

RECONSIDERATION

1. A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting notification of his intent to return the 9 Wyman Street curb cut application to the table; the history of which is as follows:

An application was received from Eric Griffith, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Wyman Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Three of October 24, 2011. Placed on Table October 31, 2011 by Councillor Cheung on roll call vote 6-3-0. Placed back on the Table January 23, 2012 by Councillor Toomey. Motion to take from the Table failed 3-5-1 on February 6, 2012. Order adopted 2/13/12 reconsideration filed by Councillor Kelley 2/13/12.

2. That the City Manager is requested to direct City staff to replace the words "approve" and "disapprove" with the words "support" and "do not support" or, as appropriate, by some other terms that will help clarify where relevant authority rests when considering curb cuts. (Order failed of adoption.) Reconsideration filed by Councillor Kelley.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("Boston Properties") for the modification of two existing open space restriction covenants on buildings located at Four and Five Cambridge Center in connection with the creation of a new 47,000 square foot urban park and new open space restriction covenant for a net gain 28,853 square feet of public open space.

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-23, regarding the continuation of the Longfellow Community School program and Longfellow Neighborhood Council.

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000.00 of additional revenue to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance Account which will allow the Community Schools to continue programming and pay the increased costs related to bus transportation and other contractual services.

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-15, regarding a report on the condition and maintenance of the elevators at the Manning Apartments.

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$25,000 from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Salary and Wages account to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for Traffic and Parking personnel injured in the performance of their duties.

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds of the America's Promise grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the

Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used for consultants who will be facilitating community agency work group sessions, the cost of food for Community Engagement Team networking events, and supplies.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a response to a request from the City Council for additional information on the Bishop, et al zoning petition.

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$1,000,000 received from Alexandria Real Estate (ARE) to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to enable the City to plan and design improvements at the Rogers Street Park and the Triangle Park while ascertaining the appropriate open space needs of eastern Cambridge.

9. 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, 2012: Raymond Conn (renewal), Revere

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to devise a suitable plan that enforces the posted signage at the intersection of Whittemore Avenue and Route 16 intersection. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Order Number Fourteen of Feb 13, 2012.]

2. That the issue of changing the language in curb cut applications be referred to the Government Operations and Rules Committee. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Eighteen of Feb 13, 2012.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 28, 2011 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the petition filed by Julia Bishop, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2 located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. (Petition passed to a second reading at Special City Council Meeting held on Feb 8, 2012) The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 27, 2012. Planning Board hearing held Jan 17, 2012. Petition expires Mar 27, 2012.

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of an additional \$6,515,000 to cover unanticipated costs related to renovations to the old police station at Five Western Avenue in Central Square. This appropriation will be financed through a loan order for \$5,770,000 and a transfer of \$745,000 in bond proceeds from the Radio Replacement project. The question comes on adoption on or after Feb 27, 2012.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Panera Bread, requesting permission for five tables and eighteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 1280 Massachusetts Avenue.

2. An application was received from Church St. Enterprises LLC, requesting permission for a blade sign and awning at the premises numbered 61 Church Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development, Historical Commission and abutters.
3. An application was received from East Boston Savings Bank, requesting permission for three awnings at the premises numbered 2172 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Martha Osler, 4 Irving Terrace, transmitting support for Longfellow Neighborhood Council/Community School. (See Order #9 of Feb 13, 2012.)
2. A communication was received from Margaret (Tuny) McMahon, regarding Longfellow Neighborhood Council. (See Order #9 of Feb 13, 2012.)
3. A communication was received from Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, regarding parking lot light plan for 40 Norris Street.
4. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding a complete vision for the new Central Square and Developments.
5. A communication was received from State Senator William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the order calling for the passage of Senate Bill 772.
6. A communication was received from Michael O'Shea and Linda McJannet, 95 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
7. A communication was received from Jon and Rebecca Foley, 53 Magoun Street, transmitting support to the Bishop Petition as written.
8. A communication was received from Ken Bader, transmitting support to the Bishop Petition as written.
9. A communication was received from Trudy Bauer, transmitting thanks for the beautiful resolution on the death of her dear husband, Jim Goldberg.
10. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street, regarding the celebration of George Washington's Birthday on Feb 22nd.
11. A communication was received from Emily Zhao, 2240 Massachusetts Avenue #16, transmitting support to the Bishop Petition as written.
12. A communication was received from Charles Teague, 23 Edmunds Street, transmitting support to the Bishop Petition as written.
13. A communication was received from George Diep, 53 Magoun Street, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the Rainbow Chronicle on their new online community which launched in January. Councillor Cheung
2. Resolution on the death of Angelina "Arlene" (Orisini) Ianelli. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations on the occasion of the opening of the Kepes Institute, Museum and Cultural Center in Eger, Hungary and urge residents to visit the exhibit of Gyorgy Kepes' paintings and photographs which opens on Mar 3, 2012 at the Alph Gallery. Mayor Davis

