

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-11, regarding a report on participating in the Municipal Performance Management Program.
 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-05, regarding a report on participating in the International Open Data Hackathon.
 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-07, regarding a report on adding the iReport platform.
 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$39,576.73 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA.
 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center grant from the Cambridge Community Foundation under their Immigrant Initiative in the amount of \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$27,073), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,727) and Travel and Training account (\$200) which will be used to support salaries and educational supplies for two intermediate ESOL classes at the Community Learning Center.
 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-111, regarding a report on improving safety on Western Avenue at Kinnaird and Pleasant Streets and Awaiting Report Item Number 13-14, regarding a report on sharing the information with abutters from the Feb 5th meeting between DPW and D'Allesandro Construction relative to construction on Western Avenue.
 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-08, regarding a report on the impact of the federal cuts on the Continuum of Care.
 8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-143, regarding a report on the cause and other details of the Nov 29, 2012 power outage.
 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$32,746 from the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account to the Grant Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account which will allow for the purchase of computers in classrooms at the Police Station and is in accordance with grant guidelines.
2. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
 3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
 7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]
 8. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the members of the Massachusetts Committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling to pass MA House Bill 4165, "An Act Relative to Speed Limits." [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012. Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Dec 3, 2012.]
 9. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the appropriate city officials including the City Solicitor and report back to the City Council regarding modification of the ordinance (10.12.030) that links the awarding of a one yearlong Visitor Parking Permit per household to the purchase of a \$25 Cambridge Resident Parking Permit. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013. Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on Feb 11, 2013.]

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-90, regarding a report on Executive Session to discuss lawsuits. [City Manager Agenda Number Seven of Feb 25, 2013 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 25, 2013.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Gtech Repair requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 2400 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Norfolk Street, fifty-seven banners on poles in Harvard Square, ninety-three banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Memorial Drive to Harvard Square and sixteen banners on poles along Broadway from Ellery Street to Felton Street announcing the Cambridge Science Festival Apr 12-21, 2013. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Michael Turk, 11 Ware Street regarding loss of rental housing in Harvard Square and the adjacent neighborhood of Mid-Cambridge as a result of Harvard University's plans to renovate its undergraduate Houses.
2. A communication was received from Senator Patricia Jehlen regarding the Paycheck Fairness Act.
3. A communication was received from James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, regarding transferable development rights.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to the Cambridge Consumers' Council, the City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Post Office for offering information sessions to learn about different consumer initiatives and free public shredding hours as they relate to National Consumer Protection Week. Mayor Davis
2. Congratulations to Blueleaf on the occasion of being noted as a financial tech company to watch by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Markus Mcguffie on earning sixth place in wrestling at the Central Massachusetts Division One Sectional Championships. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Javon Silva for earning fifth place in wrestling at the Central Massachusetts Division One Sectional Championships. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to HubSpot on its impressive growth throughout the past year and its commitment to public service and betterment of the surrounding community. Councillor Cheung
6. Welcome the Center for Human Genetics, Inc. to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulations to Essah Chisholm on earning sixth place in wrestling at the Central Massachusetts Division One Sectional Championship. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to Ashraf Rahman on earning fifth place in wrestling at the Central Massachusetts Division One Sectional Championships. Councillor Cheung

9. Congratulations to GelSight for being recognized as a Mass High Tech Company to Follow by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to Hallie White Speight on receiving the Ruth Abrams Outstanding Attorney Award. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to the Green Streets Initiative for their successful work to promote sustainable living practices and urge residents and City Councillor to participate in the Walk/Ride Day on the last Friday of each month. Councillor Cheung
12. Happy 88th Birthday wishes to True Miller Bacon. Vice Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to look into the feasibility of applying for the Code for America Fellowship Program and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to expand enforcement of the prohibition on Cambridge pick-ups by non-Cambridge cabs not specifically called to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
3. That the Chair of the Civic Unity Committee is requested to inform the City Council of plans to hold a committee meeting to discuss the Monteiro case and any lessons to be learned from it prior to the current City Manager's leaving office. Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of creating a development program, whether through density bonuses or other means, where residents of new buildings would not be allowed to obtain on-street City parking stickers. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on Awaiting Report 12-20 from February, 2012 on a system for informing the public of the status of maintenance and repair issues for things such as park equipment, graffiti, sidewalk hazards and so forth. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City officials and report back to the City Council on how, if at all, the City could manage its street snow clearance issues without dumping snow back on crosswalks and driveways in a fashion that forces the relevant property owners to re-clear sidewalks and driveways of newly deposited, denser, thicker snow than what had originally fallen. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan, to include relevant funding in the upcoming budget if necessary, to address the issues along Linear Park for which Cambridge is responsible. Councillor Kelley
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Information Technology Department to explore the possibility of adding an RSS feed feature to all of the City of Cambridge websites. Councillor vanBeuzekom

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor David P. Maher transmitting a copy of a letter sent to Attorney Kathryn Brown of Forest City Boston requesting clarifying language contained in the "Letter of Commitment".
2. A communication was received from Councillor Craig Kelley regarding discussion about pending lawsuits.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 5

12:30pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting for the purpose of touring Lesley University. The meeting will convene in the Sullivan Chamber and proceed to the tour. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 7

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; specifically to discuss Uses, Incentive Zoning, Community Fund, Housing and Sustainability. Presentation by the Executive Director of Historical Commission will be made on historic building. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
MEETING CANCELLED.

