

RECONSIDERATION

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.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the City Council Zoning Petition to Amend Section 20.70 - Flood Plain Overlay District. [The Planning Board recommends adoption of the petition as filed.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an application for EZ Ride Shuttle to amend their existing jitney route due to a merger with MIT's Northwest Shuttle service.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-64, regarding the sale of the Sullivan Courthouse. ["In light of the courthouse's great size (460,000 square feet), lack of parking associated with the building, and its out-of-date architectural style, I do not see any public reuse for the structure." ... "Should the property be sold to and redeveloped by a private entity local zoning would apply. We have expressed our willingness to work closely with any owner to develop a project of more moderate height and scale; with active ground floor uses; including some portion of residential use, in keeping with the neighborhood context; and with appropriate parking supply based on building uses."]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-69, regarding a report on making the property at 93 Kirkland Street part of the affordable housing stock.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-82, regarding a report on why the incidences of fires in the City has risen.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$139,274.90 between School Department statutory accounts. These transfers include: \$5,167.46 from the General Fund School Salaries and Wages account and \$134,107.44 from the School Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the School Travel and Training account (\$122,030.32) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$17,244.58) and are related to re-allocations within School Department programs.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund School Salaries and Wages, \$100,000 from the School Travel & Training and \$100,000 from the School Extraordinary Expenditures to the School Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$500,000) and is required to cover additional costs for special education tuitions due to increased number of students and a reduction in the percentage reimbursement provided to the City from the State's Circuit Breaker Program.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various private donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$16,063.04 to the grant Fund of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support a variety of services for Cambridge Seniors, including food and entertainment for senior parties, the purchase of fans for low-income seniors, provision of minor home adaptation equipment, support for the food pantry, and transportation for special senior center events and trips.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) from the Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$139,577.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$14,778.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$124,799.00) and will be used to contract with local shelter providers to support operations and to support operations at the Multi Service Center.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Program Grant received from the Department of Early Education and Care in the amount of \$5,360.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (1,630.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,730.00) and will support the staff training and implementation of the Pearson Performance Screening tool, a tool to assess children's social and emotional development, at the Fletcher Maynard After-School Program.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the City Run Road Race revenue received from registration fees and corporate donations in the amount of \$25,457.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will primarily benefit the Friends of Cambridge Athletics and limited race expenses and a portion of the funds will also benefit DHSP's Special Olympics Program and the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriate the Summer Food Program that is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$125,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 25 confirmed sites throughout the City during the summer months when schools are closed.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$500 Men's Health League Grant from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account that will be used to conduct an 8 week weight loss program for Public Works employees featuring a competition with incentives.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$5,000 from the General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Animal Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funding for the repair of the Department's van which was damaged in an accident and requires significant repairs.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the transfer of \$100,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Fire Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for fire personnel injured in performance of their duties.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer \$3,035.75 within the Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant from the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account which will support additional training classes for dispatch personnel in the Emergency Communications Department.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the MIT Federal Credit Union for \$1,000 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the annual Fair Housing Month student poster and essay contest.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-77, regarding a report on a review of investments and business practices engaged in by the City to determine what activities are conducted with the State of Arizona. ["Following a review of the City's current listing of CD's purchased through Morgan Stanley, it was determined that a \$100,000 CD was purchased on Apr 9, 2009 from the Asian Bank located in Phoenix, Arizona. The CD has a maturity date of July 9, 2010, and will not be renewed after reaching maturity. Our representative at Morgan Stanley has been instructed to refrain from purchasing any further investments in the State of Arizona."]
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Grant received through the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services for \$12,200 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$11,200), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,000) and will be used to conduct trainings, expand its web presence and support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's work to implement programs and projects to reduce opioid overdoses in collaboration with the coalition's partners.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a \$20,819 transfer within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Grant from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used will be used to support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's work to implement programs and projects to reduce opioid overdoses in collaboration with the Coalition's partners.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. May 10, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 2-7-0 remains on Table.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Apr 29, 2010 to consider a proposed amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to Section 20.70 Flood Plain Overlay District to adopt the revised Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps incorporate the new FEMA study, as is required as a condition of continued participation in the National Flood Plain Insurance Program, which provides access to residents to flood insurance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 24, 2010. Planning Board hearing held on May 4, 2010. Petition expires July 28, 2010.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$5,250,000 to continue sewer projects in the Harvard Square, Cambridgeport, and Alewife Watershed areas of the City. The question comes on adoption on or after May 24, 2010.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$700,000 to provide funds to replace the existing artificial turf on the soccer field at Danehy Park as well as resurfacing the 400 meter running track. The question comes on adoption on or after May 24, 2010.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds to fund the reconstruction of JFK Street between Eliot and

