

MEETING March 2, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting  
at the Henrietta Attles Meeting Room at 459 Broadway.

TIME 5:40 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor David P. Maher

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

PRESENTATIONS The White Ribbon Pledge was signed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION For all domestic violence victims

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

#### **SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD**

On motion of Vice Mayor Benzan the submission of the record for the January 29, 2015 meeting was accepted on a voice vote of nine members.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Muireann Glenmullen, 4 Channing Circle, spoke on Calendar Item #11. She stated that she provided each Councillor with the details of the curb cut as well as summary of the meeting with the neighbors. She asked for the support of the City Council for this curb cut.

Sarah Slavick, 87D Brookside Avenue, Jamaica Plain, spoke on Policy Order #1. She stated that she spoke about the conditions of being an adjunct at Lesley University at previous City Council meetings. She stated that she has been a professor at Lesley University for fifteen years. She stated that 48% of the faculty are marginalized with little to no say in the curriculum, with little to no job security and miserably low pay. She stated that while the adjunct faculty has seen some progress, there has been little movement in the area of compensation. She stated that at the most recent bargaining meeting the administration made an economic proposal that would continue to pay poverty wages for adjunct faculty. She stated that Lesley has seen a huge increase in administrative positions and salaries of these positions. She stated that Lesley's budget, along with the national trend, reflects values that belie its' educational mission. She stated that recent studies have shown that universities that have top-heavy executive spending also have more adjuncts, more overall administrative spending and more student debt. She thanked the City Council for its support.

Jeb Mays, 183 Harvey Street, spoke on Policy Order #5. She stated that the City of Cambridge has a history of commitment to raising standards for working people. She stated that rather than using taxpayer dollars to subsidize poverty jobs, Cambridge helped to ensure that taxpayer dollars were used to create middle-class and family-sustaining jobs. She stated that SEIU 32BJ members maintain and provide security for buildings in the region's leading industries. She stated that SEIU 32BJ represents 2,150 members in the city. She stated that members should be able to live in the communities they serve. She stated that SEIU 32BJ has a goal of raising standards so that someday the phrase "working poor" may be a contradiction in terms. She stated that they hope to work with the City Council to ensure that the wages that sustain community members and their families will be provided.

Carlos Chancon, 1 Springvale Avenue, Chelsea, spoke on Policy Order #5. He stated that he has worked for many years in the City of Cambridge. He has seen how Cambridge historically has welcomed immigrants, declaring itself a Sanctuary City where workers have felt able to work safely and contribute to the development of the city; and also facilitating good jobs for working people by bringing in responsible contractors especially in public buildings. He stated that in the last few years a concern has arisen in the area of cleaning. He stated that the city's administration contracting with companies that are lowering the standards for workers. He noted that these companies do not pay benefits and pay low salaries. He asked the City Council to ensure that these companies offer their workers decent salaries and benefits so that they can meet their needs and support their families.

Larry Kalodney, 4 Austin Park, spoke in support of the policy order regarding Vail Court. He stated that for the past ten years he has had the misfortune of passing Vail Court on the way to work. He stated that this property is a blight on the neighborhood. He stated that he has contacted City Councillors for many years and he is pleased to see that action is being undertaken. He urged the City Council to pass the policy order and take further action against this property if it is not developed.

Gary Mello, 324 Franklin Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #3. He stated that he hopes that the City Council will pull the item for discussion and deny the City Manager's request. He stated that today marks the first day on the job for the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation which employs a Traffic Investigator, Traffic Engineer, Transportation Planner and Manager of Traffic Engineering & Operations. He stated that other department positions clearly overlap with traffic management as well. He questioned if the taxpayers spent thousands of dollars on a hiring process to bring in an unqualified candidate for its new Director. He stated that the City Manager petitions the City Council to pay for wasteful studies. He stated that wretched management at the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department means that in less than three years the department will become a liability, not a revenue source.

Patrick Barrett, 234 Broadway, spoke on Charter Right #2 regarding Vail Court. He stated that he has been engaged in Central Square via his property on Main Street. He stated that Central Square has improved significantly over the past ten years. He stated that the tabling of this issue is reprehensible. This should be taken off the table and be dealt with immediately. He stated that this landlord does not care about Cambridge. He said that the property is a blight. He stated this person should not be protected. He stated that property owners in Central Square have a responsibility to Central Square. He asked the City Council to move forward and fine the landlord.

