the death of Mrs. Eva Madeilne Philpott.
Mayor Simmons and entire membership.
RES 2017 #76

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

VII. POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Arts Council about the possibility of a temporary mural to be created to screen the project site along Cambridge Street.
POR 2017 #70
Councillor Toomey

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY ORDERS

1. City Council support of the ACLU's call for Massachusetts to withdraw from the 287 (g) program.
POR 2017 #67
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Mazen

Councillor Mazen stated that this is non-controversial low hanging fruit.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated that Cambridge has been proud of being a Sanctuary City and until November 2016 this has typically meant that Cambridge is a place that will not discriminate based on an individual's immigration status. He stated that it is not enough for Cambridge to be a Sanctuary City. The City has to push back the hatred coming from the White House. The City will take any action to resist this.

Councillor Kelley stated that this is stating that the City does not want its local law enforcement to be deputized by ICE to perform immigration tasks. It is not the job of the Cambridge Police to enforce ICE regulations.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 1)

The order was -

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

2. That her Honor the Mayor is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working meeting of the City Council to discuss the progress and planning on Envision Alewife with the Community Development Department and Utile.

POR 2017 #68

Councillor Cheung

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT ORIGINAL POLICY ORDER # 2)

Councillor Devereux noted that the Ordinance Committee is busy this spring with zoning petitions and the Envision process is studying Alewife. She stated that she was unsure if this is the best use of CDD's time to review Alewife zoning when there is Envision Alewife. She added that there is a third meeting on the scenarios at the Tobin on Thursday, March 9th. She suggested a Roundtable with Utile, City Council and CDD to discuss Envision Alewife process before the summer recess.

Councillor Cheung wanted to ensure that the City was engaging the property owners in the Alewife area. He spoke about connecting the north and south of the tracks. He thought a Roundtable is a good idea.

Councillor Carlone stated that the City has worked with two developers on the bridge. He stated that the commuter rail station is key because he did not think that a bridge would be built before the commuter rail station. He stated that this is what the Alewife Envision team is looking at. He noted that there have been meetings with the thirty-five major land holders. He stated that it would be best to get an update from CDD before the City Council hold a meeting on this. He stated that after the consultant recommendations it would be appropriate to discuss with land owners to work together. He stated that the prep work done in Alewife has been good. If a reasonable plan is reached that meets the goals of the City he stated that the process will be far along before the summer break. He recommended that this be kept on hold or reach out to CDD and the consultant to see what is the status.

Vice Mayor McGovern spoke about the April calendar and the items on the calendar. He suggested that a Roundtable be scheduled with Utile and CDD to discuss zoning in the Alewife area.

Councillor Devereux stated that the planning follows the zoning. This seems to be a broad charge for a Roundtable when we want to discuss the planning. At this time Councillor Devereux made a motion to amend the aforementioned by substitution as follows:

ORDERED: That Her Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable/Working meeting of the City Council to discuss the progress and planning on Envision Alewife with Community Development Department and Utile.

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

Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED POLICY ORDER # 2)

The order was -

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION BY COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Council on Aging and the Cambridge Police Department on outreach efforts that can be provided to seniors to educate them about scams and to determine if additional educational materials can be created and distributed in the Senior Centers and Senior Housing and for Cambridge Police Department to determine if they have seen an increase in this behavior.

POR 2017 #71

Councillor Toomey

Councillor Toomey stated that this was asking the Police Department to assist individuals who are receiving aggressive phone calls and mail. The seniors are being taken advantage of. He added that to raise awareness is important.

Vice Mayor McGovern spoke about seniors who are receiving aggressive calls about selling their property.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 5)

The order was -

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

6. That the Ordinance Committee is requested to hold a public hearing on the draft language for short-term rentals.

POR 2017 #72

Councillor Cheung

Councillor Kelley stated that this is for scheduling purposes and that there will be no discussions of the proposed ordinance in front of the Ordinance Committee.

Councillor Carlone stated that from a procedural point of view the Ordinance Committee will make sure that it is included before summer but it is odd to him to be forwarding something and advertising it with the need for additional language from the Law Department.

Councillor Cheung stated that this petition is not being forwarded to the Planning Board. This is asking the Ordinance Committee to have a hearing on this. He stated that Councillor Kelley stated that he would be submitting revisions that should be on the agenda for the next meeting of the City Council. He wanted to schedule this sooner because of the way that the calendar works if we wait until Councillor Kelley submits this at the next meeting and with the advertising period the earliest that the hearing could be scheduled he is trying to coordinate this now.

