

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables (Without Power) for a term of three years effective Jan 1, 2012: John T. Katpcianos, John P. Mosher
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$175,845 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$23,496) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$152,349).
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-04, regarding a report on the steam leak on Second Street.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-06, regarding a report on the cost of monthly winter parking at the First Street garage. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eleven of Jan 30, 2012.]
2. Resolution on the death of former Mayor of Boston Kevin Hagan White. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Thirteen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Maher.]
3. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth M. (O'Keefe) Keefe. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Fourteen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Maher.]
4. Resolution on the death of Conrad Tallon. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Fifteen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Maher.]
5. Retirement of Penelope Kleespies from the Human Services Department. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Sixteen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Reeves.]
6. Thanks to the City of Cambridge Employee Diversity Committee, the Daughters of Yemaya Collective and the Artists Collective Traditions Remix for their art exhibit entitled Visions by Young Black Artists: Celebrating Black History Past, Present, and Future." [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Seventeen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Reeves.]
7. Resolution on the death of Albert F. Dove Sr. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Eighteen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Toomey.]
8. Resolution on the death of Ethel Caragianis. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Nineteen of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Maher.]
9. Condolences to the family of Brian Roach. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Twenty of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Maher.]

10. Speedy recovery wishes to Councillor Denise Simmons. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Twenty-one of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Decker.]
11. Speedy recovery wishes to the three firefighters that were recently injured while battling a fire. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Resolution Number Twenty-two of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Decker.]
12. That the Acting Chair of the City Council is requested to appoint a temporary committee of three Council members to start the process of searching for and hiring a replacement City Clerk. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Order Number Four of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Kelley.]
13. That the Acting Chair of the City Council is requested to appoint a temporary committee of three City Council members to start the process of setting up a City Council review of the City Manager and to start the discussion with the City Manager of his intentions. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Order Number Five of Jan 30, 2012 submitted by Councillor Kelley.]

ON THE TABLE

14. A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting notification of his intent to return the 9 Wyman Street curb cut application to the table; the history of which is as follows:
An application was received from Eric Griffith, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Wyman Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Three of Oct 24, 2011. Placed on Table Oct 31, 2011 by Councillor Cheung on roll call vote 6-3-0. Placed back on the Table Jan 23, 2012 by Councillor Toomey.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. That the matter of the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor be referred to Unfinished Business. Jan 30, 2012 ballot #4 (Councillor Cheung three votes; Councillor Davis one vote; Councillor Decker three votes; Councillor Kelley one vote and Councillor Toomey one vote) ballot #5 taken (Councillor Cheung three votes; Councillor Davis one vote; Councillor Decker two votes; Councillor Reeves two votes and Councillor Toomey one vote) ballot #6 taken (Councillor Cheung three votes; Councillor Davis one vote; Councillor Decker two votes; Councillor Reeves two vote and Councillor Toomey one vote)
16. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 28, 2011 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the petition filed by Julia Bishop, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2 located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. Planning Board hearing held Jan 17, 2012. Petition expires Mar 27, 2012.

17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a draft amendment to the GLBT Ordinance increasing the maximum number of commissioners from fifteen to twenty. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 13, 2012.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the authorization to borrow an amount not to exceed \$36,800,000 for the purpose of refinancing existing General Obligation Bonds to acquire lower interest rates than those currently being paid. The question comes on adoption on or after Feb 13, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert A. Walsh & family, transmitting thanks for the resolution of sympathy.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Audrey Shulman on the publication of her novel "Three Weeks in December." Councillor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Governor's Council member Kelly Timilty. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
3. Speedy recovery wishes to Lucy Mason. Councillor Simmons
4. Speedy recovery wishes to Ethel Ampey. Councillor Simmons
5. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Robert Murrell. Councillor Simmons
6. Moral support to the victims of the Brewer Street fire. Councillor Simmons
7. Best wishes to Liu Jisheng on his exhibition of artwork on display at Seven Stars Bookstore in Central Square. Councillor Simmons
8. Welcome wishes to Dr. Jemadari Omowale Kamara to Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
9. Welcome wishes to the National Association of Women Judges who will host their Mid-Year Meeting and Leadership Conference in Cambridge on Mar 9, 2012. Councillor Reeves
10. Resolution on the death of Harry Wallace. Councillor Maher
11. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Martin. Councillor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record as supporting the Clean Air Act and urging the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa P. Jackson, and President Barack Obama to move swiftly to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million carbon dioxide equivalent. Councillor Davis and Councillor vanBeuzekom
2. That the City Manager is requested to appoint a committee consisting of representatives from the city, community groups and other stakeholders, to begin planning an appropriate commemoration of the 150 Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation that is commensurate with Cambridge's reputation as a leader in affirming the civil rights of all. Councillor Simmons