Sarah Kennedy, Director of Government Affairs, Chamber of Commerce, spoke on City Manager Agenda #5. She stated that as a resident and as the Director of Government Affairs at the Chamber of Commerce, she would like to congratulate the City on this bond rating. She stated that this rating has a positive impact on the city and signals to organizations and businesses in Cambridge that their investments are wisely made in the community.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, stated that she would like to address the couple of agenda items that speak to working conditions and workers' rights. She stated that although the people that these two orders discuss come from different ends of the education spectrum they seem to making the same amount of money which is not right. She stated that this is not something that the City should be supporting. She noted that the city has the pulpit to say that Lesley should treat their workers better. She stated that she hopes that the topic of outsourcing will become part of the discussion regarding custodial staff. She would rather that money go to the workers. Regarding intersections, they are terrible and need to be fixed. She stated her hope that this is an impetus to fix these intersections. She wondered why people are leaping to the idea of eminent domain regarding Vail Court. She stated that she does not know if the City of Cambridge has a practice of demolishing structures such as this but is aware that Boston and Austin, Texas do demolish such buildings and if that brings attention to this subject it will be a good thing.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Mass Avenue, stated that the Foundry Building is a suitable city-owned property and he would like that property to be donated for the purpose of assisting the homeless sector. He stated that out of the initial four options to commence on the Foundry Building planning and development, one was chosen. This proposed to name the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to steer future Foundry Building planning, development and recommendations. He stated that in the past the CRA has neglected and circumvented the legitimate rights of the poorest of the poor. He stated that the homeless sector must be involved in all phases of future planning at the Foundry Building.

James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, stated that as it relates to the Boston Olympics, he asked the City Council to give thought as to what the interests may be. He asked who are the people who are promoting the Olympics and why? Regarding the AAA Bond rating, he stated that the Finance group of the city does a magnificent job and would do a magnificent job regardless of the bond rating. He stated it is alarming what Wall Street does and does not look at. He stated that the essence is that the assessed valuation is around 30 billion dollars and development is driving this number. He stated that this is incentivized in the bond rating game.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- # 1 Placed on file
- # 2 Placed on file

#### **NON CONSENT AGENDA**

# 3 Here insert Agenda # 3 read by Mayor Maher. City Manager Rossi took the opportunity to introduce Joseph Barr the new Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation. He noted that Mr. Barr began as an intern in the City of Cambridge, worked in New York City and will be a credit to the City.

Councillor Toomey welcomed Mr. Barr to the City. He stated that this appropriation if very important because these intersection are unsafe. He was looking forward to the consultant working with the residents to make these major street intersections safer.

Vice Mayor Benzan welcomed Mr. Barr. He commented that he noted that Alewife was not on the list of these intersections. He questioned Mr. Rossi whether the Alewife area would be addressed. Mr. Rossi explained that these are surveys that the general public and the City Council have urged the City to complete. He stated that the Alewife Transportation Study is a larger regional problem. He stated that one of Mr. Barr's tasks will be to discuss this with the state on how this whole region can be looked at. Alewife will not be solved by just looking at the strip that is located in Cambridge. Cambridge wants to participate in the regional study. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he wanted to understand where the traffic at Alewife comes from. He stated that there is not enough good data to establish that the traffic comes from the surrounding communities. He stated that he looks forward to the study. He questioned why the department cannot handle these types of traffic studies. Director Barr explained that there are engineers on staff that are working on a variety of other studies. The department is planning to do between 10-12 internal intersection studies in the year. These intersections because of the priority and complexities involved there was a need to bring in additional resources from outside. Mr. Rossi noted that the firms have huge staffs, resources and data and experience in doing these studies. This type of study warrants this. He explained that the City requires developers to do this when they do traffic studies. The City is looking for this same high level results. Vice Mayor Benzan asked how the studies are conducted. Mr. Rossi stated that there are many methods used. Some are counts, data collection, analysis of existing conditions and projecting out into the future and figuring out what type of improvement options will help. Director Barr stated that the process is standardized. There will be involvement from the community and other stakeholders. City Manager Rossi stated that some of the firms use computer simulation of the intersections at different times of the day and what goes through the intersection.

