

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$5,400 to the Grant Fund Historical Salaries and Wages account (\$4,200) and to the Grant Fund Historical Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,200) which will primarily fund an archives assistant who provides support for on-going maintenance of the Commission's public archive as well as assisting members of the public with research requests.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Grant for \$4,987.57 to the Public Works Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which provides reimbursement to the City for installing a total of 21 dual-flush toilets or low-flow toilet retrofits in various municipal buildings.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$154,730 in the General Fund Election Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the two special elections which are scheduled for Dec 8, 2009 (primary election) and Jan 19, 2010 (general election) for the vacant U.S. Senate seat and will be supported by Free Cash (\$128,000) and an estimated State reimbursement of (\$26,730) for the extended polling hours.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$958,388 in interest earnings associated with the \$10.7 million Massachusetts Public Construction grant received from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to the Public Investment Fund Library Extraordinary Expenditures account to offset the construction costs of the new main library.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$88,979.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$86,734.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,245.00) and will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Transitional Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. 5, dated 9/14/2009, regarding the Stretch Energy Code.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2009: Brian Gillis
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-133, regarding the possibility of installing bicycle racks at Broadway Market and the new Trader Joe's at Fresh Pond.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from BHX, LLC, as Trustee ("BHX") to release a portion of a City-owned water and sewer utility easement burdening property in the northwest corner of Cambridge. In exchange for the partial release of

easement, BHX has agreed to grant a new, relocated water, sewer and utility easement in favor of the City in other portions of northwest Cambridge within Cambridge Discovery Park, and construct new utility facilities in these easement corridors.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. 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.]
2. 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.]
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 6, 2009 for the purpose of initiating a community conversation on strengthening the community for a safer neighborhood. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Davis on Committee Report Number Two of Nov 2, 2009.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. 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.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Charlotte Wagner, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 163 Brattle 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 LA Burdick Chocolate, requesting permission for a rope system to control customer flow in front of premises numbered 52-D Brattle Street.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Janice M. (McDonald) Xavier. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Richard C. Callahan. Councillor Maher
3. Congratulations to Dr. Thomas H. Click on his 37 years of neurological practice, expertise, award-winning teaching and leadership. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Elaine (Daveta) and Alan Nathan on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Nov 17, 2009. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Stephen L. Murphy. Councillor Decker
6. Appreciation to Steve Wineman for his work on behalf of the Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET). Vice Mayor Seidel
7. Resolution on the death of Frank E. Rivieccio. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Cathy Ann Sullivan. Councillor Toomey
9. Get well wishes to Joseph Johnson. Councillor Reeves
10. Resolution on the death of Valeria Hudson Wallace. Councillor Reeves
11. Thanks to the many people responsible for realizing the Main Library renewal project and the two opening celebrations. Councillor Reeves

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to keep the City Council informed of all of Cambridge Housing Authority updates formally on a regular basis--given that renovations are happening quickly due to the stimulus money and that many of the Cambridge Housing Authority information meetings on this subject are held on Monday nights when the City Council is in session. Councillor Decker
2. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council on what impact the Cambridge Housing Authority cuts will specifically have on the Cambridge Housing Authority's Victims of Violence (VOV) Program, and the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT). Councillor Decker
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the reduction of play groups and the change in age eligibility for play groups from the Healthy Playgrounds Task Force. Councillor Decker
4. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate personnel to make sure that the Pacific Street soccer field is smooth and playable. Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that there are safe means of access for pedestrians crossing from the Fresh Pond Shopping Mall to the shopping center which contains Trader Joe's at the Fresh Pond rotary. Councillor Davis

6. That the City Manager is requested to inform the City Council regarding whether the Cambridge Police Department has a written set of procedures and protocols which can be known by the Council and/or the general public. Councillor Reeves

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 29, 2009 to discuss clarification of the city's policy of parking motorcycles and motor scooters on city sidewalks.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Nov 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 30**

5:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the hiring of lateral transfers for the Cambridge Police Department. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the status of the follow-up investigation and communication to residents and businesses regarding the shooting on Cambridge Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Dec 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 7**

5:00pm Special Presentation to the Luminary Award Recipients (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Dec 8**

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues regarding the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA), including multi-million dollar renovation of CHA sites, vacancy on CHA Board, potential changing of status of CHA units from being state-funded to being federally funded and any other issues regarding the CHA that may properly come before the committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Dec 9**

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss adoption of the State Stretch Energy Code. (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)

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss what are the current priority issues for the neighborhood associations in the city. Place of meeting changed from Ackermann Room to Sullivan Chamber after notices were sent out. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **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)

**Mon, Jan 4**

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Jan 5**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Jan 19**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 2**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 2**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Mar 16**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Nov 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Housing Authority will be receiving stimulus money; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the total number of units that will be renovated due to the new stimulus money; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on how many three bedroom family units the city will lose - in addition to the twelve that will be lost at Jackson Garden; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on how many Section 8 vouchers and MRVP vouchers will be taken off the market to help finance the renovations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council on how the Cambridge Housing Authority will work with the families at Jackson Garden to identify new family housing with the least disruption; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to keep the City Council informed of all of these updates formally on a regular basis--given that these changes are happening so quickly due to the stimulus money and that many of the Cambridge Housing Authority information meetings on this subject are held on Monday nights when the City Council is in session; and be it further

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

O-2 Nov 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance has made significant programming and services cuts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on what impact the Cambridge Housing Authority cuts will specifically have on the Cambridge Housing Authority's Victims of Violence (VOV) Program, and the Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to include in his response information about what exactly was cut, what services and resources will be lost, whether or not there are alternatives to these services and resources, and what, if any, services these programs will continue to provide after these cuts have been made; 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-3 Nov 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the reduction of play groups and the change in age eligibility for play groups from the Health Playgrounds Task Force.

O-4 Nov 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate personnel to make sure that the Pacific Street soccer field is smooth and playable.

O-5 Nov 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The new shopping center which contains the popular Trader Joe's store on the Fresh Pond rotary is now open across from the Fresh Pond Shopping Mall; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that there are safe means of access for pedestrians crossing the road from one mall to the other.

O-6 Nov 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council regarding whether the Cambridge Police Department has a written set of procedures and protocols which can be known by the Council and/or the general public.