

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Public Arts Commission for a term of 3-years effective Mar 5, 2013: David T. DeCelis
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the GLBT Commission for a term of 2-years, to expire Feb 15, 2015: Bill Barnert
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-06, regarding a report on the procedure for debris removal including hazardous waste from construction project sites.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-75, regarding a report on the feasibility of providing a map of long term parking spots for rent on the City's website.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-22, regarding a report on improving safety on the section of Memorial Drive that allows for legal parking which blocks the right lane.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-13, regarding a report on the possibility of banning tobacco sales in pharmacies and drug stores.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Planning Board for 3-year terms effective Mar 13, 2013:
Tom Sieniewicz (Full Member)
Steven Cohen (Full Member)
Catherine Preston Connolly (Associate Member)
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 of additional revenue to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to be used to support the Amigos Community School which is in its first year of operations.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$20,700 in the General Fund Human Services Salary and Wages Account to the Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to pay the final rent payment for the Multi-Service Center and Community Learning Center at 19 Brookline Street before moving to 5 Western Avenue in mid Apr.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for \$42,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide funds to purchase of a Motorola P25 portable radio console for use at the City's EOC and various locations during planned events and emergency situations with the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Coordination within the Fire Department and other City Departments with the City's new digital radio system.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) through the City of Boston's Office of Emergency Management for \$28,031 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to support critical infrastructure enhancement projects at various radio sites.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$70,000 from General Fund Library Salary & Wages Account to the General Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$65,000) and the General Fund Library Travel and Training (judgment & damages) account (\$5,000) which will fund worker's compensation claims and unanticipated repairs at the Main Library
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-26, regarding the appointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Housing Authority for a term of 5-years to expire Sept 30, 2017: Victoria Bergland
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-16, regarding a report on working with DCR to insure that oversized vehicles are not allowed to travel on Memorial Drive.
15. 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 Jan, 2013: Christopher Rickman
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning Apr 1, 2013 and ending Mar 31, 2014.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Planning Board recommendation on the MIT-Kendall Square Zoning Petition.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the ARRA Race to the Top (RTT) Funds from the U.S. Department of Education through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$83,184 to the School Grant Fund Salary & Wages account (\$9,160), and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$74,024) and will support the continuation of the alignment of the district's ELA, math, science and social studies curriculum to the revised MA Curriculum Frameworks, will train teachers in the new standards, implement the new state Administrator and Teacher evaluation system, continue to participate in DESE sponsored courses in coaching, subject areas, and mentoring, and continue to participate in DESE Curriculum committees.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]

2. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]
8. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the members of the Massachusetts Committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling to pass MA House Bill 4165, "An Act Relative to Speed Limits." [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012. Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Dec 3, 2012.]
9. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the appropriate city officials including the City Solicitor and report back to the City Council regarding modification of the ordinance (10.12.030) that links the awarding of a one yearlong Visitor Parking Permit per household to the purchase of a \$25 Cambridge Resident Parking Permit. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013. Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on February 11, 2013.]

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-90, regarding a report on Executive Session to discuss lawsuits. [City Manager Agenda Number Seven of Feb 25, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 25, 2013.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from Douglas P. Moran for approval of the surety.
2. An application was received from Bourbon Coffee LLC. requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, four tables and sixteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 1815 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Alberto Cavallo requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 16 Channing Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
4. An application was received from Robert and Kristine Higgins requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 1 Highland Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
5. An application was received from Phil Terzis, Abodez Development requesting permission to close the existing five curb cuts and replace them with two curb cuts at the premises numbered 563/603 Concord Avenue and 19 Wheeler Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
6. A zoning petition has been received from Charles D. Teague, et al., requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance to clarify existing law so that said law can be enforced by inserting text after Section 7.20 Illumination, with the existing text to be retained and labeled as Section 7.23 Lighting Restrictions for Residential Districts.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Walter J. Sullivan transmitting thanks for sharing his 90th Birthday.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Rosemarie E. (Crosio) Deal. Councillor Maher
2. Retirement of Marie Mars from the School Department. Mayor Davis
3. Recognize March as "Red Cross Month." Vice Mayor Simmons
4. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Barbie Hargrove. Vice Mayor Simmons
5. Condolences to the family of Mary Doyle, Director of Policy, Development, and External Relations at the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership. Vice Mayor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of A. Paul Flynn. Councillor Maher

