

MEETING Special City Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2015

TIME 5:37 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor David P. Maher

PRESENT Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors
Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons
and Toomey

PRESENTATIONS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION Offered for Manny Martins, Kenneth N. “Boonie”
Moore, Anthony G. “Tony” Paolillo and Darleen
Bonislawski, former employees of the City of
Cambridge.

CALL OF THE MEETING Here insert the Call of the Meeting.

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

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

On motion of Councillor Carlone the submission of the minutes for the May 18, 2015, June 1,
2015 and the June 15, 2015 were accepted on a voice vote of five members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Margaret Drury, 1 Dudley Court, spoke, as Vice Chair of the Cambridge Redevelopment
Authority, in favor of Applications and Petitions #9. Ms. Drury stated that the K2 Plan forms the
basis for the proposed amendments and that the CRA developed the KSURP with public
participation at more than fifteen meetings. She stated that the CRA followed K2
recommendations to build, “a truly mixed use” district.

Jessie English, 27 Corporal Burns Road, spoke on Applications and Petitions #5. She asked for
support for a curb cut application for her home. She is requesting a curb cut at this time because
of the ongoing sewer separation project. She has worked with the City to prepare her application.
She has significant neighborhood support appearing in a document in a previous communication.

Karen Meehan, Salvation Army, 402 Massachusetts Avenue spoke on Policy Order #16. She
stated that she has worked for the Salvation Army for eighteen years in the drug addiction and

emergency shelter. She has also been a Cambridge Resident for over sixty years. She spoke regarding the opiate addiction that is rampant throughout the Commonwealth, not only in Cambridge. She stated that we need education our children in the lower grades. When she reviews applications, she asks, “When was the first time you had a drink, the first time you smoked marijuana?” The response she hears is age 10, age 11. She made reference to a young man in the program from East Cambridge that has been sober for seven months. His mother and father had to use Narcan on him because he overdosed. Had they not used the Narcan, he would have been buried in Cambridge Cemetery. Ms. Meehan stated that there is a big problem and we cannot keep our eyes closed. It is our obligation as citizens of this city to educate the families and educate the city. She stated that she is not here, just to hold another meeting, but to see what it is we can do to address the issue.

Richard Stallman, 30 Third Street, spoke on Policy Order #15. Mr. Stallman spoke about services such as Uber and Lyft that, “threaten to replace existing systems of transport and attack our privacy rights.” He is also concerned about Uber’s effect on driver’s wages. Because they pay their drivers peanuts, he calls them “Goober.” He suggested that we not forget that these companies mistreat their users by making people identify themselves and making them run company controlled software, which he said you can never trust. Mr. Stallman stated that this software tends to have surveillance built in with malicious restrictions, and back doors built in. He referred to a list, found at: gnu.org/proprietary. Mr. Stallman stated that if you are wise, you will not run that software or accept a transport system that makes you say who you are. You will insist on something that lets you pay cash, as he always does – an ordinary taxi. Mr. Stallman stated that those who do not care about their rights, or are willing to give up their rights for a momentary convenience, they threaten to make the old system cease to be economically sustainable and one day they may be gone. He noted that when individuals try to influence a company, the company wins because they have the clout. That is why we need to organize and this is one of those systems, where we can collectively insist on rules. He asked the City Council to require such companies, Uber or Lyft, to provide their services without the need for special, company controlled software and anonymously pay cash for the ride. Mr. Stallman argued that if one city made them do this, it would solve the problem for the whole United States by its example. He urged the Council to, “please make Cambridge that example.” He added the following URL: <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/surveillance-vs-democracy.html>

Dave Slaney, 237 Norfolk Street, a member of the Living Wage Commission and has been since its inception in 2001 as well as a member of the Income Insecurity Commission, spoke on Committee Report #5. He stated his support for the proposed amendment to Committee Report #5, regarding linkage fees. He especially supports a provision in the proposal that would mandate the city to conduct a feasibility study, requiring developers covered by the linkage requirement to also abide by the provisions of the Living Wage Ordinance. Mr. Slaney stated that Cambridge has a very high cost of living, especially when it comes to housing. This particularly affects those who earn low wages. He stated that the living wage in Cambridge is currently a few cents short of fifteen dollars an hour. Very few private sector employees are covered by the Living Wage Ordinance, particularly food service, retail, custodial and security. He stated that one possible way to address this problem would be to require developers to pay the living wage to employees working on or in buildings covered by linkage. He is very happy that the city is going to undertake this study. He asked that the study be performed as expeditiously as possible and include public input.

Ilan Levy, 148 Spring Street, spoke in favor of resolution #67, Mike Brown Day. Mr. Levy spoke on Application and Petition #9 and Policy Order #25. He stated that there are several development projects in Kendall Square and there does not seem to be a constructive, united plan

or vision. He argued that a vision for the area should be developed prior to voting on these issues. He also mentioned that the process is difficult to follow from the citizen's perspective. He urged restraint. He supported Policy Order #25, but would like to see a discussion before voting.

Tibor Hangyal, 700 Memorial Drive, spoke on Policy Order #15. He stated that Uber and Lyft drivers should be subject to criminal background checks and should be required to carry commercial insurance. He argued that customer transportation is a taxi service, not a ride-share. Mr. Hangyal stated that he has spoken with beat cops who complain that their hands are tied. He stated that rates for taxis are fixed while drivers for Lyft and Uber operate using a rate that changes depending on demand. He believes that this will be a disservice to the elderly and handicapped. On the question of inspections, Mr. Hangyal stated that Cambridge taxis are inspected twice a year by the city and once by the state. He believes that pick-ups performed by out of state drivers is ridiculous. He stated that there are handicapped accessible cabs and asked that the Council adopt program 3702 which would require companies like Uber and Lyft to have a certain number of handicapped accessible vehicles. He argued that for many taxi drivers, the medallion is their retirement plan. Mr. Hangyal stated that the City of Cambridge auctioned off medallions at a set price – those prices should be protected.

