

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that the City Council accept the donation of an ambulance as an Emergency Operations Mobile Command Center in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 52 1/2.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-121, regarding a report on installing additional "one way" signs on Fulkerson Street and a speed bump to reduce speeding.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-63, regarding the impact of the Batelle Study recommendation on Cambridge and Awaiting Report Item Number 11-110, regarding a report on the impact the proposed alternative route would have on Cambridge Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials traffic.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Historical Salaries and Wages account which will be used for part-time archives assistants who provide support for on-going maintenance of the Commission's public archive as well as assisting members of the public with research requests.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for \$45,000 to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$40,789) and to the Grant Fund Fire Salary and Wages account (\$4,211). This grant will provide funds for the purchase of radios, computers, audio visual equipment and training to support the activities of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Coordination within the Fire Department.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for \$3,178.49 to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds for office supplies and equipment in support of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Coordination within the Fire Department.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Port Security Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$400,000 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase a replacement fire/rescue boat.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. 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. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-

4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011. Tabled on Motion of Councillor Cheung on May 2, 2011.]
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-94, regarding a report on fireworks at Corcoran Park on July 4th. [City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Sept 12, 2011 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley.]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Free People, requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 63 Church Street, Space #1. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development, Historical Commission and abutters.
2. An application was received from Richard Schreiber, requesting permission to relocate and modify a curb cut at the premises numbered 52 Brattle Street on the Story Street side; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from George F. Welch Jr. a/k/a Jack, 164 Auburn Street, Apt. 2, regarding filing an Open Meeting Law Complaint as an Individual.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Jose Mourato. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Ernest Paglia. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Betty (Cameron) Cam Spence. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to Stacey King and Shamsher Bam on their recent wedding. Vice Mayor Davis
5. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Andy Caraballo Morales. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Estevan Altamirano. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Joseph G. Murphy, Esq. Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Davis
8. Resolution on the death of Shirley A. (Coiley) Travers. Mayor Maher
9. Resolution on the death of Bruce F. Stevens. Mayor Maher
10. Thanks to all who organized and supported the 2011 Urban Ag Fair which took place on Sept 18, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis
11. Congratulations to the Charles River Watershed Association on being the recipient of the 2011 International Riverprize. Councillor Toomey
12. Acknowledge the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
13. Best wishes to Reverend Irv Cummings as he retires from his position as Pastor of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Councillor Simmons
14. Congratulations to Jeff Walker and Mayeti Gametchu on the birth of their daughter Alice Yosef Gametchu Walker. Councillor Simmons
15. Resolution on the death of Wangari Muta Maathai. Councillor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Dr. Douglas Melton on being named Zander University Professor. Councillor Simmons
17. Congratulations to Dr. Rebecca M. Henderson on being named the John and Natty McArthur University Professor. Councillor Simmons
18. Urge residents to be cognizant that Oct 16th is World Food Day. Councillor Simmons
19. Welcome Reverend Paul Robeson Ford on his installation as Pastor of the Union Baptist Church. Councillor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Dennis and Kerry Collins on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Susanne Collins. Councillor Toomey
21. Congratulations and best wishes to David Percoco and Jennifer Lee on their upcoming wedding. Councillor Toomey
22. Congratulations to Diagnostics For All on their move to Riverside Technology Center at 840 Memorial Drive. Councillor Cheung

23. Congratulations and best wishes to Mary Canning for her success and hard work in opening Follow The Honey at 1332 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Cheung
24. Congratulations to Tim Rowe, CEO at Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC), on his recent appearance on CNBC's "Science on the Street" segment. Councillor Cheung

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to inspect the property at 120 Harvard Street and take appropriate measures to be sure the property is secured and not being used as a dumping ground and to issue fines accordingly and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to ask all appropriate city departments to work with the Cambridge Community Center to solve problems such as parking, snow clearance and other matters as they relate to a winter farmers market. Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to revisit instituting a ban on disposable plastic bags from retailers similar to that in other cities. Councillor Decker
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant departments to ensure that when street signs are removed in the future, no piece of metal that could pose a safety hazard for residents of Cambridge using the sidewalk is left protruding from the sidewalk. Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant city departments to repair the sidewalks on and around the Boardman Street area. Councillor Simmons