7. Congratulations to Sean and Tiffany Hope on the birth of their son Noah. Vice Mayor Simmons
8. Congratulations to the Cantab Lounge for hosting the Boston Poetry Slam for over twenty years. Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulations to LinkCycle for being recognized as a Mass High Tech Startup Company to Follow by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to clypd for being recognized as a Mass High Tech Startup Company to Follow by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to Leigh O'Sullivan on the recent opening of her preschool. Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to Joan Ditzion on being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Councillor Cheung
13. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Dr. Marshall Ganz. Councillor Cheung
14. Congratulations to the members of the Cambridge Warriors Men's Basketball Team on winning the state title at the annual Massachusetts State Special Olympics Basketball Championship. Mayor Davis
15. Thanks to Thomas W. Anninger for his years of service as a member of the Cambridge Planning Board. Councillor Maher
16. Congratulations to Professor Ernest Moniz on his nomination for the position of Secretary of the Department of Energy. Mayor Davis
17. Speedy recovery wishes to Renee Daniliuk. Mayor Davis
18. Resolution on the death of Joan Sciarappa. Councillor Maher
19. Congratulations to Milo Lynch for qualifying for the National Geographic Bee. Mayor Davis

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council and the Cambridge community on the current status, to the extent that it is possible, of the investigation into the June 3, 2012 murder of Charlene Holmes. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of implementing a pay-by-phone parking meter program in Cambridge, and report back to the City Council with recommendations as soon as possible. Vice Mayor Simmons
3. That the University Relations Committee is requested to explore the impact that the termination of The Longy's Preparatory and Continuing Studies program will have on the Cambridge community. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Council formally go on record asking the Mayor's Office to observe and participate in Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on Apr 9, 2013. Vice Mayor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Election Commission as to plans to make the residents of the City of Cambridge aware of the upcoming special election and encourage them to participate, including

signage, mailings, and voter registration efforts.
Councillor Cheung

6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the various organizers of the Cambridge Science Festival as to whether it would be feasible to expand their banner advertising program up Main Street to Kendall Square to ensure that all interested parties are aware of the upcoming Cambridge Science Festival. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works as to the feasibility of installing fiber-optic conduits when doing sewer reconstruction and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung and Councillor vanBeuzekom
8. That the City Manager is requested to contact Senator Warren, Congressman Capuano and Congressman Markey to seek support and information of measures Cambridge can take to prevent the transport of ethanol and protect and ensure the safety of our residents and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
9. That the conversion of further soccer fields at Danehy Park to artificial turf be delayed until further study of the impact of artificial turf on player's health be completed along with a report which quantifies the decreased use of the more fragile grass playing fields throughout the city as a result of the installation of artificial turf playing fields be prepared by the Recreation Department. Councillor vanBeuzekom
10. That the City Manager is requested to offer City of Cambridge engineering expertise to the City of Belmont so that both cities may work together to insure that the residents of Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington be protected from the impacts of flooding in Alewife SubWatershed and report back to the City Council. Councillor vanBeuzekom
11. That a one-time suspension of Council Rule 23B be allowed, for the broadcast of the Fri, Mar 22nd, 9:30am Ordinance Committee Meeting (a meeting to discuss issues relating to the MIT PUD-5 zoning petition). Councillor vanBeuzekom

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a public meeting held on Feb 5, 2013 to discuss the long-term impact of grass versus artificial turf at Danehy Park.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Feb 6, 2013 to receive a briefing on the recommendations of the C2 Report.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Feb 6, 2013 to discuss the zoning petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 11.700 Interim Regulations for Medical Marijuana Uses.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor

David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Feb 26, 2013 to continue discussions on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; specifically to discuss the build form, including FAR, Height, Footplates, Open Space and Parking.

5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a public meeting held on Feb 28, 2013 to receive an update on the status of the potential sale of 2 Mount Auburn Street.
6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Mar 7, 2013 to continue discussions on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; specifically to discuss Uses, Incentive Zoning, Community Fund, Housing and Sustainability. A presentation will be made by the Executive Director of Historical Commission on historic building.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Henrietta Davis regarding a communication received from Kathy Born, Chair, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority supporting the "Rail With Trail" proposal for the Grand Junction rail line.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 20

2:00pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the sale of 2 Mount Auburn Street by Harvard University, the discontinuance of the Longy School of Music Preparatory and Continuing Studies effective Aug 31, 2013 by Bard College and plans to tour MIT. (Sullivan Chamber)

Fri, Mar 22

9:30am The Ordinance Committee will conduct a roundtable working session on issues relating to the zoning petition filed by MIT-PUD-5. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 27

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the report of the C2 Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 28

2:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the status of the potential sale of 2 Mount Auburn Street. (Community Room, 2 Mount Auburn Street)

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a joint public meeting with the Boston City Council to explore how long-term collaborative efforts between the cities of Cambridge and Boston can heighten the region's ability to retain talented students and to consider the impact on neighborhoods and long-term development. (Cahners Theater, Museum of Science, 1 Science Park)

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 3

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create a new Section 6.100 Bicycle Parking, and create a new definition for

Bicycle Parking in Article 2.000, modify the Yard Standards in Article 5.000 as they relate to bicycle parking and modifying various sections of Article 6.000 to remove references to bicycle parking. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 9

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to assess how other cities support neighborhood groups and examine how Cambridge could make use of these practices. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 10

10:00am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to review the Cambridge Alert System and any other public notice system used for public safety issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 18

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the need and potential for providing computer and internet access to Cambridge's youth population. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 23

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss enforcement of loud car radios and motorcycle mufflers. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 30

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss any and all issues related to gun safety, including the possibility of a gun buy-back program in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 29

6:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting for the purpose of developing measures through which immigrants in Cambridge can have improved access to computers and the internet. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 18, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council and the Cambridge community on the current status, to the extent that it is possible, of the investigation into the June 3, 2012 murder of Charlene Holmes.

O-2 Mar 18, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cities across the country, including Washington, DC and Boston, MA, are in various stages of experimenting with the concept of pay-by-phone parking meters, in an effort to streamline the parking process, to better collect revenue, and to improve the overall experience of those who wish to frequent a city's stores and restaurants; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge, long established and renowned for being a leader of developing and adopting cutting-edge technology and citywide innovations, is a natural city in which to try implementing pay-by-phone parking meters, which could bring in additional revenue and could take some of the sting out of using parking meters; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine the feasibility of implementing a pay-by-phone parking meter program in Cambridge, and report back to the City Council with recommendations as soon as possible.

O-3 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Longy School of Music of Bard College recently announced its plan to discontinue Longy's Preparatory and Continuing Studies effective Aug 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS: Such an effort would end part-time private lessons, classes, and ensembles offered to 700 children and 200 adults in and around Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the University Relations Committee be and hereby is requested to explore the impact that the termination of such a program will have on the Cambridge community.

O-4 Mar 18, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: On Apr 9, 2013, municipalities across the country shall be observing the first ever Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service in an effort to highlight the importance of civic engagement and the benefits of providing service to our neighbors. Such acts routinely bind neighborhoods together, deepen the bonds across communities, and help civic leaders to better address issues that impact the entire community; and

WHEREAS: From neighborhood clean-up and beautification projects, to events geared at assisting the less fortunate, to those who host neighborhood meetings and get-togethers, to less visible, everyday efforts of those who give of themselves to help their friends and neighbors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally go on record asking the Mayor's Office to observe and participate in Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on Apr 9, 2013.

O-5 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Political participation, especially in the form of voting, is essential to a democracy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge will soon have a special election for Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator John F. Kerry; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission as to their plans to make the residents of the City of Cambridge aware of the upcoming special election and encourage them to participate, including signage, mailings, and voter registration efforts and to report back to the City Council.

O-6 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Science Festival is an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and math in our region for kids and adults of all ages to spur creativity and interest in STEM-related fields; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Science Festival features a variety of exhibitions, concerts, plays, workshops and more over a span of ten days at a variety of locations around the city; and

WHEREAS: Expanding community awareness of the Cambridge Science Festival will undoubtedly generate buzz and excitement in the STEM community and encourage a new generation of learners to explore the possibility of a career in the sciences; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the various organizers of the Cambridge Science Festival as to whether it would be feasible to expand their banner advertising program up Main Street to Kendall Square to ensure that all interested parties are aware of the upcoming event and report back to the City Council.

O-7 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The need for reliable, affordable high-speed connections to the internet in communities has become increasingly crucial to attract and cultivate jobs; and

WHEREAS: In the past, residents have expressed a strong interest in having more broadband network options available at faster speeds and affordable prices; and

WHEREAS: Cities such as Jacksonville, Florida, have integrated sewer reconstruction with municipal broadband implementation by installing fiber-optic conduits around the exterior of new sewer pipes; and

WHEREAS: Such a construction ensures that all commercial and residential buildings will have access to these two independent services and would allow the City of Cambridge to deploy two systems for the cost of one; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works as to the feasibility of installing fiber-optic conduits when doing sewer reconstruction and report back to the City Council.

