

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 10-127 and 10-151, regarding the nature of the improvements along the Grand Junction railroad line and the request for additional information on Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MDOT) meetings scheduled with neighborhood and business associations.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years effective the first day of January, 2011: Jackie Chen
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge receiving three Triple A ratings from the nation's major credit rating agencies.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Eric Lander, the Broad Institute, the owner of Sebastian's, and the owner of the building about removing signs and making the Broad Institute building feel more inviting to visitors. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Twenty-three of Jan 31, 2011.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. 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.]
3. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
5. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex 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. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City

Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

7. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Nov 18, 2010 to consider a petition filed by William A. Fox, et al. to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the area of Cottage Park Avenue from its current designation of Business A-2 to Residence B. Committee Report Number One of Dec 20, 2010 referred to Unfinished Business. Planning Board hearing held Nov 16, 2010. Petition expires Feb 16, 2011.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. Constable bond received from Philip Sciandra for approval of the surety.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Peggy Sarchioni, transmitting thanks for the resolution for her mother Catherine Preston.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Rachel Spera Mangano. Councillor Toomey
2. Appreciation and thanks to the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center and the actors of "When Mahalia Sings", a play about the life of Mahalia Jackson. Councillor Simmons
3. Thanks to Mohan Singh, owner of India Pavilion, for his commitment to the Cambridge community. Councillor Reeves
4. Congratulations and thanks to Youth on Fire for their ten years of service to the homeless and at-risk youth in Cambridge. Councillor Decker
5. Congratulations to Gretchen and Eliza Johnston-Meisels on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Izzy Bae Johnston-Meisels. Councillor Decker
6. Congratulations to the New England Chinese Professionals on the occasion of their 2011 Lunar New Year Gala. Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulations to the Alliance of Cambridge Tenants on the occasion of their recognition by the Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to City Councillor Marjorie Decker on her appointment to the Massachusetts Municipal Association Board. Councillor Cheung
9. Welcome Kika restaurant to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
10. Welcome Fuji restaurant to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
11. Happy Birthday wishes to Councillor Leland Cheung. Councillor Reeves

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner regarding the increase of graffiti in the vicinity of Chatham Street, Dana Street, Broadway and Massachusetts Avenue with the view of increasing police patrols in the area and increasing efforts to make residents aware of the graffiti hotline. Mayor Maher
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how City staff, to include the Cambridge Police Department, handled communications in the aftermath of the shooting on Clifton Street. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant State and City staff about the possibility of retaining the pedestrian light to allow at-grade crossing of Memorial Drive after the completion of the footbridge. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Seidel
4. That the City Manager is requested to inquire into the feasibility of instituting a phone book opt-out program in Cambridge to reduce waste and the costs associated with that waste. Councillor Decker and Councillor Cheung
5. That the Mayor convene a Roundtable meeting with the Planning Board to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. Councillor Seidel, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
6. City Council support for appropriations for YWCA Cambridge and the YWCA Boston who, in a joint initiative, are requesting that \$350,000 be included in the federal FY 12 Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations Bill to target growing at-risk youth populations in Boston, Cambridge and Somerville neighborhoods. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to make accessible to the public, either on the city's website or by constituent request, all un-cleared sidewalk complaints received, and all violations issued either due to those complaints or otherwise. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to transmit to the City Council a timeline for the reopening of the Central Square Branch Library. Vice Mayor Davis
9. The City Manager is requested to communicate with the Department of Public Works to devise a plan which will assure that crosswalks are a priority during future significant snow storms. Councillor Reeves
10. The City Manager and the Mayor might reasonably consider whether or not a presentation by Street Development LLC to the City Council, Planning Board, and the public might aid our collective knowledge about comprehensive plan for a large area development which focuses on the interests of the municipality first. Councillor Reeves
11. The Cambridge City Council should begin as soon as possible to develop principles which will guide future community benefit negotiations for future development projects where large renovations are requested. Councillor Reeves

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Jan 6, 2011 to receive a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for a development consultant for Kendall and Central Square and the transition area (Lafayette Square).
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee for a public meeting held on Jan 5, 2011 to hold a discussion between the Civic Unity Committee and the Civic Unity Advisory Committee.

