

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-05, regarding a report on Enterprise Rental using the City sidewalk as a parking lot.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from the Water Department Salary and Wages account to the Water Department Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover current and anticipated medical services/prescription costs for employees injured during the performance of their work duties.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Fair Housing Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$46,600 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Salary and Wages Account (\$34,100), and Grant Fund Human Rights Travel and Training Account (\$12,500) which will be used to cover a portion of the salary of an Attorney-Investigator, who works on cases from the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP).
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental FY11 allocation from the Office of the Attorney General, Local Consumer Aid Fund for \$4,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumer's Council) Salaries and Wages account which has been provided to the City from the Attorney General's Office in recognition of the Cambridge Consumer Council's ability to provide mediation services for the Somerville consumer office and will cover Cambridge Consumer Council staff costs.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$26,430 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).

ON THE TABLE

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]
2. 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.]
3. 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.]

4. 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.]
5. 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.]
6. 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.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. 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 Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Nov 18, 2010 to consider a petition filed by William A. Fox, et al. to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the area of Cottage Park Avenue from its current designation of Business A-2 to Residence B. Committee Report Number One of Dec 20, 2010 referred to Unfinished Business. Planning Board hearing held Nov 16, 2010. Petition expires Feb 16, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Judge Fernande R.V. Duffly, transmitting thanks for the resolution on the occasion of her nomination to the Supreme Judicial Court.
2. A communication was received from Elinor (Ellie) Baker Brellis, 89 Fayerweather Street, requesting two or three recycling bins be placed in Huron Village to go along with the trash bins.
3. A communication was received from Peter Zak Valentine, regarding the Health Care Bill.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Susan B. (DiDomenico) Reardon. Mayor Maher
2. Thanks to Whole Foods Market for their generosity and support to the Cambridge community. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Mitchell Reich on his appointment as President of the Harvard Law Review. Councillor Cheung
4. Resolution on the death of Laura (Amaral) Ramos. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Robert W. Silva. Councillor Toomey
6. Thanks to Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic for services they provide to local students. Councillor Toomey

7. Thanks to the Haggerty School for providing a warm welcome for the celebration of Cambridge as the newest Let's Move city. Vice Mayor Davis
8. Appreciation to Fred Berman for his work on behalf of Cambridge residents. Councillor Seidel
9. Congratulations to Estelle Disch on her exhibition at Cambridge Community Television's studio from Feb 17-Mar 22, 2011. Councillor Simmons
10. Condolences to Chris-Colbath-Hess on the death of her sister-in-law. Mayor Maher, Councillor Seidel

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to inquire about where SCM funding shortfalls are coming from and what, if anything, can be done to help SCM with restoring funding. Councillor Decker
2. Encourage residents to use the Pothole Hotline to help the Department of Public Works locate and repair potholes in Cambridge and help create safer roads. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to designate an individual in his office or in the Cambridge Police Department for the specific purpose of providing information to the City Council and the community-at-large about incidents, be they of crimes, fires, or floods that occur in Cambridge on a timely basis. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Council go on record condemning the murder of David Kato and calling on the government of Uganda to conduct a thorough investigation of his death and bring those guilty to justice. Councillor Simmons
5. That the Mayor, the City Clerk and/or City Council's committee on Government Operations and Rules plan a meeting of the City Council to go over the new changes of the Open Meeting Law. Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Manager address the problem of cars that have been left unshoveled for long periods of time causing problems for snow plows and difficulty parking. Councillor Decker
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to investigate designated spots near intersections for residents to move snow which would be picked up by DPW, snow melting machines and whether there are additional parks, parking lots or other public spaces that could be used to dump snow for this winter and in the future. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to report back with clarification on what the policy is regarding ticketing of cars who are parked more than three feet from the curb due to snowbanks. Councillor Toomey

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Communication from Robert W. Healy, relative to the City's Triple A bond rating reports received from the nation's three major Bond Rating Agencies.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 15

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of structuring the parking ticket system in a way that would increase parking tickets as people stay longer at expired meters or general no-parking spots. (Ackermann Room)
6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 16

9:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with Cambridge Local First how the City bids out for banks. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Feb 17

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss municipal and other renewable energy goals. (Sullivan Chamber)
6:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to examine the environmental goals of the City Council. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 22

5:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss promoting and sustaining retail in North Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 1

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss language in the Noise Ordinance as it relates to enforcement of loud car radios. (Ackermann Room)
6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 2

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to learn more about Cambridge Health Alliance's patient-centered medical home (PCMH) initiatives. (Sullivan Chamber)
4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing 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. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 3

5:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss how inclusionary zoning could be used to build more entrepreneur space. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 8

6:00pm School Committee Budget Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 22

3:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the future of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 23

4:00pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 5

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss safety issues at the intersection of Cedar and Harvey Streets. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 6

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by William A. Fox, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by rezoning an area accessed via Cottage Park Avenue in North Cambridge from its current designation of Business A-2 to a new designation of Residence B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from Novartis to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map to create a new Special District 15 along a portion of Massachusetts Avenue between Albany Street and Windsor Street. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 12

6:00pm Special School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Many of Cambridge's citizens rely on SCM for transportation to medical and other appointments; and

WHEREAS: SCM gets its funding from state and local funds as well as grants; and

WHEREAS: Services have been scaled back due to budgetary problems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire about where the funding shortfalls are coming from and what, if anything, can be done to help SCM with restoring funding; 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-2 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Due to the winter weather the city has numerous potholes that could pose a hazard to those on the roads; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge maintains a Pothole Hotline where residents can report potholes; and

WHEREAS: Residents can report potholes by calling (617) 349-4854 and the Department of Public Works will attempt

to fix the pothole as soon as possible; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging residents to use the Pothole Hotline to help the Department of Public Works locate and repair potholes in Cambridge and help create safer roads.