Brattle Streets. The question comes on adoption on or after May 24, 2010.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,500,000 to provide funds to fund the first phase of the reconstruction of the Harvard Square Tunnel (Cambridge Street Underpass). The question comes on adoption on or after May 24, 2010.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$500,000 to provide funds to fund the design of the restoration of the Kendall Square area on Main Street between Broadway and Ames Street. The question comes on adoption on or after May 24, 2010.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,500,000 to provide funds for improvements to several City buildings including the East Cambridge and Inman Square Fire Stations, Ryan Garage at Public Works, Central Square Library, and several elementary schools. The question comes on adoption on or after May 24, 2010.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Harvard Cafe, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 61 Church Street.
2. An application was received from Cambridge Auto Center, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1280 Cambridge Street.
3. An application was received from India Castle, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 928 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from Lush Cosmetics, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 30 JFK Street.
5. An application was received from Crazy Dough's Pizza, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 36 JFK Street.
6. An application was received from City Express Cleaners, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 428 Massachusetts Avenue.
7. Revocation of a sign permit for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England, a division of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., for the premises numbered 1246 Massachusetts Avenue, issued May 29, 1961. Inspectional Services inspected property on May 13, 2010 and sign is down.
8. Revocation of a sign permit for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England, a division of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., for the premises numbered 1646 Massachusetts Avenue, issued Mar 18, 1960. Inspectional Services inspected property on May 13, 2010 and sign is down.
9. Revocation of a sign permit for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England, a division of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., for the premises numbered 305 River Street, issued Mar 27, 1967. Inspectional Services inspected property on May 13, 2010 and sign is down.

10. An application was received from Douglas Beaudet, requesting permission for a new curb cut and the removal of an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 281 Broadway; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Disapproval has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the three City Council resolutions adopted in April on the expanded bottle bill, municipal early retirement provision and the PACE language in the Municipal Relief bill.
2. A communication was received from State Representative Alice K. Wolf, transmitting thanks for forwarding copies of the three orders pertaining to proposed legislation: the Bottle Bill, PACE and the Municipal Early Retirement Program.
3. A communication was received from Congressman Michael E. Capuano, transmitting thanks for contacting him regarding H.R. 1024, the Uniting American Families Act.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Cosmo Macero, Sr. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to City Councillor E. Denise Simmons on being presented an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School. Vice Mayor Davis
3. Resolution on the death of Catherine Elizabeth "Kay" (Deasy) Wadden. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of K. Dun Gifford. Councillor Toomey
5. Retirement of Richard Cabral from the Public Works Department. Mayor Maher
6. Best wishes to Mark Dennis, Coordinator of Heading Home, on his future endeavors. Councillor Decker
7. Congratulations to Sarav Chidambaram on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to Timothy Groves on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulations to Leigh Hardy on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to Rawhl Adams receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to Judy King on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to Arpi Kouzouian on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
13. Congratulations to Cambridge Cares About AIDS on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung

14. Congratulations to Area 4 4 Peace on receiving a Peace and Justice Award from the Cambridge Peace Commission. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung
15. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Esau S.A. Gonzales. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Rita Veronica (Moran) Sousa. Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Eric V. "Rick" Benson. Councillor Toomey
18. Urge Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day to remember and pay tribute to our nation's defenders for their service and devotion to the country. Councillor Kelley, Mayor Maher
19. Retirement of John McElroy from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Maher
20. Congratulations to Theresa Carew for her participation in the National Kidney Foundation's 60th Annual Boston Kidney Walk on May 16, 2010. Councillor Cheung
21. Retirement of Patricia Williams from the School Department. Mayor Maher
22. Happy Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Mayor Maher, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Toomey.
23. Congratulations to the Cambridge Health Alliance on receiving the CARES Award for its community work to improve the care of patients with cardiac arrest. Councillor Cheung
24. Best wishes to the Cambridge Family and Children's Services on the occasion of their 17th annual Circle of Friends gala on May 26, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Charles Hotel. Councillor Cheung
25. Congratulations to Cambridgeport residents who worked together to rescue seven ducklings that had fallen down a sewer. Councillor Cheung
26. Congratulations to Gabrielle Jacques on the occasion of having her photograph of her cat published in the spring 2010 issue of The Marble Collection. Councillor Cheung
27. Congratulations to Melissa Pals and Dave Christie on their recent marriage at Donnelly Field. Councillor Cheung
28. Congratulations to Aukera Therapeutics for their excellent work in developing a new drug to combat Lou Gehrig's Disease. Councillor Cheung
29. Congratulations to Couchange.org on winning the Twitch contest as part of the MIT 100K Entrepreneurship Competition. Councillor Cheung
30. Congratulations to C-Crete Technologies on winning the top prize in the MIT 100K Entrepreneurship Competition. Councillor Cheung
31. Congratulations to Nancy Rappaport on being named the recipient of the 2010 Julia Ward Howe Prize by the Boston Authors Club for her memoir "In Her Wake: A Child Psychiatrist Explores the Mystery of her Mother's Suicide." Councillor Cheung
32. Congratulations to Senator John Culver on being chosen to serve as Interim Director of Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics. Councillor Cheung
33. Congratulations to the Cambridge Friends School for participating in the "Get a Kick Out of Sharing," a program which sends soccer balls to children in need worldwide. Councillor Cheung
34. Congratulations to David Beisel, founder of The Web Innovators Group, and all who participated in WebInno26. Councillor Cheung
35. Congratulations to all the Cambridge Business Awards nominees for their excellent and successful work. Councillor Cheung
36. Congratulations to Littane Bien-Aime on being selected a 2010 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow following a nationwide contest. Councillor Cheung
37. Congratulations to the four recipients of the Cambridge Department of Public Works Commissioner's Awards. Councillor Cheung
38. Congratulations to Jon Pierce on the occasion of hosting "Angel Boot Camp" on Tues, June 1, 2010 at the Microsoft New England R & D Center. Councillor Cheung
39. Resolution on the death of Peter J. Dolan. Councillor Decker
40. Congratulations to Kadajah Britton on her graduation from the Boston University School of Law. Councillor Reeves
41. Thanks to the CRLS Youth to Youth delegation that will be traveling to El Salvador. Councillor Decker
42. Congratulations to Robinson Farrar on being awarded a scholarship from the Rotary Club. Mayor Maher
43. Congratulations to Roland Hence on being awarded a scholarship from the Rotary Club. Mayor Maher
44. Congratulations to Civry Melvin on receiving a scholarship from the Rotary Club. Mayor Maher
45. Congratulations to Ariane Berelowitch on being awarded a scholarship from the Rotary Club. Mayor Maher
46. Resolution on the death of Alfineo DiFava. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
47. Congratulations to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on their "Annual Grecia Festival Under the Big Tent" on June 18-20, 2010. Mayor Maher
48. Declare June 2010 as Cambridge Men's Health Month. Councillor Cheung.
49. Congratulations to Kelly Langan for being nominated as one of the finalists for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with the decision process for the closing of the Main Library on Sundays for the summer months. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding traffic calming measures that are being introduced to Linnaean Street. Councillor Decker
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department regarding the traffic patterns on Kenway Street and determine what, if anything, can be done to reduce the amount of traffic on Kenway Street. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the status of the building