## **HEARING SCHEDULE**

### **Mon, Feb 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Tues, Feb 8**

6:00pm School Committee Budget Retreat (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Wed, Feb 9**

6:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion with the Civic Unity Citizen Advisory Committee. (Ackermann Room)

6:30pm A budget forum for citizens input. 680 Huron Ave., 2nd floor (Russell Youth & Community Ctr.)

### **Thurs, Feb 10**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss snow removal issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Sat, Feb 12**

10:00am A budget forum for citizen input. Lecture Hall, 449 Broadway (Main Library)

### **Mon, Feb 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Tues, Feb 15**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of structuring the parking ticket system in a way that would increase parking tickets as people stay longer at expired meters or general no-parking spots. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Wed, Feb 16**

9:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with Cambridge Local First how the City bids out for banks. (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Thurs, Feb 17**

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss municipal and other renewable energy goals. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to examine the environmental goals of the City Council. (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Tues, Feb 22**

5:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to

discuss promoting and sustaining retail in North Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 1**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss language in the Noise Ordinance as it relates to enforcement of loud car radios. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Mar 2**

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to learn more about Cambridge Health Alliance's patient-centered medical home (PCMH) initiatives. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Mar 3**

5:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss how inclusionary zoning could be used to build more entrepreneur space. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 8**

6:00pm School Committee Budget Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Mar 23**

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from Novartis to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map to create a new Special District 15 along a portion of Massachusetts Avenue between Albany Street and Windsor Street. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Apr 5**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss safety issues at the intersection of Cedar and Harvey Streets. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Apr 6**

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by William A. Fox, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend the

Zoning Ordinance and Map by rezoning an area accessed via Cottage Park Avenue in North Cambridge from its current designation of Business A-2 to a new designation of Residence B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Apr 12**

6:00pm Special School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Feb 7, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner regarding the increase of graffiti in the vicinity of Chatham Street, Dana Street, Broadway and Massachusetts Avenue with the view of increasing police patrols in the area and increasing efforts to make residents aware of the graffiti hotline.

O-2 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: A shooting on Clifton Street occurred at roughly 8pm on Thurs, Jan 27 that apparently involved multiple parties shooting at each other; and

WHEREAS: People living in the immediate area were outside shoveling snow and observed this gun battle; and

WHEREAS: Many people living in the area were not told of this gun battle, no Alert was apparently sent out and there does not seem to have been effective post-gun battle outreach to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Effectively managing information dissemination around major events should include letting neighbors know about gun battles near their homes and keeping them up to date on the post-gun battle response; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department will have a community meeting on Tues, Feb 8th, almost 2 weeks after the gun battle; and

WHEREAS: This is not the first shooting in this area; and

WHEREAS: This is likely not to be the last shooting in this area unless things change dramatically; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how City staff, to include the Cambridge Police Department, handled communications in the aftermath of this gun battle, why no Alert was sent out, how outreach was done for the community meeting and what plans are in place to keep future shootings from happening in this area.

O-3 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Pedestrian Bridge project by Magazine Beach has resulted in the installation of a pedestrian light in the area to allow at-grade crossing of Memorial Drive during the construction project; and

WHEREAS: This at-grade crossing light has proven to be very popular with a number of people who find it a more

efficient and/or safer way to cross Memorial Drive than the footbridge; and  
WHEREAS: Vehicular traffic in the area, especially for drivers trying to enter and turn across Memorial Drive, has been positively impacted by this light; and  
WHEREAS: The state agency is running the project plans to remove the light upon completion of the footbridge; and  
WHEREAS: The next Cambridgeport Neighbors Association meeting will include a discussion about this issue; and  
WHEREAS: Some people would like the light and at-grade crossing to remain when the footbridge is opened and many people have signed a petition to that effect; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant State and City staff about the possibility of retaining this light and at-grade crossing; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have relevant City staff attend the Cambridgeport Neighbors Association meeting on this issue; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-4 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Phone books create a tremendous amount of waste and can cost local governments millions of dollars to dispose of and recycle; and  
WHEREAS: In an age when the internet is a more highly used method of information, gathering phone books have become less useful; and  
WHEREAS: An opt-out program could allow anyone who did not want a phone book an easy way to avoid getting one; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire into the feasibility of instituting a phone book opt-out program in Cambridge to reduce waste and the costs associated with that waste; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the Mayor convene a Roundtable meeting with the Planning Board to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern.

