

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Reconsideration filed by Councillor Toomey on the affirmative vote taken on September 13, 2010 to refer to the Ordinance Committee and to pass to a second reading a proposed amendment to the Municipal code that would increase the residential parking sticker fee. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Item Number Thirty-Six of August 2, 2010. On September 13, 2010 motion of Vice Mayor Davis to refer to Ordinance Committee and Passage to a second reading on roll call 7-1-1.]
2. Reconsideration filed by Vice Mayor Davis on the vote taken failing to refer to the Ordinance Committee a response relative to Awaiting Report Item #10-116, regarding a report on the impact of decriminalization of marijuana possession. [Motion of Councillor Cheung to refer to Public Safety Committee failed 4-4-1. Motion of Vice Mayor Davis to refer to Ordinance Committee failed 4-4-1.]

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Michael A. Sorti, as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2010.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-131, regarding a report on two armed robberies in the vicinity of Cambridge Street in the Wellington-Harrington neighborhood.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative Awaiting Report Item Number 10-80, regarding a report on the possibility of implementing a 2D barcode located on square signs.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-114, regarding a report on monitoring and detecting any infestation of the Asian longhorned beetle.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-111, regarding a report on traffic enforcement at the intersection of Prospect Street and Broadway.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Zoning Petition to Revise the Sign Ordinance - Article 7.000.

The Planning Board recommends that the original Petition be approved with amendments. The changes recommended by the Board to the original Petition language of the Building ID Signs section are summarized here:

- Establishment of a special permit process before the Planning Board
- A narrowing of the zoning districts where such signs may be permitted, to areas of concentrated office development at the eastern and western ends of the city
- Restriction of the signs to non-residential buildings only that are at least 100,000 square feet in size.
- Limiting the signs to identifying the whole building or an office tenant occupying a significant portion of the

building. The Planning Board recommends that at least 25% of the leasable area of the building be presumed to be significant.

- Prohibition of such signs in local conservation and historic districts.
- Enumeration of the criteria for approval of the Building ID Signs, including: how the sign would be viewed from nearby residential districts, open space, historic districts, and the Charles River; light pollution.
- An articulation of the purpose of the provision.
- A relaxation of one standard in the current Sign Ordinance to allow the placement of an ID sign on the screening wall of mechanical equipment located above the building's roof where that placement would better integrate the sign into the architecture of the building.

## 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. Sept 13, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 4-4-1 remains on Table.]
3. 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.]
4. 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.]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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 Sept 7, 2010 to consider a petition filed by the City Council to modify the Zoning Ordinance regulation of signs. the question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Sept 27, 2010. Planning Board hearing held July 6, 2010. Petition expires Oct 5, 2010.

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Zinnia Jewelry, requesting permission for two tables to display merchandise in front of the premises numbered 1300 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Child Care Resource Center, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing Family Literacy Fun Day for Cambridge Families on Saturday, Nov 6th from 10:30am-2:30pm.
3. An application was received from David Blair, 880 Massachusetts Avenue, requesting permission for a fish taco cart at multiple locations near and around the universities in Cambridge; Carleton Street near the Kendall/MIT stop and in front of MIT at 48 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. A zoning petition has been received from William A. Fox, et al., requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by rezoning an area accessed via Cottage Park Avenue in North Cambridge from its current designation of Business A-2 to a new designation of Residence B.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Michael Turk and Carol Weiss, transmitting appreciation to the City Council for the resolution supporting the tenants at 9-12 A Ware Street.
2. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding the Americans Disabilities Act and reasonable accommodation.
3. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, regarding suggested revisions to proposed sign amendment.
4. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, regarding her proposed prohibition of lighting for building identification signs.
5. A communication was received from Henry Marcucella, regarding the proceedings of the proposed amendments to the Signs and Illumination provision (Article7) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
6. A communication was received from Kevin P. Crane, Esq., transmitting suggested revisions to the proposed Sign Ordinance Amendment.
7. A communication was received from Minka vanBeuzekom, transmitting suggestions for the proposed sign ordinance.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Steven Brennan from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Maher
2. Retirement of Michael Kenney from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Maher
3. Congratulations to Professor Timothy J. Colton on his appointment as Chair of the Government Department at Harvard. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Professor Gerald L. Neuman on his election to the United Nation's Human Rights Committee. Councillor Cheung
5. Best wishes to Rod Dee on the reopening of his restaurant, Rod Dee's, in Porter Square. Councillor Cheung