Councillor Simmons questioned the Mt. Auburn Street at Coolidge Avenue and Fresh Pond Parkway if this was the Cambridge Homes intersection. City Manager Rossi stated that this is the intersection coming from Cambridge Homes to the Cemetery where you turn up Coolidge Avenue. There is an intersection with a pedestrian crossing where many children cross to go to school. This intersection is very wide and there are five ways to enter the intersection. This is very complicated. Councillor Simmons commented on the two fatal accidents that happened at this intersection. She stated that one of the accidents occurred at night and this intersection has poor lighting. She wanted to know if the study would include lighting. City Manager Rossi responded in the affirmative. He explained that this would be a community process with final recommendations coming back to the City Council.

Councillor Carlone questioned whether pedestrian safety and flow is part of this traffic study. This study could include intersection redesign, timing, lighting and speed. He stated that it may include a pedestrian safety cycle where pedestrians can cross without worry of motor vehicles. He asked if it were one or multiple consultants and when the results would be expected. City Manager Rossi stated that it is one consultant that the City has a contract with. He explained that the Fresh Pond/Mt. Auburn intersection is an intersection that is controlled and managed by the state. The City is partnering with the state to push this forward to get the work done. Mr. Barr added that the consultants that the City contracts with bring with them resources and staff that can work on these studies. The City will be working in parallel and it is hoped that they will be complete in a year.

Councillor McGovern stated that Massachusetts Avenue/Upland Road intersection has had concerns about the development being built and the traffic pattern of the cars. This corner is congested.

Councillor Kelley asked if the scope of work written or are they written independently. Director Barr responded that all five have a scope of work with specifics to each location based on the issues of each location. Councillor Kelley stated that he would like to see the scope of work. He noted that there are some items that do not get captured in the traffic studies. He used the example of what happens to lanes that are constricted due to snow. He stated that he did not know if bikes are counted in the City. He wanted information captured for cyclists and pedestrians to include information such as if cyclists are running red lights, if pedestrians are J-walking and if cars are blocking the box. He wanted the studies to capture what is seen by numbers. He stated that traffic changes dramatically during the school year with school bus pick up and drop off.

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

(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR AGENDA # 3)

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.

# 4 Here insert Agenda # 4 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons asked about the community meeting being held by the Olympics 2024 Committee. City Manager Rossi stated that the meeting has been scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> and he further stated that he would have representation for Cambridge at the meeting. Mayor Maher added that Boston 2024 is in charge of bring the meeting to Cambridge. It was suggested that the meeting take place at the Fitzgerald Theatre at CRLS. A press release stated that the Cambridge meeting would take place on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The finalized location is expected to be confirmed tomorrow.

Vice Mayor Benzan appreciated the dialogue with the Olympic Committee. He stated that in terms of what is of interest to Cambridge he wanted to ensure that Cambridge's transportation system be upgraded and if selected to host the Olympics that Cambridge receive some investment.

Councillor Carlone stated his concern about the host City, being Boston, to take care of any cost overruns. This will be a big issue in Boston. City Manager Rossi stated that he will not commit Cambridge to anything, without the City Council's input. He noted that there will be meetings that will affect the region. If this continues and becomes a reality then Cambridge will need to take a greater interest because decision can be made that would affect Cambridge. He wants to ensure that what is being proposed by others makes sense for Cambridge. He stated that this will be done in concert with the City Council when the time comes. Councillor Carlone stated that if something happens Cambridge has to make the best of it and be built upon.

Councillor Simmons questioned the format of the meeting. Mayor Maher responded that there is a brief presentation and then public comment. She wanted the City Council to be informed of the meeting.

