

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-11, regarding an early winter 2012 thermal scan.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-07, regarding a report on how the City promotes and enforces the Cambridge Employment Plan.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-19, regarding a report on the location of pedestrian signals at the super crosswalk in Harvard Square.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve the Jitney application from Super Duck Tours and Upper Deck Trolley Tours to amend their existing route.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-13, regarding a report on joining the National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-29, regarding a report on the "no left turn" on the Cambridge Common and to remove the bicycle prohibition on certain streets, such as Whittemore Avenue.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$2,000 from Employee Benefits (health insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Library Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover present and anticipated medical service costs for employees injured during the performance of their work duties.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$68,000 from the General Fund Library Salary and Wages Account to the General Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account for acquisition of books, electronic content, and audio-visual materials for public use.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Bishop, et al Zoning Petition.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of hiring an ombudsman to serve as a liaison and internal advocate for community members. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number One of Feb 27, 2012.]

ON THE TABLE

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("Boston Properties") for the modification of two existing open space restriction covenants on buildings located at Four and Five Cambridge Center in connection with the creation of a new 47,000

square foot urban park and new open space restriction covenant for a net gain 28,853 square feet of public open space. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Feb 27, 2011.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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 December 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. (Petition passed to a second reading at Special City Council Meeting held on Feb 8, 2012) The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 27, 2012. [Planning Board hearing held Jan 17, 2012. Petition expires Mar 27, 2012. Order #8 of Feb 27, 2012 to amend text Bishop petition adopted. Petition placed back on the table.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A constable bond was received from Charles M. Durrah for approval of the surety.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Penelope Kleespies, 105 Hammond Street, transmitting thanks for the resolution on her many years serving the families of the Longfellow Neighborhood Council and Community School.
 2. A communication was received from Charles Marquardt, 10 Rogers Street Unit 1120, regarding the diminution request of Feb 27, 2012.
 3. A communication was received from Andrea Mitter-Burke, 26 Harvey Street, transmitting support for the Bishop Petition as written.
 4. A communication was received from Manuel Rodriguez-Orellana, Esq., transmitting support for the Bishop Petition as written.
 5. A communication was received from Martin Bakal, 120 Reed Street, transmitting support for the Bishop Petition.
 6. A communication was received from Geraldine Gruvis Pizarro, transmitting support for the Bishop Petition as written.
 7. A communication was received from Brian Murrphy, transmitting support for the Bishop Petition as written.
 8. A communication was received from Shirley and Roy Kring, 2440 Massachusetts Avenue, Unit #5, transmitting support for the Bishop Petition as written.
 9. A communication was received from Julia Bishop, regarding the Bishop petition.
 10. A communication was received from Judith and Paul Robertson, 45 Magoun Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
 11. A communication was received from Steven Orzack, 173 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
 12. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, Chair, Citywide Community School Council, 15 Laurel Street, regarding the City Manager's recommendation on Community Schools.
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Street, transmitting comments from Community School supporters.

14. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley, Chair, Citywide Community School Council, 15 Laurel Street, regarding City Manager Item #2 of Feb 27, 2012 the proposal to give \$15,000 to the Cambridge Community Center.
15. A communication was received from Jen Feinstein, 163 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
16. A communication was received from Marc Feinstein, 163 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
17. A communication was received from Julia Bishop, requesting the City Council to vote on the Bishop Petition as amended.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Edward J. Griffin. Councillor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Carlos A. Leal. Councillor Toomey
3. Celebration of the life of Bayard Rustin and the Cambridge Peace Commission's commitment to spreading Mr. Rustin's message and furthering his legacy in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Simmons
4. Thanks to Representative Barney Frank for his service and on the occasion of receiving the Gerry E. Studds Award at Fenway Health's 2012 Men's Event on Mar 3, 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Benito L. "Beni" Cappello. Councillor Maher
6. Congratulations to Priscilla Tsagli on being named a 911 Hero by both the City of Cambridge and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Councillor Maher
7. Best wishes to David Lopez as he leaves his position as HPRP Case Manager at the Multi Service Center. Councillor Decker
8. Declare Mar 7, 2012 as Anthony "Romeo" Santos and el dia de Bachata Day in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
9. Thanks to City Manager Robert W. Healy and all City staff that planned and carried out the public hearing which took place on Feb 29, 2012 regarding proposed MBTA fares and routes. Mayor Davis
10. Thanks to the City of Cambridge Employees' Committee on Diversity for organizing "Celebrating Area IV; The Port's Life" as well as all the participants who celebrated Black History Month through their performances. Mayor Davis
11. Thanks to Johnny Marines for his work with the artist Anthony "Romeo" Santos and his service to needy and low-income families throughout the Metropolitan area. Councillor Reeves
12. Best wishes and congratulations to the East End House on its 9th Annual Cooking For A Cause which will take place on Mar 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey
13. Urge Cambridge residents to take advantage of the activities offered during National Consumer Protection Week which will take place from Mar 4-10, 2012. Mayor Davis