3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority regarding hiring an independent third party consultant to report back on the underlying issues that may have contributed to elevator problems at the Frank J. Manning Apartments. Councillor vanBeuzekom and Councillor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council within a month on the Farmer's Market recommendations in the FFPC report specifically and whether funding is sufficient for a successful market season. Councillor vanBeuzekom and Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with the view in mind of revising the time restrictions for putting trash on the sidewalk before pickup to accommodate seniors and the disabled populations. Councillor Decker
6. That the City Manager is requested to look into any developments on implementing EBT and debit card machines for city-wide use at farmers' markets. Councillor Cheung, Councillor vanBeuzekom and Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Historical Commission and the Planning Board to look into the feasibility of investing in new audio/visual equipment. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to convene a meeting with the MBTA so that the Kids' Council can discuss their ideas as they relate to extending the MBTA passes on weekends. 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 hearing held on Mar 29, 2011 to receive a presentation on form-based zoning, as it was planned and implemented in the City of Miami, Florida.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 8

5:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the petition filed by Julia Bishop, et al. and refiled by the City Council to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2 located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting. (City Manager will submit recommendation for water/sewer rates.) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The decade from 2000 to 2010 was the warmest on record, and 2005 and 2010 tied for the hottest years on record; and

WHEREAS: The current level of CO2 in the atmosphere is approximately 392 parts per million (ppm); and

WHEREAS: One of the world's leading climate scientists, Dr. James Hansen, stated in 2008: "If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, paleoclimate evidence and climate change suggest that CO2 will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to at most 350ppm."; and

WHEREAS: According to the Global Humanitarian Forum climate change is already responsible every year for some 300,000 deaths, 325 million people seriously affected, and economic losses worldwide of U.S. \$125 billion; and

WHEREAS: Extreme weather events are striking with increased frequency, with deadly consequences for people and wildlife in the United States alone:

- 2005 had the most hurricanes on record since 1851;
- Blizzards plagued the Northeast during the winter of 2011;
- Intense rainfall and snowmelt forced the Mississippi River to overflow its banks across the Midwest and South in summer 2011;
- The unprecedented 2011 Texas drought lead the U.S. Department of Agriculture to declare the entire state a natural disaster zone;
- Heat waves scorched the Midwest and East in summer 2011, with many cities hitting record-high temperatures and, for example, Oklahoma on pace to break its record for days over 100 degrees; and

WHEREAS: Climate change is threatening food security as crop growth and yields diminish and droughts, floods and changes in snowpack depth are disrupting water supplies; and

WHEREAS: Scientists have concluded that by 2100 as many as one in 10 species may be on the verge of extinction due to climate change; and

WHEREAS: The world's ice is rapidly melting threatening water supplies, raising sea levels, and jeopardizing ice-dependent animals so severely that Arctic summer sea ice is half the area and thickness it was several decades ago; and

WHEREAS: According to Scientific American, sea level is rising faster along the U.S. East Coast than it has for at least 2,000 years, and is accelerating in pace, threatening coastal wildlife and the 40

percent of the world's population that lives within 60 miles of the coast; and

WHEREAS: For four decades, the Clean Air Act has protected the air we breathe through a proven, comprehensive, successful system of pollution control that saves lives and creates economic benefits exceeding its costs by many times; and

WHEREAS: With the Clean Air Act, air quality in this country has improved significantly since 1970, despite major growth both in our economy and industrial production; and

WHEREAS: Between 1970 and 1990, the six main pollutants covered by the Clean Air Act - particulate matter and ground-level ozone (both of which contribute to smog and asthma), carbon monoxide, lead, sulfur and nitrogen oxides (the acid gases that cause acid rain) - were reduced by between 47 percent and 93 percent, and airborne lead was virtually eliminated; and