City Clerk Lopez stated that a legal notice needs to be prepared for advertising in the newspaper. She asked if this is a zoning petition in this form that the City Council is filing. Councillor Cheung stated that he just wanted to have a hearing on the subject matter. He stated that Councillor Kelley will be submitting the draft revisions at the next meeting to discuss the subject matter. City Clerk Lopez requested clarification that this will not be discussed as a zoning petition. Councillor Cheung stated that eventually this will be a zoning petition. Councillor Cheung confirmed that this hearing will be to discuss the subject matter and not to discuss this as a zoning petition filed by the City Council to be referred to the Planning Board.

Councillor Carlone stated that for clarification this hearing is only for discussion, public input and to possibly refine what Councillor Kelley has written. He added that hopefully at the hearing the Ordinance Committee will have the missing pieces and then go through the regular process. Councillor Cheung stated that this is the goal.

Councillor Devereux noted that there have been several Public Safety Committee hearings where there has been feedback. She asked what would be the gain the having another hearing like this. She asked what the difference is with this and a Public Safety Committee hearing. Councillor Cheung stated that the Public Safety Committee was going to complete the revisions, report it to the City Council and then refer it to the Ordinance Committee. He is trying to move these two things together so that they overlap. It is odd to be moving these things on top of each other. Councillor Cheung stated that he is expecting Councillor Kelley to have the final edits soon before this hearing, but he wanted to start this process to minimize the gap time.

Councillor Kelley stated that there will be input from the Law Department and other City departments to work on the language and will come back as a committee report and it was his understanding that the Ordinance Committee would look at this even though it will not be a petition because it would not have been advertised as an Ordinance Committee hearing to discuss it. He added that more attention is paid when things come under the umbrella of the Ordinance Committee because they realize that this may actually become an ordinance. Councillor Kelley stated that something needs to be done with short-term rentals and needs to be safe, fair and legal. He stated that there will be new people who will attend the Ordinance Committee hearing and give feedback on this. He stated that he is eager to see this move forward and he understands from Councillor Cheung that it will not move forward until the holes are filled in.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 6)

The order was -

RESULT:	ORDER ADOPTED
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VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Paula M. Crane, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marc C. McGovern, Chair of the Human Services and Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on January 17, 2017 to receive an update from the Homelessness Task Force, updates on the creation of a Homelessness Trust Fund and sobering centers, and an emergency cold weather plan for the homeless and how the City and Police Department work with homeless enclaves in the City, including at the Route 2/Route 16 intersection.

CRT 2017 #8

Vice Mayor McGovern stated that this hearing was to discuss a number of issues on homelessness. He stated that the Human Services and Health Departments have been discussing creating a sobering center.

The report was -

RESULT: REPORT ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

In connection with this matter, the following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments regarding the feasibility of a Homelessness Trust Fund and report back to the City Council on this matter.

POR 2017 #73

Vice Mayor McGovern

The order was –

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

In connection with this matter, the following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:

8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments regarding the feasibility of creating a warming shelter in the City of Cambridge and report back to the City Council on this matter.

POR 2017 #74

Vice Mayor McGovern

The order was –

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung and Councillor Dennis J. Carlone, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on February 15, 2017 was to conduct an additional public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code in Chapter 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access to Tobacco Products" and on "Definitions for Prohibition of Smoking in Workplaces" to expand the definition of "Workplace" to include construction sites.

CRT 2017 #9

Councillor Cheung stated that the petitioner was well prepared and had a PowerPoint presentation. He added that the ordinance has an oversight and making a clarification that smoking at worksites is not permitted. He stated that making it clear that smoking is not permitted at worksites will prevent worksite fires in the future.

Councillor Kelley stated that the idea is that people should not smoke in dangerous areas and on dangerous area is the workplace. The proposal expands the definition of workplace to include construction sites which are especially dangerous places to smoke with the caveat that if there is a designated properly designed place where workers can go to smoke safely.

The report was –

RESULT: REPORT ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

The question now came on passage to a second reading of the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT FIRST PUBLICATION # 3431)

RESULT PASSED TO A SECOND READING AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2017 AND ON OR AFTER MARCH 20, 2017 THE QUESTION COMES ON PASSING TO BE ORDAINED.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk, transmitting a communication from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, regarding Open Meeting Law Training.
COF 2017 #9

Councillor Kelley stated that this is asked the City to create a better more thorough training program so that all understand the Open Meeting Law. He stated that when the City Council overcompensates for the law there are things as a body that are not being done and we need to better understand how to communicate within the confines of the Open Meeting Law. He cited the Immigration Law is fast moving and it is difficult for the City Council to discuss. He stated that he does not feel comfortable that he understands the boundaries. He stated that training could be provided by the Attorney General's Office or City staff to help all to understand the communication rules.