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 27

5:30pm Roundtable/Working Meeting to discuss the report of the C2 Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is known as a hub of innovation, ideas and most importantly action; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge is always looking for new ways to showcase and build on its reputation as a national leader in innovation; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Code for America is actively seeking local governments to participate in their 2014 Fellowship Program; and

WHEREAS: The Code for America Fellowship Program connects local governments with talented teams of developers, designers, and entrepreneurs to create web and mobile applications that heighten access to government and improve the transparency of municipal information and systems; and

WHEREAS: Each city that is selected to participate in the Fellowship Program will host three fellows, recruited from the top of the tech industry, for a month in an effort to allow them to determine the needs of both the surrounding community and local government partners; and

WHEREAS: The fellows will then work collaboratively in a seven-month development phase to build mobile and web applications that have been designed to best suit the desires of their host city; and

WHEREAS: Cities that have previously participated in Code for America's Fellowship Program include Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Oakland, Kansas City, San Francisco, New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, and Austin; and

WHEREAS: All applications must be submitted by Mar 31, 2013; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to look into the feasibility of applying for the Code for America Fellowship Program and report back to the City Council.

O-2 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: According to Article XI, Rule 1 of the City of Cambridge License Commission's Taxicab Rules and Regulations, "Only the driver of a licensed Cambridge taxicab may pick up passengers for hire in Cambridge taxicabs stands designated by the Cambridge Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation or those private stands designated by the License Commission. Only the driver of a licensed Cambridge taxicab may pick up a passenger on the public way who has hailed said taxicab. An out-of-town taxicab shall not respond to a street hail (unless it is a public safety situation) or park in a Cambridge taxi stand, but may respond to a telephone call or other pre-arrangement"; and

WHEREAS: Taxi medallion owners and lessors have repeatedly expressed their concern over the enforcement of this ordinance as it relates to Cambridge pick-ups by non-Cambridge cabs, citing the failure to enforce the ordinance as a detriment to successful business operations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City departments to expand

enforcement of the prohibition on Cambridge pick-ups by non-Cambridge cabs not specifically called to Cambridge.

O-3 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the Chair of the Civic Unity Committee be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council of plans to hold a committee meeting to discuss the Monteiro case and any lessons to be learned from it prior to the current City Manager's leaving office.

O-4 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of creating a development program, whether through density bonuses or other means, where residents of new buildings would not be allowed to obtain on-street City parking stickers.

O-5 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on Awaiting Report 12-20 from February, 2012 on a system for informing the public of the status of maintenance and repair issues for things such as park equipment, graffiti, sidewalk hazards and so forth.

O-6 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City officials and report back to the City Council on how, if at all, the City could manage its street snow clearance issues without dumping snow back on crosswalks and driveways in a fashion that forces the relevant property owners to re-clear sidewalks and driveways of newly deposited, denser, thicker snow than what had originally fallen.

O-7 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Sections of Linear Park from the Alewife MBTA Station to the Davis Square T Station have problematic drainage issues; and

WHEREAS: Where the path drains poorly, dangerous ice can form in colder weather, inconvenient puddles can form in warmer weather and a narrowing of the usable path can occur to the point where safe passage for pedestrians, runners and cyclist is very difficult; and

WHEREAS: The sections of Linear Park that have these problems may be under the various jurisdictions of the MBTA, Cambridge and Somerville; and

WHEREAS: All of these sections are used by Cambridge residents and visitors on a regular basis; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff, MBTA staff, the City of Somerville and any other entities that may have responsibility for the section of Linear Park stretching from the MBTA's Alewife Station to its Davis Square Station to determine what flooding, drainage, sightline, maintenance and traffic flow issues exist, who is responsible for

addressing them and how they will be fixed and; be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the results of these conferences; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan, to include relevant funding in the upcoming budget if necessary, to address the issues along Linear Park for which Cambridge is responsible.

O-8 Mar 4, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Many individuals are receiving information through mobile devices and computers that compile recently published information from websites of interest into one location through a RSS feed option; and

WHEREAS: An RSS feed is required for RSS reader software to locate newly published information; and

WHEREAS: Many of the City of Cambridge website(s) are continually updating content relevant to residents -- such as construction project updates and important civic events and presently the City of Cambridge does not have a RSS feed option available on its website(s); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with with the Information Technology Department to explore the possibility of adding this feature to all of the City of Cambridge websites; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate back to the City Council on this topic.