O-8 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) recently shared their Study of the Safety Impacts of Ethanol Transportation by Rail on six communities including Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Grand Junction Railroad was added as an alternative route for transportation of Ethanol. This is in addition to the previously considered Fitchburg Line that runs through North Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The addition of a Grand Junction option increases the impact on the Cambridge population, making it the highest impacted community of all the study areas; and

WHEREAS: Ethanol transportation is federally regulated and options to prevent the transport of ethanol through heavily populated areas are limited; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact Senator Warren, Congressman Capuano and Congressman Markey to seek support and information of measures Cambridge can take to prevent the transport of ethanol and protect and ensure the safety of our residents and report back to the City Council.

O-9 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has huge demands for the use of playing fields throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: The natural grass playing fields are difficult to maintain throughout the year and rainy seasons in particular; and

WHEREAS: Two playing fields at Danehy Park will be converted to artificial turf in FY13 in order to improve field usability; increase playing time on these artificial turf fields; and potentially reduce burden on other playing fields throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: Artificial turf infill is made from recycled tires and this infill material may contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), phthalates, benzene, benzothiazole and other toxic derivatives that may present a health risk to residents; and

WHEREAS: In July 2012, environmental groups requested the US Consumer Products Safety Commission study this issue further; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco and Maryland Chapters of the Sierra Club have called for a ban on toxic substances in play spaces; and

WHEREAS: The Precautionary Principle applies to situations in which an action has a "suspected risk" of causing harm to the public or to the environment. In these situations, the guiding principle is to proceed -- as if there is actual harm as opposed to "waiting until harm is shown to exist"; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the Cambridge residents to make decisions using the Precautionary Principle; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the conversion of further soccer fields at Danehy Park to artificial turf be delayed until further study of the impact of artificial turf on player's health be completed and shared with the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to confer with the Director of Recreation to prepare a report which quantifies the decreased use of the more fragile grass playing fields throughout the city as a result of the installation of artificial turf playing fields.

O-10 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has passed numerous orders over the past thirteen years noting the natural resource value of the Belmont Uplands located in the Alewife SubWatershed; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has made numerous requests to the City Manager to protect these watershed/woodlands located in Cambridge and Belmont; and

WHEREAS: The Belmont Conservation Commission in an effort to protect this wetland and habitat has denied a developer-applicant's request for a permit to develop in this area; has appealed the Department of Environmental Protection's decision to override their denial; and is in the process of participating, with other interveners, in adjudicatory hearings at the state level; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge will very likely be impacted by all large development projects constructed within this sensitive floodplain (which is located in adjacent Belmont -- based on the hydrology of the Alewife SubWatershed); and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council applauds the heroic efforts of the Belmont Conservation Commission to protect its residents, and those of Cambridge and Arlington, from anticipated regional flooding due to the impacts of increased climate change; and

WHEREAS: Presently, the City of Cambridge is reviewing, together with a panel of experts, the cities' Climate Change Vulnerabilities with an expected report to be released in 18 months time; and

WHEREAS: This Climate Change Vulnerabilities Report will likely include provisions to protect vulnerable open space near wetlands and floodplains with suggestions to work regionally; and

WHEREAS: The Belmont Uplands which is essentially a "storm water sponge" for the Alewife SubWatershed and is a vulnerable open space near wetlands and floodplains; and

WHEREAS: The efforts made by the Belmont Conservation Commission to preserve this watershed/woodlands may not be sustained due to a recent conclusion of the Belmont Selectmen; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Department of Public Works has extensive engineering expertise in storm water management and the design of storm water retention structures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to offer City of Cambridge engineering expertise to the City of Belmont so that both cities may work together to insure that the residents of Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington be protected from the impacts of flooding in Alewife SubWatershed and report back to the City Council on this work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Chairperson Mark A Paolillo; the Belmont Board of Selectman and the Belmont Conservation Commission on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-11 Mar 18, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The residents of Cambridge are very interested in the details of the MIT Zoning Petition in Kendall Square that is requesting a new zoning area called PUD-5; and

WHEREAS: Multiple public overview Ordinance Committee Meetings have been held to discuss this petition and public interest in this zoning petition remains high; and

WHEREAS: The next public Ordinance Committee Meeting has been scheduled using the roundtable format, and in the morning, which is a time that is not convenient for many of the working public to attend; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That a one-time suspension of Council Rule 23B be allowed, for the broadcast of the Fri, Mar 22nd, 9:30am Ordinance Committee Meeting (a meeting to discuss issues relating to the MIT PUD-5 zoning petition).