

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek approval from the Mass Dept. of Revenue of the tax rate for FY2013:
  - A. Authorize the use of Free Cash of \$9,000,000 to reduce the FY13 tax rate;
  - B. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overlay surplus/reserves to be used for reducing the FY13 tax rate;
  - C. Authorize \$609,570 from the School Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget;
  - D. Appropriate \$10,000,000 from Free Cash to the City Debt Stabilization Fund;
  - E. Classify property into five classes;
  - F. Adopt the minimum residential factor of 55.9809%;
  - G. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes;
  - H. Vote to double the normal value of the statutory exemptions;
  - I. Vote the FY13 exemption of \$293 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D;
  - J. Vote the FY13 asset limits of \$58,197 allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E;
  - K. Vote the FY13 income and asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D as follows: Income limits of \$24,063 for single and \$36,095 for married; and asset limits of \$48,125 for single and \$66,172 for married;
  - L. Vote the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for the purposes of MGL Chapter 62, Section 6, subsection (k) for a single person (\$52,000) and for married (\$78,000);
  - M. Vote to accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56, which allows members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are on active duty to obtain a reduction of all or part of their real and personal property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country; and
  - N. Vote to accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5N, which allows for the creation of an work-off abatement program for veterans.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-44, regarding a report on how the proposal by Global Oil, LLC will impact Cambridge.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-92, regarding a report on the costs associated with BIO2012 and new endeavors and city partnerships identified through the event.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-98, regarding a report on placing an appropriate sign indicating entrance into the City of Cambridge from the North Bank Pedestrian Bridge.

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-113, regarding a report on parking regulations for commercial vehicles parking in neighborhoods during construction projects.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with the view in mind of making the parking meters located on Charles Street between Fulkerson Street and Sixth Street free of fees on Saturdays. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Seven of Sept 24, 2012.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
3. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor

vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]

### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Don Condie requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 6 Linnaean Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works with conditions. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from CARU Associates, et al., transmitting written protest to the Susan Yanow, et al. Zoning Petition.
2. A communication was received from Norma Askins regarding Carl Barron Plaza.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street transmitting reasons to protect The Magazine Geese and Save Magazine Beach.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Myrtle Nellie (Saunders) Joyce. Councillor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Thomas R. Ryan. Councillor Toomey
3. Welcome Felipe Tobar, Mayor of San Jose Las Flores, and Ana Navarrete, president of the Town Council, to Cambridge in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the sister city between San Jose Las Flores, El Salvador and the City of Cambridge. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of James Leo Sullivan. Councillor Maher
5. Congratulations to City Manager Robert W. Healy and his staff on the City's Free Cash Certification. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to Calument/Boston on their upcoming grand opening at 150 First Street. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Lesley University and the Art Institute of Boston as they celebrate The Massachusetts Avenue Storefront Art Project and the Centennial of the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University on Oct 10, 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
8. Proclaim Oct 11, 2012 as the Day of the Girl in Cambridge. Mayor Davis
9. Observe the month of October as Family History Month. Vice Mayor Simmons

### **ORDERS**

1. That the Dedication Committee review the request for a suitable location for a street corner dedication for Amadeu Cruz da Quelha. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Council go on record demanding that Eastern Bus Company rehire any drivers that have been terminated as a consequence of their involvement in organizing their union, that the company refrain from any form of retaliation against those workers who have sought to organize, and that the company treat all its workers with the respect and dignity they deserve. Vice Mayor Simmons

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a public meeting held on Sept 19, 2012 to continue discussions to develop a hiring process for the position of City Manager.

### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

#### **Mon, Oct 1**

- 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)

#### **Wed, Oct 3**

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on an amendment by the City Council to the Zoning Ordinance to add a footnote #15 to Table 6.36.1(a) column III (Open Space, Res A-1, A-2, Res B) stating: "Where a single dwelling unit is located on a private way and where said private way would provide adequate parking for at least one car, with the written notice from the Fire Department that emergency access would not be impaired, the requirement for off street parking is waived." This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by Susan Yanow, et al. to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the following areas: Rezone from the existing Business A to Business A-1 the areas bounded by Windsor and Main Streets and Bishop Allen Drive; and Columbia Street, Bishop Allen Drive, Prospect and Norfolk Streets; Rezone from the existing Business B and Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District (CRDD) to a proposed new district Business B-3 in the area bounded by Green, Landsdowne, Magazine, and Prospect Streets and Massachusetts Avenue; Define as a protected neighborhood zone the area zoned Residence C-1 and bounded by Portland, Main and Windsor Streets and a line 120 feet north of and parallel to Main Street; Rezone the areas currently identified as Municipal Parking Lots numbered 4, 5, and 6 along Bishop Allen Drive to a proposed new Municipal Parking District (MP). This district would not allow construction of any permanent buildings except for public purposes such as performances and farmer's markets and would require a minimum of 7.25% of any lot to be landscaped. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **Wed, Oct 10**

- 2:30pm University Relations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **Mon, Oct 15**

- 5:00pm Special Presentation "Cambridge welcomes Felipe Tobar and Ana Navarrete - community leaders of our Sister City San Jose Las Flores, El Salvador" (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **Tues, Oct 16**

- 3:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the expiring use agreement for University Park and to receive an update from Boston Properties on their commitment to build affordable housing in Kendall Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Friday, Oct 19**

10:00am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Community Benefits. (Ackermann Room)

**Mon, Oct 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 23**

10:00am The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on plans to sell 2 Mount Auburn Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm Environment Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Oct 24**

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map for an area along North Massachusetts Avenue in the vicinity of Trolley Square and Linear Park from Business A-2 to Residence C-2B This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 29**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting between City Council and School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Nov 1**

2:30pm University Relations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Nov 8**

2:30pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 26**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Nov 29**

2:30pm University Relations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Dec 6**

2:30pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 1, 2012

**COUNCILLOR TOOMEY**

ORDERED: That the Dedication Committee review the request for a suitable location for a street corner dedication for Amadeu Cruz da Quelha; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review.

O-2 Oct 1, 2012

**VICE MAYOR SIMMONS**

WHEREAS: The National Labor Relations Board has recently certified the United Steelworkers Union as the sole collective bargaining agent for the bus drivers at Eastern Bus Company in Cambridge, Somerville, Wellesley, and Waltham. The USW was democratically elected by the drivers who work at Eastern Bus Company; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record in urging Eastern Bus Company to obey the law and immediately convene negotiations with the Steelworkers Union; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record demanding that Eastern Bus Company rehire any drivers that have been terminated as a consequence of their involvement in organizing their union, that the company refrain from any form of retaliation against those workers who have sought to organize, and that the company treat all its workers with the respect and dignity they deserve; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Charles Winitzer, President of Eastern Bus Company, on behalf of the entire City Council.