

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-05, regarding a report on the feasibility of instituting a program similar to the "Bank on San Francisco."
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, please find attached for your information the 2007 Cambridge Health Alliance Annual Report.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-06, regarding a report on appropriating \$300,000 for the repair of roadway hazards.

City Manager Letter, Jan 28, 2008

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-06, regarding a report on appropriating \$300,000 for the repair of roadway hazards, please be advised that I have recommended and the City Council has appropriated \$8.2 million dollars for street and sidewalk reconstruction projects over the past and present fiscal years. This is a considerable sum and thus, I will not be recommending an additional \$300,000 referenced in this Council Order.

Additionally, the Department of Public Works identifies and repairs potholes constantly. Be reminded that, it is now the season of increasing potholes with fluctuating weather conditions.

Very truly yours, Robert W. Healy, City Manager

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person from an alternate member to full member of the Board of Zoning Appeals: Timothy Hughes (3-year term to expire 1/22/2011)
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Cambridge again being selected as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to appropriation of \$2,000 received from America's Promise to the Human Service Programs Grant Fund Travel and Training account as a reimbursement to the City for travel by two teens and staff to the award ceremony this Fall in which the City was recognized as one of the 100 Best Communities for Children and Youth by America's Promise for the second time.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$8,760.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the 21 Proof Server/Seller Training Program.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$2,000 donation to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to support improvements to the Alexander W. Kemp Playground at the Cambridge Common.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,850 in various private donations to the Grant Fund of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support Council on Aging activities.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$38,000 Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety-Community Policing Program to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$30,254.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,746.00) and will be used to fund a part-time Coordinator to help create and maintain programs of public safety in North Cambridge.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$5,022 within the Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant from the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account and will support additional training to dispatch personnel in the Emergency Communications Department, through either back fill or overtime, on new 911 telephone equipment being provided by the State.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$140,000 from Employee Benefits (insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover current and anticipated medical services/prescription costs and workers compensation lump sum settlement costs for employees injured during the performance of their work duties.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-03, regarding a report on installing traffic calming on Sacramento Street.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-04, regarding a report on the construction project on 282-290 River Street.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$19,595 from the General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the purchase of replacement aluminum Salter Body for a Public Works vehicle.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to publish the Cambridge snow removal policies in the Cambridge Chronicle and other local papers several times during the winter months. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Three of Jan 14, 2008.

ON THE TABLE

2. 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 Oct 24, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed ordinance to establish minimum side yard requirements that provide inter alia that no structures may be placed nearer than seven feet six inches to the side lot line. Placed on the Table on motion of Councillor Murphy on Dec 10, 2007. Petition expires Jan 22, 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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.]
4. 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. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
5. 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. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
6. 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 Nov 28, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Chapter 2.112 of the Cambridge Municipal Code to ensure that the persons and businesses supplying goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge utilize fair policies relating to the screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds through the CORI system. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 24, 2007.
7. 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.]
8. 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 Dec 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 13.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Sewer System Regulations." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 28, 2008.

9. 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 Dec 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Section 5.40 Special Dimensional Requirements of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by adding a new section 5.54 to protect solar energy systems. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 28, 2008. Petition expires Mar 11, 2008.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from La Luna Caffe requesting five tables and twenty chairs for restaurant seating in front of 403 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine regarding the position of the Mayor.
2. A communication was received from Melaku Zewde regarding 280-290 River Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth A. (Tierney) Stevenson. Councillor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Bessie P. Makris. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Wilfred A. "Fred" Bennett. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Olinda R. Costa-Corones. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Maria R. (Sebastiao) Grilo. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Janet C. (Middendorf) Marcinkewich. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Michael S. Dattero. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Michael Landers. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Mary "Theresa" (Sheehan) Burke. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Paul M. Grew Sr. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Theresa San Severino. Councillor Maher
12. Resolution on the death of Anthony J. Materazzo, Jr. Councillor Maher
13. Retirement of Mary Eirich from the School Department. Councillor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Thomas J. Begley. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Thomas G. Christo. Councillor Toomey
16. Condolences to the family of Emily Dellolio. Councillor Toomey

17. Resolution on the death of Dianne G. (Mullins) Chase. Councillor Reeves, Mayor Simmons
18. Resolution on the death of Lorraine E. (Frisoli) Puzyn. Councillor Toomey
19. Resolution on the death of Bryan C. Lounsbury. Mayor Simmons
20. Retirement of Thomas M. Higgins from the Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
21. Welcome ePlace to Cambridge. Councillor Davis
22. Congratulations to Ivy Moylan and Ned Hinkle for their hard work to preserve the Brattle Theatre. Councillor Decker
23. Congratulations to Maria Elena Latona on being awarded the 2008 Eisenhower Fellowship to travel to Mexico. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Ivan Merlo. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Specialist James Gudridge. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Zachary McBride. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Phillip Pannier. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Specialist John Sigsbee. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Specialist Todd Davis. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Sergeant David Hart. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Christopher Sanders. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Timothy Hanson. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Joshua Anderson. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Ryan Maseath. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Keith Lloyd. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Danny Kimme. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Private First Class David Sharrett II. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Curtis Christensen Jr. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Sean Gaul. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jonathan Dozier. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jason Lemke. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Matthew Pionk. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Captain Thomas Casey. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Major Andrew Olmsted. Councillor Decker
45. Retirement of Caroline Sarchioni from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Simmons
46. Urge all residents to participate in CEOC's "Get What's Coming to You!" free tax preparation program. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor Murphy
47. Congratulations to Karen Giesta of the Sacred Heart Parish on being selected and appointed by Cardinal O'Malley to a four-year term to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. Councillor Toomey
48. Retirement of Robert Cashman from the Water Department. Mayor Simmons
49. Retirement of Joan O'Meara from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
50. Retirement of Esther Allen from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
51. Retirement of Paul Saintil from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ensure that dog litter pick-up waste bags are immediately placed in all public parks and properly budgeted for in the future. Councillor Decker and Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to discuss