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 public meeting held on July 26, 2011 to receive an update on Baby U, and to discuss programming to increase college success for Cambridge youth.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 21, 2011 to discuss the challenges, concerns and opportunities facing the development of farmers markets.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Oct 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Oct 4

3:00pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to hear from MIT about its development plans as they affect students, staff and researchers, and how they are housed. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Oct 6

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Austin, Texas "Parking Benefit District Pilot Program" and any other city parking issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 11**

7:30am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting: revisiting after ten years - where do you go when home is not safe. Malkin Penthouse (Kennedy School of Government)

**Wed, Oct 12**

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the city's plan to deal with natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.200 Central Square Overlay District by deleting Section 20.304.5.3 b., which currently requires all establishments where liquor is served to have their principal public entrance on Massachusetts Avenue or Main Street. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Oct 13**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition from Laura Runkel, et al, to amend the Zoning Map by rezoning an area bordered on the north by the commuter rail tracks, on the south by Bellis Circle and on the east side by Sherman Street from its C1-A designation to Residential C. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 24**

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

**Tues, Oct 25**

4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Oct 26**

4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Nov 2**

4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 3, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to inspect the property at 120 Harvard Street and take appropriate measures to be sure the property is secured and not being used as a dumping ground and to issue fines accordingly and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 Oct 3, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Center is actively working to establish a winter farmers market at 5 Callender Street this year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask all appropriate city departments to work with the Cambridge Community Center to solve problems such as parking, snow clearance and other matters.

O-3 Oct 3, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Washington D.C., San Francisco and thirteen other California municipalities have had great success in curbing the use of disposable plastic bags from retailers; and

WHEREAS: Plastic bags contribute to litter and landfill loads and find their way into our waterways, parks, beaches, and streets. Many animals ingest plastic bags, mistaking them for food, and therefore die. Also, plastic bags are non-biodegradable. The decomposition of plastic bags takes about 1000 years; and

WHEREAS: In 2007 San Francisco became the first city in the U.S. to ban single-use plastic bags in chain grocery stores and pharmacies. Dozens of other cities have followed suit and rising concern about the paltry recyclability of plastic bags has put emphasized the benefit of such bans and the idea of reusable totes. It is estimated that close to 100 million fewer plastic bags were handed out over the last year in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS: In Washington D.C. officials instituted a charge for the use of plastic and paper bags. The ordinance, called the Anacostia River Cleanup, requires retailers to charge an extra five cents for use of plastic or paper bags used towards building sewer grates to prevent trash from entering the river. The program cut bag litter in the river by 60 percent; and

WHEREAS: The Council has requested that the City Manager look into the elimination of plastic bags from retail institutions in the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to revisit instituting a ban similar to that of the cities mentioned above; 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 Oct 3, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: When street signs are removed, a piece of metal is occasionally left on the sidewalk where the previous signs once stood, creating unnecessary hazard; and

WHEREAS: Recently, a resident of Cambridge sustained a serious injury after tripping on one of these metal stumps located on Massachusetts Avenue above the Memorial Drive Underpass heading in the direction of Boston; and

WHEREAS: Accidents of this sort can easily be eliminated; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant departments to ascertain what street signs have been removed recently in Cambridge and if any metal stumps were left protruding from the sidewalk where the former signs once stood; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant departments to ensure that when street signs are removed in the future, no piece of metal that could pose a safety hazard for residents of Cambridge using the sidewalk is left protruding from the sidewalk and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 Oct 3, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the sidewalks on and around the Boardman Street area are in need of some repairs; and

WHEREAS: Uneven sidewalks are a hazard for all but especially for seniors who rely on walking aides; and

WHEREAS: Recently the city has undertaken some long overdue repairs on sidewalks across the city, replacing cracked bricks and making the sidewalks flat and even; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant city departments to repair the sidewalks on and around the Boardman Street area and report back to the City Council.