

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Conor Piecham as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective Jan 1, 2010.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Beverly J. Bates as a member of the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust for a three year term effective Jan 1, 2010.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission effective Jan 12, 2010:  
Kevin Shpritzer (1-year term)  
Julia Pallotta (2-year term)  
Michael McKenzie (3-year term)  
Mallory SoRelle (3-year term)
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Moacir Barbosa as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cambridge Health Alliance to fill a vacancy for a term concluding June 30, 2011.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation not to adopt the Fanning, et al zoning petition as filed.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an increase of the appropriation of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$12,878.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$12,420.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$108.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$350.00) and will support the Community Learning Center (CLC) in offering classes to adults who wish to improve their computer instruction, reading, writing and math skills and/or to obtain a GED or Cambridge Adult Diploma. In addition, English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes are offered for immigrants who need to improve their language skills.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$3,000 in the General Fund from Employee Benefits (health insurance) Salary and Wages account to Public Library Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover present and future medical service costs for employees injured during the performance of their work duties.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$16,890 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to provide mini-grants to artists, arts organizations and community groups in Cambridge.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the

amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 16 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding the City Council's policy on naming street corners, along with the attached Oct 27, 2006 report from the City Manager. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #2 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2009 for the purpose of considering a petition for a zoning amendment filed by Richard D. Fanning et al. to eliminate the Section 5.25.3 exemption of existing parking facilities in the calculation of floor area ratio (FAR) and to delete Sections 20.44.3, which specifies maximum heights for the area between the centerline of the railroad right of way and the centerline of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue in the East Cambridge Housing Overlay District. Planning Board hearing held on Nov 17, 2009. Petition expires Feb 16, 2010. [Committee Report Number Six of Dec 14, 2009 was Accepted and Referred to Unfinished Business.]
4. That the matter of the election of the Mayor be referred to Unfinished Business. Jan 11, 2010 ballot #2 taken (Councillor Davis two votes, Councillor Maher four votes and Councillor Reeves three votes). Item remains on Calendar.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Stephen Diamond, Chair, Agassiz Neighborhood Council Agassiz Baldwin Community, transmitting thanks to the City Council for improving the visibility of the pedestrian crosswalks in their neighborhood.
2. A communication was received from the family of Joseph L. Gallegos, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the beautiful expression of sympathy.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Happy 75th Birthday wishes to Sophia Anastos. Councillor Decker, Councillor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Mary J. Scanlon. Councillor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Mary Rita (Fabrizi) Maher. Councillor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Enes M. (Leccacorvi) Donnelly. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Robert B. Parker. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Councillor Cheung
6. Congratulations to Marvin Gilmore, Carolyn Turk and Moacir Barbosa on the occasion of receiving for their achievements and commitment to the Cambridge community from the Elk's Massasoit Lodge #129 of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of Philip Federico Jr. Councillor Toomey

8. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. "Peggy" (Moore) Powell. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Maria Grace (Teixeira) Abrantes. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of Antonio B. Resendes. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Poppy (Frangos) Rubera. Councillor Toomey
12. Resolution on the death of Stephen Pellettrino. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Reverend Douglas Whitlow. Councillor Simmons
14. Congratulating the students for their commitment to the TTT Mentor Program of TTT Foundation, Inc. Councillor Simmons
15. Congratulating and thanking the Mentors for their commitment to the TTT Mentor Program of TTT Foundation, Inc. Councillor Simmons
16. Happy 75th Birthday to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Toomey
17. Thanking Gail Enman for her fifteen years of service to CASPAR and to the entire Cambridge community. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons
18. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Michael R. Jarrett. Councillor Decker
19. Thanking the 1369 Coffee House for their efforts taken on behalf of the people of Haiti and the people of Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
20. Congratulations to Lieutenant Jack Albert of the Cambridge Police Department on his promotion to Deputy Superintendent. Councillor Davis
21. Congratulations to Lieutenant Paul Ames of the Cambridge Police Department on his promotion to Deputy Superintendent. Councillor Davis
22. Congratulations to Lieutenant Christine Elow of the Cambridge Police Department on her promotion to Deputy Superintendent. Councillor Davis

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to address the complaints of the abutters of 220 Putnam Avenue regarding the illegal housing and raising of chickens and ducks at that address. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Superintendent of Schools to report back to this City Council on what can be done to assist the Keshner After School Program, which is now located in the St. James Church property and will be displaced by the development currently scheduled to begin on June 1, 2010. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority to create a Blanket Amnesty Policy for lease holders who receive family members arriving legally from Haiti. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Davis and Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to instruct relevant City staff members to confer with both Cambridge Health

- Authority staff and all relevant school department staff, to include district schools, charter schools, private schools and parochial schools, and report back to the Council on how effective the school vaccine program was and how it might be improved upon in the future. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the recording of covenants associated with the Saint James Church and on whether the City can get its money back if a future project negatively impacts the historic aspects of the property that the City's funding was intended to preserve. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the DCR and relevant City staff and have an explanation available at the City's budget hearings about how the City and the DCR will be able to keep the City pool and the two DCR pools in Cambridge open through the end of the summer of 2010. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Council request the City Manager provide, in writing, a schedule for continued renovations of Cambridge youth centers, including the Moore Youth Center, with the understanding this is contingent on the availability of funds. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Council go on record expressing its sympathy for the suffering of the people of Haiti, and its support to them and their families. Councillor Seidel
9. That the City Manager is requested to continue to work with the City departments, including the School Department, to adjust and respond to the changing needs of the Cambridge Haitian community in the future. Councillor Davis, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Reeves

