

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Reconsideration filed by Councillor Kelley on Order No. 2 of Dec 15, 2008 requesting the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a meeting in January to try to determine whether the City should ask the State to eliminate or change the project planned at the junction of Massachusetts Avenue and Cedar Street, which order failed of adoption on a roll call vote 2-7-0. **Reconsideration fails on same 2-7-0 vote with Decker and Kelley voting YES.**

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-143, regarding a report on landscaping plans for the CRLS renovations and on impacts to the tree in the area of the project, and Awaiting Report Item Number 08-145, regarding a report on the restoration of Joan Lorentz Park.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a FY09 Community Policing Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for \$307,657.50 to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account (\$231,457.50), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$22,860), Travel and Training account (\$7,620) and Extraordinary Equipment account (\$45,720) which will support community policing strategies by focusing on the dual goals of reducing crime and improving the quality of life for all citizens.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a FY09 Grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau in the amount of \$39,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$30,000) and to Grant Fund Police Department Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$9,000) and will be used to support the enforcement of the "Click It or Ticket", "You Drink & Drive You Lose" and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" campaigns
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of Grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau in the amount of \$54,423 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account. (\$45,423) and to Grant Fund Police Department Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$9,000) which will supports the enforcement of the "Click It or Ticket", "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" campaigns.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Safe and Drug Free School and Communities Act Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the US Department of Education for \$70,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$18,000) and to Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$52,000) to support a Community Based Youth Diversion Program.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Child Passenger Safety Equipment Grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau and the Security's Highway Safety Division in the amount of \$20,000 to the Grant Fund Police

Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase child safety seats, traffic message board and a trailer to transport the message board to various sites.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY09 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant received from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council through the Executive Office of Pubic Safety for \$87,029.55 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Salary and Wages account (\$7,200.00), Grant Fund Human Service Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,800.00) and to the Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$54,029.55) and will be used to support a violence prevention strategy through the Department of Human Services that engages teens in working with their peers and also provides training to community-based organizations working with young people as well as to support youth violence prevention and anti-gang initiatives by the Police Department by increasing Police visibility, building enforcement and intervention capacities and supporting gang interdiction activities.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation in the General Fund of \$20,000 to the Office of Tourism from additional Hotel/Motel tax revenues to the Executive (Tourism) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost to update and reprint the Cambridge Visitor Guide in FY2009.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Fair Housing Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$43,135 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$28,260), and Grant Fund Human Rights Travel and Training Account (\$14,875) and 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).
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-119, regarding a report on possible impacts of the new police detail regulations and on the City's reliance on detail work.

## Charter Right - Kelley

## 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 Fallon Properties requesting permission for two awnings at the premises numbered 62 Walden Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and the Community Development Department.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received by Cathy Korsgren, 10 Hollis Street, regarding unnecessary and excessive outdoor lighting. **Referred to Health & Environment Committee**
2. A communication was received from Department of Public Utilities transmitting hearings to be held on applications for new, amended or transfer of certificates, licenses or permits.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the City Council supports justice for Leonard Peltier. Councillor Seidel **Charter Right - Davis**
2. Resolution on the death of Bernard A. "Gus" Flynn, Sr. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
3. Wishing Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cragwell a Happy 50th Anniversary. Mayor Simmons
4. Expressing heartfelt sadness at the losses of the Prince Street Fire. Mayor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Thomas W. Almeida. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Robert E. Burns. Councillor Toomey
7. Best wishes to Kathy Reddick and the Cambridge Branch of the NAACP on their upcoming Martin Luther King breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Jan 24, 2009. Councillor Reeves
8. Happy 1st Birthday wishes to Cameron and Declan Gibson. Councillor Decker
9. Congratulations to the winners of the Cambridge Arts Council Poetry Quest and Scavenger Hunt. Vice Mayor Murphy
10. Resolution on the death of John Deoliveira. Councillor Toomey
11. Congratulations to North Cambridge Catholic High School on the Cristo Rey Network Schools event hosted by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM. Councillor Maher

#### ORDERS

1. That the City Manager to confer with the Community Development Department to report back on the feasibility of launching a campaign in Cambridge that specifically details traffic-calming and accident reduction measures in areas frequently used by senior pedestrians. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager have the appropriate City staff inform the property owner adjacent to the current bus stop about the City's façade program, and to encourage the property owner to construct a façade with an awning that could provide shelter to those waiting for the MBTA Bus #77. Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager have the appropriate City staff create celebratory venues where televised broadcasts of the

Presidential Inauguration will take place, and that these venues will be both open to the public and city staff as they are able to participate in the midst of their school and work day. Mayor Simmons

4. Opposition to the proposed toll hikes for the Massachusetts Turnpike and tunnels. Councillor Decker
5. That the City Manager write a letter on behalf of the City Council opposing Channel 25's actions of switching from analog early. Councillor Decker
6. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to include funding for new green jobs programs in a comprehensive economy recovery act. Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to require the Cambridge Health Alliance to postpone any clinic closings for six months and further mandate and specify a process of city and community participation in an action plan, or the Cambridge Health Alliance will jeopardize renewal of their funding contract with the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker **amended**
8. That the City Manager is requested to investigate possible funding opportunities to deal with hoarding and to preserve housing and report back to the City Council. Councillor Davis
9. That the City Manager is requested to review the Newton Hoarding Task Force model and make a recommendation to the City Council. Councillor Davis

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing on Nov 19, 2008 to amend the zoning in East Cambridge.
2. A communication was received by Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting on Dec 2, 2008 to discuss hoarding and related issues.