6. Retirement of Nancy Daniels from the Department of Human Services. Mayor Maher
7. Retirement of Mary Lou Wright from the School Department. Mayor Maher
8. Retirement of Marie Sullivan from the School Department. Mayor Maher
9. Retirement of Anna E. Sullivan from the School Department. Mayor Maher
10. Retirement of Helen Munro from the School Department. Mayor Maher
11. Retirement of Barbara Hickey from the School Department. Mayor Maher
12. Retirement of Barbara Gaul from the School Department. Mayor Maher
13. Congratulations to Senator Sal DiDomenico on securing the Democratic nomination for the Middlesex, Suffolk, Essex seat in the Massachusetts State Senate. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Dorothy E. "Dot" (Jennings) Campbell. Mayor Maher
15. Congratulations to Officer Michael "Whitey" Daniliuk, Mr. Robert Hurbut and Mr. Khari Milner for being this year's Leading Role Honorees of CCTV. Councillor Simmons
16. Speedy recovery wishes to Mr. Andrew Spears. Councillor Simmons
17. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Monty and Francine Boykin on their 49th wedding anniversary. Councillor Simmons
18. Congratulations to Ms. Estella Johnson on her appointment as Board Trustee of Connecticut College. Councillor Simmons
19. Congratulations to Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis on being appointed to the Board of Directors to the ICLELI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA. Councillor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Marc and Mary Anne McGovern on their birth of their twins Connor and Addison. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Seidel, Councillor Toomey
21. Resolution on the death of Dorothy M. (Casagrande) Venturini. Mayor Maher
22. Resolution on the death of Barbara L. Clemons. Mayor Maher
23. Congratulations to Jenna Koeman on the occasion of receiving a scholarship from The Timocracy Foundation. Councillor Cheung
24. Congratulations to Vicent Conte on the reopening of his restaurant, Think Tank. Councillor Cheung
25. Congratulations to Molly Cosel on the occasion of receiving a scholarship from The Timocracy Foundation. Councillor Cheung
26. Resolution on the death of Private James Fleet McClamrock. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Philip Chad Jenkins. Councillor Decker
28. Congratulations and thanks to Whole Foods Market for their donation of 5% of their profits on Sept 23, 2010 to the

- Cambridge Community Schools' Scholarship Fund.  
Mayor Maher
29. Congratulations to Michael and Lisa Cohen on the birth of their daughter Dalia on Sept 17, 2010. Mayor Maher
  30. Congratulations to City Councillor E. Denise Simmons on receiving an award at the 2010 Tribute Awards to Outstanding Women. Councillor Toomey
  31. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School's Visual and Performing Arts Department on being named to the Boston Magazine 2010 Honor Roll. Mayor Maher
  32. Welcome wishes to The Forsyth Institute on its relocation to Cambridge. Mayor Maher
  33. Welcome Clevergreen Cleaners to Kendall Square. Councillor Toomey
  34. Congratulations to the organizers and participants of 4 the Love of Art exhibition from Sept 19-Oct 3, 2010 at the Stebbins Gallery in Harvard Square. Vice Mayor Davis
  35. Congratulations to Whole Foods Market on their 30th anniversary. Vice Mayor Davis
  36. Congratulations to THE QUEST for Innovation on bringing together all aspects of the innovation and creative communities for a high-tech exploration and celebration of Cambridge's heritage as a leader in driving global innovation. Councillor Cheung
  37. Best wishes to On The Rise on their annual gala on Sept 23, 2010. Councillor Cheung
  38. Congratulations to Solutions at Work on their fourteenth annual "Frostbite Open" golf tournament. Councillor Decker
  39. Congratulations to Steven and Linda Brion-Meisels on receiving the Community Peacemaker Award at the annual Community Dispute Settlement Center Gala. Councillor Decker
  40. Congratulations to Jack Wofford on receiving the Spirit of Meditation Award at the Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center's annual gala. Councillor Decker
  41. Congratulations to Matthew Carter on receiving the AIGA Boston Fellow Award for his work creating computer fonts. Councillor Decker
  42. Congratulations to the Cambridge Community Foundation for making a \$45,000 grant available to local organizations. Mayor Maher
  43. Congratulations to the United States Department of Transportation Research and Innovative Administration's Volpe Center on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. Mayor Maher
  44. Congratulations to the Department of Human Services for their work in winning recognition from America's Promise Alliance which named Cambridge one of the United States 100 Best communities for children and young people. Mayor Maher
  45. Thanks to all the people and city departments that helped to organize the Danehy Park Family Day. Mayor Maher
  46. Happy 75th Birthday wishes to former Mayor and City Councillor Sheila Doyle Russell. Mayor Maher

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the possibility of working with the NSTAR/OPower project to report to Cambridge residents on their energy use. Vice Mayor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the planning process for the Concord Avenue redesign, the outreach efforts to inform the public of the project and how the planned changes in bike facilities in the project area were advertised in the outreach efforts. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation on the feasibility of extending the pedestrian light at the Magazine Street pedestrian bridge. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and request an increase in patrols in the Antrim Street area and to conduct a community meeting to inform and address concerns of residents in this area and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung and Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department to rectify the situation of the raised pipe in front of TD Bank at 1270 Massachusetts Avenue which is a safety issue. Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the feasibility of adding historical sub-signs to street signs and replacing those sub-signs that were installed for the Bicentennial and commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 in 2012 with street sub-signs or some other method. Vice Mayor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department to repair the sidewalk recently replaced with asphalt that is difficult to negotiate just west of the Cambridge Senior Center. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Reeves and Councillor Kelley
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments to look into the feasibility of reinstalling a trash barrel at the corner of Museum Way, opposite the Science Museum. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Healthy Parks and Playgrounds Advisory Committee. Councillor Seidel
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the safety policies and procedures in place to monitor the maintenance of natural gas pipelines in the city so that catastrophic incidents like the one in San Bruno do not occur in Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
11. That the City Manager is requested to publicize information regarding The Safe Driving Law which goes into effect on Sept 30, 2010. Councillor Seidel
12. That the City Manager is requested to communicate with the Postmaster in order to determine the reason(s) for mail not being held at the Post Office after telephone and internet requests of residents. Councillor Decker

