

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,202.95 for the Center for Families program funded by the Cambridge Health Alliance through the Agenda for Children Literacy Initiative to the Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$4,161.00) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,041.95) and will support playgroup trainings facilitated by staff from the Center for Families and the Parents Rock Program, including supplies.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds for the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$59,030.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account and will be used to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) by continuing to fund a Vocational Case Manager to provide career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment, particularly those residing in public housing.
3. 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 \$139,593.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$6,979.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$132,614.00) authorized under the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act 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.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations for \$10,158.40 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support Cambridge athletes participating in Special Olympics. The donations are used for uniforms, trophies, equipment, food and supplies.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriate the Summer Food Program grant that is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$151,080.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account (\$53,355.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$97,725.00) and will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 28 sites throughout the City, during the summer months when schools are closed.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-34, regarding a report on creating a Cambridge Parent/Family listserv, and Awaiting Report Item Number 09-35, regarding a report on creating a more user friendly website for the Center for Families.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-47,

- regarding a report on installing bicycle racks at 19 Brookline Street and other high traffic areas.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-150, regarding a report on Biotech companies leaving Cambridge.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-48, regarding a report on the possibility of implementing an emergency economic hardship tax deferral program.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$210,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Finance Department (Assessing) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional funds for technical and professional services.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-41, regarding a report on changing metered parking to residential parking in the area of the courthouse.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-57, regarding a report on the method by which the City can adopt the State's Stretch Energy Code.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to make available adequate funds to the City Council so that the City Council can hire its own legal expert to review relevant issues in pending litigation. [Tabled on motion of Councillor Davis Order Number Two of May 18, 2009 together with motion to amend by substitution submitted by Councillor Toomey.]

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.]
5. 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. [Charter right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Mar 23, 2009. Meeting recessed on Mar 30, 2009. Referred to Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Ward on Apr 6, 2009.]

6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Apr 14, 2009 to consider a petition submitted by Lesley University to amend the Zoning Map and Article 10.000 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding "Section 20.200 Lesley Porter Overlay District." The petition was passed to a Second Reading on May 11, 2009. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 25, 2009. Planning Board hearing held Apr 7, 2009. Petition expires July 13, 2009.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Athletic Club, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 215 First Street.
2. A zoning petition was received from Jean Connor, et al., requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Map from its current designation as a Residence C-1 to a Residence B District in the area of Garden, Winslow, Fenno, Stearns, Esten, Sherman Streets and Upland Road.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from KD Mernin, 14 Rice Street, transmitting strong support of the zoning proposal submitted by Lesley University regarding the Art Institute of Boston.
2. A communication was received from Janet Malenfant, 16 Blake Street, transmitting continued support of the zoning proposal submitted by Lesley University that will bring the Art Institute of Boston to Porter Square.
3. A communication was received from Tabitha Vevers, transmitting enthusiastic support of the zoning proposal submitted by Lesley University regarding the Art Institute of Boston.
4. A communication was received from Harriet H. Ahouse, 4 Newport Road #2, transmitting strong support of the overlay zoning proposal and believe the Art Institute belongs on the Avenue.
5. A communication was received from Monika Pauli, 338 Harvard Street A8, transmitting written protest to the Lesley Porter Overlay District.
6. A communication was received from Marjory Wunsch, 78 Washington Avenue, transmitting written protest to the Lesley Porter Overlay District.
7. A communication was received from Karin Weller, 12 Humboldt Street, transmitting written protest to the Lesley Porter Overlay District.
8. A communication was received from Barry C. and Gretchen D. Mazur, 35 Arlington Street, transmitting written protest to the Lesley Porter Overlay District.
9. A communication was received from Andrew Enright, 74R Cushing Street, transmitting support of Lesley University's proposal to re-zone the area near the Porter Exchange Building in Porter Square.

10. A communication was received from Naomi Miller, 221 Mount Auburn Street, Apt. 311, regarding the Lesley Porter Overlay District II Zoning Petition.
11. A communication was received from Ruth Ryals and James Cornie, 115 Upland Road, transmitting strong support of the overlay zoning proposal submitted by Lesley University.
12. A communication was received from Astrid and Doug Dodds, 73 Wendell Street, urging the City Councillors to support Lesley University's zoning petition to create a Lesley Porter Overlay District.
13. A communication was received from Jennifer Fuchel, 70 Dudley Street #3, transmitting support of the Art Institute building in Porter Square.
14. A communication was received from Christine and Stefan Tullius, 101 Upland Road, transmitting support of the proposed project of the renovation of the North Prospect Congregational Church and the development of a new Art Institute.
15. A communication was received from Hayley Arnett, 17 Buena Vista Park, transmitting support for Lesley-AIB.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Victoria I. (Enos) Hill. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Augustine Cislyn Jones Brooks. Councillor Reeves
3. Declare Aug 29, 2009 as "Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes Day" in the City of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Seidel
4. Resolution on the death of Specialist Marko M. Samson. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Samuel D. Stone. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Private Bradley W. Iorio. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Private Thomas E. Lee, III. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Specialist Chad A. Edmundson. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Dr. Maged M. Hussein. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Commander Duane G. Wolfe. Councillor Decker
11. Happy 1st Birthday wishes to Kenneth Alexander Foster. Councillor Decker
12. Congratulations to Charles Riordan on his ranking among the top 100 chess players in the United States. Councillor Davis
13. Condolences to the Jones family on the death of Calvin Jones. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to assess whether or not drivers are indeed consistently driving faster than the posted speed limit and whether or not traffic-calming measures are necessary and would help reduce speeding on Magazine Street, including the Dana Park area. Councillor Decker and Councillor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to respond to the City Council on exactly what they are doing to ensure that the Magazine Beach pool is opened. Councillor Decker
3. Urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support a repeal of the state tax on unemployment benefits. Councillor Decker