- formerly occupied by Marino's Restaurant and what plans, if any, exist to find a new tenant for the property to ensure that the building does not become a haven for North Cambridge youth to congregate. Councillor Simmons
5. That the new Riverside neighborhood park be named in such a way as to commemorate the historic African American presence in the Riverside neighborhood. Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Simmons
 6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the reasoning behind removing the dedicated walk cycle from Massachusetts Avenue crossings between Harvard Square and Porter Square. Councillor Kelley
 7. That the City Council Committee on Transportation, Traffic and Parking scheduled a public meeting on the City's traffic calming and bike facility programs. Councillor Kelley
 8. That the City Manager is requested to review with the License Commission the feasibility of conducting a customer satisfaction survey of the Cambridge taxi industry, the purpose of which would be to determine why consumers do or do not choose Cambridge taxis, to determine whether the License Commission can, by policy implementation or regulation, assist the Cambridge taxi industry in being more consumer-friendly and more competitive, and to help the License Commission and the taxi industry in Cambridge establish a strategic plan to prioritize how and when the recurring industry issues will be addressed. Councillor Reeves
 9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the property known as the Norton Woods that has been reopened after being closed due to flooding with a newly instituted no dogs policy. Councillor Decker
 10. That the City Manager is requested to inform the City Council on how the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Cambridge Room of the Cambridge Public Library, the Cambridge Historical Society, and Cambridge Community Television might work together to digitize the various Cambridge historical collections and determine how these various entities will work together to preserve Cambridge history of the past, current happenings, social history, architectural history and preservation, and other matters of historical significance to Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
 11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a delineation of the boundaries of Joan Lorentz Park. Councillor Seidel
 12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner on the recent commercial break-ins in East Cambridge and report back to the City Council with an update. Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public hearings held on May 5, 2010, May 13, 2010 and May 19, 2010 relative to the General Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2011 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$426,629,125.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 13, 2010 relative to the Water Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2011 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$16,416,120.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 13, 2010 relative to the Public Investment Fund for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2011 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$9,935,015.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a meeting held on May 12, 2010 for the purpose 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.
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on May 5, 2010 to receive an update on Cambridge's new Baby U pilot program, how to improve the college graduation rate for Cambridge students, middle school programs and the committee agenda for this term.
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on May 6, 2010 to consider a petition filed by the City Council on behalf of the Green Building/Zoning Task Force to amend the zoning ordinance to encourage green building practices in Cambridge.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 25

5:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to review a proposed policy for dedication of street corners, a proposal to name the gymnasium at the Sheila Doyle Russell Youth and Community Center in honor of the late Kenneth Holway, instituting parking fines for over staying meters that increase as the time of the overstay increases, planning the fall 2010 process by which the City Council will set its goals for FY 2012 and standards for for city hearings, including notification, minutes and appeal processes and any other items that may properly come before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, May 26

1:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss plans to prevent violence in the city during the summer. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss energy efficiency in city and school buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 2

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss improvements to Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard and Porter Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a report from Boston Consulting Group on leadership and business strategies to optimize the future of Kendall Square. (Ackermann Room)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 9

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 16

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss community gardens, Agricultural Fair and other updates. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 23

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the digital divide. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 2

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Aug 3

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

Tues, Sept 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 21

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 24, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with the decision process for the closing of the Main Library on Sundays for the summer months.

O-2 May 24, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that there are proposed traffic calming measures for Linnaean Street; and

WHEREAS: The city is attempting to manage and slow traffic down on Linnaean Street in response to the pedestrian safety concerns expressed by some residents; and

WHEREAS: Many residents have expressed concerns about the proposed measures by the city regarding loss of parking spaces in a dense neighborhood, and whether or not said measures will achieve or hinder pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS: It appears that many resident concerns have not been addressed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a summary of residents concerns, the rationale for the proposed concerns and a community meeting scheduled on a night other than a Monday night to allow councillors to attend and listen to the response with residents prior to any implementation of said measures.