WHEREAS: The Clean Air Act has produced economic benefits valued at \$2 trillion or 30 times the cost of regulation; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Massachusetts vs. EPA (2007) that greenhouse gases are "air pollutants" as defined by the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate them; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge prides itself on being a leader in the fight against climate change and for clean air; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as supporting the Clean Air Act and urging the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa P. Jackson, and President Barack Obama to move swiftly to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million carbon dioxide equivalent; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Lisa P. Jackson and President Barack Obama on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Jan 1, 2012 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation which gave freedom to slaves in the ten states that had seceded from the Union; and

WHEREAS: Although the Emancipation Proclamation did not end slavery in the nation, it was a major milestone in the effort to abolish slavery and paved the way for African Americans to join the Union army; and

WHEREAS: The Emancipation Proclamation was also a milestone in the nation's efforts to atone for its checkered historical past; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a committee consisting of representatives from the city, community groups and other stakeholders, to begin planning an appropriate commemoration of the 150 Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation that is commensurate with Cambridge's reputation as a leader in affirming the civil rights of all; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on progress in this regard.

O-3 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Frank J. Manning Apartments are a Cambridge Housing Authority residence for seniors and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Serious problems with the elevator dating from 2007 under original repairs and 2011 for subsequent repairs and now continuing into January of 2012 cause a dangerous and unnecessarily disruptive situation for residents unable to use the stairs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the status of maintenance for the elevators at the Manning Apartments; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority regarding hiring an independent third party consultant to report back on the underlying issues that may have contributed to the aforementioned problems.

O-4 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The ad hoc Cambridge Food and Fitness Policy Council (FFPC) submitted a report to the City Manager on Oct 26, 2011 for the Council's first year of activity; and

WHEREAS: The report was referred to the Human Services Committee of the City Council on Oct 31, 2011 and has not been acted upon since; and

WHEREAS: The FFPC developed eight recommendations for reducing obesity and chronic disease; and

WHEREAS: The fourth recommendation includes expanded access to Cambridge Farmers' Markets with specific activities including expanding SNAP benefits at all Farmers' Markets, assigning a city staff member to serve as market liaison and using multiple channels of communication to raise awareness; and

WHEREAS: The various Spring Farmers' Markets are in the planning stages under different models of providing markets and could benefit greatly from assistance from the city; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Health Department report dated Jan 15, 2012 covers activities of the FFPC and states that implementation of some recommendations is proceeding; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council within a month on the Farmers' Market recommendations in the FFPC report specifically and whether funding is sufficient for a successful market season.

O-5 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works (DPW) does not allow trash containers to be placed on the curb earlier than 6:00pm the night before collection; and

WHEREAS: This is an effort to manage rodent control and maintain clear sidewalks; and

WHEREAS: This rule causes difficulty for many senior citizens or disabled adults. In the winter months it is often dark before 6:00pm and remains dark well after 7:00am. These time restrictions prove to be hazardous to certain senior or disabled citizens who may have trouble walking or seeing in the evening; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works in revising the time restrictions to better accommodate the above-mentioned populations; 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 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Last term, the City Manager was requested to form a task force to look into the challenges of developing a city-wide expansion and deployment of EBT and debit card machines at farmers' markets; and

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed a renewed need for other payment options such as EBT and debit card machines as the first winter farmers' market is open for business each Saturday during the winter season; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into any developments on implementing EBT and debit card machines for city-wide use and report back to the City Council with an update.

O-7 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Historical Commission and Planning Board hold hearings that allow for and encourage civic participation in government; and

WHEREAS: Residents who attend these hearings have expressed concerns about out-of-date audio/visual equipment as hearing attendees are required to bring their laptops for presentations; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that investing in laptops and projector equipment would make City board hearings more efficient; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Historical Commission and the Planning Board to look into the feasibility of investing in new audio/visual equipment.

O-8 Feb 6, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The MBTA released two proposals to increase fares; and

WHEREAS: The youth involvement subcommittee of the Cambridge Kids' Council wants to work on extending the MBTA passes weekends; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a meeting with the MBTA so that the Kids' Council can discuss their ideas.