Lee Farris, 269 Norfolk Street, spoke on City Manager's Agenda #19. Ms. Farris referred to a letter sent on August 6th, 2015 from the Cambridge Residents Alliance, revised slightly. Ms. Farris stated that she would like to see the linkage rate raised from \$12 to \$24. She noted that Boston is considering raising its linkage rate to \$14.50. She stated that the Cambridge Residents Alliance would like to see a NEXUS study conducted and completed every three years, which probably means starting it two years in so that the Council can decide on a correct rate. She agreed with the Planning Board recommendation to raise the fee \$1 per year until the Council can vote on a new rate. The Cambridge Residents Alliance would like to see a specific maximum percentage of affordable units dedicated to middle income households and that the majority of funds would go to low and moderate income housing. They would like to see up to 50% of new linkage funds go preserving expiring use and at least 50% going to creating new low and moderate income housing. Ms. Farris stated that they would like to see an annual report for the public. She stated that the Cambridge Residents Alliance would like to see developments requiring extensive renovations tied to linkage as well.

Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, spoke on Policy Order #12, regarding noise from flight paths. She applauded the City's efforts to contact the FAA, but urged the Council to expand their efforts to include all forms for intrusive aircraft noise. She stated that this noise is not from transportation, but from corporate advertising by companies like Geico, flying banner planes over both sides of the Charles River. Ms. O'Hare stated that noise from non-emergency, non-security helicopters as well as small sightseeing and pilot training aircraft has increased over residential areas. She noted that the policy should be broadened to encompass all forms of aircraft noise and not limit it to planes flying through Logan.

Patricia Medeiros, 97 Brookline Street, spoke on Policy Order #16. Ms. Medeiros thanked Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor McGovern for submitting the order. She stated that this issue is personal to her as her daughter had a twenty year addiction to heroin and died because of the disease. She has a son who is heroin addicted and an addicted grandson. She hopes that the City will wake up and realize that we have a problem. She runs a group at the Salvation Army on Wednesdays from 7-9 for families and friends of loved ones struggling with addiction. She concluded by encouraging the Council to endorse the Narcan program.

Ted Live, 17 Wendell Street, spoke on Policy Order #2. Mr. Live believes that when it comes to street cleaning, the punishment is so disproportionate to the crime. He stated that people who

forget to move their cars on street cleaning days do so accidentally and the loss of time associated with recovering their car is excessive. He has lived in cities where towing does not occur for street cleaning and the streets are not demonstrably dirtier than Cambridge streets. He urged the Council to consider the policy order, perhaps through a pilot program.

James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, spoke on City Manager's Agenda #19. Mr. Williamson associated himself with the comments of Richard Stallman. Speaking to the linkage rate, he asked if anyone thought there was a risk of losing commercial development. He did not think so. Mr. Williamson argued that the city should try raising the linkage rate to \$20 to see what happens. Speaking to Communications and Reports from City Officers # 1, Mr. Williamson stated that it is not clear who is paying for the trip. He wanted to know where the \$750 for Vice Mayor Benzan is coming from. He also wants to know where the money for additional city staff is coming from. He argued that there is a crisis of pedestrian safety in the city and a lot is being done already for bike infrastructure.

Sue Butler, 14 Clinton Street, spoke on Policy Order #13 and City Manager's Agenda #20. Ms. Butler spoke on City Manager Agenda #17, following up on a policy order regarding the dangers of neonicotinoid pesticides. Quoting Einstein, she stated that bees are vital because plants and animals are dependent on them. Speaking on City Manager Agenda #20, Ms. Butler noted that the Council faces a difficult situation where the needs to be a balance staying in motion and dealing with the details. She mentioned one idea that did not make it into the letter from Susanne Rasmussen, requiring all new building to be built solar ready. She stated that regarding Policy Order #10, she referenced a paper that suggested that electronic monitors be placed near the front door lead to increased energy savings. She urged the council to facilitate these improvements. Ms. Butler spoke in support of Policy Order #13. She would like to see more bike corrals at CRLS. She spoke in support of STEAM and encouraged a focus on MBTA improvements when it comes to transportation.

Renee Gray, 84 Columbia Street, spoke on Policy Order #23. Ms. Gray began by reminding everyone that Community Pride Day in the Port is taking place on September 12th. She noted that they have been using the term "The Port" in flyers to promote the event. She stated that this is the third time that the subject of renaming Area 4 has come up. The question of renaming the neighborhood to The Port has come up several times. She is looking to the City to start updating documents to reflect the change in name. Ms. Gray stated that she has never driven. She does not own a driver's license, so Union Taxi is her "best friend." She would like the City to support cab drivers.

Dave Shirzay, 14 Starling Square, South Boston, spoke Policy Order #15. Mr. Shirzay stated that he has driven a taxi for ten years in Cambridge. He supports Bill 3702. He would like to see all Uber drivers have livery plates and background checks performed by the City, not Uber. He would also like to see their rate set like taxis or higher than taxis as well as a limit on the number of Uber cars allowed in Cambridge. Mr. Shirzay argued that the Uber rating system should go through the hackney office, not through the company. Mr. Shirzay stated that Uber drivers are behaving like taxis. He would like to see an even playing field for taxis and Uber. He mentioned that there is an app that they have developed.

Kim Courtney spoke from a written statement, in support of Communication #20, regarding enforcement of unlicensed taxis operating in Cambridge. She also spoke in opposition to Policy Orders 15, 18 and 24. Ms. Courtney argued that Uber and Lyft are not legal with the current state of the law. She spoke to what she considered to be a systemic malfunction in Cambridge City Government.

Councillor Toomey called for a Point of Order and stated that no personal attacks are allowed in the chamber.

Xavier Dietrich, spoke from a written statement, in support of the taxicab industry. Mr. Dietrich argued that the current ordinance (5.20) is clear and the City is failing to enforce the laws.

At this time Councillor Simmons moved for recess and on a voice vote the motion – carried.

Following the recess, Councillor Kelly reminded speakers to refrain from clapping.

Paula Phipps, 227 Hurley Street stated that she is impressed with the City Council’s ideas. She spoke in favor of creating an office for the commissioner of the STEAM initiative. She thanked Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Mazen for their work on this issue. She also spoke in favor of Awaiting Reports Item 14-51, creating a program for bilingual high school students to learn language interpretation skills. Ms. Phipps also spoke in favor of renaming the Area IV Youth Center the “Dr. Robert and Janet Moses Youth Center” (Awaiting Reports 15-18). Ms. Phipps voiced her concern for the environment, the ecosystem that we are part of. She stated that there is an incredible need to think of environmental concerns when planning for the future. She spoke in favor of open space and mentioned a program that converts playgrounds into mini-ecosystems.