The item was -

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

LATE RESOLUTIONS

6. Resolution on the death of Ernest Coppola.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership.
RES 2017 #77

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

7. Resolution on the death of Ethel Ampey.
Mayor Simmons, Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Toomey and entire membership.
RES 2017 #78

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

8. Thanks to Sylvie de Marrais for her contributions to the Cambridge community.
Vice Mayor McGovern and entire membership.
RES 2017 #79

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

9. Thanks to Frances Gossen for her contributions to the Cambridge community.
Vice Mayor McGovern and entire membership.
RES 2017 #80

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

10. Resolution on the death of Mariano Furtado.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership.
RES 2017 #81

RESULT: ORDER ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor Mazen the meeting adjourned
at 7:58 PM.

APPENDED INFORMATION

AWAITING REPORT LIST

- 16-26. Report on the possibility of the City Council implementing a zoning change, on the permitting of all new restaurants where a wood-fired oven is used as a significant method of food preparation.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-5) from 4/4/2016
- 16-42. Report on plans for the former Riverside Community Health Center on Western Avenue, including transfer of ownership of the building to the City and the process for determining future usage.
Vice Mayor McGovern (O-1) from 5/2/2016
- 16-47. Report on ways to improve the public noticing of proposed building demolitions consistent with the outreach used for variances and special permits and to consider extending the amount of time to consider whether a property is historically significant.
Councillor Carlone, Councillor Devereux (O-6) from 5/23/2016
- 16-50. Report on the use of City office and meeting space for non-City appointed functions by non-City officials.
Councillor Kelley (O-4) from 6/6/2016
- 16-51. Report on the City's policies and best practices in the use and supervision of City Council interns.
Councillor Kelley (O-5) from 6/6/2016
- 16-52. Report on the City's use of push-button caution lights at crosswalks and to determine any decrease in pedestrian legal rights should they be hit.
Councillor Kelley (Calendar Item #3) from 6/13/2016
- 16-53. Report on the feasibility of either using City funds to subsidize the cost of installing and removing air conditioning units from Cambridge Housing Authority-owned apartments at a reduced cost.
Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #4) from 6/13/2016
- 16-56. Report on creating Sobering Centers and a Cold Weather Plan prior to the winter of 2016.
Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-7) from 6/20/2016

RESULT: REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED
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- 16-64. Report on reinstating trash and recycling pick up for small businesses.

Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher (O-8) from 8/1/2016

- 16-66. Report on how traffic laws pertaining to crosswalks are currently enforced throughout the City and whether there can be stricter laws to ultimately increase pedestrian safety.
Mayor Simmons (O-12) from 8/1/2016
- 16-71. Report on the feasibility of creating a temporary jobs program geared toward Cambridge's homeless population and/or determine the feasibility of awarding homeless with priority in the City's 9-week temporary jobs program.
Vice Mayor McGovern, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Mazen (O-8) from 9/12/2016
REFERRED BACK TO CITY MANAGER ON MOTION OF VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
- 16-72. Report on resolving the audio and visual issues in the Sullivan Chamber.
Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Carlone, Councillor Mazen (O-10) from 9/12/2016
- 16-74. Report on producing a new status report that reviews the Harvard Square Conservation District's effectiveness since 2005, and that considers whether new zoning regulations may be necessary to fulfill the community's goals.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-18) from 9/12/2016
- 16-75. Report on a suitable replacement for the crumb-rubber turf used on City playgrounds.
Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 9/19/2016
- 16-76. Report on implementing an electronic public comment display in the Sullivan Chamber, listing the speaker's name and affiliation as well as a timer.
Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Mazen (Calendar Item #1) from 9/26/2016
- 16-82. Report on testing for any presence of chromonium-6 in the City's drinking water and plans to deal with this issue.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #2) from 10/31/2016
- 16-83. Report on drafting possible legislation and other recommendations for interim actions to identify and address the public health impacts of any commercial wood-fired ovens.
Mayor Simmons (Calendar Item #4) from 10/31/2016
- 16-84. Report on determining which pedestrian crosswalks are in need of additional on street signage.
Councillor Carlone, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 10/31/2016

