

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocation grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$484,101 to the Grant Fund School Department Salary & Wages account, which will be used to support the following: four paraprofessional positions and partial funding for one physical therapist position to provide continued support to students in inclusion classrooms and programs based on individual education plans (IEPs); one psychologist to assist with district wide services as well as to provide services for students at the Amigos school; a teacher and one teaching assistant for a new Special Education Transition classroom for students who are between the ages of 18 and 22; a teacher and two teaching assistants for a preschool Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) classroom.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) - Early Childhood Special Education, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$47,610 to the Grant Fund School Department Salary & Wages account (\$34,505) and to Grant Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$13,105) which will be used to increase opportunities for quality inclusionary practice and to provide a staff trainer for inclusion classrooms to coach staff in strategies for working with students on improving positive social emotional skills.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-23, regarding a report on the possibility of doubling the number of solar panels to be installed on the high school using stimulus funds.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-98, regarding a report on assigning one stationary police officer in a prominent location in Central Square.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-97, regarding a report on plans for the reuse of 5 Western Avenue.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-106, regarding a report on drafting language to curb motorcycle noise in the City.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-42, regarding a report on planting trees in parking lot #8 and surveying all City parking lots and library branches with a plan for tree maintenance.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-72, regarding a report on whether City streetlights are configured to prevent "disability glare."

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. That the City Manager is requested to develop a plan to reduce interior lighting use at the Main Library to only those hours when library patrons or staff benefit from the lights being on. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Twelve of Oct 19, 2009.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council if any residents are in danger of losing their housing due to the fiscal status of affordable housing providers in Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Order Number Fourteen of Oct 19, 2009.]
3. That the City Manager is requested to submit to the City Council a request for an appropriation sufficient to enable the City Council to undertake academic or legal counsel to review the Plan E Charter. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Fifteen of Oct 19, 2009.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments about putting a temporary freeze, until further notice, on licenses for shuttle services in the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Order Number Seventeen of Oct 19, 2009.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

5. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 2008.]
6. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as favoring a ballot initiative during the next local municipal election that shall allow Cambridge voters to have their voices heard on ridding the world of nuclear weapons. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Decker on a Roll Call Vote of 6-3-0 on Order Number Two of Sept 21, 2009.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. 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 Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
9. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 25, 2009 for the purpose of considering the Historical Committee's recommendation with regard to the Avon Hill

Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Report and Revised Recommendations. Committee Report Number One of Sept 21, 2009 was Accepted and Placed on File, Proposed Ordinance Passed to Second Reading and Order remains on Unfinished Business.

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting his support of the three resolutions on greyhound racing , H3643 to reduce speed limits on local roads and H853 creates a sensible balance between the construction of new buildings and the protection of open space.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Robert Ames from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Daniel J. Rivera. Councillor Decker
3. Thanks to Food for Free for their service to the city and best wishes for a successful Party Under the Harvest Moon event on Oct 23, 2009. Councillor Davis
4. Best wishes to the Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund on its "Home Sweet Home" event on Oct 30, 2009. Vice Mayor Seidel
5. Thanks to Mia Linger-Powell for her dedication and leadership as the Director of the Cambridge Camping Association's Daybreak Day Camp. Councillor Davis and entire membership

### ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to locate \$5,000 annual funding for the "One for the Arts Program" as the city continues to explore a mechanism for allowing constituents to contribute toward this program as they pay certain bills or fees to the city. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to send the City Arborist to Hubbard Avenue where the City has received complaints of tree roots that are coming through the sidewalk. Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate personnel to review the timing of the lights at Prospect Street and Massachusetts Avenue and at River Street and Western Avenue. Mayor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to provide appropriate data from the Inspectional Services Department on the new housing starts in Cambridge that would have been affected by the proposed stretch energy code. Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Cambridge Public Health Department to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Department of Human Services and the Multi-Service Center to address bedbug extermination protocol and the associated costs for residents. Councillor Decker
6. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate personnel and resources to enable a Climate Congress World Cafe to be held on Dec 5, 2009. Councillor Davis, Councillor Maher and Mayor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress in forming the Coordinating Council on Aging in Place. Councillor Davis

8. Dedication of the plaza in Harvard Square at the kiosk to be named "Manny Martins, Danny Murphy and Steve Simard Square. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the possibility of installing seating at the Pacific Street Dog Park and also adding lighting which would make the park much more usable during the winter months. Councillor Davis
10. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the Blessed Sacrament Church construction project, specifically, why there has been a delay in construction and whether or not the developer is building beyond the scope of the permitted plans. Councillor Decker

### 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 hearing held on Sept 30, 2009 for the purpose of a panel discussion on whether a program similar to the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success could advance the goal of college graduation for all low income students in Cambridge.

### HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, Oct 29

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the second of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Diane Levin, author of So Sexy So Soon, the New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

#### Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, Nov 5

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the third of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Nancy Carlsson-Paige, professor of early childhood education at Lesley University will be discussing her most recent book, Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, compassionate Kids, and the impact of violence, especially in the media, the children's lives and social development. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

#### Tues, Nov 10

3:00pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of holding a folk festival in the city in 2010. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, Nov 17

2:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the use of cell phones while driving and security cameras at the Alewife T station. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Nov 18**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for the Shell Spectacular Sign at 187 Magazine Street at the corner of Memorial Drive. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by Richard D. Fanning et al., to amend Section 5.25.3 - Exemption for Existing Parking Facilities by inserting the phrase "except if located in an Industry A-1 District" to the end of the paragraph, and delete in Section 20.40 - Eastern Cambridge Housing Overlay District the text in Section 20.44.3 referencing height limits for the area of the Overlay District between the railroad right-of-way and Medeiros Avenue, also known as the Kendall Cinema site, and delete from the Zoning Map that portion of the Overlay District encompassing the same area. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Dec 10**

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the fourth of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Richard Weissbourd author of The Parents We Mean to Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children's Moral and Emotional Development. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

**Mon, Dec 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 26, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has been shown that children who are exposed to the arts at a young age tend to develop into more well-rounded, more intellectually curious individuals; and

WHEREAS: Studies suggest that children who excel in art programs are more likely to excel in other academic areas, and that they are apt to develop more diverse cognitive skills and creative ways of approaching problems; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long supported arts programs for all, and particularly for our youth. Cambridge has always championed the notion that it is vital to fund the arts, which enrich the community in immeasurable ways; and

WHEREAS: Proper funding is critical to sustaining the City's arts programs, and it is essential that the community

continue to invest in and be aware of this area of our children's education and development; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to locate \$5,000 annual funding for the "One for the Arts Program" as the City continues to explore a mechanism for allowing constituents to contribute toward this program as they pay certain bills or fees to the City. The Mayor's Office will seek additional funding sources and will initiate the annual process of allocating funds to children's art programs.

O-2 Oct 26, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to send the City Arborist to Hubbard Avenue where the City has received complaints of tree roots that are coming through the sidewalk.

O-3 Oct 26, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate personnel to review the timing of the lights at Prospect Street and Massachusetts Avenue and at River Street and Western Avenue.

O-4 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The City Council will be considering the stretch energy code; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide appropriate data from the Inspectional Services Department on the new housing starts in Cambridge that would have been affected by the proposed stretch energy code.

O-5 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Bedbugs are a public health issue; and

WHEREAS: The costs incurred by the individual resident or household to adequately address a bedbug infestation can range from a few hundred dollars to over a thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS: Some households cannot afford such costs and, as bedbugs are a public health issue, the ability to permanently address a bedbug infestation should not come down to a matter of economic status; and

WHEREAS: There needs to be a systemic response to this public health issue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Cambridge Public Health Department to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Department of Human Services and the Multi-Service Center to address bedbug extermination protocol and the associated costs for residents.

O-6 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MAHER

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City Council has the goal of having a World Cafe every year; and

WHEREAS: This year the City Council has declared a climate emergency which requires convening a range of people to

reflect on what the goals should be for Cambridge as a city and for individuals in the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate personnel and resources to enable a Climate Congress World Cafe to be held on Dec 5, 2009; and be it further

ORDERED: That the proceedings of the Congress be made available to the City Council for its use in the 2010-2011 term.

O-7 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: On June 1, 2009 the City Council adopted a Council Order asking the City Manager to recommend to the City Council a formally recognized Coordinating Council on Aging in Place that has express representation from city departments, the Department of Public Health and open representation from community groups, residents and non-profits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress in forming the Coordinating Council on Aging in Place.

O-8 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the plaza in Harvard Square at the kiosk to be named "Manny Martins, Danny Murphy and Steve Simard Square;" and be it further

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-9 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Pacific Street Dog Park is very popular with Cambridgeport residents and would be further enhanced by the addition of seating and additional lighting; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of installing seating at the park and also adding lighting which would make the park much more usable during the winter months.

O-10 Oct 26, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the Blessed Sacrament Church construction project, specifically, why there has been a delay in construction and whether or not the developer is building beyond the scope of the permitted plans; and be it further

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