

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-126, regarding a report on continuous problems with odors from catch basins on Cambridge Street from Inman Square to Lechmere.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 10-127 and 10-151, regarding a report on plans for the Grand Junction Railroad.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-136, regarding a report on the planning process for the Concord Avenue redesign.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a Library Services & Technology Act Grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in the amount of \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Library Salary and Wages account (\$1,845), Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,155) which will support workshops and library materials and staff time to provide on-site services.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-128, regarding an update on the Broadway project.

## **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. Sept 27, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 3-5-1 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 14, 2010 to consider a petition filed by Richard McKinnon, et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map in the North Point PUD-6 District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 1, 2010. Planning Board hearing held Sept 21, 2010. Petition expires Dec 13, 2010.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Jyothi Macharca, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 149 Cherry Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Jehuraphah, requesting permission for a table and chair to display merchandise in front of the premises numbered 13 JFK Street.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, 15 Laurel Street, regarding Tubman Park.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Mary G. Kennedy. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Nancy Marie DiGesio. Vice Mayor Davis
3. Congratulations to Professor Clayton S. Rose on being elected to Freddie Mac's board. Councillor Cheung
4. Wishing continued strength to Louis Andreottola. Councillor Simmons
5. Congratulating Alex and Jodi Robbins on the opening of William Henry Furniture on Huron Avenue. Vice Mayor Davis
6. Congratulating Marilyn Bradshaw on her retirement as Executive Secretary for the School Committee. Councillor Simmons
7. Welcoming Life Alive to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulating Harvard Law Professor, Charles Ogletree on his special convocation and Honorary Degree Ceremony at Wheelock College. Councillor Reeves
9. Congratulations to participating students from Harvard's Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response and the hotline RESPONSE for their work last week in support the Purple Door Campaign. Councillor Cheung
10. Welcome Dekey Tibet Shop to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and Gregg Johnson on their recent marriage. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Decker, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Seidel, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Kelley and Mayor Maher.
12. Congratulations to Shing-Tung Yau and Steve Nadis on the publication of their book "The Shape of Inner Space: String Theory and the Geometry of the universe's Hidden Dimensions." Councillor Seidel

13. Congratulations to Nicolas Guevara, CRLS student, on his art exhibit at City Hall. Mayor Maher
14. Congratulations to the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center on its 15th anniversary. Mayor Maher
15. Congratulations to the Cambridge Historical Society on being awarded a grant to fund a photo digitization project. Councillor Decker, Mayor Maher

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to direct the department to investigate the possibility of designating permit parking only for Davis Street. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to assess the feasibility of installing additional speed bumps on Buckingham Street and to declare the entire street a school zone. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested, to the extent allowed by relevant law, to ensure that Cambridge does not approve any permits that the developer of the Belmont Uplands may request or require from the City of Cambridge until all legal proceedings surrounding this project have been resolved. Councillor Kelley
4. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee is requested to hold a hearing(s) with the intention of developing a more effective method for the City Council and Cambridge residents to discuss mitigation concerns during zoning discussions. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to look into whether overwatering is occurring at Sennott Pocket Park. Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council with a plan on how best to preserve and nurture the several large trees in front of the old Cambridge Library. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Council go on record encouraging voters to vote no on Ballot Question 3 in the Nov 2 election. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Council go on record encouraging voters to vote no on Ballot Question 1 in the Nov 2 election. Councillor Simmons

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Environment Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 30, 2010 to discuss planting, maintenance and protection of street trees and any other matter that may come before the committee with regard to Cambridge trees.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, transmitting a copy of a communication from Mass Dot regarding the possibility of installing a long flat tube slide at a Cambridge MBTA station.

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting notification of the certification of 11,461 signatures of registered voters by the Election Commission of a referendum petition entitled "SAVE OUR SKYLINE" filed with the Election Commission on Oct 15, 2010. The petition protests Paragraph D.3 of Section 7.16.22, Building Identification Signs, and Paragraph E of Section 7.16.22, General Waiver of Sign Limitations, part of Ordinance No. 1335 amending Section 7 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge (the Sign Ordinance).