Eugene Dorvil spoke on behalf of the BTA, Boston Taxi Advisory Group, as a taxi driver for twenty years. He argued that what Cambridge is going through, Boston is going through. He referred to the recent financial crisis and the suffering it caused. Mr. Dorvil argued that the taxi industry is suffering today because of lack of leadership. He called for real leadership and thanked the Council for their consideration. Mr. Dorvil stated that taxi drivers come from all over the world, to America, the land of opportunity. He is proud to be a part of this tradition and proud to be an American citizen. He argued that the current problem with the taxi industry requires leadership from the city.

Gill Barwinder, 41 Malden Street, Everett, argued that the taxi industry is in trouble. He stated that for many years, taxi drivers have followed the tough regulations of the city and they love it because of public safety. Mr. Barwinder noted that the regulations already exist. If Uber and Lyft want to operate in the City of Cambridge, they should be expected to follow the same regulations. He stated that private cars should not operate as a taxi or limo, drivers should have background checks and be licensed. Otherwise, you cannot guarantee public safety. He urged the Councillors to endorse the adopt policy Order #15.

Chando Sufran urged the council to support the bill before the state legislature. He stated that he thinks that the taxi industry is in deep crisis and that one set of rules should be enforced for everyone. He would like the Council to call the banks to refinance the existing loans. He called for leadership from the City to enforce the existing rules.

Donna Blythe-Shaw, representing the Boston Taxi Drivers Association, stated that her organization has approximately 1,400 members, including Cambridge Taxi drivers that also own Boston medallions. She spoke to the suffering experienced by taxi drivers over the past few years due to lack of enforcement by municipalities as well as the State. Ms. Blythe-Shaw stated that Cambridge is a city of progressive leaders and innovation, yet a solution to the problem has not been found. Many drivers have lost their homes and banks will not refinance their existing loans. She urged the Council for their support and argued that fair enforcement is the answer, not deregulation.

Ivan Akhtar, 8 Lawrence Street, Medford, MA, a taxi driver in the City of Boston for twenty years, asked the Council to consider the concerns of his fellow drivers.

Michael Arnott, 175 Harvey Street, Apt. 9, spoke in favor of Policy Order #21. He stated that there is an acute and chronic problem when it comes to semi-trucks trying to turn left from Harvey Street onto Clifton Street. The trucks become stuck and are forced to reverse back down the street, with a Cambridge Police escort. Mr. Arnott stated that when trucks become stuck, they are forced to repeatedly drive over the curb onto the sidewalk, possibly creating damage to the sidewalk and the storm drain. He stated that Cambridge Traffic regulations ban trucks from Rindge Avenue, but not Harvey or Clifton Streets. He believes that many drivers are being misled by their GPS units and suggested that the City provide supplemental data to the GPS companies.

Rosemary Booth, 303 Third Street, #505, spoke on Committee Report #3 and expressed her concerns for the Volpe development, specifically open space, affordable housing, and sufficient access to sunlight. She stated that her biggest concern has been the rezoning process itself. Ms. Booth believes that the process seems rushed and not entirely transparent. She argued that the City should set the schedule, not the Federal Government.

Barry Zevin, 67 Hampshire Street, State representative to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, spoke in favor of Application and Petition #9, regarding the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan. He urged the Council to give the application a positive recommendation.

Emily Dexter, 9 Bennet Street, spoke on Policy Order #22, regarding the STEAM working group's recommendations. As a member of the STEAM working group, Ms. Dexter spoke in favor of the policy order, stating that she is excited to have a system in place for high leverage STEAM internships. She argued that more needs to be done to provide students with equal access to the STEAM programs.

Stephen Regan, 30 Warren Street, Charlestown, representing the Massachusetts Regional Taxi Advocacy group, spoke on Policy Order #15 in which the City Council would urge the state to move expeditiously in issuing guidelines for taxi and ride-share regulations. Mr. Regan argued that waiting for the state to issue regulations does not prevent municipalities from enforcing the laws they already have. He argued that all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts have regulations governing rides for hire businesses. He stated that individual driving a vehicle for Uber is required to register as a business. Mr. Regan stated that ride share companies are hurting businesses. He argued that the City of Cambridge was at the forefront of enforcing laws against illegal transportation practices, but the City has stepped back. He urged the City Council to enforce existing laws until the State makes a decision.

Mark Jaquith, 213 Hurley Street, spoke to the Volpe rezoning proposal. He noted that when citizens have the opportunity to provide input, the result is better for everyone. He urged the Council to let the current application lapse to allow more time for public input. Speaking to Applications and Petitions #9, Mr. Jaquith argued that fifteen percent affordable housing is great, but it should be increased, if possible. Mr. Jaquith also spoke in favor of Policy Order #17, to expand Ahern Field. He stated that parents are spending too much time in their cars, driving to fields across the City.

Marilyn Wellons, 651 Green Street, spoke in favor of Policy Order #12 regarding noise management. She stated that the City of Cambridge has an inadequate noise ordinance and the License Commission is unable to enforce current regulations. Ms. Wellons argued that current

development plans seek to increase affordable housing in mixed use areas, exposing families to high levels of noise and light pollution. She stated that the decibel limits allowed in mixed use areas is too high to allow for open space that would be enjoyable.

Elaine DeRosa, 4 Pleasant Place, spoke on behalf of CEOC, regarding the incentive zoning recommendations. She noted that the proposal is solid and will stand up to legal challenges. Ms. DeRosa stated that the City is committed to middle income housing.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Mass Avenue, spoke on agenda items related to zoning. He stated that any changes to zoning should make room for homelessness solutions. Mr. Rashid also stated that City has failed to maintain Clement Morgan Park on Prospect Street. The trees are dying or already dead.

Rhonda Massie, 211 Charles Street, spoke in favor of Policy Order #17, to expand Ahern Field, suggesting that CPA funding could be used. Ms. Massie also spoke to Volpe Development. She believes that the development of the open space at the Volpe Center would be a travesty. Ms. Massie urged the Council to examine the City's parking policies. She believes that the number of permits issued is getting out of hand.

Paul Keplin, 211 Charles Street, spoke in opposition to Applications and Petitions #9, regarding the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority recommendations to amend the zoning ordinance for the MXD district in Kendall Square. He stated that the GFA should not be increased, parking regulations should remain unchanged and the maximum allowed height should be capped at 350 feet.

