

RECONSIDERATION

1. Reconsideration filed by Councillor Decker on Order Number Twenty-one of Feb 2, 2009 requesting the City Manager to halt all work on the Department of Homeland Security camera network, to include supporting infrastructure, until the City Council and relevant City agencies have developed an appropriate regulatory framework to install and utilize this equipment.

Reconsideration prevailed 7-2-0. Order failed of adoption on a roll call vote 1-8-0.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-133, regarding a report on homeless individuals in Central Square.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to request from American Express Travel Services ("American Express") for two (2) permanent aerial easements for one (1) aluminum-clad steel canopy structure to be installed, repaired, replaced and maintained over portions of the public sidewalk along JFK Street and Mount Auburn Street located along American Express's property located at 39 JFK Street.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,174,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover current and anticipated additional snowstorm expenses associated with snow plowing contracts, salt and other material costs.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$110,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds received from the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) in the amount of \$3,000.00 on behalf of the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account to (\$2,583.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$417.00) and will be used to develop and pilot a mentor project for adult learners preparing for a GED or adult diploma and will support the project coordinator's salary and miscellaneous supplies for the project.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funding to the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$31,700 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which must be used to hire a full time staff position to provide case management to include the protection against termination of utility services, manage arrearages, refer energy conservation services, refer non-energy related programs, and budget counseling.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-139, regarding a report on fiscal lessons from past recessions and implications for the next few budgets in Cambridge.

Referred to Finance Committee

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$58,269 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$1,161,510 between School Department statutory accounts. These transfers include: \$1,076,655 from the General Fund School Salaries and Wages account, \$65,689 from the School Travel and Training account and \$19,166 from the School Extraordinary Expenditures account to the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account which are reallocations related to school improvement and professional development plans based on approved detail budget allocations by Principals.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Policy Resolution #17 of Feb 2, 2009 on the dedication of a location in the vicinity of Sargent Street in honor of the Earle Family. **Placed on File under Rule 19.**

ON THE TABLE

2. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 2008.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Jan 6, 2009 to continue to discuss a petition to amend the zoning in the East Cambridge area filed by Alexandria Real Estate Equities. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 26, 2009. Planning Board hearing held Nov 18,

2008. Petition expires Feb 17, 2009. **Ordained as amended by substitution. 8-1-0 (Kelley - NO) Ordinance #1319**

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Metamorphosis, requesting permission to display merchandise in front of 1693 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Ruth A. Ryals, transmitting support of Lesley's zoning petition.
2. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, regarding the BU Bridge Reconstruction Project.
3. A communication was received from Dana DeLuca, transmitting support of Homeland Security cameras.
4. A communication was received from Emily Peterson, regarding the traffic calming project at Fairfield and Pemberton Streets.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of John McNamara from the Emergency Communications Department. Mayor Simmons
2. Urge residents to be cognizant of White Ribbon Day on Feb 14, 2009 and urge businesses to engage men to help stop domestic violence by raising awareness through the White Ribbon pledge. Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to John and Johanna Almeida on the birth of their daughter Evelyn. Councillor Decker
4. Condolences to Kevin and Nadia Foster on the death of Camille Chamblin. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Matthew G. Kelley. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Joshua M. Tillery. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin H. Todd. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Philip E. Windorski Jr. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Private Grant A. Cotting. Councillor Decker
10. Congratulations to "The Cambridge School" in Cambodia on its opening in March 2009. Councillor Decker
11. Congratulations to the City of Medford on the installation of the wind turbine at the John J. McGlynn Elementary School. Councillor Davis
12. Thanks to Laurie Taymor Berry for her work with the Cambridge Democratic City Committee. Councillor Seidel, Councillor Davis
13. Honoring Philip and Susan Ragon in funding the critical research efforts in finding a cure to HIV/AIDS. Councillor Seidel
14. Happy 90th Birthday to Doris Gwendolyn Bascomb. Councillor Reeves

18. Thanks and congratulations to Vice Mayor Brian Murphy as he accepts the position of Deputy Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner on the possibility of including the patrol of

bicycle lanes in the bicycle units' regular activity. Councillor Toomey

2. Traffic-calming concerns regarding the proposed street reconstruction of Fairfield and Pemberton Streets. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to convey to the property owners the Council's interest in home ownership at 303 Third Street and the Council's strong support of the multi-generational University Residential Communities (URC) community and the URC's continued ability to offer for sale units at 303 Third Street. Councillor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to ask both City Councillors and his staff for recommendations regarding who from NSTAR should be invited to the Feb 23, 2009 roundtable discussion based on questions and topics they would like addressed. Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic and Parking to discuss discontinuing the traffic calming efforts at Fairfield and Pemberton Streets. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager and Community Development Department work together to determine if the parcel of land at the corner of Binney and Third Streets could be obtained for use as a housing site. Councillor Reeves
7. **That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council exactly how the Department of Homeland Security surveillance cameras and infrastructure will be removed and the timeframe of said removal. Councillor Decker**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Jan 29, 2009 to continue to discuss a petition to amend the zoning in the East Cambridge area filed by Alexandria Real Estate Equities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, transmitting a document entitled "Cost for the Creation of Dedication Signs per year including Man hours".