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Oct 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Oct 27**

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with NSTAR the policy for replacing gas meters in residential properties containing asbestos; power outages; progress on the state energy efficiency plan and any other matters that may properly come before the committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 1**

5:00pm Special Presentation of the Cambridge Healthy Workplace Awards (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 15**

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

##### **Tues, Nov 16**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 22**

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)

##### **Mon, Jan 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Jan 4**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Jan 11**

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

**Tues, Jan 18**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 8**

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

**Mon, Feb 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 8**

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

**Mon, Mar 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to direct the department to investigate the possibility of designating permit parking only for Davis Street.

O-2 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that there have been many reports of speeding on Buckingham Street that puts St. Peter's School children at risk; and

WHEREAS: Buckingham Street has two hairpin turns in just three short blocks and there are constantly "near" collisions as cars speed around the two sharp bends in the road; and

WHEREAS: There is a school zone and speed bump near 10 Buckingham Street for Buckingham Browne and Nichols Lower School but no such traffic-calming measures for the rest of the street; 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 to assess the feasibility of installing additional speed bumps on Buckingham Street and to declare the entire street a school zone and report back to the City Council with a course of action.

O-3 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City Council has passed numerous orders noting the natural resource value and requesting the City Manager to protect the silver maple forest in Belmont and Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Nearly three acres of the Belmont Uplands silver maple forest are in Cambridge and there are currently permits being requested by the developer from the City of Cambridge prior to the resolution of these same issues through permitting processes in our sister town of Belmont and before the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, to the extent allowed by relevant law, to ensure that Cambridge does not approve any permits that the developer may request or require from the City of Cambridge until all legal proceedings surrounding this project have been resolved.

O-4 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing(s) with the intention of developing a more effective method for the City Council and Cambridge residents to discuss mitigation concerns during zoning discussions.

O-5 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the grass in front of the library and Sennott Pocket Park is being overwatered to the point of over-saturation; and

WHEREAS: Not only is this watering unnecessary given the temperatures and weather of the fall season, but the amount of water dispersed in the morning is so great that it creates huge puddles on the lawns rendering them unusable; and

WHEREAS: The City should always look into possible wasteful spending and inefficiencies; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to look into whether overwatering is occurring and if so, what the city can do to rectify this issue and report back to the City Council.

O-6 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that several landscape architects are concerned that several large trees in front of the old Cambridge Library are failing; and

WHEREAS: It is in the City's interest to take care of these trees and make sure that they recover; and

WHEREAS: Trees are an important asset to the city and to the environment. A large tree recaptures a great deal of carbon,

and releases enough oxygen to support two people. Trees reduce surface runoff from storms and prevent soil erosion. they lower air temperature through shade and reduce glare on sunny days; 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 City Council with a plan on how best to preserve and nurture the before-mentioned trees.

O-7 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Ballot question 3 would cut the Massachusetts sales tax from 6.25 percent to 3 percent; and

WHEREAS: This reduction would result in an estimated \$2.5 billion reduction in the state's revenue; and

WHEREAS: Cutting \$2.5 billion would result in cuts to education, local aid, public safety and other important services; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge received \$30.2 million in state aid, which constituted 5.9 percent of its budget; and

WHEREAS: Reductions in state aid would likely lead to cuts to Cambridge's schools, police and fire departments; and

WHEREAS: Reductions in state aid would likely diminish the quality of life in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging voters to vote no on Ballot Question 3 in the Nov 2 election.

O-8 Oct 25, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A yes vote on ballot question 1 would cut the sales tax on alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts has some of the highest rates of alcohol and drug addiction in the country, particularly one of the highest rates of teen drinking in the country; and

WHEREAS: This reduction would result in an estimated \$100 million/year reduction in the funding made available for public health services for residents with behavioral health problems; and

WHEREAS: Without these funds, access to treatment services will once again be greatly limited; and

WHEREAS: Alcohol does not deserve a special tax exemption because is not considered a necessities like food, clothing, and prescription medication; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging voters to vote no on Ballot Question 1 in the Nov 2 election.