John Hawkinson, 84 Massachusetts Avenue, spoke in favor of the Open Data ordinance and urge the Council to pass the four amendments proposed by Councillor Mazen in Communications and Reports from City Officers #2. He stated all four amendments are important and that the first and third amendments are not very controversial. He encouraged the Council, on amendment #2, to remove the prohibition on images and narrative data. Mr. Hawkinson also spoke in favor of amendment #4 to remove the "inoperative, yet scary, text."

Richard Hardy spoke to Policy Order #15, stating that the Council can find a solution to the problem by reaching out to the cab industry and Uber. He noted that it is unlikely that Uber will go away, but it is important to look out for cab drivers. He believes that the taxi industry is looking for leadership from the City Council, allowing them to prosper in Cambridge. Mr. Hardy also spoke in favor of renaming Area IV. He personally supports the name "The Port," but he looks forward to the community's input.

Joe Robinson, 1 Garden Street, spoke in favor of Policy Order #5, to dedicate a street corner in honor of Ed Chase.

Michael Gervais, 60 Mt. Vernon Street, Somerville, recounted the origins of a cab school that he started with Arthur Santoro. As a cab driver, Mr. Gervais believes that cab drivers are the lungs of the City. He stated that the cab industry has always been a friend to the City of Cambridge. He urged caution when considering any orders pertaining to the cab industry.

Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, spoke on Policy Order #15, warning the Council about the dangers of technology. He stated that as technology gets more complicated people will be put out of work. He stated that technology will destroy humanity. He noted that creation did not cost one cent

POLICY ORDER NUMBER FIVE

Councillor Simmons moved suspension of the rules to bring forward Order # 5 in order to adopt the order while Reverend Robinson was still in the Chamber.

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

(HERE INSERT ORDER # 5) read by Mayor Maher.

Councillor Simmons thanked Reverend Robinson for his synopsis on Mr. Chase's life. She stated that Mr. Chase stood tall on the issue of fairness and would go to any length necessary for racial fairness. She explained the dedication process and hoped that the Dedication Committee acknowledges a good and faithful servant.

Councillor Kelley stated that this maybe the first dedication order that he has enthusiastically supported. He was a parishioner with Mr. Chase at Christ Church. He stated that with the issues of racial justice, Black Lives Matter and income disparity there is a need for more people like Mr. Chase.

The order was -
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

POLICY ORDERS NUMBERED 15, 18 AND 24

Councillor Simmons moved suspension of the rules to bring forward Orders # 15, 18 and 24.

Here insert Policy Order # 15 read by Mayor Maher.
Here insert Policy Order # 18 read by Mayor Maher.
Here insert Policy Order # 24 read by Mayor Maher.

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

Councillor Simmons noted that the above mentioned orders are three important pieces of policy on car sharing. She stated that Cambridge is not alone in struggling with this issue; it is a statewide and national issue. She stated that the License Commission cannot regulate these new companies under the existing taxi regulations because the vehicles do not have taxi meter devices. She expressed concern with Uber in terms of parity and in particular around the issue of insurance. She noted that insurance policies do not cover vehicles when they are used as a livery conveyance. She stated that private automobiles are not covered for an operation such as Uber or Lyft. When asked to see the Uber insurance policy no one has seen their commercial policy. She stated that the type of policy that these drivers have is unknown and this is huge. She stated that she felt that the state has to come down and even the playing field. She wanted to stand with the taxi industry and wanted these companies to be clearly identified as a livery service and regulated properly.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this is an issue that is city, state, nationally and globally wide. He stated that Cambridge has an opportunity to take leadership on this issue; no entity has been able to figure this out. He noted that the car sharing companies are operating with no rules at all and the taxi industry is operating with sixty pages of regulations. He stated that this is unfair. He

noted all the conditions that the taxi industry faces. He stated that the market is not straitening itself out; the system is antiquated. He wanted to create new regulations because the current regulations are antiquated. The new regulations would allow the taxi industry to be competitive. The proposed state legislation does not mention the taxi industry. He stated that the major issue that the taxi industry is facing is technology and customer service. He has had conversation with cab drivers and has told the drivers that they have to provide better service to their customers and get up to speed with the technology available which will allow them to compete much better. He stated that the City Council supports innovation as well as an industry that has been around for a long time. He stated that he also wanted realistic remedies in place. He is proposing to deregulate the taxi industry and at the same time look at regulations that will make the industry more competitive. He stated that the state legislation does not help to preserve the taxi industry.

Councillor Mazen stated that he agreed that the regulations needed to be either relaxed or rethought and that there needs to be parity. He noted that banks were still lending money to put people into these toxic occupations. This is similar to the housing bubble collapse. He wanted the lending practices reviewed. He noted that the medallion loans are substantial and are the cost of a house.

Councillor McGovern stated that this is about leveling the playing field and regulating vendors like Uber. He stated the other side is about changing the view of the taxi industry. He noted that customers choose Uber over the taxi industry because it is more convenient and that people have had a negative experience in a taxicab. The taxi industry has to offer a better product. He expressed concern with 1,000 - 3,000 Uber drivers coming into Cambridge daily and what impact this has on the environment and the traffic. He stated that the rules and the industry has changed and this is viewed as breach of contract by the taxi drivers. The City is not responsible for this. He wondered if the City could buy back some medallions. He wanted to move forward and come up with something that works for all.

Councillor Carlone stated that historically that when one new transportation industry started one was eliminated and one flourished. This is different, it is the same industry with new technology and a reinterpretation of the law. The City Council is involved in this issue because taxis provide a direct public service and paid the City through your medallions. He stated that there should be a rebate because the City is helping to perpetuate this imbalance. The entire City Council believes that it has to be the same across the board. He stated that taxi drivers made a contract with the City and this is the part that keeps haunting him.

Mayor Maher moved adoption of the three Policy Orders, Order # 15, Order 18 and Order #24, and the orders were -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Toomey filed reconsideration on Policy Orders # 15, 18 and 24.

Councillor Toomey moved for a recess at 8:10 PM.

Mayor Maher reconvened the meeting at 8:20 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councillor Simmons moved adoption of the Consent Agenda and on a voice vote the motion - Carried.

- # 1 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 2 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 3 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 4 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 6 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 7 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 8 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 9 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #10 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #11 Placed on file.
- #12 Placed on file.
- #13 Placed on file.
- #16 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #20 Placed on file.
- #21 Placed on file.
- #23 Placed on file.

