

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$58,768 grant from the Federal Highway Admin and the Mass Planning Organization, through the Mass Department of Transportation to the Grant Fund Community Development Salary and Wages account (\$16,380) and to Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$42,388) and will be used to implement social marketing of various transportation options, designed to encourage non-automobile modes of travel such as public transit, walking and bicycling.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Healthy Aging Reaching Out to Cambridge Seniors grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide an opportunity for seniors to have access to an Art and Cultural event as well as an opportunity to participate in an Intergenerational event in North Cambridge.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,825,165.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$91,735.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,733,430.00) and will be used to contract with Homeless Services Providers and cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge as well as to cover grant administrative costs.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$4,826.91 to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds for the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination office which inspects laboratory/research facilities.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$36,572 reimbursement from Sprint Nextel to the Grant Fund Fire Department Salary and Wages account (\$16,572) and to the Grant Fund Fire Department Extraordinary Equipment account (\$20,000) to support the rebanding of city radios.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an Ambulance Mobilization Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the amount of \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) and Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$3,000), which will allow the department to participate and operationalize in the Massachusetts Ambulance Task Force Mobilization Plan.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer within the 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 \$13,000 from the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional training, consultation and support for Cambridge families through the Safety Net Collaboration.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for the second phase of the reconstruction of the Harvard Square Tunnel (Cambridge Street Underpass).
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$300,000 to provide funds to facilitate coordination among the various consultants working on the design and planning projects for Kendall Square and perform interim repairs in the area.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,300,000 to provide funds for improvements to Alberico, David Nunes and Fulmore Parks and the establishment of a community garden at Riverside Press Park.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$33,754,300 to continue sewer projects in the Harvard Square, Agassiz, Western Avenue and Alewife Watershed areas of the City.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the architectural design and construction of an elementary school to be either rebuilt or renovated as part of the multi-year Elementary School Rebuilding Program.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for improvements to several City facilities including the East Cambridge and Inman Square Fire Stations and the Ryan Garage / Simard Building at Public Works.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of several streets included in the Complete Streets Initiative as shown in the five year street and sidewalk program.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Merek Franklin, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 136 Fayerweather 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Eight of Apr 25, 2011.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of allowing property owners to get separate sewerage and water meters so that people are not charged sewerage rates for water used outside the home. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Order Number Four of Apr 25, 2011.]

3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to review all PILOT agreements with non-profits and institutions in the city. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Order Number Thirteen of Apr 25, 2011.]

ON THE TABLE

5. 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. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
6. 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.]
7. 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.]
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
9. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to determine whether the goals of the proposed bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Number 00958 (attached) could be accomplished by home rule petition, and, if so, to draft a home rule petition to be returned to the City Council by the City Council meeting of May 2, 2011. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Twelve of Apr 4, 2011. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Seidel on Apr 25, 2011.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Mar 3, 2011 to discuss how inclusionary zoning could be used to build additional space for entrepreneurs in the City that does not compete or hinder the options we have currently. [Committee Report Number One of Apr 25, 2011 placed on Unfinished Business.]
12. That the FY2012 City Budget be referred to the Finance Committee, with the exception that the Budget Overview be postponed to a certain date, that being the May 2, 2011 City Council meeting and will be placed on Unfinished Business at which time the City Manager will give an overview of the FY2012 City Budget. [Order Number Twelve of Apr 25, 2011 referred to Unfinished Business.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Casa Portugal, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 1200 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.
2. An application was received from Kendall Square Corporation, One Main Street, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign on the corner of Third and Main Streets.
3. An application was received from Kendall Square Corporation, One Main Street, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign on the corner at Main and Broad Canal Streets.
4. A petition has been received from Theresa M. Stone, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer, MIT, together with a transmittal letter from Steven C. Marsh, Managing Director, MIT Investment Management Company to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to add a new section 13.80 to the Zoning Ordinances entitled PUD-5 District and to amend the Zoning Map to add a new PUD-5 District in the Kendall Square area; said petition rezones a 26-acre parcel in the Kendall Square area.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Thomas J. LaRosa, Acting General Counsel, Department of Conservation and Recreation, informing the City that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through the DCR, has under consideration the acquisition of approximately 2.2753+ acres of land, or other property interest, in the City of Cambridge. The property is located between a previously protected section of the Watertown Greenway in Watertown and Fresh Pond.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Jennifer Rebello and Brad Macomber on their recent engagement. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to the East Side Bar and Grille on their 5th Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Atwood's Tavern on their 5th Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations to Sew Low Discount Fabric on their 40th Anniversary. Councillor Toomey

