

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Kelley filed reconsideration on the adoption of Order Number Eight of Mar 22, 2010 as amended to place on the table and refer to the Government Operations and Rules Committee the proposal to amend the City Council rules to replace the Health and Environment Committee with two committees, the Community Health Committee and the Sustainable Environment Committee.

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-35, regarding a report on increasing traffic enforcement at the intersection of Inman Street and Mass Avenue.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-20, regarding a report on responding to Google's RFI.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-37, regarding a report on supporting the GLBT Commission and other organizations in their efforts to count all Cambridge residents and what the support is.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-24, regarding a report on noise from airplanes going to and from Logan Airport.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-26, regarding a report on conducting a feasibility study of a public market at Lechmere Square.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-41, regarding a draft amendment to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-36, regarding a report on convening a Central Square stakeholders meeting to review action plans.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Green Building/Zoning Task Force recommendations.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a proposed Zoning Amendment that is required by FEMA due to the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the City, which will become final on June 4, 2010.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-40, regarding placing Cambridge Energy Alliance posters at Cemusa bus shelters.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-39, regarding a report on properties listed for sale by the Jesuit Order.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Ms. Tanya Ford as Executive Director of the Election Commission, effective Apr 6, 2010.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-27, regarding a report on options for transitioning to a modern web video platform.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-44, regarding a report on proposed changes to the intersection of Garfield Street and Massachusetts Avenue.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$62,254.60 grant from the Federal Highway Administration and the Massachusetts Planning Organization (MPO), through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation (EOT) to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to implement social marketing of various transportation options, designed to encourage non-automobile modes of travel such as public transit, walking and bicycling.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$67,000 in the General Fund from the Employee Benefits (salary adjustment) Salary and Wages account to the Veterans' Travel and Training account to cover additional veteran benefits and medical costs through the end of the fiscal year.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-30, regarding a report on protocol for dealing with bedbugs.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan 2010:  
Patricia Breen (With Power)  
Robert J. Ciampi (Without Power)  
James E. Jones (Without Power)
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-34, regarding a report on installing a "no idling" sign at the Farr Academy at Pearl and Auburn Streets.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-11, regarding a report on developing an ordinance that would limit the distribution of telephone books.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-15, regarding a report on the number of Cambridge Households benefiting from LIHEAP weatherization service.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$40,000.00 of additional revenue received by the Community School Programs to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account that will cover the cost of bus transportation and other contractual services for Community School Programming.
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation funds received through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), for \$12,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.
24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low

Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$931,620 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 (\$173,360) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$755,760), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,500) and will be used for the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.

25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Alexandra Detjens as a member of the Police Review & Advisory Board for a term of five years, effective Apr 1, 2010.

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Twelve of Mar 22, 2010 requesting the City Manager to direct the new Executive Director of the Police Review Advisory Board to submit a report to the City Council detailing what are perceived to be the issues of greatest importance that the Police Review Advisory Board must focus on, and that this report should be submitted to the City Council no later than 90 days from the adoption of this order.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Thirteen of Mar 22, 2010 urging the U.S. Department of Energy to support the Massachusetts petition to exempt from federal preemption Massachusetts's 90% AFUE standard for non-weatherized gas furnaces.
3. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Fourteen of Mar 22, 2010 requesting the City Manager to confer with the relevant City staff, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the MBTA and other large entities in the city such as Harvard and MIT and report back to the City Council on what circumstances the public should expect the Cambridge Police Department not to act on a public safety related issues because the problematic behavior is taking place on property within the City over which another public institution has jurisdiction.
4. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Fifteen of Mar 22, 2010 requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on the status of the transmittal of the sum of \$50,000 by Lesley University to the City of Cambridge for improvement of Massachusetts Avenue and of any allocation of the funds to date.
5. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Seventeen of Mar 22, 2010 requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of adopting a Pay-As-You-Throw program in Cambridge.
6. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Eighteen of Mar 22, 2010 requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to report back to the City Council with options for amending the city ordinance to allow for the Manager to permit civic organizations to use public space after hours.

7. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Nineteen of Mar 22, 2010 requesting the City Manager to provide a report on the City's response to the heavy rain that was most damaging to North Cambridge and inform our residents of any federal assistance that may be available to them and explain the need to purchase flood insurance when those residences are in a declared flood plain.
8. Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Davis on Order Number Twenty of Mar 22, 2010 dedicating a corner in the vicinity of One Kendall Square to be named "Bob Jones Square."

#### **ON THE TABLE**

9. 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.]
10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 16 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding the City Council's policy on naming street corners, along with the attached Oct 27, 2006 report from the City Manager. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #2 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Zing! Pizza, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1925 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from STA Travel, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 65 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development, Historical Commission and abutters.
3. An application was received from Muireann Glenmullen, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 209 Pearl 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.
4. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing MayFair on May 2nd.
5. An application was received from Charles Associates Real Estate, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1700 Massachusetts Avenue.
6. An application was received from Cambridge Public Library, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing The Secret Gardens of Cambridge event on June 13th.
7. A zoning petition has been received from Boston Properties, requesting that City Council amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map relating to the Mixed Use Development District

Section 14.32.1 and 14.32.2 located between Main Street and Broadway.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the two City Council resolutions adopted on Mar 8, 2010.
2. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, regarding Blair Pond.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Hubert Ward. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons, Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Seidel
2. Resolution on the death of Robert Paul Phaneuf. Councillor Toomey
3. Proclaim Apr 23-May 2, 2010 as Jazz Week in Cambridge. Mayor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Joanne M. (Wentzell) Takach. Mayor Maher
5. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the 21st Holocaust Commemoration at Temple Beth Shalom on May 4, 2010 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Temple Beth Shalom. Mayor Maher
6. Proclaim May 2-May 8, 2010 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
7. Thanks to Johnita Patterson for her service to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
8. Congratulations to the recipients of the upcoming 2010 Outstanding City Employee Awards. Mayor Maher
9. Congratulations to the CRLS cast of the The Attic for qualifying as finalists in the 2010 Drama Festival on Mar 26, 2010 at the John Hancock Hall in Boston. Mayor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Arthur George Costa. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Specialist Steven J. Bishop. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Richard J. Jordan. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Specialist Robert M. Rieckhoff. Councillor Decker
14. Congratulations to Channah Elisabeth Rubin on being named to the Dean's List at Washington University. Mayor Maher
15. Congratulations to Sophie Hannah Grossman on being named to the Dean's List at Washington University. Mayor Maher
16. Congratulations to Joseph P. Szulewski on being the recipient of an award from the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association. Mayor Maher
17. Congratulations to Isaiah John Sommers for being named to the Dean's List at Washington University. Mayor Maher
18. Congratulations to Kristen Cokely on being named to the Dean's List at Salve Regina University. Mayor Maher
19. Congratulations to Dr. Mary Coleman on her appointment as Dean of Lesley University. Mayor Maher
20. Congratulations to William Kroen on receiving the Purple Heart Award at the Juniper Inlet Lighthouse on Mar 30, 2010. Mayor Maher
21. Best wishes to Mary Salvi on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker

22. Best wishes to Irviene Goldson on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
23. Best wishes to Deborah Dill on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
24. Best wishes to Edivane Andrade on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
25. Best wishes to Brianne Jurs on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
26. Best wishes to Sarah Huntington on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
27. Best wishes to Ashley Renee on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
28. Best wishes to Rosa Guevara on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
29. Best wishes to Debra Mein on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
30. Best wishes to Delisa Viera on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
31. Best wishes to Amanda Smith on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
32. Best wishes to Anna Lifson on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
33. Best wishes to Valerie Tobia on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
34. Best wishes to Molly Cantor on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
35. Best wishes to Ruth Netzahualt on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
36. Best wishes to Catie Howell on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
37. Best wishes to Caitlin Stewart-Smith on her upcoming performance. Councillor Decker
38. Best wishes to Kristina Snyder on her retirement from the Board at On The Rise. Councillor Decker
39. Congratulations to David Berwick on his nomination by President Obama to run the nation's largest health system, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Councillor Decker
40. Happy Birthday wishes to Chelsea City Councillor Calvin T. Brown. Councillor Decker
41. Best wishes to Sam Novey on running his first Boston Marathon in which he will be dressed as a hamburger to raise money to expand the learning day for low income children across America and to benefit the after school programs of Citizen Schools. Councillor Toomey
42. Congratulations to Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers who will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary Gala on May 8, 2010. Councillor Toomey
43. Resolution on the death of Joseph D. Warren. Councillor Cheung, Mayor Maher, Councillor Reeves
44. Resolution on the death of Nancy Giacchetto. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
45. Resolution on the death of Daejanna Wormwood-Malone. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Reeves
46. Congratulations to Herbert Epstein on receiving the Joseph A. Brenner Award from the Community Legal Services and Counseling Center. Councillor Decker
47. Happy 39th Anniversary wishes to Armando's Pizza. Mayor Maher