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 8, 2009 to discuss issues regarding the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA), including the multi-million dollar renovation plans, the vacancy on the CHA board, potential of federal acquisition of state-owned CHA units and any other issues regarding the CHA that might properly come before the committee.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 10, 2009 to discuss the current priority issues for the neighborhood associations in the City.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Transmitting from the City Manager, the 2009 Town Gown Reports.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Jan 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Feb 2**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 2**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 16**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Apr 6**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to address the complaints of the abutters of 220 Putnam Avenue regarding the illegal housing and raising of chickens and ducks at that address.

O-2 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Superintendent of Schools to report back to this City Council on what can be done to assist the Kesher After School Program, which is now located in the St. James Church property and will be displaced by the development currently scheduled to begin on June 1, 2010; and be it further

ORDERED: That said report include discussion, inter alia, of the following possibilities:

\*Could Oaktree, the developers of the St. James property, be asked to delay the construction until the end of the 2009-2010 school year, enabling Kesher to fulfill its obligation to Cambridge families?

\*Could the Transportation Department of Cambridge Public Schools arrange a bus stop on the border of Cambridge and Somerville, as close as possible to the site on Somerville Avenue?

\*Are there vacant classrooms in any Cambridge school buildings that Kesher could rent until the end of this school year, giving us time to finalize the arrangements in Somerville (and giving Cambridge parents time to find alternate transportation for their children)? Could Oaktree Development participate in the attempts to find alternative space for the Kesher After School.

O-3 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Relief efforts for those impacted by the earthquake in Haiti now include the transport of Haitians with US citizenship status or visas to the United States; and WHEREAS: Family members of Haitians displaced by the earthquake who are served by Cambridge Housing Authority public and voucher programs will be called upon to house family members as they recover from this tragedy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority to create a Blanket Amnesty Policy for lease holders who receive family members arriving legally from Haiti.

O-4 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Public schools are an important venue through which to address public health issues such as mass vaccinations; and

WHEREAS: Recent H1N1 vaccination programs were not 100% successful in getting all children in a school vaccinated; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct relevant City staff members confer with both Cambridge Health Alliance staff and all relevant school department staff, to include district schools, charter schools, private schools and parochial schools, and report back to the Council on how effective the school vaccine program was and how it might be improved upon in the future.

O-5 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Historical covenants associated with the Saint James Church in Porter Square may have an impact on what sort of development may or may not occur on the property; and

WHEREAS: Both the State and the City appear to have provided some funds for historical preservation of the Saint James Church; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear how the various covenants were recorded and how they will be interpreted; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the recording of covenants associated with the Saint James Church and whether the City can get its money back if a future project negatively impacts the historic aspects of the property that the City's funding was intended to preserve.

O-6 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the State Department of Conservation and Recreation and relevant City staff and have an explanation available at the City's budget hearings about how the City and the DCR will be able to keep the City pool and the two DCR pools in Cambridge open through the end of the summer of 2010.

O-7 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Many of the City's youth centers have undergone extensive upgrades and modernization in recent years, including redesign or enhancements to outdoor recreation space and tot lots; and

WHEREAS: The Moore Youth Center and Hoyt Field tot lot are comparatively outdated and see significant use by pre-school programs and the diverse minority population of the neighborhood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council request that the City Manger provide, in writing, a schedule for continued renovation of Cambridge youth centers, including the Moore Youth Center, with the understanding this is contingent on the availability of funds.

O-8 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The catastrophic earthquake in Haiti has caused untold destruction and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS: Haiti's humanitarian crisis is a concern across the globe, and nations have rallied to aid Haiti in its time of need; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and its residents have striven to do their part to aid the people of Haiti; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge recognizes the distress that many of its residents with ties to Haiti find themselves in at the current time; and

WHEREAS: The rescue, recovery and rebuilding of that island nation will be a long effort and require sustained commitment in the years ahead; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its sympathy for the suffering of the people of Haiti, and its support to them and their families; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council work with the City Manager, City departments, the Cambridge Health Alliance, and Cambridge non-profits to do everything in its power to aid Cambridge residents who have ties to Haiti or who have the desire to help the people and the country of Haiti; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the General Consulate of Haiti in Boston on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Jan 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: On Jan 12, 2010, an earthquake of more than 7.0 magnitude struck Haiti causing extraordinary devastation and loss of life; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to a large Haitian community and every individual in that community has family and friends who have been impacted by this momentous disaster; and

WHEREAS: That the City Council wishes to express its heartfelt concern and sympathy for those Cambridge residents with family and friends who are victims of the earthquake in Haiti; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager and his staff immediately responded to the crisis by setting up access to information and assistance; and

WHEREAS: Over the weeks and months to come, the needs and concerns of the Cambridge Haitian community will change as the extent of the human and physical damage caused by the earthquake becomes apparent, and the city should be prepared to help meet those needs and concerns as best it can; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue to work with the City departments, including the School Department, to adjust and respond to the changing needs of the Cambridge Haitian community in the future.