- 16-86. Report on which public campaign finance options are legal for municipal elections in Cambridge.
Councillor Mazen (O-14) from 10/31/2016
- 16-89. Report on conducting a traffic safety review of the Brattle Street, Sparks Street, and Craigie Street intersection.
Councillor Devereux (O-1) from 11/7/2016
- 16-90. Report on requesting permission from the DCR to continue Sunday closings on Memorial Drive year-round, starting in early 2017.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone (O-4) from 11/7/2016
- 16-94. Report to consider higher frequency enforcement in key transit junctions and corridors.
Councillor Mazen (O-8) from 11/7/2016
- 16-95. Report to make street markings and street signage more ubiquitous in an effort to market the rules of the road to the users of all transportation modes.
Councillor Mazen (O-9) from 11/7/2016
- 16-100. Report on suggested changes to Cambridge's policy regarding advertising revenue that could help support the continuation and expansion of Hubway in the City of Cambridge.
Councillor Toomey (O-1) from 12/12/2016
- 16-101. Report on the potential of building below market rental housing on City-owned parking lots along Bishop Allen Drive.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-4) from 12/12/2016
- 16-103. Report that all money raised during this campaign is distributed to the Wellington Harrington residents impacted by this incident and when all funds are distributed.
Councillor Toomey (O-6) from 12/12/2016
- 16-106. Report on an outreach and communications plan for renters in Cambridge about the importance and availability of renters insurance and assist low- and moderate-income tenants in acquiring affordable renters insurance policies.
Councillor Devereux (O-10) from 12/12/2016
- 16-108. Report on whether people displaced and qualify for Emergency Status who are using Section 8 in other cities or towns can retain their resident preference for the purpose of Inclusionary Housing.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 12/19/2016
- 17-2. Report on improving the audio visual set-up at the Citywide Senior Center.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Mazen, Councillor Carlone (O-4) from 1/23/2017

- 17-3. Report on parking meter usage in Porter Square to ensure that appropriate time limits are being considered for local businesses and other areas where parking meter operating hours have been adjusted.

Councillor Toomey (O-5) from 1/23/2017

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- 17-4. Report on potential future public-private partnerships that could deliver an operational Foundry that consists of significant community space for the community.

Councillor Toomey (O-6) from 1/23/2017

- 17-6. Report on how the success of "pop-up" lanes will be measured and what lessons we expect to learn from them to help implement safer bicycling facilities throughout the City.

Councillor Kelley (O-9) from 1/23/2017

- 17-7. Report on a full update on the City's Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Plan.

Councillor Cheung (O-1) from 1/30/2017

- 17-8. Report on a full report from the Urban Agriculture Task Force.

Councillor Cheung (O-3) from 1/30/2017

- 17-9. Report on ways the City can help small businesses offset other costs, included but not limited to the possibility of DPW picking up trash from these small businesses during their regular routes.

Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 1/30/2017

- 17-10. Report on drafting a Home Rule petition that would allow Cambridge residents to easily round up their sewer/water bill to help support local non-profit organizations.

Councillor Cheung (O-7) from 1/30/2017

- 17-11. Report on installing proper signage at major points of entry to the city stating Cambridge's commitment to the 25 mph speed limit and to bike safety.

Councillor Toomey (O-2) from 2/6/2017

RESULT:	REPORT RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED
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- 17-12. Report on the possibilities of using salt in a more judicious manner, finding non-salt options or removing excess salt when the ice threat has stopped while the salt still remains.

Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-3) from 2/6/2017

- 17-14. Report on exploring whether designating the portion of Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and South Street as “one way” would decrease the opportunities for future accidents in this area.
Mayor Simmons (O-5) from 2/6/2017
- 17-15. Report on update of the potential surveillance ordinance language.
Councillor Cheung, Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 2/6/2017
- 17-16. Report on establishing a Tree Task Force to better protect the urban canopy.
Councillor Devereux, Councillor Carlone, Mayor Simmons (O-1) from 2/13/2017
- 17-17. Report on ways to preserve the historic stained glass located at 50 York Street, prior to this building’s demolition.
Mayor Simmons (O-4) from 2/27/2017
- 17-18. Report on compiling a list of legal resources and a list of frequently-asked-questions for undocumented people living in Cambridge, and to post this information on a new “Immigration Concerns” resource page on the City’s main website and to determine what other specific steps the City can and should take to protect undocumented persons living in Cambridge during the Trump Administration.
Mayor Simmons (O-5) from 2/27/2017
- 17-19. Report on whether a stop sign can be re-installed at the intersection of Green Street and Hancock Street, and whether there are additional measures the City can and should be taking to make this intersection safer for vehicles and pedestrians alike.
Mayor Simmons (O-6) from 2/27/2017
- 17-20. Report on whether a Municipal ID program could be established in Cambridge.
Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councillor Mazon (O-11) from 2/27/2017
- 17-21. Report on the potential growth of next-generation wireless technology in the City, to include: the expected footprint of citywide coverage from just one company and what market competition might produce; the integration of public and private infrastructure to support the network; what local standards the City might hope to maintain relative to aesthetics and safety; and how this new technology fits into our Broadband access plans.
Councillor Kelley, Councillor Devereux, Councillor Cheung (O-14) from 2/27/2017
- 17-22. Report on if a stop sign can be erected at the intersection located between 150 Cambridgepark Drive and 160 Cambridgepark Drive and to determine if additional traffic safety measures are needed in this area.
Mayor Simmons (O-15) from 2/27/2017
- 17-23. Report on options for the old Harvard Square Theater within 30 days of receiving said notice, with their long-terms plans for this property.

**Councillor Cheung, Councillor Devereux, Vice Mayor McGovern (O-16) from
2/27/2017**