5. Congratulations to David Emerson and Elizabeth Hopper on the publication of *Overcoming Trauma Through Yoga*.
Vice Mayor Davis
6. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Omar Justine Vazquez. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Antonio G. Stiggins. Councillor Decker
8. Urge residents to participate in the Holocaust Commemoration on May 4, 2011 at Temple Beth Shalom.
Councillor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Caroline and Aaron Bock on the birth of their daughter, Mia Anastacia Bock. Councillor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Sean Hope and Tiffany V. Mitchell on their recent engagement. Councillor Simmons
11. Welcome writer Andre Dubus III to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
12. Acknowledge the 7th Anniversary of the legalization of same-sex marriages in Massachusetts on May 17, 2011.
Councillor Simmons
13. Acknowledge the month of May as Melanoma Detection and Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
14. Acknowledge May as National Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
15. Acknowledge May as National Hepatitis Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
16. Acknowledge May as National High Blood Pressure Education Month. Councillor Simmons
17. Acknowledge May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
18. Acknowledge May as National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month. Councillor Simmons
19. Best wishes to the Boston LGBT on its 27th Annual Boston LGBT Film Festival from May 15-20, 2011.
Councillor Simmons
20. Best wishes to the Cambridge Community Chorus on their performance of *Gloria* on May 27, 2011. Councillor Simmons
21. Urge residents to participate in Fresh Pond Day on May 7, 2011. Councillor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Cassie Arnaud, Paula Crane, Maya Escobar, John Gelinas, Robert C. Haas, Ellen Katz, Paul Lyle, Kurt McLaughlin, Vladimir Pierre and William Schellback for being named 2011 outstanding City Employees. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Cyrus I. Harvey. Councillor Seidel
24. Congratulations to the Cambridge Multicultural Art Center on their "A Reason to Taste" gala held on Apr 28, 2011.
Councillor Decker
25. Congratulations to the Cambridge Birth Center on their Annual Family Day gathering on June 4, 2011. Councillor Decker
26. Congratulations to Lisa Peterson, Nancy Russell and Lenny Clark on being awarded the 2011 Good Scout Award. Mayor Maher
27. Congratulations to Joichi Ito on being named Director of the MIT Media Lab. Mayor Maher
28. Congratulations to Junot Diaz on being named the Best Author by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
29. Congratulations to Improv Boston on being named the Best Comedy Club/Night by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
30. Congratulations to Heroes on being named the Best Dance Night/Weekly by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
31. Congratulations to the Brattle Theatre on being named the Best Film Festival by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
32. Congratulations to the Enormous Room on being named the Best Gay Night by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
33. Congratulations to Flat Top Johnny's on being named the Best Place to Play Pool by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
34. Congratulations to the Middle East on being named the Best Rock Venue by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
35. Congratulations to the American Repertory Theater on being named the Best Theater Company by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
36. Congratulations to the City of Cambridge on being named the Best Place to Live by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
37. Congratulations to the City of Cambridge for the Harvard Square Pit being named the Best Place to People Watch by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
38. Congratulations to the City of Cambridge for Massachusetts Avenue between Central and Harvard Squares being named the Best Street by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
39. Congratulations to "Chinese One-String Violin Guy" on being named the Best Street Personality by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
40. Congratulations to Flour in Central Square on being named the Best Bakery by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
41. Congratulations to Charlie's Kitchen on being named the Best Dive Bar by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
42. Congratulations to Noir at The Charles Hotel on being named the Best Hotel Bar by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
43. Congratulations to The Friendly Toast on being named the Best Brunch by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
44. Congratulations to Bartley's Gourmet Burgers on being named the Best Burgers by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
45. Congratulations to Momogoose on being named the Best Food Truck by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
46. Congratulations to Elephant Walk on being named the Best Gluten-Free Menu by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
47. Congratulations to J P Licks on being named the Best Ice Cream by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
48. Congratulations to Petsi Pies on being named the Best Pies vs. Cupcakes winner by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
49. Congratulations to Punjabi Dhaba on being named the Best Indian Restaurant by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
50. Congratulations to Ole Mexican Grill on being named the Best Mexican Restaurant by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
51. Congratulations to the Middle East Restaurant on being named the Best Middle Eastern Restaurant by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
52. Congratulations to the East Coast Grill & Raw Bar on being named the Best Seafood Restaurant by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
53. Congratulations to Artist and Craftsman on being named the Best Art Supply Store by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
54. Congratulations to Broadway Bicycle School on being named the Best Bike Shop by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
55. Congratulations to Mint Julep on being named the Best Clothing Store for Women by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
56. Congratulations to Inman Oasis on being named the Best Massage by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
57. Congratulations to Pandemonium Books and Games on being named the Best Nerd Store by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
58. Congratulations to the Harvard Book Store on being named the Best New Bookstore by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
59. Congratulations to Raven Used Books on being named the Best Used Bookstore by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
60. Congratulations to Million Year Picnic on being named the Best Comic-Book Shop by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
61. Congratulations to Burke's on being named the Best Shoe Store by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
62. Congratulations to Boomerangs on being named the Best Thrift Consignment Store by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves
63. Congratulations to the Garment District on being named the Best Vintage Clothing Store by the Boston Phoenix readers. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to examine how parking spaces are designated for delivery/loading with a view towards reclaiming some of these spaces for the use of the general public. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to assess the current state of the Pacific Street dog park and to devise a strategy to make it more accessible and enjoyable for both dog owners and their pets. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with a resident to devise a strategy that will allow a disabled resident to resolve his issue of the ticketing/tow charges when his car was towed. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City's Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department to identify and coordinate where the City may be of assistance in maintaining the Curious George and Friends Bookstore's Harvard Square location and economic strength. Mayor Maher
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to hold a meeting to discuss with residents of mid-Cambridge the possibility of shared use parks which would allow off-leash hours for dogs. Councillor Seidel
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager and the appropriate staff with the Human Services Department to work with the CPSD Superintendent Jeffrey Young and staff to continue their collaboration in implementing the plans outlined in both the Shared Youth Shared Strategies report and the Innovation Agenda to ensure the success of all middle school children in Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
7. That the City Council amend Rule 23A which deals with the Order of Business to include a dedicated section for Councillors to make announcements. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with the Department of Housing and Community Development and other state agencies to actively seek to maintain the units at Craigie Arms as affordable housing for the long term. Councillor Seidel
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services, including the Recreation and Youth Programs Divisions, and the Police Department to work together with the Beal Companies to monitor a developing youth "hang out" at the garage next to the Kendall Square Theater. Councillor Reeves
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Arborist to contact the owner of 94 Harvard Street to determine the appropriate response when the roots of the tree begin to grow through the basement wall of a privately-owned residential building. Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public