O-3 May 24, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that motorists have been using Kenway Street as a drive through; and

WHEREAS: Many parents with young children live on Kenway Street and they are concerned that an increase in the volume of traffic on the street may jeopardize the safety of their children who often play on the sidewalk; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department regarding the traffic patterns on Kenway Street and determine what, if anything, can be done to reduce the amount of traffic on the street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-4 May 24, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there is growing concern in North Cambridge over the future of the building formerly occupied by Marino's Restaurant; and

WHEREAS: Residents in the vicinity of the now vacant building have reported that a number of local youth now use the building to congregate after school; and

WHEREAS: It has been some time since the City Council has received an update from the City Manager on the status of the building; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the status of the building formerly occupied by Marino's Restaurant and what plans, if any, exist to find a new tenant for the property to ensure that the building does not become a haven for North Cambridge youth to congregate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 May 24, 2010
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the new Riverside neighborhood park be named in such a way as to commemorate the historic African American presence in the Riverside neighborhood; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a committee (to meet no more than three times) to propose an appropriate name for the new park.

O-6 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the reasoning behind removing the dedicated walk cycle from Massachusetts Avenue crossings between Harvard Square and Porter Square, thus setting up conflicts between drivers that turn on a green light against pedestrians crossing during a concurrent walk signal.

O-7 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Council Committee on Transportation, Traffic and Parking schedule a public meeting on the City's traffic calming and bike facility programs.

O-8 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Cambridge License Commission recently held a mandatory meeting of taxi medallion owners and lessors; and

WHEREAS: At this meeting, many matters of concern were raised regarding the responsibilities of owners and lessors, the proper functioning of the taxi industry in Cambridge, and the level of customer satisfaction with Cambridge's taxi industry; and

WHEREAS: There are many issues which plague our taxi industry, such as insufficient training for new drivers, dysfunction among various radio services, and enforcement of the ban on Cambridge pick-ups by non-Cambridge cabs not specifically called to Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: There are many unresolved issues which remain on the Cambridge taxi industry's agenda; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review with the License Commission the feasibility of conducting a customer satisfaction survey of the Cambridge taxi industry, the purpose of which would be to determine why consumers do or do not choose Cambridge taxis, to determine whether the License Commission can, by policy implementation or regulation, assist the Cambridge taxi industry in being more consumer-friendly and more competitive, and to help the License Commission and the taxi industry in Cambridge establish a strategic plan to prioritize how and when the recurring industry issues will be addressed.

O-9 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that after a month of closure, Norton's Woods has reopened; and

WHEREAS: Seemingly without consulting the community, Norton's Woods is now unavailable for use to dogs when historically the community has been entitled reasonable access to the property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire as to why a new policy barring dogs from Norton's Woods has been instituted; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-10 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There are many entities, both private and municipal, who take on the role of preserving the history of Cambridge, including the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Cambridge Room of the Cambridge Public Library, the Cambridge Historical Society, and Cambridge Community Television; and

WHEREAS: These entities work to preserve the history of Cambridge's past, current happenings in Cambridge, the social history of Cambridge, the architectural history of Cambridge, and other facets of the history of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A collaborative effort to digitize these collections would serve the people of Cambridge by easing access to these collections; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council on how the Cambridge Historical Commission, the Cambridge Room of the Cambridge Public Library, the Cambridge Historical Society, and Cambridge Community Television might work together to digitize the various Cambridge historical collections and determine how these various entities will work together to preserve Cambridge history of the past, current happenings, social history, architectural history and preservation, and other matters of historical significance to Cambridge.

O-11 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a delineation of the boundaries of Joan Lorentz Park.

O-12 May 24, 2010
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There has been a recent increase in commercial break-ins the East Cambridge area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner on the recent commercial break-ins in East Cambridge and report back to the City Council with an update.