

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a License Commission recommendation to approve the jitney application from EZ Ride Shuttle to amend their route.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to disapprove the jitney application from H/M Transportation for a shuttle service between the airport and hotels in Cambridge.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a License Commission recommendation to disapprove the jitney application of Copley Coach, Inc. for a shuttle service from the airport to hotels in Cambridge.

The City Council voted to accept the recommendations of the License Commission in Agenda Items #2 and 3. Several city councillors stated that a committee would take up the matter of regulation of jitneys and the taxicab industry with some suggestion that transitioning away from the current regulatory scheme might be worthy of consideration. The vote to deny these jitney applications was 6-3 with Councillors Davis, Maher, and Reeves voting NO. [Note: Credit goes to Councillors Reeves, Kelley, Davis, Murphy, and Simmons for speaking on this matter and not just waving it through.]

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from The Beal Companies ("Beal") for three (3) permanent aerial easements for three aluminum sunshade structures to be installed, repaired, replaced and maintained over portions of the public sidewalk.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter right exercised by Councillor Kelley on a 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.
Report accepted, placed on file.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Policy Resolution #10 of Dec 22, 2008 expressing support for Leonard Peltier. **Placed on file under Rule 19 with no action taken.**

ON THE TABLE

3. 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

4. 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.]

5. 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.]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger transmitting support for maintaining funding for the Cambridge-Somerville Social Club.
2. A communication was received from the Trustees of The Harvard Crimson Trust II transmitting its support of the retention of the present name of Plympton Street in honor of the Plympton family's contribution to local and state government.
3. A communication was received from Steven DeMaio transmitting a request for the review process for approving construction projects in Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Roberta F. (Blake) McLeod. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Maher, Councillor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Gerald C. Leavitt. Councillor Maher
3. Congratulations to Hall Kirkham on his Ordination to the Priesthood on Jan 10, 2009. Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Council go on record honoring William Edward Gurry for his four decades as a role model to the young people of Cambridge. Councillor Davis
5. Commending North Cambridge Catholic for its commitment to their students and efforts to prepare the student body for a college education. Councillor Toomey
6. Thanks to Carl Barron for his work and efforts to keep Central Square a thriving center for culture and business as he steps down from the Presidency of the Central Square Business Association. Councillor Decker
7. Happy Birthday wishes to Alice Wolf. Councillor Decker
8. Congratulations to Michael Sussman on the publishing of his children's book entitled "Otto Grows Down." Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to Eva Blythe on her 20th anniversary as a YWCA Administrator. Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Elena Kagan on her nomination as United States Solicitor General. Vice Mayor Murphy
11. Happy birthday wishes to Jenny Carvello. Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves
12. Resolution on the death of Isabel E. "Bella" (Bettencourt) Branco. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of John E. "Jack" Broughall Jr. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Sheila M. (Jennings) Hirtle. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report on the status of the greenhouse gas emission reduction goal and to inform

the City Council on exactly how this goal is being measured. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 3, 2008 regarding an update on the new transitional jobs program.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 6

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss a petition filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.88 - Memorial Drive Overlay District. (Sullivan Chamber)
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 Jan 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council supported a Cambridge Climate Protection Plan goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city by 20% below 1990 levels by 2010; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the status of this goal and to inform the City Council on exactly how this goal is being measured; and be it further

ORDERED: If, based on this status report, this goal is not achievable by the 2010 deadline, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to solicit a response from the appropriate department on what a realistic deadline for this goal is, or if aggressive measures can be taken to meet the 2010 goal.