meeting held on Mar 2, 2011 to consider a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to create a new section that would allow for the construction of rental units in the basement levels of existing multifamily buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line through a special permit process.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a public meeting held on Apr 7, 2011 to receive an update on proposed improvements to Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard Square and Porter Square.
3. 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 Apr 14, 2011 to discuss moving to a paperless City Council Agenda, connecting City Council goals and City Department staff and City Council Committees to foster efficient and collaborative results and a proposal to amend the Municipal Code to require posting of the City Manager's contract 96 hours before it is to be voted on by the City Council.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, regarding motion to discharge the Ordinance Committee of the Re-filed Chestnut Hill Zoning Amendment Petition.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 2

- 9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating a program in Cambridge similar to Boston's Department of Urban Mechanics to improve city service delivery. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 10:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating a capital budget for the development of internet and mobile based tools. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 3

- 6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- 6:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion with the Civic Community Advisory Committee of the recommendations of the Cambridge Review Committee report and implementation of these recommendations. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, May 4

- 9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 5

- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning

Ordinance in Section 5.28.2-Conversion of Nonresidential Structures to Residential Use and Section 4.29 clarifying the allowances of additional uses as permissible under Section 5.28.2. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

9:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a follow-up public meeting on the current and prospective employers in the city and to discuss the employers that the Chamber of Commerce has contacted. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting to receive an update from the Goody Clancy consultants and Community Development Department on the planning process for Central/Kendall Square area. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 10

6:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss (1) update on marijuana use in Cambridge and whether an amendment to the Municipal Code to prohibit smoking marijuana in public places is needed and (2) Cambridge Police Department's plans for maintaining and enhancing public safety during the upcoming summer months. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 11

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 12

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

4:00pm 2011 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 19

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 28

3:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating the city's economic development goals. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Parking is scarce in Cambridge though the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department has done a great job managing the available parking in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A significant amount of parking spaces on the most busy streets in the city are reserved for loading/delivery to local businesses; and

WHEREAS: Deliveries happen once in a while, calling into question the wisdom of dedicating parking spaces that are only used once in a while; 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 examine how parking spaces are designated for delivery/loading with a view towards reclaiming some of these spaces for the use of the general public.

O-2 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Pacific Street dog park is in bad need of repair; and

WHEREAS: Numerous constituents have complained that said dog park suffers from:

A poor drainage system that allows for the park to be flooded for many days after a rain shower;

Unkempt premises with sharp objects in the gravel that have injured pets;

Lack of access to drinking water for pets;

Lack of seating for owners;

Holes in the fence that allows for pets to escape into nearby construction site; and

Lack of space for dogs to properly run and exercise; and

WHEREAS: Due to these issues, many dog owners have chosen to break the law and allow their dogs to exercise unleashed in the adjacent Pacific Street open space; and

WHEREAS: Since off-leash use will undoubtedly continue until the dog park is restored, the City should devise a means to regulate and structure this occurrence; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to assess the current state of the Pacific Street dog park and to devise a strategy to make it more accessible and enjoyable for both dog owners and their pets and report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of allowing off-leash usage during low traffic times, as a means to regulate what is already happening and report back to the City Council.