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 9

5:00pm Special Presentation for Black History Month (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 10

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss traffic enforcement data analysis. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 23

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with NSTAR. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 24

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss outdoor lighting, including "dark sky" principles. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 3

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will continue discussions on analysis of traffic enforcement data. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 11

5:00pm The Health and Environment committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss community gardens, receive an update on the possibility of a Cambridge Farm and any other matters relating to growing fruits and vegetables in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 23

5:00pm Special Presentation for Women's History Month (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 9, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: As the warmer months arrive the Police Department will re-deploy the very successful bicycle unit; and

WHEREAS: Just as the presence of a police cruiser or motorcycle would have a calming effect in its immediate surrounds so could the presence of a bicycle officer; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a significant mileage of bicycle lanes that are increasingly being taken advantage of and the reoccurring presence of a police officer traveling in the lanes themselves could increase awareness for both autos and bicycle safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner on the possibility of including the patrol of bicycle lanes in the bicycle units' regular activity.

O-2 Feb 9, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Residents in the Fairfield Street and Pemberton Street area of Cambridge have expressed concerns about the City's proposed street reconstruction and traffic calming plans proposed for that intersection; and

WHEREAS: There are concerns that the sharp turn created by the plaza that this project will create at this intersection will force cars to turn from Fairfield Street onto Pemberton Street into the oncoming traffic lane; and

WHEREAS: The plaza created by this plan will create long driveways and walkways for some of the residences, making snow clearance, home access, and other related issues more difficult, and in some cases more expensive, for both the City and homeowners; and

WHEREAS: There has been no data presented that indicates there is a safety hazard that this proposed project will correct; and

WHEREAS: The meeting at which this project was proposed was titled "Pemberton Street Meeting on Roadway Work," but at least half of the project is on Fairfield Street; and

WHEREAS: Spending money on dubious traffic calming programs in a time of increasing fiscal concerns is unwise; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Traffic, Transportation and Parking to work with local residents to ensure that this project will work as proposed without undue safety and convenience consequences; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Traffic, Transportation and Parking to put out cones, tape, paint or some other temporary devices to provide evidence of how this proposed project will impact local traffic and parking conditions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Traffic, Transportation and Parking to review the underlying issue in Council Order 0-15 of Feb 11, 2008 which was to "update the City Council on the traffic calming options for Pemberton Street" and justify how the proposed option addresses the Council Order; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Traffic, Transportation and Parking to develop alternative methods of addressing traffic issues on Pemberton Street, to include other, less intrusive options for the Fairfield Street and Pemberton Street intersection; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Traffic, Transportation and Parking to finalize no contract language or bid specifications together for this project until the issues raised above have been satisfactorily addressed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue before any drawings, contracts, bid specifications or other relevant documents are finalized for this proposed project.

O-3 Feb 9, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: A vision for a unique multi-generational community of people, with an affinity for an active intellectual and cultural life, will be realized with the completion of the new building at 303 Third Street in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The University Residential Communities (“URC”) will establish a community of home owners at 303 Third Street where the design of the homes and amenities will accommodate young individuals and families beginning their careers and enable older residents to age gracefully and prosper professionally in the comfort of a collegial community of neighbors with shared interests; and

WHEREAS: The residences at 303 Third Street will offer homes to Cambridge residents and other citizens in a community alive with intellectual curiosity, camaraderie, creativity and the free and open exchange of ideas among people from all income levels and that was conceived and has been designed for those who love the life of learning; and

WHEREAS: 303 Third Street is within easy walking distance of MIT, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Kendall Square Red Line T stop, in the midst of one of the nation’s greatest assets, a concentration of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs without parallel, adjacent to the future Constellation Center, a dynamic performance center which will feature music and film venues of extraordinary technical quality and poised to contribute to the revitalization of one of the city’s most exciting neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: MIT President Emeritus Paul Gray, along with colleagues from MIT and Harvard University, had the inspiration and vision to create this unique 190-unit community where 38 families have already committed themselves to becoming residents through the purchase of apartments along with a list of over 57 prospective buyers eager to live in this Cambridge environment of ideas and innovation; and

WHEREAS: It has come to our attention that the developers of the property at 303 Third Street, the Extell Corporation of New York and Equity Residential of Chicago, elected to offer unreserved units at 303 Third Street as rental housing, thereby limiting the ability of URC to offer additional units for sale; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convey to the property owners the Council’s interest in home ownership at this location and the Council’s strong support of the multi-generational URC community and the URC’s continued ability to offer for sale units at 303 Third Street.

O-4 Feb 9, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask both City Councillors and his staff for recommendations regarding who from NSTAR should be invited to the Feb 23, 2009 roundtable discussion based on questions and topics they would like addressed.

O-5 Feb 9, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic and Parking to discuss discontinuing the traffic calming efforts at Fairfield and Pemberton Streets.

O-6 Feb 9, 2009

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There is a vacant (apparently surplus) federally owned parcel of land at the corner of Binney and Third Street, currently being used as a trailer site for construction in the area; and

WHEREAS: There is a significant amount of housing needed to make the Kendall Square area a more vibrant location.

Currently plans include several housing developments near this intersection; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development Department to determine if this parcel could be obtained for use as a housing site.

O-7 Feb 9, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: On February 2, 2009, this City Council unanimously passed Order O-18 ordering the removal of the Department of Homeland Security Surveillance Cameras; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council exactly how the cameras and infrastructure will be removed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council what the process is for notifying the Department of Homeland Security that Cambridge will not have the cameras; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on who, and from what agency, will be responsible for removing the cameras; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on what the time frame for the removal of the cameras and infrastructure will be; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council about these issues as well as the status of the removal of the cameras and infrastructure.