

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from General Fund Cable Television Salary and Wages account to the General Fund School Salary and Wages account to cover the costs of an Educational Access Program Manager position.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, requesting that the City Council formally appropriate/allocate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as follows:
 - 1A. 80% of FY2008 CPA revenues (\$4,640,000) appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust.
 - 1B. 10% of FY2008 CPA revenues (\$580,000) appropriated to Historic Preservation.
 - 1C. 10% of FY2008 CPA revenues (\$580,000) appropriated/allocated to Open Space.
 - 2A. 80% of FY2007 State Match revenues (received in FY2008) (\$4,640,000) appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust.
 - 2B. 10% of FY2007 State Match revenues (received in FY2008) (\$580,000) appropriated to Historic Preservation.
 - 2C. 10% of FY2007 State Match revenues (received in FY2008) (\$580,000) appropriated/allocated to Open Space.
 - 3A. 80% of the Fund Balance (\$800,000) appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust.
 - 3B. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) appropriated to Historic Preservation.
 - 3C. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) allocated to Open Space.
 - 4A. Appropriate Cost for Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues (\$7,500).
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Cambridge Housing Authority Computer grant received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$57,678.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary & Wages (\$56,314.00) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$1,364.00) to allow the Community Learning Center (CLC) to provide computer classes for Cambridge Housing Authority residents at Jefferson Park and at 119 Windsor Street.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Cambridge Housing Authority/ Bridge to College Program grant received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Mass Dept. of Housing and Community Dev. in the amount of \$6,720.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary & Wages account to provide educational resources to CHA residents.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant received from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for \$100,000.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$78,309), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$19,941) and Travel and Training account (\$1,750) to reduce underage youth access to alcohol in Cambridge.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various private donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$11,660.22 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to support a variety of services to Cambridge Seniors, including entertainment for senior parties, the purchase of fans for low-income seniors, provision of minor home adaptation equipment and transportation for special senior center events and trips.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Formula Grant funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs for \$78,878.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$20,126.00), Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$57,402.00) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,350.00) and will be used to provide substance abuse prevention services for Cambridge seniors and transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments and weekly food shopping trips.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Family Network Grant (MFN) received from the Department of Education in the amount of \$139,761.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$138,236.00) and the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,525.00) to provide a variety of family support and parent education resources to families in the Cambridge community.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry Grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide nutritional foods that will be distributed to eligible Cambridge residents through the Food Pantry Network.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of estimated user fees received from Cambridge Homeless Service Provider Agencies and surrounding communities to support the Cambridge Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a citywide tracking system for homeless persons receiving services through the participating programs, in the amount of \$10,000 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Project Bread grant received from the Project Bread organization for \$2,500.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to assist the Summer Food Service Program with the purchase of art supplies to be used at the new Summer Food Site at Columbia Park.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Workplace

- Education Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services in the amount of \$40,000.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$37,968.00) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,032.00) to provide funds to support the Community Learning Center (CLC).
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program Grant for \$8,220.00 funded by the Department of Health and Human Services to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will assist with fall program start-up.
 14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$57,815.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to support the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP).
 15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of grant for \$62,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Education to the Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$57,745.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,255.00) to be used by the Center for Families to support family programs targeting parents of children up to six years, which include a variety of family support and parent education programs and resources.
 16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Civic Education Grant for \$143,169.00 funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$125,609.00), to the Department of Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$17,065.00), and to the Department of Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$495.00) in support of the Community Learning Center's Adult Civic Education Program.
 17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Boston Adult Literacy Fund in the amount of \$14,000.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$6,867.00) and to the Grant Fund department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,133.00) and will be used to hire and train Community Learning Center student leaders who will support parents of middle and high school students to navigate through high school culture and procedures.
 18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Lead-Safe Grant (Round 12) Program Income of \$16,028.93 to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will increase funds available to control lead hazards in eligible housing in Cambridge.
 19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-95, regarding a report on the timeline for refurbishment of Magazine Beach.
 20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-97, regarding agreement between Guilford Transportation and the MBTA to develop an intermodal transportation facility in East Cambridge.
 21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer of funds of \$20,046.05 from the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account to support the ongoing services provided by the Early Learning Opportunities grant from the US Department of Health and Human Service Administration.
 22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as member of the Cambridge Kids' Council:
 Andrea Collymore (Community-at-Large member, 3-year term)
 Andrea Kramer (Community-at-Large member, 3-year term)
 Olubunmi Fatoye-Matory (Community-at-Large member, 3-year term)
 Denise Gharty (Youth member, 2-year term)