O-3 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that a resident is having a difficult time paying for a parking ticket and consequent towing of his vehicle; and

WHEREAS: Said resident is disabled and his car was clearly marked with a valid handicapped placard. This resident's only source of income is his Social Security Disability check. He is on Food Stamps and MassHealth and cannot pay the parking ticket fee or the towing charges in the time frame requested; and

WHEREAS: This resident did not knowingly break the law. He believed that his handicapped plate would exempt him from having to move his car during a street cleaning; and

WHEREAS: Said resident is willing to pay the fine but can not pay in full up front; and

WHEREAS: Requests by the resident to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to create a flexible payment plan have

so far gone unanswered. Cambridge has a reputation for being responsive and needs to continue that tradition; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long legacy of championing disability rights and showing compassion to those most in need; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with said resident to devise a strategy that will allow him to resolve this issue in a dignified and understanding manner and report back to the City Council.

O-4 May 2, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Independently owned, small businesses are a vital part of the Harvard Square landscape and business community; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge benefits greatly from the success of these businesses as they help maintain a wide variety of visitors and loyal patrons to the city; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is committed to supporting small businesses as they evolve; and

WHEREAS: The Curious George and Friends Bookstore has been a Harvard Square landmark for over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS: It is the world's only toy and bookstore dedicated to the famous literary character Curious George; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City's Economic Development Department Division of the Community Development Department to identify and coordinate where the City may be of assistance in maintaining this store's Harvard Square location and economic strength; 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 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Certain residents who own dogs in Mid-Cambridge have expressed an interest in shared use parks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to hold a meeting to discuss with residents of mid-Cambridge the possibility of shared use parks which would allow off-leash hours for dogs.

O-6 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: At a meeting on Mar 15, 2011, the Cambridge School Committee voted to implement the Innovation Agenda, which will reshape the Cambridge Public School District into one which has JK-5 communities with four upper school communities feeding into Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School along with two JK-8 language immersion schools; and

WHEREAS: This re-organization will create middle school campuses comprised of 6th-8th grade classes; and

WHEREAS: The work of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on Middle School Youth focuses on out-of-school time opportunities for Cambridge middle school children, recognizing the importance of out-of-school time activities to the overall success of middle school students; and

WHEREAS: The BRC issued a report, Shared Youth, Shared Strategies, which outlined a plan for achieving its goal "to ensure broad participation of Cambridge middle school youth in quality out-of-school-time experiences that foster both their present and future learning and life success"; and

WHEREAS: It is important that out-of-school time activities be included from the beginning in the planning discussions around the new school structuring as outlined by the Innovation Agenda; 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 the appropriate staff of the Human Services Department to work

with the CPSD Superintendent Jeffrey Young and staff to continue their collaboration in implementing the plans outlined in both the Shared Youth Shared Strategies report and the Innovation Agenda to ensure the success of all middle school children in Cambridge.

O-7 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has been the custom of City Councillors to bring in public service announcements on events and other community matters; and

WHEREAS: In order for Councillors to make these announcements, the Rules of the City Council must be suspended, impeding the flow of the meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Rules of the City Council should be amended to accommodate for the frequency with which Councillors make these announcements, which are a service that constituents have come to rely on to learn or disseminate important information; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council amend Rule 23A which deals with the Order of Business to include a dedicated section for Councillors to make announcements. This section, which should be no longer than fifteen minutes, should be the last item on the Council's Order of Business and should read as follows: Announcements by City Councillors; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to draft the language necessary to amend Rule 23A in accordance with the parameters set forth in this order.

O-8 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The City Council recently learned that the Craigie Arms Associates Limited Partnership intends to sell the Craigie Arms Apartments, which includes 50 residential units, 25 of which are required to be affordable housing units through June 2016; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with the Department of Housing and Community Development and other state agencies to actively seek to maintain these units as affordable housing for the long term.

O-9 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services including the Recreation and the Youth Programs Divisions and the Police Department to work together with the Beal Companies to monitor a developing youth "hang out" at the garage next to the Kendall Square Theater. Parents report that youths congregate there and pursue unsupervised activities. Some of the youth involved are elementary school students.

O-10 May 2, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Arborist to contact the owner of 94 Harvard Street to determine the appropriate response when the roots of the tree begin to grow through the basement wall of a privately-owned residential building.