48. City Council recognition of April as National Poetry Month. Councillor Seidel
49. Congratulations to Reverend Lilia Cuervo on her appointment as Associate Minister at First Parish Church. Councillor Seidel
50. Proclaim Apr 5-11, 2010 as Cambridge Public Health Week. Mayor Maher
51. Welcome Nikki Giovanni to the City of Cambridge for her poetry reading in Harvard Square. Councillor Reeves
52. Welcome Cary Alan Johnson, Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human right Commission, to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
53. Congratulation to Chief Information Officer Mary Hart and her team on being chosen as one of the recipients of 2010 e-Government Awards. Councillor Cheung
54. Congratulations to Harvard University's Half-Asian People's Association on their excellent work. Councillor Cheung
55. Congratulations to the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network on their work in hosting the Northeast Regional Spring Conference, Ideas to Action at Harvard University on Apr 10-11, 2010. Councillor Cheung
56. Congratulations and best wishes to Breakthrough Cambridge as they host their annual fundraiser and party on Apr 8, 2010 at The Atrium. Councillor Cheung

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate City departments and report back on the current status of the digital divide in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Davis
2. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Vassal Lane and Fresh Pond Parkway in honor of Maestro Charles Ansbacher, founder and conductor of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and the Police Commissioner to determine an appropriate plan, if needed, for the deteriorating conditions and loitering at the florist greenhouse building on Whittemore Avenue. Mayor Maher
4. Dedication of the gymnasium in the Sheila Doyle Russell West Cambridge Youth and Community Center at 680 Huron Avenue in honor of Kenneth Holway. Mayor Maher
5. That this City Council go on record requesting that Harvard and MIT cease further layoffs and any cuts in hours, salary or benefits and engage in an open and transparent dialogue with all stakeholders including staff and the community. Councillor Decker and Councillor Cheung
6. That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to convene the City Council in Executive Session with relevant City and support staff at the earliest opportunity to discuss ongoing litigation, to include the Monteiro and Idenix cases. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of the City's appealing to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and any other relevant authority to allow the City to have a non-handicapped accessible crosswalk at an intersection, such

as at Walden Street and Richdale, where three crosswalks exist that are handicapped accessible and the reason for not adding a fourth, which would provide a crosswalk along the most common street crossing line, is that it would be impractical to make such a crosswalk meet ADA standards. Councillor Kelley

8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of structuring the City's parking ticket system in a way that would increase parking tickets as people stayed longer at expired meters or general no-parking spots. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the experimental rubber sidewalks used in Cambridge's recent pilot programs on new sidewalk surfaces. Councillor Kelley
10. That the City Council's committee on Transportation, Traffic and Parking be and hereby is requested to hold the appropriate hearings to determine if the price for a residential sticker in Cambridge is appropriately set and if visitor passes are appropriately priced and available. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Council's committee on Transportation, Traffic and Parking be and hereby is requested to hold the appropriate hearings to determine if the amount of parking required for multi-unit residential units is appropriate. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact of the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Building on parking in the immediate area. Councillor Kelley
13. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's policy towards on-street public spaces being used by workers of large construction projects and what impact the workers' "feeding" relevant meters has on the City's ticketing efforts. Councillor Kelley
14. That the City Council is requested to discuss additional use of the Sullivan Chamber by the School Committee in the immediate future and come to a formal decision on whether to support this additional use or not at the next City Council meeting. Councillor Kelley
15. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the status of Vail Court and any activities related to the property. Councillor Seidel
16. That the Council supports adoption of a regulation by the License Commission to prohibit licensed hotels from subcontracting housekeeping services such as guestroom service. Councillor Decker, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey and Councillor Reeves
17. Dedication of an appropriate site in the vicinity of 163 Huron Avenue in honor of Armando and Dorothy Paolo. Mayor Maher
18. Support of passage of the Uniting American Families Act (S. 424/H.R. 1024) in the United States Congress. Councillor Reeves
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate departments and community agencies and report back to the City Council detailing the processes and procedures by which the City plans for, selects, and enacts

its affordable housing commitment. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Toomey