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on July 17, 2007 for the purpose of receiving an overview of the current projects and goals of the Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD) and hearing from Claude-Alix Jacob, the new Chief Public Health Officer about his goals and visions. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker Committee Report Number Three of Sept 10, 2007.]
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.]
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.]
4. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee schedule a meeting to discuss with the new owners the impact on the 55 Magazine Street tenants of the recent sale of the building and their concern about their security as tenants and the new owners' plans for the building, especially any plans to convert the building to condominiums. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Forty-Seven of Sept 10, 2007.]

ON THE TABLE

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
7. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
8. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. [Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007.]
10. A communication was received from Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent of Schools, transmitting a copy of the annual Affirmative Action Report. [Placed on Table Communications and Reports from City Officers Number One of Sept 10, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Decker.]
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads about the feasibility of changing the City's code requirements so that City officials measure the noise from any newly installed equipment for which a Noise Affidavit has been completed prior to final approval of the project or granting of the Certificate of Occupancy. [Placed on Table Order Number Twenty-nine of Sept 10, 2007 on motion of Councillor Kelley.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. 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.]

13. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate fences. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007. Petition expires Oct 10, 2007.
14. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of continuing to consider a proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance to regulate leaf blowers. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to increase Lodging House license fees. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Thomas Delbanco, requesting a curb cut at 94 Hammond Street. A curb cut order was adopted on July 30, 2007 (Attachment A) granting a curb cut on Museum Street side of the property with the condition the curb cut on Hammond Street be closed. Attached are copies of additional information, the BZA decision and drawings to support the request for a new curb cut to be made without closing the existing curb cut. (Attachments B, C and D)
2. An application was received from LaRouche PAC, requesting permission for a table for literature display and sandwich board sign in Harvard Square on Massachusetts Avenue across from the MBTA stop.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding the city's trash ordinance.
2. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding "Money Follows Person" Grants.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Dane Balcon. Councillor Decker
2. Resolution on the death of Specialist Travis Virgadamo. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Specialist Kamisha Block. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Corporal Joshua Harmon. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Specialist Rodney Johnson. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Specialist Tyler Seideman. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Omar Torres. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Specialist Rickey Bell. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jeremy Bouffard. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Corporal Nathan Hubbard. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Matthew Medlicott. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist Christopher Patton. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Corporal Willard Powell. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Rogelio Ramirez. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Corporal John Tanner. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Specialist Tracy Willis. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Joshua Morley. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Andrew Nelson. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jessy Pollard. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Private Justin Sanders. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Garrett McLead. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Jonathan Edds. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kevin Gilbertson. Councillor Decker

