

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$450,000 School General Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to the School Debt Stabilization Fund and will be used to fund future school capital projects and help offset fluctuations in future debt service revenues and expenses.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$350,000 from the General Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to the School Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover anticipated relocation costs related to the high school renovation project, which is scheduled to begin in mid-year 2009.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation to the Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium grant (MFLC) in the amount of (\$10,000.00) funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education with to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$1,021) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$8,979) and will be used to provide a portion of salaries of part-time staff, contractual services to provide literacy enhancing activities through the Agenda for Children and coordination of family literacy services throughout Cambridge.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$545,100 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to support roadway, sidewalk and traffic signal improvements on Binney, Fulkerson and Charles Streets.

Referred to Public Safety Committee - Davis

CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Bob Bisenti, requesting curb cuts at the premises numbered 1 Camp Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works and the neighborhood association. **Adopted**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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.]
3. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 -

Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]

4. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
5. 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. A petition was received from the Cambridge Public Library requesting permission for temporary banners hung over the public way on Massachusetts Avenue at Temple and Pleasant Streets for the period June 9-23, 2008.
2. A petition was received from Silva Luna Caffe, Inc., doing business as LaLuna Caffe, 403 Massachusetts Avenue, requesting three tables and ten chairs to be placed on the sidewalk at 403 Massachusetts Avenue for seven days from 7:30am to 1:00am.
3. A petition was received from Boston Dragon Boat Committee, c/o Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress Street, Boston requesting a temporary banner to be hung over the public way on Massachusetts Avenue at Temple Street for the period May 26 - June 9, 2008.
4. A petition was received from Guy Asaph, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 30 Jay Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works and the neighborhood association.
5. A petition was received from Prille Brackett, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 171 Lakeview Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works and the neighborhood association.
6. A petition was received from Cambridge Veterinary Care requesting three metal awnings at the premises numbered 1720 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
7. A petition was received from Tanjore, 18 Eliot Street, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 18 Eliot Street.

8. A petition was received from OLE Restaurant requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 12 Springfield Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the NSTAR Gas transmitting the Condensed Financial Return for NSTAR Gas Company for the year ended Dec 31, 2007.
2. A communication was received from NSTAR Electric transmitting the Condensed Financial Return for NSTAR Electric Company for the year ended Dec 31, 2007.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Declare Apr 29, 2008 as Rabbi Earl A. Grollman Day in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
2. Appreciation to the organizers of the 22nd annual CityRun/Walk on Apr 6, 2008. Councillor Davis
3. Resolution on the death of Corporal Steven Candelo. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Specialist Durrell Bennett. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Patrick Miller. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Specialist Charles Jankowski. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Dayne Dhanooolal. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jevon Jordan. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Terrell Gilmore. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Major William Hall. Councillor Decker
11. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to a special person. Councillor Toomey
12. Condolences to the family of Jean Marc Olivier. Mayor Simmons
13. Condolences to the family of Maria Toledano. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons
14. Congratulations to Sandra Aponte on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
15. Congratulations to Cazneen Benjamin on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
16. Congratulations to Toussaint Brown on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
17. Congratulations to Shameka Coleman on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
18. Congratulations to DerriniQue Coleman on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
19. Congratulations to Hassan Cox on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
20. Congratulations to Sarah Dominique on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
21. Congratulations to Anabela dos Ramos on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
22. Congratulations to Milgathe Fan Fan on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
23. Congratulations to Denise Ghartey on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
24. Congratulations to Stephanis Grand-Pierre on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
25. Congratulations to Marcus McCallum-Houston on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
26. Congratulations to Daphney Noel on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
27. Congratulations to Hussnia Omer on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
28. Congratulations to Amanda Pedro on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker

29. Congratulations to Wesley Pointjour on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
30. Congratulations to Urmee Sengupta on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
31. Congratulations to Maryam Syed on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
32. Congratulations to Samantha Ulysse on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
33. Congratulations to Jerry Vilbrun on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
34. Congratulations to Key'Ondra on graduating from the Cambridge Housing Authority's 8th Annual Work Force. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Anne M. (McCaugie) Cherubino. Councillor Maher
36. Congratulations to Andrew and Artis Spear as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Apr 13, 2008. Mayor Simmons
37. Get well wishes to Manuel Alicea. Mayor Simmons
38. Congratulations to Rush Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on its 131st anniversary. Mayor Simmons
39. Resolution on the death of Stephen J. Hall. Councillor Maher
40. Congratulations to CASCAP on its 35th Anniversary. Mayor Simmons
41. Congratulation to Dr. Evelyn Hammonds on her appointment as the Dean of Harvard College. Mayor Simmons
42. Resolution on the retirement of Leslie Bartholomew from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
43. Retirement of Jean Perry from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
44. Retirement of Greg Stathopoulos from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
45. Honor the many Cambridge poets as we celebrate April as National Poetry Month. Councillor Seidel
46. Happy 47th Anniversary wishes to Eileen and Fred Ireton. Councillor Decker

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to be sure the Police Department is cognizant of the problem of graffiti on buildings in East Cambridge along Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey **Amended**
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Information Technology, the City Purchasing Agent, the City Clerk and the Assistant to the City Council to report back to the Government Operations and Rules Committee on the feasibility of a paperless City Council agenda. Councillor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to transmit to the City Council information about falls by seniors in Cambridge and efforts made to prevent injury and death of seniors caused by ~~falling~~ **both indoor and outdoor falls**. Councillor Davis **Amended, Referred to Health and Environment - Davis**
4. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a detailed analysis, to include relevant citations, of split lot law in Massachusetts. Councillor Kelley **Reconsideration filed by Councillor Maher**