# 4 Placed on file.

# 5 Here insert Agenda # 5 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor McGovern stated that this is a big deal and when he hears that this is not important Cambridge may not be doing a good job explaining the importance. He noted that Harvard and MIT have been around for a long time and Cambridge has not always been financially stable. He spoke about the significance in relation to the building of three schools. He explained that state funding was denied for one school. It was unsure where Cambridge would receive state funding for the other two schools. There is no other community that is building three schools. This could not occur without the AAA bond rating or without financial stability. This is one way in which the residents benefit from the AAA bond rating. It has been a long time since Cambridge had to cut services. He stated that he cannot understand why anyone would say that the AAA bond rating is a bad thing. It is because of the good financial situation that Cambridge is able to do the things it does. City Manager Rossi stated that this is the combined work of a lot of employees and the City Council. Cambridge is a City with resources; which can go away if not managed wisely. The City has done this in a good way that benefits the residents. Cambridge, he stated, offers a wide array of services for all levels of the population. It looks into areas for growth that other communities cannot. This is due to the fact that the City has been conservative in the way it budgets; money is spent wisely, established and maintained reserves thus resulting in lower interest rates to borrow money. The overall management of the City is reviewed by the credit agencies. He spoke about things that can occur which could have a huge effect on the economy. If the economy shut down it could hinder growth. It is more important in today's economy to predict these situations. He stated that maintaining the conservative approach is a smart move. He stated it is important to pay close attention to futuristic liabilities such as pensions and to maintain reserves. He highlighted the important guidelines to maintain and to continue the City's success. He stated that the debt reserve has been built up to \$33 million over the last three years to support the building of the three schools. Cambridge has grown important community programs.

Mr. DePasquale thanked the taxpayers of the City. Cambridge has a 99% collection rate. He stated that controlling the budget while expansion is a key factor for the bond rating. He noted that the average tax bill has gone up less than \$150 for the last nine years for 70% of the taxpayer. He stated that it is easy to spend down the reserves, but the City Council deserves a lot of credit staying with the City's plan. The plan works. The City had \$164 million in free cash this year but \$30 million has been spent to date. He stated that the snow expenditure may be between \$4-6 million. He stated that the assessments of residential properties in Cambridge being high he stated that the tax bills average one-half of one percent of the residential exemption is challenged. This fact is unheard of anywhere.

Councillor Carlone asked how the rating agencies would be affected by adding an affordable housing component to the budget. Is this viewed as a positive or expense. City Manager Rossi stated that the financial team discussed with the credit agencies affordable housing and how it is financed on the City side by Community Preservation funding. They were encouraged by this. This would have to be discussed based on the overall financial picture of the City. He stated that if this were modest expenditures then this would have to be discussed with the credit agencies.

Councillor Carlone asked if the agencies consider what is being done to keep people living in Cambridge. Mr. DePasquale explained that in the City's presentation is the Community Preservation funding. It is important to note that \$110 million has been put toward housing with a \$45 million state match. This program has been successful in terms of how the City has chosen to fund it. City Manager Rossi stated that this is a matter of a balance. The tax base and the expenditure side is reviewed. The credit agencies are financial experts and they look at things that the City is doing whether it is harmful or an improvement. He stated that the rating agencies would view affordable housing in the context of the entire financial picture of the City.

Vice Mayor Benzan questioned the development at North Point and whether there would be a slowing down of the growth in the City. He asked the City Manager to explain the impact of commercial development on this process. Mr. DePasquale responded that every year the agencies ask how much growth in commercial and residential property there will be in the City. It is important for the commercial growth because it affects the residential tax base. The City is able to show the agencies that what the City projected previously is what has actually happened. He stated that the mix of the commercial and residential works with the tax base. The commercial has allowed Cambridge to have the lowest residential tax rate anywhere. He stated that as the residential assessments grow there will be a problem is the commercial assessments do not grow also. If the tax burden shifts, which it did twelve years ago, it is not a good picture. The key is to control both. City Manager Rossi stated that changes in economic policies do not change immediately; it may be years before the change is felt. It is a balance and the City needs to be able to forecast the changes. The City needs ways to mitigate things that residents may feel uncomfortable about or requirements made on the development community. He noted that the City is looking at I Cube process in North Point. This allows the City and state to take advantage of a state incentive program which will infuse capital into North Point. This will get the work done and move the development along faster. This has gone through community meetings and is a good plan but need ways to move the development along. Vice Mayor Benzan commented that development needed to be predictable and if it becomes more predictable it poses a legal challenge. He asked if the rating agencies ask any questions about legal challenges on development projects. City Manager Rossi stated that the agencies would want to know if the City is facing any law suits that could damage the City. He stated the team discusses with the agencies what is seen as permits granted by the City. The agencies rate the City against what has occurred. He used the example of the barren land of Forest City and the progressive improvement of the area. Public improvement have been leveraged from developers. He spoke about when final decisions are made that all parties have weighed in on the issues.