4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the circumstances of the chemical spill at 320 Bent Street, the City's response to the incident and whether this could have been prevented. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to ask the Cambridge Health Alliance to reconsider its decision to cut the hours of the Teen Health Center and the staff which will reduce access to care for the adolescents. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and report back to the City Council on the nature and purpose of the inspections that are required by the Administration Section of the Massachusetts Building Code. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a clarification of the City's policy for posting "No Parking" signage and to instruct departments to be conscious of the timeframe in which notification is required. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to implement the immediate ban of smoking in all Cambridge public parks. Councillor Decker
9. That the City Manager is requested to remind Cambridge citizens of the conversion to digital TV and inform them about what they need to know about converting to digital through the city web site, the libraries and appropriate media. Councillor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on May 27, 2009 for the purpose of continuing discussion on a petition submitted by Lesley University in Porter Square to create a Lesley/Porter Overlay District.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, announcing a new initiative, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Green Schools.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 10

5:00pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss defining what is public art, how public art projects, artists and art work is chosen and how to get more community input involved in the process. (Anastos Room)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 23

3:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss information and support for homeowners and tenants who may be facing displacement due to economic distress. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

Thurs, June 25

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee conduct a public hearing on the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for the Shell Spectacular Sign at 187 Magazine Street at the corner of Memorial Drive. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Addendum Report and Revised Recommendations. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 30

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide for Wind Turbine Installation subject to certain requirements and limitations. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to amendment Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Refuse and Litter" as well as a new proposed ordinance Chapter 8.25 "Dumpster Licenses." (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, July 1

5:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to explore the possibility of creating small scale solar panels that would enable the powering of small household items. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, July 21

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 27

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

Tues, Sept 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 6

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 20

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 3

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 15

6:00pm School Committee 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 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is concern over drivers consistently speeding on Magazine Street in Cambridgeport; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to assess whether or not drivers are indeed consistently driving faster than the posted speed limit and whether or not traffic-calming measures are necessary and would help reduce speeding on Magazine Street, including the Dana Park area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-2 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: There is concern regarding the opening of the Magazine Beach pool; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to work to ensure that Magazine Beach pool will be opened because it provides families and youth respite in the city. As a community pool the Magazine Beach pool is a place to build community and provides a safe place for youths to congregate during the summer months; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to respond to the City Council on exactly what they are doing to ensure that the Magazine Beach pool is opened; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-3 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: If the purpose of State unemployment benefits is to assist individuals while they are unemployed, then taxing unemployment benefits is counter productive; and

WHEREAS: Many who are receiving unemployment benefits may be unaware that they have to pay tax on their benefits and/or may be unable to set aside money to pay tax on their unemployment benefits; and

WHEREAS: A repeal on the tax for unemployment benefits would provide relief to thousands; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby goes on record urging the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support a repeal of the state tax on unemployment benefits; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the Cambridge City Council.

O-4 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the circumstances of the chemical spill at 320 Bent Street, the City's response to the incident and whether this could have been prevented.

O-5 June 8, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Teen Health Center was opened in 1988 in response to the growing health needs of the students at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and young people throughout Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Teen Health Center is open to all youth providing comprehensive medical, education, disease prevention and counseling services; and

WHEREAS: The Teen Health Center was opened because adolescents often get lost in a conventional health care system that is not sensitive to their unique needs; and

WHEREAS: The Teen Health Center provides specialized medical and confidential care to adolescents receiving care there; and

WHEREAS: The students at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School have collected hundreds of signatures on petitions that advocate for the expansion of the Teen Health Center hours during the summer and school vacations and seek support for the unique needs of the young adult population in Cambridge and to protect the jobs of the health center staff who are trusted by the students for the valuable care that they provide; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council recognizes the efforts of the students at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School who have signed this petition; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Cambridge Health Alliance to reconsider its decision to cut the hours of the Teen Health Center and the staff which will reduce access to care for the adolescents and put them at risk for health problems.

O-6 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Some property owners of multi-unit buildings have received notification from Inspectional Services that an inspection of their home is required by the Administration Section of the Massachusetts Building Code (780 CMR 106); and

WHEREAS: For many of these property owners it is the first letter of its kind that they have received and its owners are expressing confusion; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and report back to the City Council on the nature and purpose of these inspections.

O-7 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: During summer months when street cleaning is in effect parking is scarce; and
WHEREAS: Residents also trust that they will be given ample notice of parking restrictions in order to properly park their vehicles to avoid fines and towing costs; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a clarification of the City's policy for posting "No Parking" signage and to instruct departments to be conscious of the timeframe in which notification is required.

O-8 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: We are aware of the negative health effects of second hand smoke; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge was one of the first cities to ban smoking in restaurants and public buildings; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to implement the immediate ban of smoking in all Cambridge public parks; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-9 June 8, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: By law, full-power television stations nationwide must begin broadcasting exclusively in a digital format by June 12, 2009 (extended from Feb 17, 2009); and
WHEREAS: Cambridge residents who already have cable TV will not have to do anything by June 12 but those who still have an analog TV set must either buy a new TV or purchase a converter box; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to remind Cambridge citizens of the conversion to digital TV and inform them about what they need to know about converting to digital through the city web site, the libraries and appropriate media.