NON CONSENT AGENDA

5 Here insert Agenda # 5 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey asked if there would be an additional appropriation to continue the program for the remainder of the fiscal year. Assistant City Manager for Human Services, Ms. Semonoff, responded in the affirmative. She explained that for the last three years funding received from DHCD has come in one, three or six months continuations and there is no reason to assume that there will not be an additional contract after the end of February.

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

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

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the order was -
Adopted.

#14 Here insert Agenda #14 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor McGovern wanted Ms. Semonoff to explain the process and how this would be addressed moving forward.

Ms. Semonoff stated that there was a hearing in January of the Human Services and Veterans' Committee. The work of the last ten years on homelessness was explained and the need for more planning of what steps the City, the region and state government might take in moving forward. With money received from the federal government the City is engaged in this process. She stated that the leading group in the country that leads planning processes, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, was hired. The planning process will lead to a Charrette process, which is a streamline process that brings together a larger portion of the community to create recommendations moving

forward. She explained that the homelessness process will fold into the city-wide planning process. There were two community meetings held in June to define the issues. There will be a hearing in September and it will be widely publicized. The Sheraton Commander will hold two all day meetings on Tuesday, September 16th and Wednesday, September 17th. There will also be a series of fishbowl processes with local and national experts and with members of the community. There will be a report back to the community on Friday. The corporation working with the staff of Human Services will come back with recommendations in the fall. She stated that recommendations will be presented to the City Council that can be done by the City. She spoke about the six broad focus areas.

Councillor McGovern suggested to Ms. Semonoff to publicize the different spectrum of homelessness. He stated that there is a wide range of families, youth, seniors, veterans and persons with mental illness experiencing homelessness. He noted that when the Charrettes are done that people who are struggling with homelessness are contacted. He wanted people walking the streets to do outreach; it is important to hear these voices directly. He stated that short and long term goals are included in the recommendations. He spoke about additional services as they relate to housing.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that the report did not contain any mention of the opioid epidemic in the state. There are more people struggling with drugs and more drug related deaths. He stated that when the Charrette is held that drugs are included and to increase the capacity for this population, including treatment. He noted that drug abuse is a huge crisis. He also noted that the Salvation Army was not part of the steering committee in the report. He stated that homelessness has to include a conversation about the drug courts and how the capacity can be increased to deal with this population which is increasing quickly and it does not discriminate.

Councillor Carlone stated that the memo was excellent. He agreed that housing is the first step and this needs to be integrated into affordable housing. There are people that are homeless and they have no other choice because they are unable to find work.

#14 Placed on file.

#15 Here insert Agenda #15 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this statute applies to anyone operating a motor vehicle who gets into an accident and leaves the scene of the accident and causes injury or property damage. He stated that this does not address a cyclist hitting a pedestrian and taking off. He stated that he sees the need for a bike registration system. There is no protection for the pedestrian. Superintendent of Police Wilson stated that the police are attempting to gather the information from the cyclist for the victim. This is a very difficult situation. Vice Mayor Benzan noted that there is no statute that covers cyclists. Chapter 90 Section 24 is the statute on the books that deals with leaving the scene with personal injury. This deals with a motor vehicle on a public way and the person is required when there is an accident to affirmatively to offer up their information to the person they struck. However this statute does not cover bicyclists. Vice Mayor Benzan asked what can be done to bring attention to accidents that occur between cyclists and pedestrians and how this can be tracked. He asked if there has been any thought given to registering bicycles. He was informed that if a pedestrian were struck by a bicyclist it would be treated as a motor vehicle that has struck a pedestrian. Police officers facilitate the information between the bicyclist and pedestrian. The information will be documented internally by the police department. A more uniformed approach is needed statewide for a bicyclist/pedestrian accident.

Councillor Carlone spoke about stolen bicycles. If there is a serial and it is incorporated on a license plate number the bike would be identified and there would be less stolen bikes. He suggested that if one rode their bike through Cambridge and lived in another community they would be required

to register their bike. He commented about bikes going through red lights and if they are on the road they should be registered.

Councillor Kelley spoke of an accident that his wife was involved in where the motorist offered identification but she was so shook up she wanted to be left alone. He stated that registering bicycles is fraught with problems. He noted that jaywalkers need to be included in the conversation about cyclists and pedestrians. He stated that this is a systems approach to transit. He also noted that scooters and wheel chairs need to be included in the conversation. This is a huge complicated problem.

#15 Placed on file.

#17 Here insert Agenda #17 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that the report is comprehensive. He asked what can be done to do a straight out ban with fiscal penalties. He asked if this was within the City's power to do. Mr. Jacob, Chief Public Health Officer, stated that there is a process. He noted that some cities have enacted a limited ban. For an outright ban the Public Health Department wanted to work with the retailers. Councillor Mazen wanted to see a timeline on this. Mr. Jacob explained that certain bans were enacted in phases, such as ban on trans fats. Mr. Rossi stated that research would need to be done to determine whether the City had the authority to do this, then educate the community then enact the ban.

Councillor Kelley asked about the City contractors using the product. Mr. Jacobs stated that the process would include working with the retailers and the contractors. Research needs to be done to look into the perimeters of what this means to the contractors doing business in Cambridge. Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that contractors hired by the City do not use this type of pesticides.

#17 Placed on file.

#18 Here insert Agenda #18 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan questioned the list of organizations that participate. He noted that the local colleges and universities and HMart are not on the list. Mr. Jacob explained that the list is not an exhaustive list; this was just a sample of the city partners.

Councillor McGovern spoke about food insecurity. He stated that the food pantries are saying that it is not so much a lack of food. The problem is the infrastructure of the non-profits. Space and storage are the issues. He stated that the opportunities cannot be fully taken advantage of until the obstacles are overcome.

Councillor Mazen asked about food storage and if this is something that the City is looking at as the vendors try to process their waste in keeping with state regulations. He spoke about the issue of storage and the lack of distribution infrastructure. He asked what the City can do. Mr. Rossi stated that as this moves along the City needs to understand the issues and the situation. Mr. Jacob stated that the citywide health priority contains a goal of healthy eating. This is a good issue about food storage capacity. He stated that timeline is expecting to have feedback to the City Council in the fall.

#18 Placed on file.

