

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining the rare distinction of being one of approximately twenty-four municipalities in the United States with three Triple A ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Planning Board:
William Tibbs (reappointment)
Term to Expire: 4/30/2014
Planner
Ahmed Nur (associate member)
Term to Expire: 10/31/2011
M.S. Civil Engineering and Construction Manager
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-19, regarding a report on the change in policy limiting a visitor pass to two blocks of houses they are visiting.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-13, regarding a report on the cause of the fire at 923-925 Massachusetts Avenue.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the North Cambridge Crime Task Force Grant received from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$28,956.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and will be used to fund a part-time Coordinator to help create and maintain programs of public safety in North Cambridge.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow the Community Schools to continue programming and cover the costs related to bus transportation and other contractual services.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Terrascope Youth Radio Program Grant from MIT through the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$106,400 into the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$66,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$40,400) which will allow teens at the Area IV Youth Center to continue to develop radio programming on environmental science, including researching, writing and producing stories to be broadcast.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Applications and Petitions Number Three of Mar 23, 2009 on an application from Alan L. Johnson, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 135 Western Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

ON THE TABLE

2. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 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. 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.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Sherwin Williams Paint, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 73 First Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Excalibur Valentine, regarding taking action to stop the destruction of our food supply.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Norman, Medical Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, on being chosen to be the keynote speaker at the 2009 Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast on May 2, 2009 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
2. Resolution on the death of A. Mary R. (Spadano) Ohanesian. Councillor Maher
3. Proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
4. Commend Origins, a subsidiary of the Estee Lauder company, for its "Return to Origins" recycling campaign and proclaim Apr 2, 2009 as Return to Origins Recycling Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Gloria Franqui on her new position as Executive Director of the Child Care Resource Center. Councillor Decker
6. Welcome to Lesley Stearling as the new interim rector at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Councillor Reeves
7. Thanks and best wishes to Marc Solomon, Director of MassEquality, for his leading role in the fight for marriage equality. Councillor Reeves

8. Congratulations to David Hall on being named the next President of the University of the Virgin Islands.
Councillor Reeves
9. Thanks and best wishes to Amy Mello, Director of MassEquality, for her leading role in the fight for marriage equality. Councillor Reeves
10. Best wishes to Reverend LeRoy Attles and Dr. Henrietta S. Evans Attles on their retirement. Councillor Reeves
11. Resolution on the death of Catherine G. Hinds.
Councillor Maher
12. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Cambridge Teachers Association. Councillor Maher
13. Resolution on the death of James L. Ferreira Jr.
Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jose R. Escobedo Jr. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Specialist Gary L. Moore. Councillor Decker
16. Condolences to the family of Grady Howard. Mayor Simmons
17. Congratulations to the leadership of the Harvard African Students Association for their efforts in community-building, awareness of African within the Harvard community and contributing back to Africa. Mayor Simmons
18. Thanks to all City employees who participated in the initial phase of GreenSense which encourages City employees to reduce energy use at work by adopting energy conservation practices. Councillor Davis
19. Congratulations to the City Manager and his fiscal staff for achieving a Triple A bond rating for the City of Cambridge for the tenth consecutive year. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
6. Urge residents to be cognizant of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) 615's annual remembrance of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Trouble the Water" on Apr 7th, 4:00pm at 26th West 2nd Street, Boston.
Councillor Decker
7. That the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the City Manager's Office, is requested to create an oversight process to ensure that Cambridge is aggressive in seeking funding and in demonstrating how well the careful monitoring that Cambridge utilizes will meet the stringent monitoring requirements associated with funding under this law. Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Seidel, Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to report back to the City Council on the circumstances of the termination of Mr. Iaccone's, Central Barbershop, leasing agreement with Harvard University. Mayor Simmons
9. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Washington and Columbia Streets in honor of Reverend Herman L. Green Jr. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the possibility of developing a management system and assigned staff person to serve as a resource liaison to the university and business community. The purpose of this system and staff position is to cultivate and organize the interface between university resources and community needs, with the goal of maximally benefiting the citizens of Cambridge and the Cambridge schools. Mayor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the process that will allow additional cable and internet providers to do business in the City, and to clarify if there are any obstacles in place that may need to be re-evaluated in order to provide competitive options to residents. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Davis

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services and report back on whether there has been an increase in participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to ensure that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will be continued this year and to report back to the City Council.
Councillor Toomey
3. That the appropriate committee hold a hearing with all local food bank operators in order to hear their opinion on the current usage of their programs and determine whether or not the City can help identify ways to help the programs serve a greater number of people. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Health to determine if there has been an increase in bed bug and lice problems within the city and to determine if action needs to be taken to find ways to prevent such infestations. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the City Solicitor, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to develop a zoning amendment or other document or plan that would exempt the occupants of the affordable housing units from the resident parking restriction established in the Riverside rezoning in 2003.
Councillor Ward
12. Urge all residents to join with the volunteers of the Clean Cambridge Campaign who will on May 2nd and 3rd, 2009, in an effort to clean Cambridge sidewalks and neighborhoods. Councillor Maher
13. That the City Council formally request that the Beal Companies consider immediately withdrawing the zoning petition for modifications of the One Kendall Square Cinema site and engage in further dialogue with neighborhood leaders and affected neighbors such that a full discussion can be had prior to any re-filing.
Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
14. Economic stimulus package for Harvard and MIT.
Councillor Decker and Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David Maher and Councillor Henrietta Davis, Co-Chairs of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a hearing held on Mar 19, 2009 to formalize job descriptions and administrative oversight for assistants to city councillors.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm Special Notice - Due to School Superintendent Finalist Interviews, all items on the Agenda for this Meeting will be postponed to the City Council Meeting of Apr 6, 2009 at 5:30 pm. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 1