O-6 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the YWCA Cambridge and the YWCA Boston, in a joint initiative, are requesting that \$350,000 be included in the federal FY12 Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations Bill to target growing at-risk youth populations in Boston, Cambridge and Somerville neighborhoods with documented incidences of youth violence and racially-motivated crimes; and

WHEREAS: This project is based upon the YWCA Boston's very successful Community Dialogues program. It fits well with the YWCA mission to "eliminate racism", and the YWCA's history of being a catalyst for change; and  
WHEREAS: The YWCA will utilize this funding to expand its professionally-facilitated, interracial community improvement program for disenfranchised neighborhoods, adult residents, proven-risk youth, young adults involved in the criminal justice system and law enforcement officials. The project's goals are to help reduce recidivism rates, youth violence and racially-motivated crimes, and increase residents' civic engagement in affected neighborhoods; and  
WHEREAS: Representatives from the YWCA Boston be meeting with staff members in both Senator Kerry's office and Representative Capuano's office to discuss this request and support from the Cambridge City Council would certainly help them; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That The Cambridge City Council go on record confirming its support for said appropriations request; and be in further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has already experienced four major snow storms and is expected to be hit by quite a few more by winter's end; and  
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's "Best Shoveled Block" contest has inspired many neighborhoods to become proactive about shoveling their sidewalks, resulting in safer conditions for pedestrians, a model that has been adopted by Boston and surrounding cities; and  
WHEREAS: Although Cambridge has outshined its neighbors in regards to the quick removal of snow from the roads and public spaces, nonetheless some constituents have written in with concerns; and  
WHEREAS: One such complaint is that many residents are still not shoveling the sidewalks in front of their homes, not only breaking the law but putting neighbors at risk; and  
WHEREAS: It has also been noted in the before mentioned emails that it appears that the Department of Public Works is not enforcing sidewalk snow removal, resulting in many residents ignoring the law; and  
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and its constituents would benefit greatly from an analysis of the complaint data. It would allow constituents and city staff to access how well the city is doing addressing sidewalk complaints and also how to modify our current strategy to meet demand; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to make accessible to the public, either on the city's website or by constituent request, all un-cleared sidewalk complaints received, and all violations issued either due to those complaints or otherwise. This data should be presented in spreadsheet format, containing offense date, issuance date, time of day, location, offender address, total fine, as well as the date/time of the receipt of complaint; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the Department of Public works to develop a strategy to post or release this information regularly during the winter months.

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the City Council should meet to develop these principles.

O-8 Feb 7, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the City Council a timeline for the reopening of the Central Square Branch Library; and be it further

ORDERED: That in the meantime, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange for a convenient drop off location for books, CDs and DVDs somewhere in Central Square, possibly at the Central Square Branch or City Hall.

O-9 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The exceptional amount of snow in 2011 has caused a number of conditions that we might plan to avoid in the future; and

WHEREAS: In Central Square, in particular, Feb 3, 2011, in the area surrounding Carl Barron Plaza, a lake of water, dirt, and slush makes it impossible to cross from one end of Massachusetts Avenue and Prospect Street to another part of Massachusetts Avenue and Prospect Street; and

WHEREAS: Along River Street heading towards the Charles River many corners have impassable mountains of ice and snow that would take an athlete to ascend and descend; and

WHEREAS: Areas around Central Square, a major transportation route, requires sidewalk access to traverse from various bus stops to the MBTA; and

WHEREAS: Serious attention must be paid crosswalks at major intersections in busy city squares; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate with the Department of Public Works to devise a plan which will assure that cross walks are a priority during future significant snow storms.

O-10 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Street Works Development LLC in Quincy, MA, a development company might be able to aid the city in our development process for Kendall Square and Central Square; and

ORDERED: The City Manager and the Mayor might reasonably consider whether or not a presentation by Street Development LLC to the City Council, Planning Board, and the public might aid our collective knowledge about comprehensive plan for a large area development which focuses on the interests of the municipality first; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the work of Street Works Development LLC in Quincy, MA and determine if the Street Works Development (Company) approach to the development in Quincy has potential value for Cambridge.

O-11 Feb 7, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council should begin as soon as possible to develop principles which will guide future community benefit negotiations for future development projects where large renovations are requested; now therefore be it