

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 Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District effective Dec 1, 2007:
NAME - TERM
Grenelle Scott (alternate) - one-year
Charles Mann (alternate) - three-years
Robert Banker - two-years
Dennis Wolkoff - two-years
Judith Dortz - three-years
James Van Sickle - three-years
William King - one-year
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-129, regarding a report on the temporary occupancy permit for the Mirant buildings.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-92, regarding a report on making restrooms in new City facilities available to the general public.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-124, regarding a report on ongoing problems at the Fresh Pond move theater.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Human Services Department Extraordinary Expenditures account for a Pilot Digital Divide Program.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation of an Urban Self- Help Grant through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the amount of \$270,000 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the renovations to the Cambridge Common Playground.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation of \$270,000 in Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to support renovations to the Cambridge Common Playground.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$3,000,000 in Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to fund street and sidewalk reconstruction projects and the planting and maintenance of street trees throughout the city.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$5,000 Grant from the Brockton Communities Mobilization for Change on Alcohol to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide technical assistance and training around the Cambridge's award-winning 21 Proof Server/Seller Training Program to the City of Brockton's package store owners/ managers.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation

received from the Friends of the Community Learning Center for \$16,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Salary and Wages account to support the salaries of two part-time teachers who will provide two ESOL classes at the Community Learning Center.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Housing Assistance Program Grant (HAP) received from the Community Action Programs Inter-City Inc. for \$149,903 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to be used to provide housing search and stabilization services by three Multi-Service Center staff members funded from the grant to families referred by the Department of Transitional Assistance.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Cambridge Mount Auburn Hospital Grant in the amount of \$13,900.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$13,180.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$720.00) and will be used to support two ESOL classes and its related services provided by the Community Learning Center.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Pilot Classroom Quality Grant for \$11,000 received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$5,032) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,968) and will be used to pay for training for all DHSP Preschool staff on the use of an electronic Word Sampling assessment system which measures a child's progress across seven developmental areas.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$6,800 to the Grant Fund Historical Salaries and Wages account (\$6,050) and to the Grant Fund Historical Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$750) 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.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a Fair Housing Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$66,470 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$43,370), and Grant Fund Human Rights Travel and Training Account (\$23,100) which will be used to cover a portion of the salary of an Attorney-Investigator, who works on cases from the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP).
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the City Council's Nov 19, 2007 order requesting a draft of the revisions to the Substitute Leaf Blower Amendment to the Noise Ordinance.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-70, regarding a report on how to make Tyler Court clearly
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- defined as it crosses the Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Item Number Two of Nov 19, 2007.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-113, regarding a report on the number of noise and nuisance complaints received in the past two years against licensed establishments. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 19, 2007.]
 3. That the City Council go on record urging that any new legislation to bring generic biotech drugs to the market faster include provisions to ensure that the public health is protected by adequate testing of follow-on biologics and that the ability of biotech companies to recoup sufficient returns to keep them investing in this important enterprise is also protected. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Maher in Order Number Six of Nov 19, 2007.]

ON THE TABLE

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
6. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
7. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 4-4-0-1 on Sept 17, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 3-5-1 on Sept 24, 2007.]
9. A communication was received from Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent of Schools, transmitting a copy of the annual Affirmative Action Report. [Placed on Table Communications and Reports from City Officers Number One of Sept 10, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Decker.]

10. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
11. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
12. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee schedule a meeting to discuss with the new owners the impact on the 55 Magazine Street tenants of the recent sale of the building and their concern about their security as tenants and the new owners' plans for the building, especially any plans to convert the building to condominiums. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Forty-Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Placed on table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Sept 17, 2007.]
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Tom McNichol, President of the Charles River Clean Up Boat, and MIT to resolve the issue of the financial status of this organization. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number One of Sept 17, 2007. Placed on Table on the motion of Vice Mayor Toomey on Sept 24, 2007.]
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-120, regarding a report on the condition of 56 Churchill Avenue. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Number Two of Nov 5, 2007. Placed on the Table City Manager Agenda Number Two of Nov 5, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Kelley.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. 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.]
16. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael

- A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of continuing to consider a proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance to regulate leaf blowers. See Order #23 of Oct 29, 2007. City Council made amendments to this proposed substitution which was City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Nov 19, 2007 and referred proposed substitution as amended to Unfinished Business. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007.
17. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 5, 2007 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Planning Board to re-zone portions of the Residence C-1 zoning district to a Residence B district in the Strawberry Hill Neighborhood along Cushing Street between St. Sauveur Court and Thingvalla Avenue, in the area of Oxford and Fairview Avenue, and the corner of Huron Avenue and Cushing Street. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 8, 2007. Petition expires Dec 4, 2007.
 18. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate requirements for LEED standards for certain projects of 25,000 square feet or more. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 29, 2007. Petition expires Dec 18, 2007.
 19. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the area bordered by the centerlines of Broadway and Harvard, Hancock and Lee Streets from the existing Residence C-1 district designation to Residence B, a/k/a Re-filed Cott Petition. On motion of Councillor Murphy the petition was amended to provide for rezoning the area of the petition from C-1 to C on a voice vote of nine on Nov 5, 2007. The question comes on passing to be ordained as amended on or after Nov 5, 2007. Petition expires Dec 18, 2007.
 20. A communication was received from Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, transmitting a copy of the Final Report of the Cambridge Neighborhood Safety Task Force. Referred to Unfinished Business on motion of Mayor Reeves on Nov 19, 2007.
 21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$33,218,025 to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the CRLS Renovation Project. The question comes on adoption on or after Dec 10, 2007.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Elixir Pharmaceuticals, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 12 Emily Street. Approval has been received from

Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

2. An application was received from Michael Nurok and Amy Farber, requesting to widen existing curb cut at the premises numbered 87 Garden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Daniel A. Grabauskas, General Manager, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, regarding T-Radio.
2. A communication was received from the family of William W. Rehrey, transmitting thanks for the expression of sympathy.
3. A communication was received from Nell Beram, transmitting support of the Solar Energy System Protection Rezoning Petition.
4. A communication was received from Elise Russo and family, transmitting sincere thanks for the resolution in honor of her late father, Rudy Russo.
5. A communication was received from Mrs. Philip Spinetto, transmitting thanks for thinking of Phil and his family at this time of sorrow.
6. A communication was received from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC, regarding the Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009.
7. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding program access issues at City Hall.
8. A communication was received from Jo Solet, regarding leaf blowers.
9. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding Cambridge Conformist Party.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Helen T. "Nessy" (Nestor) Sheehan. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth Sarah Atkins. Vice Mayor Toomey
3. Congratulations to the Abundant Life Music Instruction (ALMI) and Ron Savage on their seventh anniversary. Mayor Reeves
4. Resolution on the death of Mildred (Dalrymple) Brannigan. Councillor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of Edward J. Samp Jr. Councillor Maher, Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Reeves
6. Resolution on the death of Private Dwane Covert Jr. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Adam Muller. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jermaine Franklin. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Steven Ganczewski. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Casey Mason. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Corporal Christopher Nelson. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Joseph Vanek. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Marius Ferrero. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Christopher Kruse. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Daniel Shaw. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Specialist Derek Banks. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Derek Stenroos. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kenneth Booker. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of 2nd Lieutenant Peter Burks. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jason Lee. Councillor Decker

21. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Mason Lewis. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Bewley. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant David Wieger. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of 2nd Lieutenant Tracy Alger. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant John Linde. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Corporal Peter Schmidt. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Captain Benjamin Tiffner. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Carletta Davis. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Thomas Crowell. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Ercole "Leo" DiPietro. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Laura J. (Eagan) Kane. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death Yvonne (Vinneau) Melanson. Councillor Galluccio
33. Resolution on the death of Graham F. Bulger Jr. Councillor Galluccio
34. Congratulations and appreciation to Paul Funk for his technological innovations, contributions and job development for Cambridge and Massachusetts. Councillor Galluccio
35. Resolution on the death of Kathleen Mary "Kathy" (Lynskey) Pritchard. Councillor Galluccio
36. Resolution on the death of Manuel Carreiro. Councillor Galluccio
37. Resolution on the death of Luella G. (Waite) MacLeod. Councillor Galluccio
38. Resolution on the death of Joseph N. Best. Councillor Galluccio
39. Urge residents to be cognizant of Massachusetts White Ribbon Day on Feb 14, 2008. Councillor Simmons
40. Proclaim Dec 1, 2007 as World AIDS Day. Mayor Reeves
41. Congratulations to Kemp Harris on the release of his latest album entitled Edenton. Mayor Reeves
42. Congratulations to Nnenna Freelon on her accomplishments and welcome her to the Sweet Soul Music 2007 concert in Cambridge. Mayor Reeves.
43. Congratulations to the Healthy Children Task Force on being the recipient of the Innovation in Prevention Award in the Schools Category. Mayor Reeves
44. Congratulations to the King Neighborhood Council and Community School on its 34th annual Kwanzaa Celebration. Mayor Reeves
45. Thanks to the Kids Council for representing the City of Cambridge at the National League of Cities conference. Mayor Reeves
46. Best wishes to the Cambridge Community Chorus on their performance of Messiah on Dec 16, 2007 at 3:00pm at the Kresge Auditorium at MIT. Mayor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record accepting the provisions of Chapter 152 of the Acts of Two Thousand and Seven, the same being AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Vice Mayor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the Fresh Pond Seafood property. Councillor Maher
3. That the City Council go on record resolving to work together in a national partnership of every level of

government and private sector, with our fellow cities and counties of the United States Interagency Council of Homelessness to identify, adopt, and create innovative initiatives to help solve the problem of homelessness. Mayor Reeves

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Electrician to conduct a lighting survey of the streets abutting Donnelly Field including Windsor Street, Palermo Street, Lincoln Street, York Street, and Webster Ave to determine how additional lighting can be added effectively. Vice Mayor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to not renew the contract with Russell Company until the City gets in writing a detailed plan of operation that includes how they will cover any damages they cause to property and how they will staff their trucks. Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Central Artery to see what, if any, role Cambridge can play in ensuring that parks and other projects are completed and opened to the public in a timely fashion and report back to the City Council. Vice Mayor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council prior to the start of the next City Council session as to which items on the Awaiting Report list for which he feels he will not be able to give the City Council a satisfactory report back so that the City Council may decide whether it is reasonable to keep these items on the Awaiting Report list or to address the issue in some other fashion. Councillor Kelley
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the City's putting its self-evaluation up on the City's website. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Hobbs Brook Reservoir and Cambridge's water reserves. Councillor Kelley

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 31, 2007 to discuss the digital divide and the Cambridge Public Internet.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 31, 2007 to discuss with housing agencies and management companies asking the state for assistance to provide funding and training for a service provider or social worker for nights and weekends to be assigned to problem housing buildings for quick intervention to defuse problems from escalating and disturbing the peace of tenants living in the building.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting copies of Chapter 153 of the Acts of 2007 AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF

CAMBRIDGE TO PAY FULL SALARY AND BENEFITS TO CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO AND PRESENT IN A THEATER OF COMBAT OPERATIONS SUCH AS IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND Chapter 152 of the Acts of 2007 AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 4

3:00pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider claims filed against the city. (Ackermann Room)

3:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss cable coverage of the election. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Dec 5

5:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss "green jobs." (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

6:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to received an update on OB/GYN services and the new advisory council at the Windsor Street Clinic. (Pisani Center, 131 Wash. St.)

