

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Councillor Maher notified the City Clerk of his intention to move reconsideration of the vote taken on Nov 17, 2008 adopting the order that the City Council go on record requesting the School Committee provide the City Council with the requested information regarding Individualized Education Plans contained in Order #5 of Mar 3, 2008.

**Reconsideration prevailed on a voice vote (with Councillor Kelley voting NO). The Order was amended to instead refer the inquiry to a future Roundtable meeting.**

O-8 AMENDED ORDER (originally filed by Councillor Decker) Nov 24, 2008

WHEREAS: On March 3, 2008, the City Council adopted a Policy Order requesting that the City Manager confer with the Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools regarding Individualized Education Plans (Council O-5); and

WHEREAS: On October 20, 2008, the City Manager reported back that Council Orders referred to the Superintendent are in turn referred to the School Committee, and that as of October 20th no response had been received. As such, the Council Order was removed from the Awaiting Report List; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the issue of Individualized Education Plans be referred to a roundtable between the City Council and School Committee which will be scheduled by the Mayor.

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Kids' Council effective Nov 17, 2008: Donna Cabral, Steven J. Swanger, Tina Alu, Benjamin Likis
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-131, regarding a report on police details and the timetable for completion of the construction work on Inman Street.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative appropriation of the Bunker Hill Community College Grant in the amount of \$3,250.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$3,041.00) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$209.00) and will be used to support a portion of the salaries of four full-time and four part-time Community Learning Center teachers and will allow for the professional development of these teachers on curriculum and instruction activities to assist upper level students in transitioning to higher education.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the STOP Act grant program for \$50,000.00 funded by the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$14,500.00), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$33,500.00), and to the Travel and Training account (\$2,000.00) and will be used by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to create new 21 Proof trainings for security personnel, and to create marketing campaigns, including both print and electronic media, to reduce social access of alcohol to those under 21.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 21 Proof Training

donations in the amount of \$16,125.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$11,125.00), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,500) and to the Travel and Training account (\$1,500.00) which will be used by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to support staff salaries and conferences.

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from America's Promise in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Grant Fund Travel and Training account and are a reimbursement to the City for travel by three teens and staff to attend the award ceremony in which the City was recognized as one of the 100 Best Communities for Children and Youth by America's Promise for the third time.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of the Housing Assistance Program Grant (HAP) received from the Community Action Programs Inter-City Inc. for \$190,200.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$177,586.02), to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$10,332.98), and to the Travel and Training account (\$2,281.00) and will be used to provide operating expenses for the HAP program which provides housing search and stabilization services.  
**Referred to Human Services Committee**

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation for the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) received from the Community Action Programs Inter-City (CAPIC) Inc. for \$75,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account. and will be used to assist clients in obtaining and retaining permanent housing, and resolving the problems that put them at risk for losing housing. **Referred to Human Services Committee**

## 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.]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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.]
3. 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.]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from President and Fellows of Harvard College, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 140 Mount Auburn Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Francis Fox Spinks, regarding the restoration of the portion of Joan Lorentz Park that faces Cambridge Street and is included in the renovation of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Michael P. Riley. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
2. Well wishes to Councillor Decker and her family. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Davis, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Murphy, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Toomey
3. Acknowledge Dec 8-9, 2008 as Yan Xin Life Science and Technology Days in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
4. Best wishes to Eric Weltman, Sarah Bennett and Zachary Bennett Weltman on their relocation to New York. Councillor Seidel
5. Resolution on the death of Elaine (Chason) Meucci. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Richard Joseph Calnan. Councillor Maher
7. Best wishes to Steve Morr-Wineman as he celebrates his 60th birthday and the 2nd anniversary of his business GreenPort. Councillor Davis
8. Retirement of Clothilde Delgado from the Human Services Department. Mayor Simmons
9. Happy 98th Birthday wishes to Mattie Hayes. Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulations to the Art of Black Dance and Music on their 35th annual pre-Kwanza celebration on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to the Reitano family on being named the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society's "Family of the Year." Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
12. Congratulations to Anna Granata on being named the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society's "Woman of the Year." Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
13. Congratulations to Father Pedro J. Damazio of St. Anthony's Pariosh as he celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on December 13, 2008. Councillor Toomey
14. Congratulations to SEIU Local 615 organizers, security guards and property owners and large tenants in Cambridge for bargaining fairly and in good faith to a positive result. Mayor Simmons
15. Resolution on the death of Thomas F. Murphy Sr. Councillor Toomey

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to examine ways to ensure that all playgrounds adjacent to schools are in good, safe, working order on Monday mornings when children return to the school. Councillor Seidel **Amended**
- 2 (original). That the City Manager is requested to direct relevant City departments to examine the benefits of participation in the Community Rating System and begin the process of applying to CRS. Councillor Seidel
- 2 (**amended**). That the City Manager is requested to direct relevant City departments to examine the costs and benefits of participation in the Community Rating System at each Class Level 5 through 9, undertake any activities necessary to attain at least Class 9, and begin the process of applying to CRS when Class 9 or higher can be attained. Councillor Seidel
3. That the subject for the City Council meeting on Dec 1, 2008 be expanded to include the City's emergency evacuation plans. Councillor Kelley **Order withdrawn by unanimous consent**
4. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update about any plans for the use of the former Marino's Restaurant. Councillor Maher
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to discuss recent trends in crime, if any, that could be problematic in the coming months and the measures being taken to prevent such problems. Councillor Toomey **Referred to Public Safety Committee - Toomey**
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct contact the Cambridge Postmaster expressing citizens' concerns of the Youville House regarding late delivery of the daily mail. Councillor Maher
7. That the Cambridge City Council urge Congress to provide \$5 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and for municipal energy conservation and environmental protection programs. Councillor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to expand the number of Cambridge parks with public toilet facilities by the upcoming spring season. Vice Mayor Murphy
9. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the attached communication received from Francis Fox Spinks regarding restoration of Joan Lorentz Park that faces Cambridge Street and is in the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School renovation. Councillor Davis

