

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the ARRA Title IID Technology Competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$92,735.00 to the Grant Fund School Department Salary & Wages account (\$31,830.00) and to the School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$60,905.00) and will provide funds for middle school math teachers to receive professional development in the use of RM software as a supplemental resource in their math classrooms.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MetroNorth Regional Employment Board for \$113,201.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$68,897.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$44,304.00) and will be used to reimburse the City for salary costs associated with enrolling sixty-two additional income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program and to support program costs for work sites taking large numbers of youth.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$4,988 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$3,488), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,000) and Travel and Training account (\$500) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students in the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Marlissa Brigget as the Executive Director of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission and Executive Secretary of the Police Review & Advisory Board effective Jan 19, 2010.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Human Services Commission for a term of three years, effective Feb 1, 2010: Nan Stone, Claudia Hill
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers to operate scales for the calendar year 2010 at MICH-LIN Transfer Station, 45 Mooney Street, Cambridge: Stacey Walkinshaw Vossmer, Kimberly I. Mochi, Jo Ann DelVecchio, Daniel Pasquarosa, Charles Wainwright, Charles J. Mabardy, Joseph Mabardy, Jr., James J. Mabardy, Justine N. Bonitatibus & Michael Guerriero
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers to operate scales for the calendar year 2010 at Boston Sand & Gravel Co., 500 Front Street, Cambridge: Jake Howe, Alan Carbone, Mike Ferguson, David Thebearge, Scott Prentice, Jody Staples, Joseph Olsen, Ray Broderick, Bob Ferguson, Roland Barris, William Tweedy & Danny O'Neil
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$15,000 from the

General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Department of Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funding for strategic planning in conjunction with "Moving Cambridge Forward" an effort begun during 2009 with the YWCA and other community members to apply for a Kellogg Foundation Racial Healing Grant.

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. Jan 25, 2010 ballot #3 taken (Councillor Davis two votes, Councillor Maher four votes and Councillor Reeves three votes). Item remains on Calendar.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Gulzada Korkmaz, re-filing her request for a curb cut at the premises numbered 133 Pearl Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. The prior application was placed on file due to the end of the legislative year. This application contains additional information supplied by the Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works Departments.
2. An application was received from Presidents and Fellows of Harvard College, requesting permission to increase the width of an existing curb cut on Broadway which serves as the loading driveway for the Harvard Art Museum facility at 32 Quincy Street and the closing of a second curb cut at

this site on Broadway, close to the intersection with Prescott Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

3. An application was received from Phoenix Landing, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 512 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from Faron Salon, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 57 JFK Street.
5. An application was received from Beadworks, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 23 Church Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Gratitude to Partners in Health and the organizers of the Urban Walk for Haiti which will take place on Mar 27, 2010 beginning at 12:00 p.m. at Saint Paul's Church, 29 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Howard Zinn. Councillor Decker, Councillor Davis, Councillor Seidel
3. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Gifford E. Hurt. Councillor Decker
4. Congratulations to Bartley's Burger Cottage on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Councillor Davis
5. Congratulations to Eustaguio Junior Langame and Larissa Cristine Horta on the birth of their son, Nathan Hope Horta Langame. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the various City departments and building owners to make some of the vacant retail and commercial spaces available to non-profit groups who have need of temporary space. Councillor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council on what are the requirements of tap water being available on request in licensed establishments such as restaurants, take-out places, pizza parlors, sandwich shops and coffee shops. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on what impact the cancellation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Urban Ring project would have on the City of Cambridge. Councillor Decker
4. That the City Manager is requested to notify the City Council if Martins Maintenance is awarded a contract through the City of Cambridge. Councillor Decker
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Law Department as to the development of an ordinance that would limit the distribution of telephone books to those who request them. Councillor Maher

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Communication from City Manager Robert W. Healy, transmitting the 2009 Cambridge Health Alliance's Annual Report.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 18

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: During this economic downturn there is vacant retail and commercial space in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the various City departments and building owners to make some of these spaces available to non-profit groups who have need of temporary space; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council as to whether or not any of these initiatives are successful.

O-2 Feb 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The waste produced by mountains of water bottles is a serious problem; and

WHEREAS: Some eating or takeout establishments may not provide tap water on request; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on what are the requirements of tap water being available on request in licensed establishments such as restaurants, take-out places, pizza parlors, sandwich shops and coffee shops; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on whether, if no requirements now exist, the City Council could adopt a policy to require the serving of tap water on request.

O-3 Feb 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what impact the cancellation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Urban Ring project would have on the City of Cambridge.

O-4 Feb 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Martins Maintenance, a janitorial service contractor, is bidding to win the contract for the Cambridge Public Library system; and

WHEREAS: That National Labor Relations Board authorized an official complaint against Martins Maintenance after finding cause to proceed on the assertions that a Martins Maintenance supervisor engaged in a workplace assault against a contracted janitor in its employ; and

WHEREAS: The City of Providence passed a Council Resolution which stated that the ".City Council and the City of Providence strongly and emphatically discourages all building owners, private businesses, and municipal buildings and entities in our City [Providence] from hiring Martins Maintenance, and declares Martins Maintenance a business non grata in the City of Providence"; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge affirms that every worker's family is stronger when they have job stability, when every worker is free to join with their coworkers to advocate for a safe and health workplace and organize to better their working and living conditions without threats or intimidation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been and remains committed to ensuring companies recognize and uphold the rights guaranteed to workers by federal, state, and municipal laws, and that companies operate with honest and responsible business practices; and

WHEREAS: This City Council affirms the rights of all people working within the City that are guaranteed to them under federal, state, and municipal laws; and

WHEREAS: This City Council adopts the City of Providence's caution and the City of Cambridge too strongly and emphatically discourages all building owners, private businesses, and municipal buildings and entities in our City from hiring Martins Maintenance, and declares Martins maintenance a business non grata in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the City Council if Martins Maintenance is awarded a contract through the City of Cambridge.

O-5 Feb 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Every year, residents of Cambridge receive unsolicited deliveries of telephone books which, in many cases, are unused, unwanted and costly and which cause a negative effect on the environment and contribute to pollution; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Law Department as to the development of an ordinance that would limit the distribution of telephone books to those who request them; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager and Law Department look to other communities that have successfully developed ordinances which address this issue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter and that the report also include information on whether the distribution of unsolicited free newspapers can be similarly limited without violating the Constitution.