Mayor Maher stated that this is a huge accomplishment and it has a major impact on the ability of the City to provide services at reasonable prices to the citizens of the City. He stated that while in New York the City suffered the loss of Brian Murphy. The team was sent to New York to bring back good news and what happened was shocking. It is with a heavy heart that this news is celebrated.

Councillor Simmons stated that it is important to acknowledge the work of our colleague and former employee Brian Murphy.

City Manager Rossi stated that Brian Murphy was a valuable member of the team. He stated that Brian Murphy was a master of recalling information on a tablet. He noted that the quality

of his presentation, the manner he prepared with his staff was an incredible job. Brian Murphy had talent and value. Cambridge will suffer this loss forever. Mr. DePasquale explained that Brian Murphy was at the first two meetings and did a tremendous job.

# 5 Placed on file.

# 6 Here insert Agenda # 6 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone questioned the word "commercial" and asked if non-profit is define as commercial. No fee was charged for the movies. He asked if this was covered under this proposed amendment. City Solicitor Glowa stated that the intent is to cover things in commerce which is to make money. She stated that generally non-profit would be excluded from the commercial definition and when this is referred to the Ordinance Committee she could look into this more. She stated that the plaintiff issue is that this is not commercial activity.

# 6 Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

### RECONSIDERATION

Councillor Mazen moved suspension of the rules to dispense with the regular order of business to go back to Reconsideration - on this motion the roll was called and resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: Councillor Toomey - 1

ABSENT: None - 0

and the rules were -

Suspended.

Mayor Maher announced that the action is now whether the matter should be reconsidered.

On a motion by Councillor Toomey the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Carlone and Mazen - 2

NAYS: Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Cheung, Kelley, McGovern, Simmons,  
Toomey and Mayor Maher - 7

ABSENT: None - 0

and reconsideration -

Failed.

The action taken on February 20, 2015 failing to adopt Policy Order #50 -  
Stands.

### CALENDAR

# 1 Here insert Calendar # 1 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor McGovern stated that he exercised his charter right on this because there was confusion about this position.

Councillor Cheung stated that in light of the ongoing work on this that it is appropriate to place this on file.

# 1 Placed on file on an affirmative vote eight members.

Councillor Toomey was recorded in the negative on this matter.

# 2 Here insert Calendar # 2 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that his intention in exercising his charter right was to have the property owners meeting with the City Manager not tarnished by defensiveness and to place this on the property owner after they had made commitments to the City Manager. He stated that the commitments are in effect and it remains to be seen if anything changes. There is some traction on this issue. The graffiti and ascetic blight to be agreed to in the meeting. The owner has agreed to the fines. Meeting the code and meeting with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services on a daily basis has been agreed to. He is hopeful that there will be a commitment by the owners on the parking spaces after the other items are attended to. He stated that he has no interest in this property other than having a bus parked on the property. He too feels a victim of the property. He stated that in a matter of days the urgent items will be taken care of and the parking lot in a matter of weeks. He was happy to provide this update.

Councillor McGovern stated that he will be happy when he sees action taken.

Vice Mayor Benzan requested that the amendments to the order be read by the City Clerk.  
(HERE INSERT THE ORIGINAL ORDER FOR CALENDAR # 2)

Councillor Kelley stated that he was uncomfortable with mentioning eminent domain. He would like this omitted.

Councillor Toomey stated that he would prefer to keep this in as an added pressure and in fairness to the neighbors. He noted that the City could be held fiscally responsible because the City has been warned.

Councillor Simmons explained that an earlier order asking for the property to be taken by eminent domain was adopted by the City Council. This reiterates the earlier adopted order. She wanted this to remain in the order.

Vice Mayor Benzan made a motion to amend by adding to the eminent domain taking the words "or possibly demolish the property".