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Claims Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 16, 2010 to consider claims filed against the City.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on Aug 10, 2010 to discuss bike facilities including bike lanes, bike tracks and bike parking.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor David P. Maher, transmitting a year-long calendar of scheduled meetings that the School Committee would like to hold in the Sullivan Chamber.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Leland Cheung, transmitting a copy of the city of Somerville's Tree Preservation Ordinance.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Sept 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Sept 28

4:00pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss campus safety. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Sept 30

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss planting, maintenance and protection of street trees and any other matters that may come before the committee with regard to Cambridge trees. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Oct 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Oct 5

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Oct 12

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

### Thurs, Oct 14

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the digital divide. (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 Roundtable Meeting for discussion in preparation of City Council goal setting process. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Nov 16

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 14

6:00pm School Committee Budget Retreat (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 21

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 27, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of working with the NSTAR/OPower project to report to Cambridge residents on their energy use.

O-2 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the planning process for the Concord Avenue redesign, the outreach efforts to inform the public of the project and how the planned changes in bike facilities in the project area were advertised in the outreach efforts.

O-3 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation on the feasibility of extending the pedestrian light at the Magazine Street pedestrian bridge.

O-4 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there have been a number of house breaks in the area of Antrim Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and request an increase in patrols in this area and to conduct a community meeting to inform and address concerns of residents in this area and to report back to the City Council.

O-5 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that a raised one inch pipe is causing a trip hazard in front of TD Bank at 1270 Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: There have been numerous complaints made to bank officials that customers have tripped on said pipe and have suffered scrapes and bruises; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to rectify this issue.

O-6 Sept 27, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of adding historical sub-signs to street signs and replacing those sub-signs that were installed for the Bicentennial; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 in 2012 with street sub-signs or by some other method, especially in Cambridgeport where several street names relate to the War of 1812.

O-7 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department to repair the sidewalk recently replaced with asphalt that is difficult to negotiate just west of the Cambridge Senior Center.

O-8 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that a trash barrel has recently been removed from the corner of Museum Way, opposite the Science Museum; and

WHEREAS: Business owners have complained that since the removal of said trash barrel, they have had to pick up litter themselves from the sidewalks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of reinstalling a trash barrel in the before-mentioned location.

O-9 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: There have been recent discussions in City Council meetings regarding the status of the playgrounds attached to schools; and

WHEREAS: The City Council and city departments have recognized that it is crucial that these areas are well-maintained and safe, given the number of children who use these playgrounds on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS: There have been increased efforts by the Department of Public Works, the Police Department and others to make sure playgrounds are in good condition and used appropriately by area residents; and

WHEREAS: School staff have helped with these efforts, continuing to patrol these areas for any debris, monitoring

playground equipment, etc. before their students use the playground on school days; and

WHEREAS: School communities across the city have continued to take an active role in ensuring the safety of all who use the playground, and have offered ideas on how to improve these playgrounds, including using motion-detector lighting and posting of signage regarding park hours to help monitor and enforce guidelines regarding park activity; and

WHEREAS: The city has advocated for the creation of a Health Parks and Playgrounds Advisory Committee to discuss and evaluate the implementation of the Healthy Parks and Playgrounds goals and objectives, and serve as an advisory group to city staff on future planning; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Healthy Parks and Playgrounds Advisory Committee.

O-10 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: On Sept 9, 2010, a thirty-inch natural gas pipe erupted in San Bruno, California, resulting in a devastating explosion and fire that killed four people, injured fifty-two people, burned thirty-seven structures and damaged seven other structures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the safety policies and procedures in place to monitor the maintenance of natural gas pipelines in the city so that catastrophic incidents like the one in San Bruno do not occur in Cambridge.

O-11 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Safe Driving Law goes into effect on Sept 30, 2010 in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: It includes provisions that ban text-messaging for all Massachusetts drivers, prohibit junior operators from using cell phones, institute new license renewal procedures for mature drivers and strengthen the Commonwealth's medical reporting system; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize this information in city departments and to the citizens of Cambridge.

O-12 Sept 27, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that a number of Cambridge residents asked via the telephone and internet for their mail to be held at the Post Office while on vacation; and

WHEREAS: These residents came home to find their mail had not been held; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate with the Postmaster in order to determine the reason(s) for this; and be it further

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