#19 Here insert Agenda #19 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone stated that the Ordinance Committee reviewed this in committee and there were a number of recommendations. He asked if the recommendations were included in the revised text and what was not included.

Councillor Carlone moved for suspension of the rules in order to dispense with the regular order of business to bring forward Committee Report # 5.

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

Ms. Farooq, Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development, stated that there is no revised language with all the recommendations that were discussed included. The revisions only include the Planning Board recommendations. She explained that the goal is to prepare revised language and transmit the revised language to the City Council prior to the September 21st City Council meeting. This will be sent out before the meeting so that it can be reviewed.

Councillor Carlone stated that this is a great need, but only 20% of the impact of what new construction is. He stated that more needs to be done in other areas.

Councillor Mazen noted that Boston is considering a higher number than Cambridge. He stated that Cambridge is the most attractive real estate market in the region. Cambridge should be the highest number; this is what the report mandates. He stated that \$24.00 is the number needed. He stated that a higher rate and more affordable housing is needed now. He stated that he did not think that commercial interest in Cambridge would be lost. He favored going to \$24.20.

Councillor McGovern stated that the recommendation was not \$24.00. He read from the report that the recommendation was \$10-\$12. He stated that he is not willing to gamble with people's lives and homes. He stated that a \$1.00 was added over three years for inflation. This will be reassessed and will be increased if needed. He is proud to support this. This is a bold way to proceed that will not shoot ourselves in the foot. This is one mechanism for affordable housing. There are a number of other avenues to fund affordable housing. He stated that the most important part of it is that this will be done automatically over the next three years. He praised Councillor Simmons for her leadership on the Housing Committee.

Councillor Mazen stated that he does not mean to undercut the work done on this. He stated that he does not believe that this is a gamble. He stated that there are other factors other than the dollar amount per square feet. He stated that the only question is how much housing is achieved.

Councillor Kelley stated that it is not how much the City can get from the builders but rather how much can be built legally. He noted that the \$12 will pass the legal challenge.

Councillor Simmons stated that she feels confident that the ordinance changes will be adopted. She stated that she appreciates the sentiment to go higher but the \$12.00 and the \$1.00 increase has been vetted and agreed upon by CEOC, ACT, Nexus Study, the Affordable Housing Trust and the Housing Committee. This was discussed quite thoroughly. She noted that the Ordinance Committee acted upon this matter expeditiously. She stated that she could not cherry pick parts of the ordinance. She stated that the \$12.00 is supported by the experts. She urged passage to a second reading of what is before the City Council. She did not want this to languish.

Councillor Kelley requested if the number could be clarified. Ms. Farooq stated that this is legally defensible because it is the recommendation of the Nexus Study which is the document that serves

as the legal justification for the ordinance changes. Councillor Kelley stated that if we go above this amount the City risks this being tossed out. Ms. Farooq stated that the key is to stay true to the recommendations in the Nexus Study. Councillor Simmons stated that her understanding after talking with the consultants is that it is not that it cannot be done but the City would be put at risk for a legal challenge if the amount were pushed higher. It is \$25.00 a square foot to underwrite a unit of affordable housing, but fate would be tempted to push the amount this high. The recommended amount was \$12.00. She noted that the Nexus Study is the mechanism by which these choices can be made. There is a less likely chance to be challenged with the \$12.00 and not held up in court for years.

Councillor Carlone stated that the report that the impact of new commercial construction can be justified with the \$24.20 per square foot. He stated that the political decision was for it to be less. He stated that the increase of \$1.00 should be continued until the Nexus Study is updated. He commented that land is not affordable now for affordable housing. This is a negative for new developers, but then they change their building program. He stated that in the long run this will expand and have many positive implications. There is only so much land in Cambridge to develop; this will raise the value of the land and compensate for the amount.

Councillor Mazen he compared the \$12.00 and the \$24.20 differences. He spoke about tie the affordable housing to the economic development needed. He stated that the court stated that as long as it could be justified with this type of an economic study it would be fine. This economic study showed that up to \$24.20 is justified, defensible in court and workable.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this matter has been vetted several times, both in the Ordinance Committee, Housing Committee and the full City Council. Cambridge is a leader in this area. He stated that affordable housing will not be solved with inclusionary zoning alone. He highlighted the work done by Cambridge in the area of affordable housing. He stated that voting on this will not choke development and will allow the City to grow and benefit the residents.

Councillor Carlone stated that the affordable housing crisis is at its peak in Cambridge

#19 Referred to the petition.

The question now came on acceptance and placing on file Committee Report # 5 which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT COMMITTEE REPORT # 5)

The report was -

Accepted and placed on file.

In connection with the matter Councillor Simmons submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE INSERT ORDER # 31)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

The question now came on passage to a second reading the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances, which reads as follows:

(HERE COPY FIRST PUBLICATION #3374)

The proposed zoning amendment was -

Passed to a second reading at the City Council meeting held on August 10, 2015 and on or after August 24, 2015 the question comes on passing to be ordained.

#22 Here insert Agenda #22 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey stated that this is an issue that has created a lot of concern. He urged the City Manager in his discussions with federal and state officials that he ask how increase service at Hanscom Field, the airports in New Hampshire and Rhode Island can be achieved. He would like pressure taken off of Logan Airport and reduce the noise.

#22 Placed on file.

#24 Here insert Agenda #24 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone stated that this is a good project. Ames Street was designed too wide and building housing at this location makes sense. He stated that this is an observation about the price of land at \$232. a square foot. He asked was the price lower because of the oddness of the site and only one owner. Mr. Reardon, Chief Assessor, explained that the land was appraised. He stated that because of the land's odd shape it had limited value to developable site. The site could not be developed by itself; it had limited access. Councillor Carlone noted that the Volpe land value would be significantly higher because of its size. Mr. Reardon stated that Volpe is a developable site and would have a high value.

Councillor Toomey asked if the travel pattern would change because of the sale of Ames Street. Deputy City Engineer Kathy Watkins stated that Ames Street design will be changing a little. She stated that the City has worked with Boston Properties for the best layout of the bike facility. There is a protected bike lane on each side inside of the parking. She explained that an option that is being discussed is to have a two lane bike path on one side so that it lines up with the walkway on Sixth Street. She stated that the parking on the other side would be up against the curb.