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting
Special Presentation by the Neighborhood Safety Task Force directly following public comment. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 12

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on revisions to Chapter 13.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Sewer System Regulations." (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed changes to Chapter 2.76 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Human Rights Commission," to provide enforcement of ADA provisions regarding removal of architectural barriers, where the barriers are readily removable. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

5:45pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 5.54-Solar Energy Systems that would protect solar energy systems from shadows cast by buildings and vegetation on an adjacent lot, in residential districts having a maximum height limit of 45 feet or less. This new section would create definitions for a Solar Fence, Protected Solar Time, and a Solar Energy System and would create protections for access to sunlight solar energy systems. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 7, 2008

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 14, 2008

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 28, 2008

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4, 2008

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11, 2008

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25, 2008

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 3, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the provisions of Chapter 152 of the Acts of Two Thousand and Seven, the same being AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

O-2 Dec 3, 2007

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the Fresh Pond Seafood property with the following information:

*Status of this property;

*Record owner;

*Whether taxes are paid up-to-date;

*Safety of the building; and

*If there are any development plans that the City has heard about or that the property owner is willing to discuss.

O-3 Dec 3, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: More than 2 million Americans across our country each year experience homelessness in our local communities, compromising the quality of life of the person, and the community; and

WHEREAS: As elected Mayors and County officials, we are on the frontlines of homelessness and accountable to our communities for the well-being of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: We recognize that no one level of government can remedy homelessness alone; and

WHEREAS: We affirm that we will work together with our partners in state and federal government as well as in the foundation community and private sector to maintain and enhance the sustainable investment of resources needed to respond; and

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record resolving to work together in a national partnership of every level of government and private sector, with our fellow cities and counties of the United States Interagency Council of Homelessness to identify, adopt, and create innovative initiatives to help solve the problem of homelessness; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Dec 3, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There has been an increase in break-ins in the areas around Donnelly Field and the Frisoli Youth Center; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors have concerns about poor lighting in the neighborhood that contribute to a feeling of unease among residents; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Arborist to be sure that street trees are not going to interfere with the current lighting arrangements; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician to conduct a lighting survey of the streets abutting Donnelly Field including Windsor Street, Palermo Street, Lincoln Street, York Street, and Webster Ave to determine how additional lighting can be added effectively.

O-5 Dec 3, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Recycling for the City of Cambridge is contracted to the Russell Company; and
WHEREAS: There have been several complaints about the Russell Company; and
WHEREAS: On at least two occasions, Russell Company has damaged City property; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the expiration date of the contract with Russell Company; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to not renew the contract with Russell Company until the City gets in writing a detailed plan of operation that includes how they will cover any damages they cause to property and how they will staff their trucks.

O-6 Dec 3, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Central Artery maintains control over a number of new parks and projects in the East Cambridge neighborhood; and
WHEREAS: As the Central Artery prepares to dissolve at the end of December the future of these projects becomes unclear; and
WHEREAS: The park at Northpoint has experienced a number of opening delays; and
WHEREAS: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) should be assuming ownership of this project; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Central Artery and Mass Highway to see what, if any, role Cambridge can play in ensuring that parks and other projects are completed and opened to the public in a timely fashion and report back to the City Council.

O-7 Dec 3, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Some items have been on the City Council's Awaiting Report list for years; and
WHEREAS: There is confusion over items that seem to be residing on the Awaiting Report list permanently and those that are truly awaiting a report back from the City Manager; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council prior to the start of the next City Council session as to which items on the Awaiting Report list for which he feels he will not be able to give the

City Council a satisfactory report back so that the City Council may decide whether it is reasonable to keep these items on the Awaiting Report list or to address the issue in some other fashion.

O-8 Dec 3, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the City's putting its self-evaluation up on the City's website.

O-9 Dec 3, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Hobbs Brook Reservoir along Route 128 is very low; and
WHEREAS: Other cities in America, such as Atlanta, Georgia, are experiencing both drought and severe water shortages due to emptying reservoirs; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Hobbs Brook Reservoir and Cambridge's water reserves.