O-3 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of Cambridge

residents is of paramount concern of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The prompt dissemination of accurate information to the residents of the affected neighborhood in the aftermath of a violent crime or disaster such as fire or flood will go along way towards allaying the community

concerns. It can foster more vigilance in the case of a violent crime, or serve to mobilize the community to offer assistance in the case of a fire or flood; and

WHEREAS: Chapter 7 (pg 36) of Missed Opportunities and Shared Responsibilities: Final Report of the Cambridge Review Committee emphasizes the need for "swift communication between city leaders and the public"; and

WHEREAS: In the recent past, a woeful lack of information has characterized the aftermath of recent crimes and disasters in some Cambridge neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: The lack of accurate and timely information about a crime or disaster impedes the City Council's ability to receive and to disseminate accurate information to its constituents, which is an important obligation of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The lack of accurate and timely information often leads to misinformation, which in turn, promotes panic and confusion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate an individual in his office or in the Cambridge Police Department for the specific purpose of providing information to the City Council and the community-at-large about incidents, be they of crimes, fires, or floods that occur in Cambridge on a timely basis; and be it further

ORDERED: That this assignment or appointment be made as soon as possible.

O-4 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In January, Ugandan Gay Rights activist David Kato was bludgeoned to death in his home in Kampala; and

WHEREAS: The death of David Kato is not only a blow to the persecuted GLBT community in Uganda and to its campaign for equal rights and justice, it is a blow to all who believe in these ideals; and

WHEREAS: People of conscience across the globe cannot and will not sit idly by while gays and lesbians are subjected to grave injustice around the world for, as Dr. M.L. King

wrote in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"; and
WHEREAS: A number of local organizations including Boston Pride, Queer Women of Color and Friends, and Join the Impact MA, held a candlelight vigil to remember and honor David Kato on Feb 10, 2011 in Copley Square; and
WHEREAS: Recent feature articles in publications such as the New Yorker, and the Atlantic Monthly have chronicled the involvement of some US-based Evangelicals and conservatives in the United States Congress in the passage of Uganda's anti-gay law, which calls for lengthy prison sentences and even the death penalty for Ugandans suspected of being gay; and
WHEREAS: This meddling in the internal affairs of African states like Uganda on a host of issues, ranging from civil rights to economic and social policy, is emblematic of an arrogant and now discredited approach, which considers African and other so-called Third World states to be mere vehicles to be used in the realization of goals and interests that are often antithetical to their own priorities; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record condemning the murder of David Kato and calling on the government of Uganda to conduct a thorough investigation of his death and bring those guilty to justice; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the organizers of the vigil in honor of David Kato by a grateful and appreciative City Council.

O-5 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A major tenet of our democratic tradition is the notion that the deliberations of a representative body such as the City Council should be open and transparent; and
WHEREAS: The Open Meeting Law relies on the principle that the democratic process depends on the public having knowledge about the considerations underlying governmental action; and
WHEREAS: Changes have recently been made to the Open Meeting Law and the City Council has been presented with a document outlining those changes; and
WHEREAS: Adherence to the Open Meeting Law will promote transparency and encourage the participation of Cambridge residents in the decision-making process of their government; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the Mayor, the Clerk and or City Council's committee on Government Operations and Rules plan a meeting of the City Council to go over the new changes; and be it further
ORDERED: That the proposed meeting be held no later than the month of April 2011.

O-6 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cars that have been left for long periods of time on city streets with no obvious attempt at being shoveled out make it more difficult for plows to get through the city as well as making it more difficult for others trying to negotiate parking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to address this difficulty and present some solutions to this issue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, in the event of a policy being put forth such as a timeline for shoveling out cars, to also determine in said policy who would be exempt and what the procedure would be for those people to notify the city of their exemption.

O-7 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has done a wonderful job clearing snow off the roads but increasingly there is no place to dump it; and
WHEREAS: Residents have complained that sidewalks and curbs have become overwhelmed with snow, making it difficult to honor their obligation to keep their sidewalks cleared and to enter and exit their driveways; and
WHEREAS: Many residents are worried that the high snow is making it more difficult to view oncoming traffic, putting the safety of drivers at risk; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to investigate the following questions and report back to the City Council:

1. Could we designate a spot near each intersection as a place for resident to move snow so that the city would commit to picking up from?
2. Many cities in the United States are looking into snow melting machines; Is this a viable option for Cambridge?
3. Are there additional untapped options (parking lots, public spaces, parks) for the city to dump snow? Due to the large snow fall this year, will we be expanding dumping options in preparation for next winter?

O-8 Feb 14, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that traffic control officers are issuing tickets to cars parked more than three feet from the curb; and
WHEREAS: In many of these instances, compliance is made impossible because of snowbanks, yet traffic lanes are still wide enough for traffic to flow; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to report back with clarification on what the traffic control officers are instructed to do in this situation.