Vice Mayor Benzan asked what the tax revenue would be for this land. Mr. Reardon stated that he did not have the exact figure, but it would be much higher because it is being added to another parcel. It will bring in a sizable amount of money overtime.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption to wit:
(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR AGENDA #24)

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

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the order was -
Adopted.

CALENDAR

1 Here insert Calendar # 1 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that the City spends about \$10.5 million annually on Charter Schools. He stated that some Charter Schools have large enrollment decline between the 9th and 12th grade. He highlighted the enrollment percentages that Charter Schools loose between the 9th and 12th grades. He stated that since the City is paying for the Charter Schools it is up to the City to find out what they are doing with our students. He stated with more information there could be a better discussion about Charter Schools in public education.

The question now came on adoption of the order which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR ITEM # 1)

The order was-

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

2 No action taken.

3 Here insert Calendar # 3 read by Mayor Maher. Mayor Maher moved that the tabled item be brought before the City Council and on a voice vote the matter was removed from the table.

Councillor Kelley moved to amend the resolution and on a voice vote the motion to amend -
Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the resolution which reads as follows:
(HERE COPY RESOLUTION #13)

The resolution was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

4 No action taken.

CONSENT APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1 Withdrawn – the event was cancelled.

#2-8 Orders adopted on the affirmative vote of nine members.

NON CONSENT APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

9 Here insert Application and Petition # 9 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that he is in support of most things done by the CRA. He wanted to ensure that innovation space is being subsidized. He wanted to discuss the thresholds for middle and moderate income housing.

9 Referred to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

#1-15 Placed on file.

#16 Referred to Application and Petition # 5.

#17-20 Placed on file.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Simmons moved that the Consent Resolutions be brought forward for discussion and making them unanimously sponsored upon adoption and on a voice vote the motion -

Carried.

1-27 Resolutions adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#29-94 Resolutions adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

#28 Here insert Resolution # 28 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey acknowledged all the work done to preserve the affordable units at Briston Arms.

Mayor Maher stated that he and Councillor Simmons were in attendance along with the housing advocates and the new owners of the building who made a great commitment to protect the units going forward but to also revitalizing all of the units. Cambridge's commitment to affordable housing was acknowledged by some of the partnerships.

Mayor Maher gave a history on the Briston Arms Apartment built by former School Committee member John Briston Sullivan. This was built as a give back to the City.

Vice Mayor Benzan thanked all who were part of this effort.

Councillor McGovern spoke about the preservation of the existing affordable housing. This is a great victory.

Councillor Simmons stated that this was an opportunity to see all the hard work done in Cambridge around affordable housing.

28 The resolution was -
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

Councillor Simmons moved that the Policy Orders and Resolutions be brought forward for discussion and adoption, with the exception of Orders # 5, # 15, #18 and #24 and on a voice vote the motion -

Carried.

- # 1 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 4 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 8 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 9 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #10 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #14 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #20 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #23 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #25 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members. Reconsideration filed by Councillor Cheung.

NON CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

2 Here insert Policy Order # 2 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey explained that he would not be voting in favor of this. He further stated that this has worked well for years and tinkering with this would cause a lot of confusion in the City. This is an effective way to keep the streets clean and if cars are not towed on street cleaning days it will only add to the debris which leads to more rodent infestation. He did not want to expend staff time to review whether the policy should be changed. He urged his policy to keep the policy as it is now.

Councillor Simmons stated that policies should be reviewed to ensure that they are still effective. She stated that the towing aspect of this is burdensome. She stated that she would like street cleaning to be increased to twice a month. She spoke about the ticketing and towing experience. She just wants this to be reviewed.

Councillor McGovern spoke about increasing the fee for the ticket. He suggested that street cleaning start at 9 AM instead of 8 AM to get more cars off the road.

Mayor Maher stated that he did not support this order. He thinks that the system works well as it is.

On this question Mayor Maher requested a roll call which resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern and Simmons	- 6
NAYS:	Councillors Carlone and Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 3
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the order was -
Adopted.

3 Here insert Original Policy Order # 3 read by Mayor Maher Councillor Kelley moved to amend the order by adding a new sixth paragraph which reads as follows:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the following questions:

1. Is Putnam Avenue subject to a truck ban?
2. Are tour buses considered "trucks" for the purposes of such a ban?
3. How many trucks have been cited for traveling on Putnam Avenue is such traffic is banned?
4. If trucks are banned on Putnam Avenue, is the ban properly marked?
5. What is the impact of citing a truck for violating a truck ban in terms of licensing, fees and so forth?
6. Does the state of registration for drivers' license or vehicle registration impact enforcement options?

Councillor Simmons stated that this is not the first policy order on trucks. She spoke about school opening and small children trying to negotiate crossing a narrow street with trucks and buses. She stated that there should be severe surveillance and ticketing. She supported the order as amended.

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

Carried.

Councillor Simmons moved that the order as amended be adopted, which reads as follows:

(HERE COPY AMENDED ORDER # 3)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

6 Here insert Policy Order # 6. Withdrawn by Councillor Cheung.

7 Here insert Policy Order # 7 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons noted

that there is no one solution to try to keep Cambridge affordable. Many strategies are used. He acknowledged property owners who keep their rents low and keep their property in good condition. She asked if other communities has mechanisms that support these landlords that keep their rents low. What can be done to encourage other landlords to keep their rents low.

Councillor McGovern stated that tax breaks were discussed and the City reported that tax breaks are not feasible for a whole host of reasons. Other mechanisms can be explored.

Councillor Mazen stated that he is working on creating a progressive real estate tax. He stated that incentives would have to be tied to monitoring rents. This could also be an important tool.

7 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#11 Here insert Original Policy Order # 11 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding at the end thereof the following: "to update striping after construction projects and to repair striping after winter's depredations."

Councillor Kelley stated that there are some confusing traffic layout caused by construction.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER # 11)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#12 Here insert Original Policy Order # 12 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley spoke about aircraft traffic noise and it is going over the 75 decibel levels which are not allowed. He wanted to send a clear message to the City Manager for data point so that the City can go the FAA.

Councillor Kelley moved to amend the aforementioned by substituting a new text, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT AMENDED ORDER # 12)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#13 Here insert Original Policy Order # 13 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor McGovern stated that he has heard from parents of elementary school children that there are not enough bike racks at the elementary schools. Councillor McGovern moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding in the third paragraph after the word "CRLS" the words "and if additional bike corrals are necessary at the elementary and upper schools."