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss whether a program similar to the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success could advance the goal of college graduation for all low income students in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss promoting and harvesting fruit trees and the planting, care and maintenance of street trees. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 14

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition submitted by Lesley University to amend the Zoning Map and Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding "Section 20.200 Lesley Porter Overlay District." This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 16

6:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the closing of the Riverside Health Clinic by the Cambridge Health Alliance. (To be announced)

Mon, Apr 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 29

6:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the closing of the North Cambridge Health Clinic by the Cambridge Health Alliance. (To be announced)

Thurs, Apr 30

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 4

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 6

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 7

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider whether the City Council should petition to amend the zoning law with regard to yard definitions. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting with regard to require aisle width for parking facilities in certain instances. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 12

5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 14

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 City Budget. (if necessary) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 18

4:00pm 2009 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 27

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services and report back on whether there has been an increase in participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

O-2 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to ensure that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will be continued this year and to report back to the City Council.

O-3 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Many local food banks have reported a dramatic increase in usage; and

WHEREAS: There are many resources in the city that may be able to help with the increased need for food donation to these food banks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council adopt this order and refer it to the appropriate committee to hold a committee hearing with all local food bank operators in order to hear their opinion on the current usage of their programs and determine whether or not the City can help identify ways to help the programs serve a greater number of people.

O-4 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Health to determine if there has been an increase in bed bug and lice problems within the city and to determine if action needs to be taken to find ways to prevent such infestations.

O-5 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR WARD

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the City Solicitor, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to develop a zoning amendment or other document or plan that would exempt the occupants of the affordable housing units from the resident parking restriction established in the Riverside rezoning in 2003.

O-6 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that as part of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) 615's annual remembrance of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the SEIU 615 is holding a screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Trouble the Water" on Apr 7th, 4:00pm at 26th West 2nd Street, Boston; and

WHEREAS: Suggested donation proceeds will go towards the SEIU Justice Fund which was created to make it possible for immigrant members, their families and others who are not members of our local to support their interests through civic participation, citizenship, literacy, legal defense, legislation and other means; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record encouraging Cambridge residents to attend the SEIU 615's screening and thank the SEIU for their continued good work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Service Employee International Union 615 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: AARA, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will offer many opportunities for Cambridge to improve the local and national economy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the City Manager's Office, be and hereby is requested to create an oversight process to ensure that Cambridge is aggressive in seeking funding and in demonstrating how well the careful monitoring that Cambridge utilizes will meet the stringent monitoring requirements associated with funding under this law; and be it further

ORDERED: That, in particular, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore opportunities for historic preservation energy efficiency funds, funding for a revolving loan fund (possibly through new green municipal bonds) to stimulate building retrofits, and COP program funding for crime prevention.

O-8 Mar 30, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Harvard has terminated the lease of Central Barbershop, owned by Mr. Fred Iacone; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Iacone has been doing business at the same location since 1962; and

WHEREAS: The loss of any thriving, small business in Cambridge is of great concern; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University has made presentations to the neighborhood and to the City about its expansion plans; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to report back to the City Council on the circumstances of the termination of Mr. Iacone's leasing agreement with Harvard University.

O-9 Mar 30, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Washington and Columbia Streets in honor of Reverend Herman L. Green Jr.; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-10 Mar 30, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of developing a management system and assigned staff person to serve as a resource liaison to the university and business community. The purpose of this system and staff position is to cultivate and organize the interface between university resources and community needs, with the goal of maximally benefiting the citizens of Cambridge and the Cambridge schools.

O-11 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Many residents have expressed the desire for alternative cable television and internet providers within the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the process that will allow additional cable and internet providers to do business in the City, and to clarify if there are any obstacles in place that may need to be re-evaluated in order to provide competitive options to residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on whether or not the City can actively solicit cable and internet providers to come to Cambridge to do business.

O-12 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Clean Cambridge Campaign community volunteers will gather together on May 2nd and 3rd, 2009, in an effort to clean Cambridge sidewalks and neighborhoods; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record endorsing this effort and thanking its organizers for their hard work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make every effort to publicize this volunteer effort using the cable website and cable television.

O-13 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Beal Companies have recently filed a zoning petition seeking to amend the current Zoning Ordinance allowing for certain modifications of the One Kendall Square Cinema site; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors have overwhelmingly expressed concerns about the proposal and its various elements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally request that the Beal Companies consider immediately withdrawing the petition and engage in further dialogue with neighborhood leaders and affected neighbors such that a full discussion can be had prior to any re-filing.

O-14 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Industries throughout the city, educational institutions, and families are experiencing hardships in this economic downturn; and

WHEREAS: People around the city are being laid off, losing their jobs, health care, and homes; and

WHEREAS: Loss of a job leads to the destabilization of family security; and

WHEREAS: Families without economic security eventually are unable to provide for their basic needs such as shelter, food, and education; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that two of the city's largest employers, Harvard and MIT, have had significant losses in their endowments; and

WHEREAS: To address the loss of their savings accounts they have begun the process of reducing hours and laying off workers, including their lowest wage workers; and

WHEREAS: Harvard has laid off nine cleaners, and has plans to lay off ten more; and

WHEREAS: MIT has, to date, laid off two cleaners; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council recognizes that when Cambridge workers lose their job the cost savings of the employer comes at the expense of the workers' families and the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council will introduce its own economic stimulus package for Harvard and MIT; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council will give the university a one-time pass on partial payment of its pilot to the City of Cambridge in order to help save these jobs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City will forgive \$398,372.00 of Harvard University's pilot, which would cover the cost of the nineteen cleaners who would lose their jobs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City will forgive \$70,688.00 of MIT's pilot in order for then to retain the two laid off cleaners.