24. Resolution on the death of Corporal William Warford III. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Corporal Phillip Brodnick. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Specialist Edward Brooks. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael Hook. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jason Paton. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Captain Derek Dobogai. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Paul Flynn. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Captain Erick Foster. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Captain Corry Tyler. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Sandy Britt. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Adrian Elizalde. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Paul Norris. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Matthew Tallman. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Michael Tully. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jason Butkus. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Edgar Cardenas. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Sergeant James Collins Jr. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Captain Michael Fielder. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class David Heringes. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Delmar White. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Daniel Scheibner. Councillor Decker
45. Congratulations to Robert Neer and Xuan Phan on the birth of their son Robert Marco Neer. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Alfred P. Camuso. Vice Mayor Toomey
47. Resolution on the death of Marion E. (Ahearn) Voke. Vice Mayor Toomey
48. Resolution on the death of Linda Martignetti. Vice Mayor Toomey
49. Resolution on the death of Hilda (Mello) Marks. Vice Mayor Toomey
50. Resolution on the death of Francis M. "Frank" DiPietro. Councillor Maher
51. Resolution on the death of Philip J. Spinetto. Councillor Maher
52. Declare September 2007 as Cambridge Men's Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Reeves
53. Thanks and best wishes to Linda Chin, as she leaves her role as Senior Vice President for Planning, Marketing and Public Relations at the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Reeves
54. Congratulations to Randi Mail, Adam Mitchell and the Department of Public Works on their successful program for recycling and composting organics from many Cambridge businesses. Councillor Davis
55. Condolences to Linda Pinti and family on the loss of her father Hugo Pinti. Councillor Simmons
56. Retirement of Elizabeth Lowry from the Human Services Department. Mayor Reeves
57. Retirement of James Lodge from the School Department. Mayor Reeves
58. Retirement of Joan Petrillo from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Reeves
59. Resolution on the death of Joseph P. Laycox Sr. Councillor Maher
60. Congratulations to City Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio on his victory in the special election to fill the Senate seat vacated by Jarrett T. Barrios. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Reeves, Councillor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Councillor Murphy and Vice Mayor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Tom McNichol, President of the Charles River Clean Up Boat, and MIT to resolve the issue of the financial status of this organization. Vice Mayor Toomey
2. Urge the United States Senate to pass a version of the Farm Bill that supports provisions affecting the health of all children and includes increased funding. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to discuss the beautification of Reardon Park at the intersection of Hampshire and Broadway. Vice Mayor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and request that a 4-way Stop sign be installed at the corner of Otis Street and Eighth Street. Vice Mayor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority on the status of the open space at the intersection of Binney and Fulkerson Streets. Vice Mayor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to begin the process of appraisal of the former Graham and Parks School for the purposes of a sale. Councillor Murphy
This Order will be withdrawn at the meeting due to more recent information becoming available.
7. That the City Manager include funds in the FY 09 budget for the planning process of renovating the current Police Headquarters building for use by the Community Learning Center, School Department Central Administration and Multi-Service Center. Councillor Murphy
This Order will be withdrawn at the meeting due to more recent information becoming available.
8. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that City staff prominently post temporary notices that pedestrian cycles and pedestrian signals have been changed when such changes have taken place. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with his staff and relevant School Department officials and private and charter school officials to create a survey program through which parents can effectively inform City officials about problematic traffic and infrastructure issues on their commute to school so that City officials can make better informed decisions about how to deploy traffic enforcement and infrastructure management resources to create safer routes to school. Councillor Kelley
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an estimate of the staff hours and funds annually committed to street, corner and square dedications in Cambridge. Councillor Kelley

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 17

5:00pm Presentation for Cambridge Men's Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 18

6:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a neighborhood hearing on the recent removal of

services from the Windsor Street Neighborhood Clinic.
(Pisani Center, 131 Wash. St.)

Wed, Sept 19

4:45pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Municipal on Refuse and Litter. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on adopting an ordinance requiring LEED certification for any new construction, or substantial rehabilitation for an existing use or new use that totals 25,000 sq. ft. of Gross Floor Area or more and is subject to special permit from the Planning Board or Board of Zoning Appeal or development consultation under Article 19.50. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the re-filed Cott et al., zoning petition requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge by changing the area bounded by the centerlines of Broadway, Hancock Street, Harvard Street and Lee Street from Residence C-1 district to Residence B district. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 26

10:00am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of safety and resources as it pertains to housing, buildings and neighborhoods. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 1

6:00pm Roundtable Meeting with the School Committee (Location TBA)

Wed, Oct 3

5:30pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 4

6:00pm Forum on Race and Class featuring Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. sponsored by the Civic Unity Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 17, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The *Charles River Clean Up Boat* provides a valuable service to the Cambridge community by voluntarily cleaning the Charles River and attempting to keep our waters clean of trash and debris; and

WHEREAS: Recent unfortunate accidents have threatened the financial status of this organization; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Tom McNichol, President of the Clean Up Boat, and MIT to resolve this issue.