14. Congratulations to Jennifer Chayes, Distinguished Scientist & Managing Director, Microsoft, on being named a 2012 Women to Watch honoree. Councillor Cheung
15. Congratulations to Brinley Furey, Senior Director, Oncology & Neurobiology, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, on being named a 2012 Women to Watch honoree. Councillor Cheung
16. Congratulations to Adam Hirsch on successfully re-opening the Curious George & Friends store in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to YouthTrade for their successful work inspiring individuals to act on their talent, ideas and energy to produce tomorrow's leading start-ups. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to First Printer, a restaurant specializing in regional seafood with a southern flair, on their opening in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with the intention of devising a plan for implementing curbside pick up for small businesses along existing curbside pick up routes and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is request to report back to the City Council on what is designated open space within the MXD District in Kendall Square. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back on any actions taken to address and rectify the failure of public trust committed by Cambridge public safety officers who allegedly falsified re-certification of their emergency medical training and whether proper re-certification has since been fulfilled and what measures are being taken to avoid future incidents. Councillor vanBeuzekom
4. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the storing of items belonging to homeless individuals at the entranceway of the Cambridge Public Library at Ellery Street and Broadway and work with the Police Department to remove these items and secure the park so that it will be safe for children, families and library patrons. Councillor Reeves
5. That the City Manager is requested to provide to the City Council the response to the Massachusetts Food Association's letter as it relates to City Council Policy Order Number 10 regarding banning of plastic bag usage by Cambridge retailers. Councillor vanBeuzekom
6. That the City Manager is requested to present the budget to the City Council as an aggregated spreadsheet in digital format as a supplement for hearings. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of installing traffic calming measures between Broadway and Hampshire Street and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to compile any studies, reports or findings that have been done at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Prospect Street and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 5

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 [Proposed budget submission] (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 [Budget Adoption expected] (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 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has made great strides in increasing the amount of recyclable materials collected through curbside pick up with the introduction of single stream recycling; and

WHEREAS: An increase in recyclable materials results in an increase in sellable materials; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge currently does not pick up recycling from businesses even if they are along an active curbside pick up route; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses in Cambridge pay a higher commercial tax rate yet they do not receive the same services as residents paying a lower rate; and

WHEREAS: Small businesses are required to have recycling and trash removal contracts with private haulers that can meet the specific pickup needs of the business; and

WHEREAS: This results in various trucks picking up at different times and different businesses creating congestion and contributing to air pollution on the streets in our business districts; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has made a commitment to actively pursue ways to reduce vehicle trips within the city; and

WHEREAS: If small businesses operating along existing curbside pick up routes were included in curbside collection on regularly scheduled days it could potentially reduce truck traffic and vehicle trips within the City of Cambridge, reduce congestion, help save small businesses money by reducing one recycle pickup per week, increase the amounts of recyclables collected by the city with minimum impact on the program since the trucks are already operating in the area, and could help to encourage businesses to use the recycle center for further cost savings resulting in cost saving for Cambridge; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with the intention of devising a plan for implementing curbside pick up for small businesses along existing curbside pick up routes and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The recent proposal by Boston Properties has caused great concern around the future of open space in Kendall Square and abutting neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: While the claim of Boston Properties is that 18,147 square feet of the rooftop garden will be exchanged for 47,000 square feet of at grade open space for a net gain of open space in the area, previous reports to the City Council by the CRA conflict with this claim; and

WHEREAS: It has been previously reported to the City Council that parcels 5 and 7, on which the park is proposed, has already been planned as public open space as part of a previously designed "Innovation Boulevard" open space project; and

WHEREAS: It was for this reason that past attempts at creating a dog park have been denied; and

WHEREAS: It is also stated in the request that 133,733 square feet of public open space exists within the MXD district; and

WHEREAS: The proposed park is also adjacent to Grand Junction Rail Line along which a multiuse path has been proposed. All projects along this path should be scrutinized as to not interfere with its construction; and

WHEREAS: It is unclear what is considered open space in the MXD District; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to report back to the City Council on what is designated open space within the MXD District.

O-3 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: On Nov 21, 2011 Councillor Toomey submitted Policy Order Number 13; and

WHEREAS: The body of this order, noted that in 2010 it came to public light that over two hundred public safety officers state-wide allegedly falsified their emergency medical training (EMT) re-certification; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge public safety officers were listed among those who allegedly falsified re-certification; and

WHEREAS: It is also unclear whether false certification was obtained while under the employment of the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Fire Chief and Police Commissioner and

report back to the City Council on the above-mentioned matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on any actions taken to address and rectify the failure of public trust committed by the alleged offenders and whether proper re-certification has since been fulfilled and what measures are being taken to avoid future incidents.

O-4 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The wonderful new Main Branch of the Cambridge Public Library has a beautiful park in front of it that is used by many, including families and children; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the entrance to the park on the corner of Ellery Street and Broadway, where there is a large cement entrance structure, homeless individuals have been storing their possessions behind this entranceway; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the storing of items belonging to homeless individuals at this site and work with the Police Department to remove these items and secure the park so that it will be safe for children, families and library patrons; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the results of this investigation and plans for a safe park.

O-5 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: On Jan 23, 2012 the City Council submitted Policy Order O-10, an order requesting that the City Manager look into the elimination of plastic bags from retail institutions in the Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: In response to this order, a letter was sent to the City Council and the City Manager from the Massachusetts Food Association, a trade organization representing the Commonwealth's grocery/retailer industry, which states it is opposed to the proposed banning of plastic bag usage by Cambridge retailers; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager has responded to said letter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council the response to Massachusetts Food Association's letter.

O-6 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present the budget to the City Council as an aggregated spreadsheet in digital format as a supplement for hearings.

O-7 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that motorists are speeding on Norfolk Street, putting pedestrians, bicyclists and residents who park along the side of the road in danger; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that installing traffic calming measures such as a speed bump between Broadway and Hampshire Street would discourage motorists from speeding; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of installing traffic calming measures at the above-mentioned location and report back to the City Council.

O-8 Mar 5, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that near-accidents continue to occur at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Prospect Street; and

WHEREAS: Residents and motorists who frequent this area are requesting an update on any reports or research done on traffic patterns; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to compile any studies, reports or findings that have been done at the above-mentioned location and report back to the City Council.