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a meeting held on Mar 25, 2010 for the purpose of discussing dividing the Health and Environment Committee into two committees, one to focus on health issues and the other on environmental and sustainability issues.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., regarding the starting time of City Council committee meetings.

### HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Mon, Apr 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, Apr 6

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, Apr 7

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the work plan for the committee and to receive an update on the Google application and the cable franchising process and negotiations. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, Apr 13

6:00pm School Committee Roundtable discussion on mathematics (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, May 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, May 5

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, May 6

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, May 11

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, May 12

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting for the purposes of providing a summary to community leaders of the city's current and proposed budget and an explanation of how state and federal budget cuts have impacted the city's budget. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, May 13

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, May 17

4:00pm 2010 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, May 18

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, May 19

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, May 20

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. (if necessary) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, June 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Access to computers and the Internet is a critical tool to effective learning and civic participation in today's world; and

WHEREAS: From Wikipedia

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital\\_divide](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_divide)) "The term digital divide refers to the gap between people with effective access to digital and information technology and those with very limited or no access at all. It includes the imbalances in physical access to technology as well as the imbalances in resources and skills needed to effectively participate as a digital citizen. In other words, it is the unequal access by some members of society to information and communication technology, and the unequal acquisition of related skills;" now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate city departments and report back on the current status of the Digital Divide in Cambridge, addressing the questions:

\*Approximately what percentage of K-12 students in Cambridge do not have easy and routine access to the Internet;

\*What statistical trends in terms of demographics can be drawn; and

\*What conclusions can be drawn from previous efforts to extend internet availability;

and be it further

ORDERED: That the results of this report be referred to the Cable, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee for discussion on concrete actions the City can take to reduce the digital divide in Cambridge.

O-2 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Vassal Lane and Fresh Pond Parkway in honor of Maestro Charles Ansbacher, founder and conductor of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-3 Apr 5, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Several residents of Brookford Street in North Cambridge have expressed their concern about the now vacant, Norberg's florist greenhouse building on Whittemore Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The weeds, bushes and trees on the property have become overgrown, limiting visibility; and

WHEREAS: The overgrown vegetation is entering the collapsing greenhouse structures; and

WHEREAS: People have been seen loitering and trespassing on the property by entering through the broken fence that surrounds the greenhouse; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to determine an appropriate plan, if needed, for the deteriorating conditions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Police to determine if a public safety situation exists and if so, what remedy is appropriate.

O-4 Apr 5, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the gymnasium in the Mayor Sheila Doyle Russell West Cambridge Youth and Community Center at 680 Huron Avenue in honor of Kenneth Holway; and

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public works to arrange for a sign and with the Director of Recreation for placement of said sign.

O-5 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The American economy is experiencing the worst recession in forty years; and

WHEREAS: It is in the public interest that good jobs be created and preserved for the health of our citizens and their communities; and

WHEREAS: A good job is one that pays at least \$16.50 an hour in 2005 dollars, provides health insurance partially paid by the employer and provides a pension; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are significant employers in the region and a major source of good jobs; and

WHEREAS: Both Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have reduced their workforce and cut back on benefits and hours in FY 2009 and have plans to implement further cuts; and

WHEREAS: Both institutions are private, non-profit employers and receive substantial support from local, state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS: As recipients of this taxpayer support, Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are obligated to have a broad public mission. Their core mission is teaching and research but it also includes acting as a model employer and good community neighbor. These institutions should always strive to be part of a national solution; and

WHEREAS: In this economic climate individuals who lose their jobs are struggling to find new jobs; and

WHEREAS: The challenge for the unemployed is directly related to how few new jobs are being created; it is therefore important to help people who have good jobs stay in their jobs; and

WHEREAS: Both institutions have savings in the billions of dollars and these savings should be used to cushion employees and communities from any further financial harm; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record requesting that Harvard and MIT cease further layoffs and any cuts in hours, salary or benefits and engage in an open and transparent dialogue

with all stakeholders including staff and the community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to President Faust of Harvard University on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to convene the City Council in Executive Session with relevant City and support staff at the earliest opportunity to discuss ongoing litigation, to include the Monteiro and Idenix cases.

