

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-134, regarding a report on the effects of the Housing Assistance Program cuts.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-122, regarding a report on repeated power outages in the Tremont Street area.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-133, relative to a report on improving lighting in the area of Lawn Court.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-135, regarding changing construction start times from 7:00am to 9:00am.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as member of the Cambridge Council on Aging Board effective April, 2005:
Marie Espiritu, Elder Service Plan (2-year term)
Mary Gorman, Director Windsor House ADHC (2-year term)
Patricia Toner, 74 Reservoir Avenue (3-year term)
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities effective May 1, 2005 for a term of three years:
Katherine Patton, 171 Allston Street, Cambridge
Laura Brelsford, 16 Elmer Street, Cambridge
Susan Ellis Holland, 26 Normandy Terrace, Cambridge
Donald Summerfield, 237 Franklin Street, Cambridge
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-03, regarding a report on a study of available street parking in the area of the Blessed Sacrament Church and the vacant Upton Street School building.

ON THE TABLE

1. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-137 of December 22, 2003, regarding a report on the number of investment managers for the pension fund with the list to reflect the number of women-owned and minority-owned investment managers.
2. Placed on Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan relative to Committee Report #1 of March 7, 2005 from the University Relations Committee, for a meeting held on February 8, 2005 to discuss the MIT Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).
3. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons on April 11, 2005 on an order adopted relative to a communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, transmitting a recommendation from the License Commission to deny a jitney license application from Nautical Tours, Inc.
4. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Toomey on May 9, 2005 on an order requesting the City Solicitor

draft a home rule petition to amend the City Charter to provide for popular election of the Mayor in the next municipal election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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 November 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 February 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.]
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on March 9, 2005 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Section 6.12 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the requirement for providing parking in existing buildings with new additions and/or new uses. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after April 18, 2005. Planning Board hearing held April 5, 2005. Planning Board Report received May 9, 2005. Petition expires June 7, 2005.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order for the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 for the renovation of several City buildings including City Hall, Coffon Building, Senior Center, and Area IV Youth Center. The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2005.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to order for the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,365,840 to continue sewer reconstruction projects in the Fresh Pond / Alewife, Harvard Square, Cherry Street / South Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridgeport areas of the City. The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2005.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order for the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 for the acquisition of a parcel or parcels of land and buildings thereon at a site for the West Cambridge Youth and Community Center. The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2005.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Inktec Zone, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 485 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Dado Tea, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 50 Church Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.

3. An application was received from Zigo, Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and three bistro tables and six chairs for restaurant seating at the premises numbered One Broadway.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Mrs. Marie T. Flynn, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution on Marian T. Kelly.
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding city policy.
3. A communication was received from Dennis Quinn and family, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution.
4. A communication was received from Kevin Hill, regarding the development process of the Mahoney north and south sites.
5. A communication was received from Philip R. Fenstermacher, commending the City Council on Policy Order Resolution # 1 of May 16, 2005 supporting Utility Workers Local 369 in their negotiations with NSTAR.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Clara Frangos. Mayor Sullivan
2. Congratulations to Out of the Blue Gallery on its achievements and support for their efforts to incorporate as a non profit to promote arts and culture in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
3. Best wishes to David Yamada, Founder and Faculty Director of the Rappaport Honors Program In Law and Public Policy at Suffolk University Law School, on his future endeavors. Councillor Galluccio
4. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Christopher Dixon. Vice Mayor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Stephen Baldwin. Vice Mayor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Wesley Davids. Vice Mayor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Marcus Mahdee. Vice Mayor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Nicholas Messmer. Vice Mayor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Taylor Prazynski. Vice Mayor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Nicholas Erdy. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal John Schmidt, III. Vice Mayor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Sergeant John Smith. Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Kenneth Zeigler. Vice Mayor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jonathan Grant. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jourdan Grez. Vice Mayor Decker

16. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Thor Ingraham. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Samuel Castle. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Specialist Steven Givens. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Andrew Jodon. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Travis Anderson. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Kendall Ivy, II. Vice Mayor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Anthony Goodwin. Vice Mayor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of First Sergeant Michael Bordelon. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Alfred R. Hudson. Mayor Sullivan
25. Resolution on the death of Geraldine A. Carr. Mayor Sullivan
26. Resolution on the death of Rosa Albano. Mayor Sullivan
27. Support for the Actors' Shakespeare Project's production of Julius Caesar on Thursday, June 2, 2005 from 6:00pm - 7:15pm in the Theater Lobby of the Cambridge Family YMCA. Mayor Sullivan
28. Congratulations to the 2005 graduates of the Carey Program, the Human Services Programs and the Cambridge Multi-Service Center, at their graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 6:00pm at the Citywide Senior Center. Mayor Sullivan
29. Congratulations to the 2005 ELL Students of the Year. Mayor Sullivan
30. Congratulations to the awardees for receiving the thirteenth Cambridge First Day awards on Tuesday, June 7, 2005. Mayor Sullivan
31. Support for International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (PPNW). Vice Mayor Decker
32. Memorial Day is observed this year on Monday, May 30, 2005 with a parade exiting the Cambridge Common at 9:30am, followed by a memorial observance at the Cambridge Cemetery. Vice Mayor Decker
33. Congratulations to the 2005 Cambridge Scholarship Award recipients. Mayor Sullivan
34. Resolution on the death of Alexander A. Melendez. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio
35. Resolution on the death of Luis O. Cambindo. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio
36. Resolution on the death of Reverend Francis H. Belcher. Mayor Sullivan
37. Resolution on the death of Josephine Rose Blair. Mayor Sullivan
38. Resolution on the death of Robert E. Neville. Mayor Sullivan

39. Resolution on the death of Anthony Athanas. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey
40. Resolution on the death of Marie Madeline Lucas. Mayor Sullivan
41. Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary wishes to Mike and Marion Connell and Cambridge proclaims Saturday, June 4, 2005 as Mike and Marion Connell Day. Mayor Sullivan
42. Best wishes to Holly Hatch on her future endeavor. Mayor Sullivan
43. Recognition of the Major Donors of the City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund program. Councillor Galluccio

ORDERS

1. The City Manager is requested to contact Comcast for information about the new cable TV pricing structure as it relates to digital cable TV and what are the possibilities of Direct TV. Councillor Simmons
2. The City Council is requested to schedule a roundtable meeting regarding planning beautiful parks. Councillor Reeves
3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Public Works Commissioner to place “Slow Children” signs at the appropriate location on Holmes Street from the direction of Holworthy and Park Avenue. Councillor Galluccio
4. The City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to review language to determine whether it could be used as an amendment to the zoning changes proposed in the O’Connor petition, and whether the language would cure the defect in the current proposal. Councillor Reeves and Councillor Toomey
5. Opposition to Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). Vice Mayor Decker
6. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Public Information Officer to post the names of all of the Sister Cities in several public areas around the City, including City Hall, all of the branches of the Library and on the City’s website. Vice Mayor Decker
7. Support for any effort to phase out the Lottery Division. Mayor Sullivan
8. Support for employees of Service Employees International Union (SIEU), AFL-CIO, CLC to improve work conditions for Cambridge and Boston security guards. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Sullivan
9. The City Manager is requested to report on what it would take to award four-year scholarships to high school graduates as some communities do. Councillor Davis, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public hearings held on May 4, 2005 and May 11, 2005 relative to the General Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2006 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$347,128,690.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 11, 2005 relative to the Water Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2006 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$17,104,000.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 11, 2005 relative to the Public Investment Fund for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2006 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$9,017,330.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on March 23, 2005 to continue to discuss the next steps in the short-range plan to provide a program of arts and cultural events in FY 06 similar to those of Destination Cambridge last year and to begin discussion of the long-term issue of how the City could proceed to a plan that could draw in the arts, culture, heritage and other unique aspects of the City as part of a strategy to maintain Cambridge’s competitive position as a preeminent knowledge-based economy.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee, for a meeting held on May 12, 2005 to finalize plans for the first anniversary of May 17, 2004 same sex marriage celebration.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, transmitting the final recommendations of the Committee on Homelessness.
2. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, transmitting a letter from the Day family transmitting thanks for the resolution in memory of Staff Sergeant David F. Day.
3. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, transmitting a letter from the Ryan family transmitting thanks for the resolution in memory of Corporal Marc T. Ryan.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 23

4:00pm 2005 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

1:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to evaluate the needs of the

Cambridge homeless, particularly the Harvard Square population. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 26

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to hear from developers of both affordable and market rate housing with regard to proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding parking requirements for new uses in existing buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:00pm *Special Presentation* – Recognition of Just-A-Start/Cambridge Savings Affordable Housing Partnership (Sullivan Chamber)

5:15pm *Special Presentation* – Recognize City’s Environmental Partners (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting with the Cambridge Retirement Board. The purpose of the meeting is to receive an overview of the retirement system for municipal employees and a report from the Personnel Director on the opportunities available to city employees for additional retirement savings. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 14

9:00am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relating to relocation of the Police Station. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 22

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the text of Section 20.100 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance relating to the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District from the Planning Board. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Planning Board’s proposed rezoning of the Concord Alewife area. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 23, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Comcast is moving entirely to digital cable television; and

WHEREAS: Digital is currently much more expensive than analog; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact Comcast for information about the new pricing structure; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what possibility exists for Direct TV.