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Nov 25

8:45am Facilitated Goal and Training Retreat to determine the City Council goals for FY 2010. No public comment. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

### Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting to hold a public hearing on biohazardous materials and laboratory safety in Cambridge. Public comment is welcomed. Meeting will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 2**

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss further exploration of hoarding and related issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 9**

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of the Human Services Committee trip to the Harlem Children's Zone and next steps to support children and their families during early childhood. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposal to rename Plympton Street in honor of David J. Halberstam. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Dec 11**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition submitted by Lesley University to create a new Lesley Porter Overlay District in the area of Porter Square with a base Business C zoning district. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Jan 7**

6:00pm Human Services Committee (Broad Institute, 7 Cambridge Center)

**Mon, Jan 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Nov 24, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Many schools in the City of Cambridge have playgrounds adjacent to them that are used extensively by the children in the school during the week; and

WHEREAS: The playgrounds are the responsibility of the City's departments and not of the School Department; and

WHEREAS: Playgrounds may not be clean and safe on Monday mornings when the children return to the school **and recently a child was injured at the park adjacent to the Cambridgeport School**; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to examine ways to ensure that all playgrounds adjacent to schools are in good, safe, working order on Monday mornings when children return to the school; and be it further

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with his findings, with special attention to the playground adjacent to the Cambridgeport School; and be it further**

~~ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with his findings.~~

**ORDERED: That Her Honor, the Mayor, be requested to schedule a joint roundtable between the City Council and the School Committee on this matter before the Spring.**

(Original) O-2 Nov 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Cambridge has areas that are impacted by flooding; and WHEREAS: Residents of those areas participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS: NFIP has created the Community Rating System (CRS) that grades communities on their flood mitigation measures; and WHEREAS: CRS can offer participating communities discounts on flood insurance premiums ranging from 5 percent to 45 percent; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct relevant City departments to examine the benefits of participation in the Community Rating System and begin the process of applying to CRS.

**Amended O-2 Nov 24, 2008**

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O-3 Nov 24, 2008 **Order withdrawn by unanimous consent**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the subject for the City Council meeting on Dec 1, 2008 be expanded to include the City's emergency evacuation plans.

O-4 Nov 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update about any plans for the use of the former Marino's Restaurant.

O-5 Nov 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In times of economic downturn there is typically a rise in local crime; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to discuss recent trends in crime, if any, that could be problematic in the coming months and the measures being taken to prevent such problems.

O-6 Nov 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Cambridge Postmaster expressing citizens' concerns of the Youville House regarding late delivery of the daily mail.

O-7 Nov 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The nation is facing energy challenges, including escalating energy costs, and critical choices about energy resources that will affect the nation's future economic well-being and security; and

WHEREAS: The Congress is crafting an Economic Stimulus Package; and

WHEREAS: Many cities have implemented energy conservation and environmental protection programs and similar innovations to conserve energy, protect natural resources and support the economies of their cities and the nation; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and other cities have taken the lead in adopting energy-saving and environmentally-friendly practices, including smart growth solutions, clean and alternative energy options, green building techniques, transportation alternatives, recycling, and green jobs, among others; and

WHEREAS: Energy-saving and environmentally-friendly practices can yield cost savings for municipalities, households, and businesses in this time of budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS: In 2007 Congress passed legislation creating the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), which was modeled after the successful Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS: The EECBG was created to provide grants to municipalities to update energy-efficiency provisions in building codes, renovate old buildings using energy-efficiency technologies, adopt renewable-energy solutions, create incentives for citizens to use transportation alternatives, and implement energy-saving campaigns; and

WHEREAS: The EECBG needs federal funding to provide grants to municipalities and other governments; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Conference of Mayors has estimated that \$5 billion could effectively be used by cities and towns to quickly implement energy efficiency and conservation measures and simultaneously stimulate the economy through job creation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council urge Congress to provide \$5 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and for municipal energy conservation and environmental protection programs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Congressional leadership team, President-Elect Barack Obama, the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the U.S. Conference of Mayors on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Nov 24, 2008

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge families spend significant recreation time at our public parks; and

WHEREAS: Many families are embarrassed or inconvenienced by a lack of public toilet facilities; and

WHEREAS: There are thirty three public parks within the city where there are active sport facilities; and

WHEREAS: Twenty-two of those thirty-three parks have two or more sports associated with them, or have organized leagues using the facilities; and

WHEREAS: Only six of those twenty-two parks have permanent or portable public toilets, and one facility is located on Department of Conservation and Recreation property; and

WHEREAS: There are fifteen locations with on-going sporting events which particularly justify the need for public toilets; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that there is annual cost of approximately \$2250/season per toilet for cleaning and restocking twice per week for public portable toilets, but believes that the community demand for such public toilet facilities is significant; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to expand the number of Cambridge parks with public toilet facilities by the upcoming spring season.

O-9 Nov 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

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