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, Dec 22

5:15pm Special Presentation to thank all involved in the disaster relief effort for victims of the Prince Street fire. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Jan 6

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss a petition to amend the zoning in the East Cambridge area filed by Alexandria Real Estate Equities. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, Jan 7

5:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to hear from the public regarding the evaluation of the City Manager. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Jan 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Jan 13

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss opportunities to grow fresh fruits and vegetables in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Jan 14**

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

**Thurs, Jan 22**

5:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Homeland Security grant for installation of surveillance cameras and an opportunity to have a community discussion with city officials. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 26**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting on emergency preparedness. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 3**

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 23**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with NSTAR. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 24**

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss outdoor lighting. (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 Roundtable Meeting with School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Dec 22, 2008

**MAYOR SIMMONS**

WHEREAS: The Mayor of New York City has launched Safe Streets for Seniors, a campaign to reduce traffic fatalities among seniors in 25 neighborhoods across New York City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to report back on the feasibility of launching a similar campaign in Cambridge that specifically details traffic-calming and accident reduction measures in areas frequently used by senior pedestrians.

O-2 Dec 22, 2008

**MAYOR SIMMONS**

WHEREAS: Residents living at and near the Daniel F. Burns Apartments in North Cambridge have requested that a shelter be installed at the bus stop on Massachusetts Avenue where MBTA Bus #77 stops en route to Porter Square and Harvard Square, as there is already a shelter in place at a bus stop on the opposite side of the street that provides people with needed protection against the elements; and

WHEREAS: The City Council submitted an Order on Nov 17, 2008 instructing the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of erecting such a shelter. In response, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein reported that "...there would not be sufficient space to have an accessible pedestrian path upon this stretch of sidewalk with the installation of a standard size or narrower shelter;" and

WHEREAS: City Manager Robert W. Healy reported to the City Council during the meeting on Dec 15, 2008: "If additional roadway and sidewalk work are contemplated near 2518 Mass. Ave., a curb extension bus stop will be evaluated which would allow room for a bus shelter in the future. City staff will also contact the property owner adjacent to the current bus stop to inform them of the City's façade program which could help fund an awning along the storefront which might provide some shelter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the appropriate City staff inform the property owner adjacent to the current bus stop about the City's façade program, and to encourage the property owner to construct a façade with an awning that could provide shelter to those waiting for the MBTA Bus #77; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is instructed to report back on any progress of this remedy being implemented.

O-3 Dec 22, 2008

**MAYOR SIMMONS**

WHEREAS: On Tues, Jan 20, 2009 this country will witness an historic moment as President-elect Obama is inaugurated; and

WHEREAS: This important event should be accessible to all who wish to come together in community settings and share in joyous celebration; and

WHEREAS: City staff and all who live or work throughout Cambridge should have access to this celebratory event which occurs during the middle of the work and school day; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the appropriate City staff create celebratory venues where televised broadcasts of the Presidential Inauguration will take place, and that these venues will be both open to the public and city staff as they are able to participate in the midst of their school and work day.

O-4 Dec 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to the proposed toll hikes for the Massachusetts Turnpike and tunnels; 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 Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Dec 22, 2008 **amended**

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to write a letter on behalf of the City Council opposing Channel 25's actions of switching from analog early; 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-6 Dec 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The U.S. Congress is evaluating options for reinvigorating the struggling economy and programs to quickly stimulate new green jobs are among the options; and

WHEREAS: The priority green job programs for economic recovery legislation are:

1. Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants (\$10 billion)
2. Green Jobs Workforce Training Program (\$625 million)
3. Advanced Batteries (\$1 billion)
4. Weatherization Assistance Program (\$1.5 billion)
5. Clean Tech Manufacturing Incentives (loans); and

WHEREAS: These programs will invigorate the economy, create quality-green-collar jobs, increase our energy security, and play a critical role in our transition to a clean energy economy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to include funding for these programs in a comprehensive economy recovery act; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Dec 22, 2008 **amended [approved 8-0-1 as amended, Councillor Murphy voted PRESENT]**

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance is scheduled to close a number of clinics throughout Cambridge that will impact the delivery of essential healthcare to seniors, ethnic and racial minorities, youth, and the general population; and

WHEREAS: Community organizations and groups continue to step forward asking for more information, more input in the process, and a thoughtful plan of action that was mandated

months ago; this would minimize a sudden void in healthcare services that is currently provided by the Cambridge Health Alliance to the constituents of Cambridge under contractual agreement; now therefore be it  
~~ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to require the Cambridge Health Alliance to postpone any clinic closings for six months and further mandate and specify a process of city and community participation in an action plan, or the Cambridge Health Alliance will jeopardize renewal of their funding contract with the City of Cambridge.~~

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance on the proposed closings of any clinics and further mandate and specify a process of city and community participation in an action plan.

O-8 Dec 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Hoarding affects individuals well being and endangers housing stock; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate possible funding opportunities to deal with hoarding and to preserve housing and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-9 Dec 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the Newton Hoarding Task Force model and make a recommendation to the City Council.