O-2 Sept 17, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The US Senate is now deciding on its version of the 2007-2012 Farm Bill; and

WHEREAS: Many provisions of the Farm Bill include programs that directly affect our children by helping to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to Cambridge families; and

WHEREAS: The following programs need to be retained and fully funded: the Farmers Market Promotion Program, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, the Farm to School Program, the Farmland Protection and Farmland Viability Programs, the Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program, and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS: The Community Food Projects program needs mandatory funding at the level of \$30 million dollars; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record as urging the US Senate to pass a version of the Farm Bill that supports provisions affecting the health of all children and includes increased funding for all the programs listed above; and further be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to Senator John Kerry, Senator Edward Kennedy, and Congressman Michael Capuano on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-3 Sept 17, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to discuss the beautification of Reardon Park at the intersection of Hampshire and Broadway.

O-4 Sept 17, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and request that a 4-way Stop sign be installed at the corner of Otis Street and Eighth Street.

O-5 Sept 17, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority on the status of the open space at the intersection of Binney and Fulkerson Streets.

O-6 Sept 17, 2007
COUNCILLOR MURPHY

This Order will be withdrawn at the meeting due to more recent information becoming available.

WHEREAS: Residents of the neighborhood surrounding the former Graham and Parks School have expressed concern that the building has been vacant for a number of years and wonder what the building's future use will be; and

WHEREAS: The Community Learning Center has been looking for a permanent home for over a decade; and

WHEREAS: The new Cambridge Police Headquarters is in the process of being built out; and

WHEREAS: The city is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to rent spaces for the Community Learning Center and The Multi-Service Center, and through the school department budget for the school department's central administration; and

WHEREAS: There have been discussions to relocate those three uses to the current Police Headquarters site, after the new site is built and after renovations to the current Police Headquarters site; and

WHEREAS: The costs of the School Department central administration are not eligible for state reimbursement; and

WHEREAS: It is anticipated that the cost of needed renovations to the current Police Headquarters site will be extremely high; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin the process of appraisal of the former Graham and Parks School for the purposes of a sale; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council and the School Committee with the results of that appraisal so that the process can begin of transferring the former Graham and Parks School from the School Department to the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this order to the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Sept 17, 2007
COUNCILLOR MURPHY

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WHEREAS: The Community Learning Center has been looking for a permanent home for over a decade; and

WHEREAS: The new Cambridge Police Headquarters is in the process of being built out; and

WHEREAS: The city is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to rent spaces for the Community Learning Center and The Multi-Service Center, and through the school department budget for the school system's central administration; and

WHEREAS: There have been discussions to relocate those three uses to the current Police Headquarters site, after the new site is built and after renovations to the current Police Headquarters site; and

ORDERED: It is anticipated that the cost of needed renovations to the current Police Headquarters site will be extremely high; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to include funds in the FY 09 budget for the planning

process of renovating the current Police Headquarters building for use by the Community Learning Center, School Department Central Administration and Multi-Service Center.

O-8 Sept 17, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Recent changes to the pedestrian signals at the junction of Rindge and Massachusetts Avenue have resulted in confusion amongst pedestrians who did not realize that, initially, the pedestrian button was no longer activated and, later, that pushing the pedestrian button was necessary to get a "Walk" signal across Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Confused about why the walk cycle did not seem to be working, pedestrians sometimes tried to cross Massachusetts Avenue during the "Don't Walk" cycle, resulting in a more dangerous crossing for them; and

WHEREAS: Notices of changed timing or signal cycles posted at signalized crosswalks could help alleviate confusion and ensure that pedestrians cross during the safer "Walk" cycle; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that City staff prominently post temporary notices that pedestrian cycles and pedestrian signals have been changed when such changes have taken place.

O-9 Sept 17, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Walking and cycling children to school is a healthy and environmentally friendly alternative to driving or taking the bus; and

WHEREAS: Many parents in Cambridge are worried about various intersections and street crossings their children would have to traverse in order to get to school; and

WHEREAS: Many parents have decided to keep driving or using the bus in order to avoid exposing their children to the perceived dangers of crossing the street; and

WHEREAS: Many bus stops also pose risks to children from heavy, confusing or unpredictable traffic patterns; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with his staff and relevant School Department officials and private and charter school officials to create a survey program through which parents can effectively inform City officials about problematic traffic and infrastructure issues on their commute to school so that City officials can make better informed decisions about how to deploy traffic enforcement and infrastructure management resources to create safer routes to school; 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-10 Sept 17, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an estimate of the staff hours and funds annually committed to street, corner and square dedications in Cambridge.