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 COPY AMENDED ORDER #13)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#16 Here insert Original Policy Order # 16 read by Mayor Maher. Vice Mayor Benzan moved to amend the order by substituting a new Order as well as adding Councillor Simmons as a sponsor of the order.

Vice Mayor Benzan spoke about the Opioid drug crisis and is impacting families. He wanted the Mayor to meet with the stakeholders on this issue. This is the number one public health issue in Massachusetts last year. He stated that this is impacting the City squares and he has seen a significant number of people hanging out in Central Square. He stated that the City has to determine if it has the capacity to deal with this drug issue and to commit resources if needed.

Councillor McGovern stated that he consults with juvenile courts in Massachusetts in his capacity as a social worker. He stated that 90% of issues that are happening in the home is due to drug or opioid addiction and it destroys families and lives. This is a serious issue and everything that can be done should be done.

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

(HERE COPY AMENDED ORDER #16)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#17 Here insert Policy Order # 17 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey stated that this was an issue raised in the East Cambridge Study. He wanted the City Manager to communicate with the current land owners regarding the feasibility of the land being sold that would increase the amount of space at Ahearn Field to accommodate venues. He suggested a tax incentive to make this a reality.

#17 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#19 Here insert Policy Order #19 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone stated that at the Ordinance Committee hearing neighbors had concerns that could be easily incorporated into this text.

Councillor Cheung stated that CDD was asked to make amendment to this petition based on neighbors comments but did not have the finalized language yet. It was suggested that the petition be refiled.

#19 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#21 Here insert Original Policy Order # 21 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor McGovern moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding the words "and Chestnut Street" after the word "Street."

He stated that it is an issue of trucks and buses going down narrow City streets. This needs to be dealt with in a comprehensive way.

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

(HERE COPY AMENDED ORDER #21)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

#22 Here insert Policy Order # 22 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that pressure has been formed for equity for out of school time education and STEAM. He stated that now since the money has been appropriated it is time to figure out how to use it and the hiring practices and metrics. He stated that he was amending the order to add himself as a sponsor on the order,

Vice Mayor Benzan gave background why this issue is important to him. He spoke about naming Area Four after Bob and Janet Moses. He stated that one of the important issues facing the City is how to more students into the innovation economy in Kendall Square. The City Council has been supportive of the work, but when he sees information that goes out to the public that misrepresents this work it raises issues. He noted that Councillor Mazen stated that there was a \$1 million pledge for this work. Vice Mayor Benzan alleged that this misrepresents the work. Either the money is in the budget or it is not. He questioned where the pledge came from.

Councillor Mazen stated that the pledge was made at a public hearing that the Vice Mayor attended. He stated that before they started working on this effort jointly it was worked on individually by both members. At the hearing before the committees merged to work on STEAM the City Manager stated that he wanted to pledge \$1 million over three years with the cooperation of the school committee. This is the work that was done jointly and he does not know where this is coming from.

Vice Mayor Benzan commented that the spirit of the order is to get the information from the City Manager. He stated that in the FY16 budget there is \$150,000 for a STEAM Coordinator position who will help the City leverage funding from the private sector for this effort.

Councillor Mazen stated that this funding was discussed with the City Manager.

Councillor Kelley commented that this is not just about the Kendall Square innovation economy. He stated that Arts are included in the STEAM. He stated that the City cannot lose site of general arts for everyone.

#22 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

AREA FOUR RENAMING

Councillor Simmons commented on Order #23 as it relates to renaming Area Four. She stated that the public felt that they had participated in the naming of Area Four previously. She stated that the issue is the process and the previous process is being dishonored. We now have a quandary.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this deals with a Policy Order adopted in the spring to work with the Fletcher Maynard Academy to develop a process to vote on renaming Area Four that would occur on Area Four Pride Day. He stated that there was a previous process, which was not clear to him, where the name "The Port" was

selected, but that too was unclear. He explained the process going forward. A voting process would be created to rename Area Four. He questioned how does the renaming become binding on the City. He noted that this order asks that the name not be official until a majority of the neighborhood votes.

Councillor Simmons had concerns about this. This is more complicated than it appears.

Councillor Kelley spoke about other agencies who have named Area Four and it may need clarification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1 Report accepted and placed on file.

2 Report accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter Councillors Simmons and McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE COPY ORDER #26)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE COPY ORDER #27)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE COPY ORDER #28)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor Simmons submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE COPY ORDER #29)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

3 Report accepted and Placed on file.

In connection with this matter Councillors McGovern and Carlone submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE COPY ORDER #30)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

4 Report accepted and placed on file.

6 Report accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter Councillor Cheung submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE COPY ORDER #32)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

The question now came on passage to a second reading a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 2.126 entitled "Open Data Ordinance," which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT FIRST PUBLICATION # 3373)

The proposed amendment was -

Passed to a second reading at the City Council meeting held on August 10, 2015 and on or after August 24, 2015 the question comes on passing to be ordained.

Councillor Mazen spoke about four amendment to the proposed Open Data Ordinance outlined in Communications and Reports from City Officers # 2 was -

Referred to Committee Report # 6.

Councillor Cheung suggested that the City Manager review the amendments. He stated that the City is not ready to amend the petition this evening.

Councillor Mazen stated that his amendments are minimum and does not restrict the City. He stated that amendment four does limit the City. He explained the other amendments. These are low key amendments.

Councillor Cheung noted that the City administration has to work on incorporating the amendments into the text moving forward.

Councillor Simmons stated that there is no opportunity to vet this.

7 Report accepted as amended by Councillor Kelley by adding a sentence on page eleven in between the first and second paragraphs which reads as follows:

Councillor Kelley stated that these discussions should be more about visual and performing arts.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment -
Carried.

The question now came on acceptance of the report as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED COMMITTEE REPORT # 7)

The report was -

Accepted as amended and placed on file.

8 Report accepted and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM OTHER CITY OFFICERS

1 The question came on approval and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons,
Toomey and Mayor Maher - 8

NAYS: None - 0

ABSENT: None - 0
PRESENT: Vice Mayor Benzan - 1
and the request was -

Approved.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

#95-104 Resolutions adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor Simmons the meeting adjourned at eleven o'clock and ten minutes p.m.

A list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

*City Manager's Agenda
City Council Agenda
CD of meeting*