

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an additional \$3,000 from the Adult Basic Education grant (ABE) received from the Massachusetts Department of Education to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to allow the Community Learning Center (CLC) to continue classes to adults who wish to improve their reading, writing and math skills and/or to obtain a GED or Cambridge Adult Diploma.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) from the Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$140,972.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$7,049.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$133,923.00) and will be used to contract with local shelter providers to support operation and rehabilitation costs of shelter facilities as well as for homeless prevention activities and services for the homeless.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and (\$1,428) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$572) and will be used to train two advanced level CLC students to work with a counselor to assist lower level ESOL students search for and obtain jobs.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-63, regarding a report on whether the Cambridge Health Alliance is maintaining women's health services at the East Cambridge Neighborhood Health Clinic.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$750 within the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant from the Grant Fund Historical Salary and Wages account to the Grant Fund Historical Other Ordinary Maintenance account to allow the purchase of archival and other supplies to support programming activities.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-64, regarding a report on the status of the implementation of a trans-fat ban.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve a request from Double Decker Bus Company for two alternate routes to their already approved jitney license.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 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.]

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
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 Border Cafe requesting permission for five tables and fourteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 32 Church Street.
2. An application was received from Four Burgers requesting permission for six tables and twenty-four chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 704 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Tommy Doyle's requesting permission for three tables and ten chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 96 Winthrop Street.
4. An application was received from Central Diner, Inc. d/b/a Four Burgers requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 704 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
5. A zoning petition has been received from Alexandria Real Estate Equities, regarding proposed amendments to PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD-4B Districts of the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge.

6. An application was received from the Margaret Fuller House, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing A Sweet Soul Supper on Sat, June 14th.
7. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 75 Amherst Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Carl F. Barron, Central Square Business Association, regarding posting of notices on utility poles.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Retirement of David Gravellese from the Public Works Department. Mayor Simmons
2. Urge all Cantabrigians to observe Memorial Day by remembering and paying tribute to those that defend our country. Councillor Kelley
3. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Aaron Ward. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of specialist Mary Jaenichen. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Specialist Alex Gonzalez. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Corporal Miguel Guzman. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal James Kimple. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeffrey Nichols. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Casey Casanova. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Private Corey Hicks. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Specialist Joseph Ford. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Chad Caldwell. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jessica Ellis. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Lawrence Ezell. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Glen Martinez. Councillor Decker
16. Proclaim June 30, 2008 as Renae Gray Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
17. Resolution on the death of Enid Dickerson. Mayor Simmons
18. Congratulations to the recipients of the Department of Public Works Commissioner's Awards. Mayor Simmons
19. Congratulations and best wishes to the students who completed the Bank Operations Program at the Education Training Facility at CRLS. Mayor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Monsignor Anthony S. Spinosa on the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Murphy
21. Happy 90th Birthday to Amorette Berry. Mayor Simmons
22. Congratulations to the award recipients of the 6th Annual Cambridge Police Department Employee Recognition and Awards. Mayor Simmons

**ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Veterans' Services to have the flag located in the Cambridge Cemetery be flown in honor of Ronald F. Ward during the 2008 Memorial Day weekend. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that any current and future projects that involve traffic calming involve at the minimum a neighborhood flier well in

- advance of the project to ensure neighborhood concerns are incorporated into any final project Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the requested removal of the West Cambridge painted rotary. Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the methods various City departments have of collecting, maintaining and analyzing traffic enforcement and accident data. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to re-evaluate the need for a 4-way STOP sign at the intersection of Fifth Street and Hurley Street. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to form a Health Care Costs Task Force to explore ways to reduce the cost of health insurance and increase the health of City employees. Vice Mayor Murphy
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance which would require motorists to use a "hands free" device when using a cell phone while driving in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the trash and dumpster issues involving the One First Street Condo project. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Linear Park crossings of Massachusetts Avenue and Cameron Avenue. Councillor Kelley
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on whether the Affordable Housing Trust is actively pursuing purchasing property in various stages of foreclosure. Councillor Toomey
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Massachusetts State Highway Department to receive a written explanation of the cause for the delays for the Walden Street Bridge construction. Councillor Decker
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure that either a 4-way STOP sign or a pedestrian light be placed on the corner of Raymond Street and Walden Street for pedestrian safety. Councillor Decker
13. Support of House Bill 4346 which would restrict the presence of trans fats in foods served in restaurants and hotels throughout the Commonwealth. Councillor Decker

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public hearings held on May 1, 2007, May 7, 2008 and May 13, 2008 relative to the General Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2009 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$399,251,480.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 7, 2008 relative to the Water Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2009 and

recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$17,998,625.

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 7, 2008 relative to the Public Investment Fund for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2009 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$12,236,615.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, May 19**

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

##### **Wed, May 21**

5:30pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider claims filed against the city. (Anastos Room)

##### **Wed, May 28**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with the School Committee to discuss matters relevant to children and youth 0-18. No public comment. No votes will be taken. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, June 3**

12:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with the Health Department the issues of trans-fats, senior falls and the goals of the committee. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

##### **Mon, June 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, June 10**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to boundaries of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District and to allow by special permit, lots within the overlay district that are zoned BC and have a contiguous portion of the lot in the adjacent residential district, underground parking and increased allowable FAR of 1.60 for hotels, to be calculated using the entire lot area. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, June 18**

4:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss long-term open space protection for Joan Lorentz Park. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, June 19**

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relative to housing for larger families in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, June 25**

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (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 Roundtable Meeting to discuss matters relevant to School Committee and City Council communication strategies. (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)