phasing out 30-minute meters and only installing new meters with a minimum of 1 hour and to report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Toomey

3. That the City Manager is requested to increase the penalties so that a residential building owned by a non-resident of that building is charged the fee per residential unit and to increase the fee for unshoveled commercial property so that it is appropriately higher than the fine given to a residential building. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to converse with the Director of Recycling on including plastic bags as an item to be included in curb-side pick-up. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to forward to the City Council a timeline for the introduction of "Zero Waste" policy regarding plastic bags. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA as to the reason for the apparent reduction in service at Lechmere Station and when normal operations will commence and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA on the frequent delays on the Route 69 bus from Lechmere to Harvard Square. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA on the condition of the bridge leading into Lechmere Station and the results of the most recent construction and whether or not multiple trains will soon be able to run on the bridge. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to converse with the Director of the Cambridge Health Alliance and report back to the City Council on the reason that the policy has changed in regards to free parking for cars with a handicap placard. Councillor Toomey
10. That the City Council go on record requesting the City Manager to take the appropriate steps in establishing a Moratorium on housing developments until an evaluation, requested by Policy Order #9 on Dec 10, 2007, is completed and zoning is amended as seen appropriate. Councillor Toomey
11. That this City Council go on record urging Charter Environmental Company and BMR Kendall Development LLC to honor their bargaining contract with Local 4. Councillor Decker
12. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the plans for the lot at the corner of Cambridge Street and Columbia Street. Councillor Toomey

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 and Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a joint meeting held on Dec 5, 2007 to discuss "green jobs".

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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O-2 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to discuss phasing out 30-minute meters and only installing new meters with a minimum of 1 hour and to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-3 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Thirty-five dollar fines for unshoveled sidewalks are not proving to be enough of a deterrent for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to increase the penalties so that a residential building owned by a non-resident of that building is charged the fee per residential unit; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to increase the fee for unshoveled commercial property so that it is appropriately higher than the fine given to a residential building and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of these increases.

O-4 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to converse with the Director of Recycling on including plastic bags as an item to be included in curb-side pick-up.

O-5 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Plastic bags are a significant contributor to the waste stream; and

WHEREAS: Other cities are banning them or requiring that they be recycled; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge address plastic bags in the context of a "Zero Waste" policy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward to the City Council a timeline for the introduction of said policy and information about what might be addressed in that policy.

O-6 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA as to the reason for the apparent reduction in service at Lechmere Station and when normal operations will commence and report back to the City Council.

O-7 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA on the frequent delays on the Route 69 bus from Lechmere to Harvard Square.

O-8 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA on the condition of the bridge leading into Lechmere Station and the results of the most recent construction and whether or not multiple trains will soon be able to run on the bridge.

O-9 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cars with a handicap placard could park free of charge until recently at the Cambridge Health Alliance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to converse with the Director of the Cambridge Health Alliance and report back to the City Council on the reason for the change in policy.

O-10 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: As residential developments are continuously added to Cambridge, we are faced with the serious situation of reaching a density level in our neighborhoods that is not beneficial to residents; and

WHEREAS: An increase of residential development threatens to have a negative impact on the quality of life of current residents. It appears time for the City to reevaluate its current city-wide zoning plan; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the City Manager to take the appropriate steps in establishing a Moratorium on housing developments until an evaluation, requested by Policy Order #9 on Dec 10, 2007, is completed and zoning is amended as seen appropriate.

O-11 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to the rights of all workers to have dignity in their lives, safe conditions at work, a living wage, and health benefits, and supports responsible employers who follow the law and treat their workers fairly; and

WHEREAS: Local 4 represents nearly 5,600 members, including heavy equipment operators, apprentices, mechanics, surveyors, equipment house employees, as well as waste water technician and some public sector employees; and

WHEREAS: Local 4 was recently told by Charter Environmental Company and BMR Kendall Development LLC that they no longer would honor their bargaining contract with Local 4 to remove hazardous waste from a construction site; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging Charter Environmental Company and BMR Kendall Development LLC to honor their bargaining contract with Local 4; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Charter Environmental Company and BMR Kendall Development LLC on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 Jan 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the plans for the lot at the corner of Cambridge Street and Columbia Street.