Councillor McGovern stated that if eminent domain were started five years ago the City may be in a different place with this property. He did not support taking out the eminent domain language, but did support the demolition.

Councillor Mazen stated that this is not an isolated issue in Central Square. There are other blight property and he hoped that the action taken on this property is also taken on other blighted property. He stated that on the demolition issue this is why it is so important for the property owner to take care of the fire code fines and boarding up the property to be approved by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services. He suggested that the City Council let this run its course and if Inspectional Services thinks it should be demolished that it be done.

Vice Mayor Benzan asked if there was any conversation that the property owners sell the property to the City. He stated that the City Manager made it clear how serious these oversight are and that the City would like to purchase the property. The property owners have committed to develop the property post litigation.

The question now came on the amendment by Vice Mayor Benzan to add at the end of the last paragraph the words "or possibly demolishing the property."

The amendment carried on a voice vote of seven members.  
Councillor Carlone was recorded in the negative.  
Councillor Mazen was recorded as "present."

The question now came on amendment by Councillor Kelley to strike out the words "eminent domain" in the last paragraph.

The amendment failed on a voice vote.

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

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

# 3 Here insert Calendar # 3 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons moved that the matter be placed on file.

On a voice vote the matter was -  
Placed on file.

# 4- 10 No action taken.

# 11 Here insert Calendar #10 read by Mayor Maher. Mayor Maher moved that the item be removed from the table and brought before the City Council.

The motion carried on a voice vote.  
Councillor Kelley was recorded in the negative.

Councillor Carlone stated that he has looked at the application and it is in order. He stated that the applicant is doing more than is normally required. What this applicant is doing for her neighbors and herself should be standard in the City.

Mayor Maher moved that the communication that the City Council is in receipt of be referred to the petition.

Councillor Kelley stated that he first received this letter when he got to the meeting. He noted that he has only heard one side of the issue and would not vote on matter.

Councillor Mazen asked if there is anyone who knows that this is the events that occurred and that the neighbors are not in communication rather than in opposition.

Mayor Maher explained that the City Council asked the applicant to go back to the neighbors and to meet with the abutters. The applicant has done what was asked and has also make significant changes to the proposal. The City Council is approving the application with these changes and the applicant is being altered. Councillor Mazen questioned the position of the fourth neighbor. Mayor Maher stated that he did not know the answer.

Councillor McGovern stated that he is ready to move this petition. He stated that the opposition came from someone who was not an abutter.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this applicant went above and beyond the process. He stated that he is ready to vote on this matter.

The question now came on adoption of the order, which reads as follows:  
(HERE COPY ORDER FOR CALENDAR #11)

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

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 8
NAYS:	Councillor Kelley	- 1
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the order was -  
Adopted.

#12-15 No action taken.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Councillor Toomey moved suspension of the rules in order to dispense with the regular order of business to introduce a petition received from Cambridge Science Festival requesting a temporary banner to be hung across Massachusetts Avenue at Norfolk Street, forty-one banners on poles in Harvard Square, ninety-three banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Memorial Drive to Harvard Square, sixteen banners on poles along Broadway from Ellery Street to Felton Street and eighteen banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Inman Street to Bigelow Street announcing the Science Festival April 17-26, 2015

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

Councillor Toomey now moved the following order, the question being on adoption, to  
wit:

(HERE COPY ORDER FOR BANNERS FOR THE SCIENCE FESTIVAL)

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

#### **CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS**

- #1-13 Placed on file on motion of Councillor Simmons.
- #14 Referred to the petition on motion of Councillor Simmons.
- #15-17 Placed on file on motion of Councillor Simmons.
- #18 Referred to Calendar # 11.
- #19 Placed on file.
- #20 Placed on file.
- #21 Placed on file.
- #22 Placed on file.
- #23 Placed on file.

## **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

Councillor Simmons moved that the Resolutions be brought forward for discussion, adoption and upon adoption that they be made unanimously sponsored. The motion carried on a voice vote.

#1-27 All consent resolutions were adopted on the affirmative vote of nine members.

## **CONSENT POLICY ORDERS**

- # 4 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Councillor Simmons filed reconsideration on this matter.
- # 6 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# 1 Here insert Committee Report # 1 read by Mayor Maher.