O-7 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of the City's appealing to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and any other relevant authority to allow the City to have a non-handicapped accessible crosswalk at an intersection, such as at Walden Street and Richdale, where three crosswalks exist that are handicapped accessible and the reason for not adding a fourth, which would provide a crosswalk along the most common street crossing line, is that it would be impractical to make such a crosswalk meet ADA standards.

O-8 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Parking meters are frequently timed to provide for appropriate turnover of public parking spaces and no-parking zones are generally so designated for purposes of public safety; and

WHEREAS: Once a parking ticket has been issued for exceeding time at a meter or parking in a no-parking zone, there is no incentive for a person to move a vehicle, turning the parking spot into a longer-term spot than planned; and

WHEREAS: If parking tickets could escalate in price as cars stayed longer at expired meters or in a no-parking zone there would be more incentive for people to move their cars even after getting a ticket, which would help meet the desired turnover rate for public parking spots and keep no-parking zones clearer of illegally parked cars; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of structuring the City's parking ticket system in a way that would increase parking tickets as people stayed longer at expired meters or general no-parking spots.

O-9 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the experimental rubber sidewalks used in Cambridge's recent pilot programs on new sidewalk surfaces.

O-10 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Residential parking stickers have not increased in price for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS: Visitor passes may not be readily available to property owners who own more than one residential unit in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: On-street parking is a valuable community resource; and

WHEREAS: Eight dollars for a parking sticker may not be the appropriate price for this amenity; and

WHEREAS: Visitor passes may not be properly priced and may not be available to property owners on an equitable basis; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council's committee on Transportation, Traffic and Parking be and hereby is requested to hold the

appropriate hearings to determine if the price for a residential sticker in Cambridge is appropriately set and if visitor passes are appropriately priced and available.

O-11 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Some developers of multi-unit residential buildings have requested a decrease in required parking based on the observation that much of the parking in these developments goes unused; and

WHEREAS: Residents of some of these buildings may choose to park on City streets rather than pay rent for a parking space at their building; and

WHEREAS: Providing in-building parking at a cost that encourages residents to park on City streets may defeat the purpose of building those parking spots; and

WHEREAS: Not building the parking spots would save developers tens of thousands of dollars per spot; and

WHEREAS: On-street parking is generally a valued commodity and additional cars put on the street, for any reason, make it tougher for people to park and put additional stress on yards and other open space that becomes used for private parking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council's committee on Transportation, Traffic and Parking be and hereby is requested to hold the appropriate hearings to determine if the amount of parking required for multi-unit residential units is appropriate or if the regulations should be changed to required fewer parking spots with, or without, a payment to a mitigation fund so that the developer does not get a complete windfall in the form of reduced parking construction costs.

O-12 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: East Cambridge residents have expressed concern about the impact on available parking caused by the new location of the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Building; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact of the Police Headquarters on parking in the immediate area, whether it be because private lots are being used up, because official vehicles are using on-street spaces, because Cambridge residents working at or visiting the Headquarters are parking on local streets or because non-residents working at or visiting the Robert W. Healy Public Safety Building are parking illegally in on-street spaces.

O-13 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Large scale construction projects bring numerous workers into Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Many of these workers park at metered spaces all day long, often not feeding the meter and, to some extent, defeating the purpose of 'turnover' in public parking spots that meters attempt to create; and

WHEREAS: Parking mitigation plans or fees can be part of a construction permit process but will only work if properly enforced; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's policy towards on-street public spaces being used by workers and what impact the workers "feeding" relevant meters has on the City's ticketing efforts.

