

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the STOP Act grant for \$50,000.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Substance and Mental Health Services Administration to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$7,070.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$40,930.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,000.00) and will be used to create and implement phase three of the Reality Check campaign for parents of middle school students, aimed at reducing social access to alcohol for minors.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an increase in the appropriation of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) Bridge to College Program grant for \$8,280.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$7,320.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$960.00) and will contribute to the salary of one coordinator/counselor and the costs for educational and office supplies at the Community Learning Center.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-166, regarding a report on increasing public use at the War Memorial Recreation Center.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-129, regarding a report on the MBTA Bus 47 not stopping for people waiting at the bus stops.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$180,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Finance Department (Assessing) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional funds for technical and professional services.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to consult with relevant department staff and report back on the legal limits of the City Council's involvement in non-budget School Department issues. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Maher on Order Number Two of Dec 6, 2010.]

ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.

4. 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.]
5. 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

6. 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. A zoning petition has been received from Michael R. Hegarty et al., requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding after the title of Section 5.28 the sentence: "No use shall be permitted by any provisions of this Section 5.28 except as set forth in Section 4.30 Table of Use Regulations or the sections that define districts not included in Section 4.30."
2. An application was received from Threla, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 574 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Mark Jaquith, Co-President, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods and Ellen Mass, President, Friends of Alewife Reservation, transmitting a copy of an open letter to legislators of Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Evanon F. (Hamilton) Smith. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Department Detective Daniel Marshall on his graduation from the University of Tennessee National Forensic Academy. Councillor Cheung
3. Welcome Otto to Cambridge and best wishes for a successful future in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung
4. Thanks to Julia Perez for her service to the Cambridge community. Councillor Simmons

5. Best wishes to Majors Betzann and Steve Carroll on the occasion of their retirement from The Salvation Army. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Lolani William Gandy. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Sergeant David James Luff Jr. Councillor Decker
8. Congratulations to Lucy Valena on her new coffee shop, Voltage, in Kendall Square. Councillor Decker, Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide a report on the state of the law relating to community benefits as mitigation in zoning amendment petitions. Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of working with the Cambridgeport Farmers Market and allowing them space for the winter months in the ground floor of the First Street Garage or other suitable space. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to inspect the signals at First and Cambridge and Third and Cambridge and have the timing adjusted appropriately. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and the Director of Economic Development to examine the feasibility of the city establishing a “pilot program” for Clean Tech Start-Ups in the first floor of the largely vacant First Street Parking Garage. Mayor Maher
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services and Youth on Fire, a Cambridge based nonprofit, to discuss possible options for providing more support for the homeless youth in Cambridge. Councillor Decker
6. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Jan 3, 2011, be changed to a Round Table for the purpose of hearing a presentation from MassDOT officials regarding a proposed bridge closing on Route 93 this summer that will impact the City of Cambridge and for the purpose of discussing the West Cambridge/Alewife Sewer Separation Project. Mayor Maher

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 Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 27, 2010 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.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chairs of

the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a public meeting held on Dec 7, 2010 to finalize the City Council goals for FY11 and FY12 to present a recommendation on the goals to the City Council.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a letter from Ellen K. Philbin, Executive Director, Cambridge Retirement Board requesting the City Council to approve the Retirement Board’s action to increase the annual benefit to surviving spouses of disabled employees.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 14

3:00pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a briefing on the Silver Maple Forest. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

Wed, Dec 15

3:00pm The Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive information regarding the various roles of the City in the variety of festivals, celebrations and other public events that take place in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 16

3:00pm The Economic, Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a roundtable meeting with the City of Boston’s Economic Development Committee to discuss cluster building, specifically how the two cities can work together to attract new businesses and keep the businesses we have. (Cahners Theater, 2nd floor, Museum of Science, 1 Science Park, Boston)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 21

6:00pm School Committee 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)

Tues, Jan 25

4:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss current city ordinances that are hurting business growth. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

December 13, 2010 Cambridge City Council meeting

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 Dec 13, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide a report on the state of the law relating to community benefits as mitigation in zoning amendment petitions, including:

1. Relevant court findings, including the Bellingham case;
2. Examples of how other communities are negotiating community benefits; and
3. How the linkage program has operated in Cambridge, and whether it has relevance to or impact on community benefits negotiations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the matter to the entire City Council early in the new year.

O-2 Dec 13, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Cambridgeport Farmer's Market is seeking indoor space for a Winter Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS: There is much desire for a winter market to be established at Lechmere Station when the space is vacated by the MBTA; and

WHEREAS: The city has completed a study that supports the Market Concept; and

WHEREAS: Establishing a trial period for this type of market could further garner support for winter markets at one or more locations in Cambridge, including East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City garage on First Street is very close to the location being proposed for the year round market at Lechmere; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of working with the Cambridgeport Farmers Market and allowing them space for the winter months in the ground floor of the First Street Garage or other suitable space.

O-3 Dec 13, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The timing of the traffic signals at First and Cambridge and Third and Cambridge appears to have changed and has caused traffic back up on Cambridge Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to inspect these signals and have the timing adjusted appropriately.

O-4 Dec 13, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Numerous Clean Tech Start-Up Companies have chosen the City of Cambridge as the epicenter for their innovative work; and

WHEREAS: Clean Tech Start-Up Companies have facility needs that greatly differ from Bio-Tech Start-Up Companies; and

WHEREAS: There is currently little affordable incubator space in the City of Cambridge focused on the needs of Clean Tech Start-up Companies; and

WHEREAS: Clean Tech Start-Ups are a vitally important segment of our growing intellectual and business community; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge currently has vacant space that on the short-term could begin to meet the needs of several Clean Tech Start-Up Companies; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and the Director of Economic Development to examine the feasibility of the city establishing a "pilot program" for Clean Tech Start-Ups in the first floor of the largely vacant First Street Parking Garage which in its current state is not contributing to the aesthetic character of the neighborhood; 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-5 Dec 13, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the number of homeless youth is on the rise in Massachusetts with state education officials counting

WHEREAS: 13,090 homeless students last year an 85% increase from five years ago; and

WHEREAS: Many of these displaced youth stay in existing homeless shelters that are open to everyone; and

WHEREAS: The needs of homeless youth can often be quite different from the needs of homeless adults; and

WHEREAS: Bridge Over Troubled Waters a Boston based nonprofit has plans to open what would be the state's only homeless shelter for youth in Boston in the beginning of the new year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services and Youth on Fire, a Cambridge based nonprofit, to discuss possible options for providing more support for the homeless youth in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-6 Dec 13, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Jan 3, 2011, be changed to a Roundtable for the purpose of hearing a presentation from MassDOT officials regarding a proposed bridge closing on Route 93 this summer that will impact the City of Cambridge and for the purpose of discussing the West Cambridge/Alewife Sewer Separation Project.