##### **Mon, Nov 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 May 19, 2008

##### **COUNCILLOR KELLEY**

WHEREAS: On December 3, 1943, eleven U.S. Servicemen crewed a B-24D Liberator that departed Dobodura, New Guinea, on an armed-reconnaissance mission over New Hanover Island in the Bismarck Sea; and

WHEREAS: The crew reported dropping their bombs on the target, but in spite of several radio contacts with their base, they never returned to Dobodura. Subsequent searched failed to locate the aircraft; and

WHEREAS: In 2004, the crash site was found about four miles from Iwaia village in Papua, New Guinea, where a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command team found an aircraft data plate that correlated to the downed aircraft; and

WHEREAS: Between 2004 and 2007, recovery teams conducted two excavations of the site and recovered human remains and non-biological material including some crew-related artifacts such as identification tags; and

WHEREAS: Among the discovered remains of the 11-member crew was Cambridge resident Second Lieutenant Ronald F. Ward; and

WHEREAS: Ward and his 10 fellow airmen will be buried under one headstone at Arlington National Cemetery in July; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Veterans' Services to have the flag located in the Cambridge Cemetery flown in honor of Ronald F. Ward during the 2008 Memorial Day weekend; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its sympathy and gratitude to the Ward family, including lieutenant Ward's sister Kathleen Lund of Malden, for his service and ultimate sacrifice.

O-2 May 19, 2008

##### **COUNCILLOR KELLEY**

WHEREAS: Recent traffic calming work on DeWolfe Street was carried out by Harvard University with little or no input by local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS: Traffic calming projects can drastically impact the flow of traffic in ways only local residents and businesses can appreciate; and

WHEREAS: It is always important to have a public process and to inform and consult neighborhood residents and businesses before altering street patterns; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That, if possible, the DeWolfe traffic calming project be halted to allow a more significant public review of the project in conjunction with the other projects, some truly massive in scale, that Harvard is carrying out in the area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that any current and future projects that involve traffic calming involve at the minimum a neighborhood flier well in advance of the project to ensure neighborhood concerns are incorporated into any final project; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any other traffic calming projects that are being planned or are currently being constructed that have not been developed with public input.

O-3 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the requested removal of the West Cambridge painted rotary.

O-4 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Effective collection and analysis of data is crucial in ensuring that city traffic and parking enforcement efforts are as effective as possible; and

WHEREAS: Creating public policy relies on having relevant data and also on understanding the constraints on developing such data; and

WHEREAS: Traffic and parking enforcement and accident data is not readily available to either the City Council or the general public; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the methods various City departments have of collecting, maintaining and analyzing traffic enforcement and accident data, to include the data fields collected (for example, location of incident, type of vehicle involved, time of incident, type of incident), the type of database(s) used, available searching and sorting tools, the compatibility of relevant databases and so forth.

O-5 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to re-evaluate the need for a 4-way STOP sign at the intersection of Fifth Street and Hurley Street.

O-6 May 19, 2008

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The costs of providing retiree and employee health insurance are a significant and increasing part of the City budget, increasing 12.8 percent for the FY2009 budget; and

WHEREAS: Many of the costs of providing health insurance are beyond the control of City government, there are some innovative programs which benefit employee health while also reducing costs of providing insurance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a Health Care Costs Task Force to explore ways to reduce the cost of health insurance and increase the health of City employees.

O-7 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The hazards of hand held cell phone use while driving has been documented in recent years given the dramatic increase in

the use of wireless communication devices during the past decade; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a densely populated area whose roads and streets are used by a large volume of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: The City is committed to ensuring the safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS: A number of states, including Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia have laws which ban cell phone use when driving; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance which would require motorists to use a "hands free" device when using a cell phone while driving in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the impacts that such a change in the City's traffic rules would have; and be it further

ORDERED: That the matter be referred to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for further consideration.

O-8 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the trash and dumpster issues involving the One First Street Condo project.

O-9 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Linear Park crossings of Massachusetts Avenue and Cameron Avenue.

O-10 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on whether the Affordable Housing Trust is actively pursuing purchasing property in various stages of foreclosure.

O-11 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It was recently announced that the completion of the Walden Street Bridge construction would be delayed an additional six months; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors continue to live with the inconvenience of the closure of the bridge and businesses continue to be financially harmed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record respectfully urging the Massachusetts State Legislature to push the Massachusetts State Highway Department to complete the design work and construction as quickly as possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Massachusetts State Highway Department to receive a written explanation of the cause for the delays for the Walden Street Bridge construction.

O-12 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Recently, residents met with City officials to discuss the ongoing construction at the Walden Street Bridge and pedestrian safety issues; and

WHEREAS: On the corner of Raymond Street and Walden Street, the traffic light will be removed and a raised crosswalk will be placed there instead; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ensure that either a 4-way STOP sign or a pedestrian light be placed there for pedestrian safety.

O-13 May 19, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Trans fat is an artificial additive, with absolutely no nutritional value, that has been used over the past fifty years to increase the shelf-life of food; and

WHEREAS: Artificial trans fat presents a particularly serious health risk because its consumption raises levels of LDL, or “bad” cholesterol, while lowering levels of HDL, or “good” cholesterol; and

WHEREAS: Researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health estimate that artificial trans fat causes roughly 50,000 fatal heart attacks per year; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts State Legislature is currently considering House Bill 4346 which would restrict the presence of trans fats in foods served in restaurants and hotels throughout the Commonwealth; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of House Bill 4346 and urge the State Legislature to pass the bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts State Legislature on behalf of the entire City Council.