O-14 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: CRLS is undergoing a renovation that has kept the School Committee from using its traditional meeting space; and

WHEREAS: City Hall's Sullivan Chamber has both the space and the media hookups to suit the School Committee's meeting needs; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee is already meeting on alternative Tuesdays at City Hall; and

WHEREAS: Many additional School Committee meetings will be held on issues from the budget to special meetings on individual topics that would benefit from meeting in the Council Chamber; and

WHEREAS: There are valid space utilization and other concerns that make additional use by the School Committee of the Sullivan Chamber somewhat problematic; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to discuss additional use of the Sullivan Chamber by the School Committee in the immediate future and come to a formal decision on whether to support this additional use or not at the next City Council meeting.

O-15 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on the status of Vail Court and any activities related to the property.

O-16 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this Council that the Hyatt Regency-Cambridge regulated by the City's License Commission has begun subcontracting its guestroom housekeeping services to a third party company which has not been directly licensed by the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This has raised concerns for the City of Cambridge relative to the public health, safety and welfare of guests; and

WHEREAS: The City Council on behalf of the people of Cambridge wants to ensure that the licensee be directly, rather than indirectly, responsible for compliance with public health and safety standards, and that the licensee retain direct control over the workers responsible for entering guest rooms and providing clean healthful rooms, rather than the licensee having to go through middlemen; and

WHEREAS: It further appears to the Council that lack of employee status for those delivering regulated services would also mean they have no legal protection from retaliation should they report violations of health and safety standards to the proper authorities; and

WHEREAS: A vibrant hotel industry with clear enforcement of public health and safety standards is in the interest of all Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Council supports adoption of a regulation by the License Commission to prohibit licensed hotels from subcontracting housekeeping services such as guestroom service; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit this policy resolution to the City Solicitor and the License Commission and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-17 Apr 5, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Armando Paolo has been an extraordinary philanthropist to the Cambridge community by giving generously to youth sports; and

WHEREAS: Armando has been a longtime business owner of Armando's Pizza, role model to young people in his community, and benefactor of Saint Peter's Church on Concord Avenue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of 163 Huron Avenue in honor of Armando and Dorothy Paolo; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-18 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The United States Congress is currently considering UAFA, the Uniting American Families Act (S. 424/H.R. 1024); and

WHEREAS: Currently, a citizen or permanent resident of the United States may sponsor a spouse of a different nationality for immigration to the United States; and

WHEREAS: Currently, the spouse in question must be of the opposite sex; and

WHEREAS: UAFA would end this discriminatory practice and extend this right to same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: Twenty-one other nations, many who do not have marriage equality for same-sex couples, manage to allow such sponsorship; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has been at the forefront of ensuring same-sex couples are treated as equals to opposite-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: On May 17, 2004, the City of Cambridge issued the first licenses for same-sex marriage in the United States; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of passage of the Uniting American Families Act (S. 424/H.R. 1024) in the United States Congress.

O-19 Apr 5, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council recently adopted a policy order directing the City Manager to investigate the possibility of acquiring several properties on the market for the purpose of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Concerns were raised at the Council meeting of Mar 22, 2010 that the city had missed a rare window of opportunity; and

WHEREAS: Some Cambridge residents have expressed concerns around the logic and process of site selection for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a long-standing commitment to affordable housing; this order does not question that commitment, but rather seeks to quantify the perception by residents that affordable housing development is clustered in certain sections of the city by calling for clarification and examination of the process by which the City of Cambridge enacts its commitment; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate departments and community agencies and report back to the City Council visually detailing:

\*Locations of current, anticipated, and proposed affordable housing developments;

\*The number of affordable housing units by ward and precinct;

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate departments and community agencies and report back to the City Council detailing the processes and procedures by which the City plans for, selects, and enacts its affordable housing commitment, including answers to the questions:

\*What measures does the city take to "load-balance" affordable housing developments across the entire city and avoid clustering;

\*How can residents and businesses inform the city of property coming on to the real estate market that should be considered for affordable housing development;

\*What is the process and criteria by which potential affordable housing developments are assessed;

\*What are the current and historical dollar targets per unit for affordable housing development, by geography if variances exist; and

\*What is the current development plan for affordable housing within Cambridge;

and be it further

ORDERED: That this report be referred to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for evaluation of the processes, procedures, and outcomes of how Cambridge enacts its commitment to Affordable Housing in the hopes that it will make recommendations to ensure transparency and equity.