O-2 May 23, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to schedule a Roundtable meeting regarding planning beautiful parks.

O-3 May 23, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: There have been high numbers of small children on Holmes Street; and

WHEREAS: Motorists use Holmes Street as a cut-through street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Works Works Commissioner to place “Slow Children” signs at the appropriate location on Holmes Street from the direction of Holworthy and Park Avenue.

O-4 May 23, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to review the attached language to determine whether it could be used as an amendment to the zoning changes proposed in the O’Connor petition, and whether said language would cure the defect in the current proposal, as discussed by the City Solicitor in his opinion letter of April 6, 2002.

O-5 May 23, 2005

VICE MAYOR DECKER

WHEREAS: A fact-finding delegation from Cambridge has just returned from El Salvador investigating the potential impact of the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) having met with a wide array of public and private representatives; and

WHEREAS: The delegation has also consulted a wide array of representatives of organized labor, municipal government and community representatives on the impact of CAFTA here at home all of whom have confirmed the negative impact of CAFTA; and

WHEREAS: The Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) will contribute to continued job losses, business closings, the weakening of environmental standards, the loss of democracy and the privatization of essential, public services both in the United States and in Central America; and

WHEREAS: CAFTA requires basing purchasing decisions on price, thereby negating state and local preferences regarding factors such as recycled content, small businesses, minority and women-owned businesses, vendors with a competent track record, a living wage, and avoidance of goods made with forced child labor; and

WHEREAS: CAFTA fails to preserve the traditional powers of state and local governments by failing to assure transparency in negotiating trade agreements; by failing to accord state and local officials timely access to negotiating documents to assess potential impacts on their authority and on their constituents; by failing to inform them of suspected adverse impacts; and by failing to invite them to participate in the negotiation, approval, and adjudication processes; and

WHEREAS: CAFTA expands corporate power and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) whose rules have been used 27 times to challenge public health, workplace safety and environmental laws and NAFTA has cost the United States over 750,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS: CAFTA permits private corporations to sue governments for passing laws that protect people, but jeopardize profits. Once ushered by Congress inside our legislative gates, this creature of CAFTA will subvert the capacity of our own legislative and judicial systems to protect its citizens' health and safety and CAFTA could legally invert the "precautionary principle" written into U.S. food safety law, which states that companies must prove products to be safe before selling them and

WHEREAS: CAFTA will increase foreign investor rights and shift power away from state and local government, challenging zoning and protection of ground water and other natural resources, and will discourage local businesses but encourage commercial flight to low-wage areas, without allowing meaningful input by those adversely affected and grant foreign investors rights, participation, and representation superior to that of U.S. citizens.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council go on record opposing CAFTA and further urge the United States Congress to defeat it; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to our elected representatives in the Massachusetts State Legislature, our elected representatives in the U.S. House and Senate, and the appointed U.S. Trade Representative.

O-6 May 23, 2005

VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Information Officer to post the names of all of the Sister Cities in several public areas around the City, including City Hall, all of the branches of the Library and on the City's website.

O-7 May 23, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

RESOLVED: That this City Council encourage the Massachusetts Senate to:

- 1) Support any effort to phase out the Lottery Division in a shorter time than recommended by the House or Senate Ways and Means budgets (4 years),
- 2) Support the proposed \$55 million Chapter 70 reserve, and ask that they commit to working with local officials to establish a distribution plan, and
- 3) Protect the vital Additional Assistance account, and oppose and effort to reduce or redistribute any of this aid (159 localities have already been hit with 21 percent cuts in this account); 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 Senators representing the City of Cambridge on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 May 23, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of employees of Service Employees International Union (SIEU) AFL-CIO, CLC in their effort to improve work conditions for Cambridge and Boston security guards that work in premier office buildings (including Harvard University) across Massachusetts, and in particular, in support of those Cambridge workers, many of whom reside in Cambridge.

O-9 May 23, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR MAHER

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking those who worked on the Cambridge Scholarship Fund to administer it and award grants to outstanding students and congratulate all the recipients of these scholarships; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on what it would take to award four-year scholarships to high school graduates as some communities do.