5. Questions regarding public/private aspects of e-mail to and from public officials. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel **Reconsideration filed by Councillor Maher**
6. That the subject of the use of City Council meeting time to make public announcements be referred to the Government Rules and Operations Committee to determine an appropriate procedure to make such announcements. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with the reasons for the traffic-calming installation on DeWolfe Street given the resulting significant traffic backups. Vice Mayor Murphy **Amended**
8. That the City Manager is requested to review the process by which the Board of Zoning Appeal turned down a variance request to build a new hotel in Porter Square, where the Porter Square Neighborhood Association and the majority of the abutters supported the proposal and the only opposition was from a neighborhood association not located in Porter Square and there was commentary that zoning was the domain of a given councillor. Councillor Reeves **Charter Right - Kelley**
9. That the City Manager is requested to examine the possibility of keeping the main branch of the library open on Sundays throughout the summer months. Councillor Seidel
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a line item explanation accounting for every dollar given to the Cambridge Health Alliance, specifically to what department and for what project the money was given; said narration should be a dollar-to-dollar review. Councillor Decker **Amended, Adopted 8-0-1 (Murphy voted PRESENT)**
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council whether the Cambridge Health Alliance is committed to maintaining women's health services, specifically OB/GYN and access to midwife care, at the East Cambridge Neighborhood Health Clinic. Councillor Decker **Adopted 8-0-1 (Murphy voted PRESENT)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Apr 3, 2008 to consider a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to provide that bicycle parking not be included in the calculation of Gross Floor Area. **Passed to 2nd Reading**

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Marilyn Y. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary of the School Committee, transmitting notification of an order adopted by School Committee on protocol for communication between the City Council and the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 16

5:30pm The Transportation Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issues involving safe routes to school. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 30

1:00pm The Veterans Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss coordination of veterans services with the Cambridge Health Alliance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 1

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 5

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting. No public comment. No votes will be taken. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 7

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 8

9:30am The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting for a preliminary discussion on the waste stream. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, May 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 13

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 14

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 City Budget. (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 19

4:00pm 2008 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 28

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

Mon, Sept 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 14, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There has been an increase in complaints regarding graffiti on buildings in East Cambridge along Cambridge Street and city-wide; now therefore be it

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

Department is cognizant of the problem city-wide; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's enforcement policy and how many people have been apprehended.

O-2 Apr 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Energy efficiency and resource conservation are important goals of the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Preparation of the agenda for a City Council meeting generates a large volume of paper usage; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Information Technology, the City Purchasing Agent, the City Clerk and the Assistant to the City Council to report back to the Government Operations and Rules Committee on the feasibility of a paperless City Council agenda.

O-3 Apr 14, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The number of senior citizens dying from falls in Massachusetts rose dramatically in 2006, a nearly two-thirds increase from the year before; and

WHEREAS: Falling by seniors has been identified as a serious public health issue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the City Council information about falls by seniors, both indoor and outdoor falls, in Cambridge and efforts made to prevent injury and death of seniors caused by falling; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee.

O-4 Apr 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: There is now no imminently possible law suit against the City concerning split lots; and

WHEREAS: It is important for the City Council to have a clearer understanding of zoning interpretations in order to better craft zoning language and draw lines of zoning districts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a detailed analysis, to include relevant citations, of split lot law in Massachusetts.

Reconsideration filed by Councillor Maher

O-5 Apr 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: There is some concern about the expectations of privacy of electronic communications from private citizens to the public e-mails of public officials; and

WHEREAS: There is some concern about the non-public nature of certain communications between public officials, such as paper letters to the City Council from the City Manager; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an explanation of what sort of electronic communications to or from public officials should be considered open public documents, what sort of electronic communications to or from public officials should be considered available to the public only after a formal request, what sort of electronic communications to or from public officials may be

forwarded without notice to the sender and what sort of electronic communications to or from public officials should be considered not available to the public except for extraordinary circumstances; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of posting non-electronic communications to the City Council on the City's website.

Reconsideration filed by Councillor Maher

O-6 Apr 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the subject of the use of City Council meeting time to make public announcements be referred to the Government Rules and Operations Committee to determine an appropriate procedure to make such announcements.

O-7 Apr 14, 2008 **Amended**

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with the reasons for the traffic-calming installation on DeWolfe Street given the resulting significant traffic backups; said report to include information about the cost of this installation.

O-8 Apr 14, 2008 **Charter Right - Kelley**

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the process by which the Board of Zoning Appeal turned down a variance request to build a new hotel in Porter Square, where the Porter Square Neighborhood Association and the majority of the abutters supported the proposal and the only opposition was from a neighborhood association not located in Porter Square and there was commentary that zoning was the domain of a given councillor.

O-9 Apr 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Access to libraries on Sunday is critical to those without computers, to those who are studying or researching for new jobs, children's services, those who work six days a week, for those who cannot afford to buy books and others; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Libraries are closed on Sundays from May through September, and during these months none of the Cambridge libraries are open on Sunday; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to examine the possibility of keeping the main branch of the library open on Sundays throughout the summer months; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with his findings.

O-10 Apr 14, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a line item explanation accounting for every dollar given to the Cambridge Health Alliance, specifically to what department and for what project the money was given; said narration should be a dollar-to-dollar review ; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with the agreement between the City and the Cambridge Health Alliance when it became a Public Health Authority. (amendment from Davis)

O-11 Apr 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council whether the Cambridge Health Alliance is committed to maintaining women's health services, specifically OB/GYN and access to midwife care, at the East Cambridge Neighborhood Health Clinic.