4. Resolution on the death of Helen O'Brien. Councillor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of John A. Trant. Councillor Maher
6. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to John "Jack" James McGlynn. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Margaret T. (Moore) Judd. Councillor Maher
8. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Robert W. Murrell Jr. Vice Mayor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Susan Hockfield on her successful tenure as President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Councillor Maher
10. Speedy recovery wishes to Robert and Mary Travers. Councillor Maher
11. Congratulations to RJ Gourmet on their grand opening on Cambridge Street and best wishes for their future success. Councillor Toomey
12. Congratulations to Mayor Henrietta Davis on her election as Mayor of the City of Cambridge. Councillor Decker, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toomey and Councillor vanBeuzekom.
13. Welcome Mellissa Honeywood as the new Manager of the Food Services Department for the Cambridge Public Schools. Mayor Davis
14. Congratulations to Lady Gaga as she launches her Born This Way Foundation at Harvard University. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of hiring an ombudsman to serve as a liaison and internal advocate for community members. Councillor Cheung and Councillor vanBeuzekom
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Information Technology Department to examine any security vulnerabilities on the City website and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a written annual report for the Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Ordinance within four weeks time. Councillor vanBeuzekom
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to appoint a local MBTA Advisory Council of CDD staff and residents to meet regularly and assess MBTA funding, programming and service cuts and report back to the City Council. Councillor Decker
5. That the City Council urges Governor Deval Patrick and the 187th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to thoroughly review and publish the findings of the social and economic impact that the proposed 3-strikes habitual Bill may have on all Massachusetts' Cities and towns if passed and enacted. Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 8, 2011 to discuss overall data collection for parking and enforcement statistics for bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from the City Council Special Meeting held on Feb 8, 2012 to consider a petition filed by Julia Bishop et al., to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance-Regulations for Special District 2 located in North Cambridge along Linear Park.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting [City Manager will submit recommendation for water/sewer rates.] (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting [Proposed budget submission] (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting [Budget Adoption is expected] (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 27, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Residents are most in touch with the needs of their respective neighborhoods and are instrumental in

implementing lasting positive change in the community; and

WHEREAS: Residents may recognize a need for change, but may find it difficult to vocalize their proposals to the Community Development Department (CDD) as they are unfamiliar with the inner-workings of municipal government; and

WHEREAS: Developers often have the funds to hire lawyers to advocate for their positions in front of the City Council and Boards; however, residents may not have access to such means; and

WHEREAS: It has been suggested that some sort of municipally employed ombudsman would be a welcomed addition for residents looking to navigate the intricate process of municipal policies, regulations and ordinances, and effectively advocate for a neighborhood's best interests; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of hiring an ombudsman to serve as a liaison and internal advocate for community members.

O-2 Feb 27, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Hacking is a security issue the City of Cambridge should take seriously, particularly given how many residents rely on the city website; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that municipalities such as the City of Sacramento as well as the Boston Police Department websites have recently been hacked; and

WHEREAS: In order to prevent security vulnerabilities and keep sensitive information such as passwords and emails private, it has been suggested that the city examine their website for potential weak spots to ensure that residents and employees information remains protected; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Information Technology Department to examine any security vulnerabilities on the City website and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Feb 27, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: It is a goal of the Cambridge City Council to "Promote Public Safety and address the challenges and opportunities for multiple modes of transportation to safely share roads and sidewalks."; and

WHEREAS: The goals of the City's Transportation Demand Management Programs are to improve mobility and access, reduce congestion and air pollution, and increase safety; and

WHEREAS: The Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Ordinance is a section of the Cambridge Municipal Code (Chapter: 10.18) that reduces vehicle trips and traffic congestion in the City by requiring Parking and Transportation Demand Management Plans for commercial parking facilities and other types of non-residential parking facilities over a specified size; and

WHEREAS: The PTDM Planning Officer shall prepare a report annually on the status and effectiveness of the implementation of this Ordinance. (Chapter: 10.18.090); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a written annual report for this ordinance within four weeks time to the City Council.

O-4 Feb 27, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council held a special council meeting on Wed, Feb 22nd, 2012 to discuss proposed MBTA service cuts and fare increases in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Public transportation is an integral part of our city's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: The financial structure of the MBTA is unstable and needs a long-term financial restructuring if it is to remain viable; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the city is made aware of MBTA changes with adequate response time in the future; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to appoint a local MBTA Advisory Council of Community Development Department staff and residents to meet regularly and assess MBTA funding, programming and service cuts; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to follow the variety of recommendations made (compiled by the CDD) and report back to Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council and community regarding the progress of creating said advisory council and the status and advocacy needed.

O-5 Feb 27, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Three strikes laws are statutes enacted by state governments in the United States which require the state courts to impose a life sentence (usually with the possibility of parole) to persons who have been convicted of two or more serious criminal offenses. Twenty-seven states currently have some form of habitual offender laws; and

WHEREAS: Because Three Strikes Laws disproportionately impact African-Americans and Latinos far more than white criminals, the laws are deemed to be unfair and discriminatory; and

WHEREAS: The rationale for decreasing crime through mass incarceration of violent offenders will ensnare the non-violent, the petty criminal, the drug dependent, and the mentally ill at an escalating cost of \$47,000 per year; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 700 crimes in Massachusetts currently count as felonies, including breaking and entering, assault and battery on a police officer, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, and unarmed robbery; and

WHEREAS: The Three Strikes proposal in Massachusetts, which supports massive long-term incarceration, will subsequently exacerbate an already over-crowded prison system and lead to an increased burden on Massachusetts' tax payers; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge, like many other cities and towns is under increasing financial pressure to maintain a balance between the provision of basic neighborhood services and to fulfill labor contract obligations that include salary and wage increases, health care costs, pension investments, and other benefits for city employees; and

WHEREAS: Scarcity of resources has led to city budget constraints, thereby, causing: public school personnel layoffs; inadequate environmental maintenance of city owned facilities; the closing and merging of public schools and community centers; as well as, downsizing and uncertain futures within departments, such as, libraries, police, and fire; and

WHEREAS: Opponents of the three strikes bill include the Massachusetts Legislative Black and Latino Caucus in the Massachusetts House, as well as the Nation of Islam, the NAACP, The Center for Church and Prison, Boston Workers Alliance, Boston's Citywide Outreach Ministries, and the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges Governor Deval Patrick and the 187th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to thoroughly review and publish the findings of the social and economic impact that the proposed 3-strikes habitual Bill may have on all Massachusetts' Cities and towns if passed and enacted; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested for forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Deval Patrick and the 187th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of the entire City Council.