

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 the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Housing Authority in the amount of \$62,446.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to support the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP).
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Workplace Education grant funded from the Commonwealth Corporation in the amount of \$191,303.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$177,465.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$13,238.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$600.00) and will support a workplace education partnership with the Cambridge Health Alliance and Spaulding Hospital Cambridge.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations to the Multi Service Center in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used in support of homeless clients of the Multi Service Center to maintain at-risk households by paying either part of their rental arrearage, helping a previously homeless individual or family being placed in housing with a security deposit, paying one month's rent, or assisting with other related relocation costs.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of user fees received from Cambridge Homeless Service Provider Agencies and surrounding communities to support the Cambridge Homeless Management Information System (a citywide tracking system for homeless persons receiving services through the participating programs) in the amount of \$9,600.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Hazardous Materials grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$1,000 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow the department to purchase supplies needed for the maintenance of hazardous materials equipment.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the City Council Rezoning Petition to Modify Section 5.28.2 Related to Buildings Occupied by Institutional Uses.

[The Planning Board does not recommend adoption of the Petition as filed.]

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of June 7, 2010 relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-73, regarding a report on whether any action is necessary by the City as it relates to affordable housing commitments at 303 Third Street as a result of the Summary Judgment by the Suffolk Superior Court.
2. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Maher on Order Number Six of June 7, 2010 requesting the City Manager to confer with the Community Development Department and Boston Properties to report back to the Ordinance Committee of the City Council on June 9th, 2010, on whether the ground floor retail proposed by Boston Properties would be of the size and nature suitable for a grocery store, convenience store, or small foodstuffs boutique.

ON THE TABLE

3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. 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. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
6. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex 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. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten Of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for forwarding the City Council resolution opposing Senate Amendment 91 to S2424, An Act Relative to Municipal Relief.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Sheila Collins from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
2. Retirement of Jacqueline Bisbee from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher

3. Retirement of Carol Sacco from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
4. Condolences to Cathie Zusy on the loss of her father and sister, Fred and Anne Zusy. Vice Mayor Davis
5. Congratulations to the dancers from Cambridge that will perform their spring repertory works at the second Cambridge/Boston Dance for World Community Festival on June 12, 2010 from 12:00pm to 10:00pm in and around the Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Councillor Cheung
6. Congratulations to the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, Cambridge Council on Aging, Cadbury Commons and the LGBT Aging Project as they launch the first lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender meal site for seniors, their friends and caregivers. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the University Relations Committee the feasibility of the City creating a "Welcoming Packet" for new students, distributed by the universities with information on public services, Cambridge history and culture, and a calendar of civic events. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on the feasibility of instituting a five cent per disposable bag fee, collected by the City that would in turn be put aside into a fund which purpose is to buy canvas bags wholesale and distribute them to Cambridge residents. Councillor Cheung
3. Opposition to the amendment that was passed to the budget bill regarding immigrants. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to address what, if any, plan is in place to secure the existing parking in the neighborhood of the former Marino's Restaurant as well as address what, if any, plan is in place to generate new parking. Councillor Decker
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation about the safety of the pedestrian traffic along both Irving and Scott Streets as well as their intersection. Councillor Decker

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, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on May 6, 2010 to consider a proposed amendment to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the applicability of Section 5.28 to structures that may have been built for residential use but have been in Institutional (religious, educational, governmental) use for at least ten years.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 9, 2010 to continue discussion of a proposed amendment to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the applicability of section 5.28 Conversation of Non Residential Structures to Residential Use to include structures that may have been built for

residential use but have been in Institutional Use for at least ten years.

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on June 9, 2010 to continue discussion of a petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in accord with the recommendations of the Green Building Task Force to encourage energy efficient buildings.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Tues, June 22

5:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss buying local. (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)

Thurs, June 24

10:00am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on plans to prevent violence in the city in the summer. (Healy Public Safety Facility, First Floor Community Room, 125 Sixth Street)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 30

2:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion on how best to assist Cambridge college students to achieve college graduation, discuss middle school after school programs in relation to middle school in-school time and consider the workplan for this committee this term. (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)

Mon, Oct 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 5

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 19

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 14, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Every fall, thousands of new students move to Cambridge to attend our prestigious universities; and

WHEREAS: According to Princeton Review, over 80% of students attending MIT, Harvard or Lesley are from out of state, with 10% of these students hailing from other countries; and

WHEREAS: Many of these students will undoubtedly feel overwhelmed and confused moving to a new city; and

WHEREAS: Fall Orientation is an ideal time for the City of Cambridge to introduce new students to the norms, culture, customs, and expectations of their adopted home; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the University Relations Committee in time for the scheduled July 19th hearing on "Student Civic Participation" on the feasibility of the City creating a "Welcoming Packet" for new students, distributed by the universities with information on public services, Cambridge history and culture, and a calendar of civic events.