Councillor Kelley stated that Cambridge has important people who come to the City. He stated that when some visitors come to the City there is the state police, secret service, Cambridge Police and Fire Departments providing protection. This protection brings in a level of staffing, training and equipment. He noted the recent protests that have occurred in the City.

Councillor Mazen asked if Cambridge has sniper teams. Councillor Kelley stated that Cambridge has overnight teams. He stated that the state may supplement the resources for this protection, but Cambridge has to provide the baseline protection. Councillor Mazen stated that he would seek clarification as to why this is not a regional asset. A sniper and a bomb team should be regional. He expressed his concern with Cambridge having such a team.

Councillor Toomey stated that it is comforting to know that Cambridge is prepared with public safety personnel and first responders. He was supportive of the equipment that Cambridge has to protect its citizens. The world affairs is something that we need to be mindful of and prepared for. He asked if the City is reimbursed if it has to mobilize. Councillor Kelley stated that he shared the concerns about the mobilization of the police. He stated that the more this is discussed openly the better informed we are. He is not in favor of these issues not being discussed more often and more openly. When this protection is provided Cambridge incurs the cost.

Councillor Mazen stated that he is not comfortable with this type of team and why this is not borrowed from a state authority or another city when needed.

Councillor Kelley stated that he would be happy to have more discussion on this public safety matters.

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

The report was -

Accepted and placed on file.

## NON CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

#1 Here insert Order # 1 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Carlone stated that he is a Lesley adjunct and everything heard in public comment this evening is true.

Councillor Mazen has been an adjunct and professor. He stated when universities can cut corners to provide a living wage to good employees they do. Lesley needs to support the community. He hopes that this conversation is extended to other universities and institutions of higher learning.

# 1 Order adopted on the affirmative vote of nine members.

# 2 Here insert Order # 2 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that he is not a fan of Roundtables. He does not see that Roundtables allow the City Council to communicate with each other more. He does not like the fact that Roundtables are not televised. He stated that he would be happy to have a Special Meeting other than a Roundtable.

Councillor McGovern questioned whether there was an issue with not having three regular meetings. Mayor Maher commented that the schedule was prepared with input from the City Clerk and the City Manager. He stated the Volpe meeting is an important meeting.

Councillor Carlone agreed that the Volpe discussion is essential. He is glad that this has been scheduled.

# 2 Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.  
Councillor Kelley was recorded in the negative.

# 3 Here insert Order # 3 read by Mayor Maher.  
# 3 Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.  
Councillor Kelley was recorded in the negative.

# 5 Here insert Order # 5 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons stated that the City has two contracts that are outsourced. The City Council has been strong on workers' rights and have other entities to treat their workers fairly. The City cannot be held to a different standard. If this is a practice that the City wants to continue we must ensure that the workers are being paid a fair wage with benefits and privileges that a regular Cambridge employee would receive.

Councillor McGovern stated that the City Council has stood strong on workers' rights. He cited examples of Cambridge College, Lesley, Harvard and LaMeriden. If the City is outsourcing City work and is not abiding by these standards he will not be happy.

# 5 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

# 7 Here insert Original Order # 7 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen moved to amend the order by striking out the words "Information Technology Department" and inserting in place thereof the words "City Clerk." He explained that agendas for committee meetings are revealed at the committee hearings and become part of the record. They can be researched and retrieved after the fact. He suggested that every committee prepare an agenda and that it be published two days before the committee hearing. He stated further that the agenda be sent

to the City Clerk who would arrange to have the agenda placed on the website for Committee Hearing Agendas.

Councillor Carlone stated that this should include who the speakers will be at the committee hearing. Councillor Mazen stated that he envisioned the agendas to include times allotted to speakers and what each section of the hearing would discuss, a short description and the speaker affiliations.

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 # 7)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

### **LATE RESOLUTIONS**

#28-33 Resolutions were adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members and made unanimously sponsored.

### **LATE POLICY ORDER**

On a motion for suspension of the rules in order to introduce late policy orders the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 8
NAYS:	Councillor Kelley	- 1
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the rules were -  
Suspended.

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

(HERE INSERT ORDER # 8)

This matter was -  
Placed on Unfinished Business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councillor Simmons the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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

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