O-2 June 14, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: According to the EPA, Americans use 380 billion plastic bags each year, only 5% of which were recycled, with the rest landing in landfills, where it takes over 1,000 years for a plastic bag to decompose; and

WHEREAS: In 2008, the Seattle City Council approved a 20-cent fee for each disposable paper or plastic bag used at grocery, drug and convenience stores; and

WHEREAS: This year, the California State Assembly approved a measure banning single-use plastic and paper bags from being handed out at grocery, convenience, and other stores after San Francisco banned the use of plastic bags and ordered them to be replaced with more eco-friendly materials in 2008; and

WHEREAS: Last year, Washington DC imposed a tax of 5 cents per plastic bag for supermarket customers, the revenues of which are being used to combat local river pollution; since its implementation, the monthly average of 22.5 million plastic bags has dropped to just under 3 million in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of these fees and measures are not to add a financial burden to the city's shoppers, but to encourage shoppers to develop eco-friendly habits; and

WHEREAS: In a progressive community such as Cambridge, many residents have already made a conscious decision to frequent establishments that are green friendly; and

WHEREAS: Currently many of Cambridge's supermarkets have stopped using plastic bags already, including all three Whole Foods locations, and the Harvest Co-op, which offers a 5 cent per bag discount for people who bring their own bags; and

WHEREAS: With the environmental benefits being indisputable, the only remaining questions pertain to the economic impact on residents and businesses, and the desire to create a level playing field wherein local businesses are not economically disadvantaged for making community-minded decisions that promote sustainable consumerism; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on the feasibility of instituting a five cent per disposable bag fee, collected by the City that would in turn be put aside into a fund which purpose is to buy canvas bags wholesale and distribute them to Cambridge residents, and report back to the Economic Development Committee no later than Aug 1st, 2010, in time for planned hearing to discuss this proposed legislation with affected business owners.

O-3 June 14, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: From our founding and at our very core, America has always been a nation of immigrants, many of whom have made great contributions in an effort to give back to this country that took them in; and

WHEREAS: Like the generations who came before, recent newcomers want what all Americans want: to raise strong families, build safe communities, to peacefully practice their faith in freedom, and to seek new and better opportunities for their children; and

WHEREAS: Like their predecessors, today's immigrants work in the toughest jobs for the least amount of pay, contribute to the tax base, open small businesses that create jobs, serve in the U.S. military, and add to the unique diversity of America through their social and cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS: Instead of bringing people together in the pursuit of common purpose, short sighted initiatives targeting immigrants do nothing but exploit a divisive issue for political reasons, tearing communities apart; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a proud tradition of supporting and welcoming immigrants, reflected in past Policy Orders:

* A. Order 4, May 10, 2010 - That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine with due consideration for, among other things, return on investment, to what extent it is reasonable to not participate in any business activities substantially connected with the State of Arizona, municipalities in Arizona, and other business entities in Arizona or conducting substantial business in Arizona; and

* B. Order 4, Apr 8, 1985 and reaffirmed Order 16, May 8, 2006 - Declaring Cambridge a Sanctuary city and then reaffirming our proud history as a Sanctuary city; and

* C. Order 18, Apr 5, 2010 - 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, to not penalize children born in America of illegal immigrants; and

- * D. Order 4, Mar 17, 2008 - That the members of the Cambridge City Council support the principles of the Welcoming Massachusetts Pledge (attached), thereby committing to publicly reject the politics of division that fan anger and hate against any person or community and to work towards just, workable and humane immigration policies that are anchored in America's finest ideals and core values; and be it further

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that on May 27th the Massachusetts Senate passed an amendment to the budget bill that would:

- * A. Require state contractors to confirm that their workers were here legally;
- * B. Codify into law an existing state policy that bars illegal immigrants from qualifying for resident-tuition rates at state colleges;
- * C. Require the state's public health insurance program to verify residency through the Department of Homeland Security;
- * D. Require the state attorney general's office to set up a hot line for people to anonymously report businesses that hire illegal immigrants, and to investigate any such reports; and
- * E. Grants new indirect authority to local law enforcement, forcing the courts to report any illegal immigrants charged with crimes to federal authorities, whether they are found guilty or not; and

WHEREAS: This legislation would adversely affect all residents: in seeking to divide, identify, and target individuals, we all come under additional scrutiny; and

WHEREAS: Making law through budget amendments is a less than ideal manner in which to handle such detailed and far reaching administrative and policy changes; and

WHEREAS: The amendment includes complex measures which are extremely costly and unnecessary, placing huge burdens on private and public resources, including:

- * A. Forcing the Attorney General to open a hotline will be costly and damaging to public safety. This amendment would require the Attorney General's office to investigate all hotline calls regardless of merit, meaning anyone can call and trigger an investigation, leading to abuses and spiraling investigative costs;
- * B. Currently, US citizens are allowed to declare their status through an oath, this bill would require the state to set up a costly bureaucratic apparatus to physically view, capture, and store paper proof of citizenship for everyone;
- * C. Bars hard-working, high-achieving students from contributing to the Massachusetts economy;
- * D. Prohibits families with mixed status from state housing, punishing citizen family members for the status of their relatives and thus increases homelessness in the Commonwealth and increases the cost to state agencies
- * E. Undocumented immigrants are already barred from receiving means tested benefits programs including cash assistance, Mass Health, and food stamps. Green card holders must wait 5 years for these benefits. The verification requirements would be redundant; each agency already has an efficient means of verifying status

for their programs. Creating broad new verification rules would be more work for agencies and more spending on training, staffing, and document storage; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record condemning the before mentioned legislation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 June 14, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that resident parking in the neighborhood surrounding the site of the former Marino's Restaurant has become increasingly scarce; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to address what, if any, plan is in place to secure the existing parking in the neighborhood of the former Marino's Restaurant as well as address what, if any, plan is in place to generate new parking; 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 June 14, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that concerns have been raised about whether the sidewalks of both Irving Street and Scott Street as well as where they intersect are safe for pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation about the safety of the pedestrian traffic along both Irving and Scott Streets as well as their intersection; and be it further

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