

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-102, regarding a report on the possibility of initiating curbside pickup of food waste.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-113, regarding a report on the City's ability to begin curbside pickup of plastic bags with recycling.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-111, regarding a report on more regular cleaning of litter in the gutters and tree wells around the Galleria Mall.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-112, regarding a report on the schedule for general upkeep of the playground at the Cambridge Common.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-65, regarding a report on clarifying the policy of posting "no parking" signs.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-121, regarding a report on status on DCR's work with the wetlands buffer zone along the Charles River.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$120,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated settlements, medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents Grant for \$2,375.40 to the Public Works Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will allow training to 60 DPW employees on CPR, choking and first aid.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$132,047.09 from Public Works Public Investment Extraordinary Expenditures account (Danehy Skate Park/Dog Park Project) to the Public Works Public Investment Extraordinary Expenditures account (Gately Youth Center HVAC Project) which will cover the cost for the design and installation of a dedicated HVAC system at the Gately Youth Center gymnasium, with an expected completion date of June 2010.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-110, regarding a report on the status of street crimes in No. Cambridge and under what circumstances an electronic alert should be issued.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-120, regarding a report on the Police Department's policy on making available to the public, information about crimes

and suspects and other information not prohibited from public release.

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of January 2009: Albert Darling

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 Cambridge City Council go on record as favoring a ballot initiative during the next local municipal election that shall allow Cambridge voters to have their voices heard on ridding the world of nuclear weapons. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Decker on a Roll Call Vote of 6-3-0 on Order Number Two of Sept 21, 2009.]

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. 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 meeting held on June 25, 2009 for the purpose of considering the Historical Committee's recommendation with regard to the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Report and Revised Recommendations. Committee Report Number One of Sept 21, 2009 was Accepted and Placed on File, Proposed Ordinance Passed to Second Reading and Order remains on Unfinished Business.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Merek Franklin, requesting permission to move the existing curb cut four feet at the premises numbered 25 Lakeview Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Kristin Paton, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 360 Huron Avenue. Approval has been received from

Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

3. Three applications have been received from Teen Challenge, requesting permission for a table and chair in front of Starbucks at 1662 Massachusetts Avenue, Fresh Mart at 222 Broadway and Broadway Marketplace at 468 Broadway. Permission has been received from the three businesses.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, transmitting a copy of A Short Chronicle of Novel Epidemics.
2. A communication was received from John D. Thompson, transmitting thanks for the expression of sympathy on the loss of his wife Marie Thompson.
3. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, Transportation Oversight Division, transmitting notice of a hearing on Nov 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at One South Station, Boston, on the appeal of Sun Shine Transportation, Inc. for a jitney license for the operation of a hotel shuttle service between Logan International Airport and the City of Cambridge.
4. A communication was received from Lydia Gralla, regarding the St. James Church/Oaktree condo development.
5. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, transmitting information on how stress makes allergies worse and last longer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Recognize November as National Adoption Month. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Phyllis Beckford on her graduation and best wishes for a happy birthday. Mayor Simmons
3. Thanks to Cambridge establishments who have undergone training with "Cut It Out Cambridge," an initiative which will train stylists at Cambridge establishments to provide education and support to the clients and community they serve on domestic violence issues. Mayor Simmons
4. Thanks to Cambridge Community Schools for their service to the Cambridge community for 40 years. Mayor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Francis P. "Frank" Frisoli. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to John Clifford on the occasion of being inducted into the Hudson High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov 27, 2009. Councillor Maher
7. Resolution on the death of Olive M. Horgan. Councillor Maher
8. Resolution on the death of Robert W. "Boo" Bates. Councillor Maher
9. Congratulations to the members of the Cambridgeport History Project for organizing the first Celebration of Cambridgeport History. Councillor Davis
10. Retirement of Sandy Francis, Jr. from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
11. Retirement of Stanley C. Fabianski from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons

12. Resolution on the death of Carol Ann (Killackey) Provost. Councillor Toomey

13. Resolution on the death of Specialist Ross E. Vogel III. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Major Tad T. Hervas. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Specialist Paul E. Andersen. Councillor Decker
16. Congratulations to the Riverside Boat Club on its 140th anniversary. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Davis
17. Resolution on the death of Lorraine F. (Demerjian) Bell. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Hope M. (Berkeley) Ryan. Councillor Maher
19. Congratulations to Linda F. Nathan on her new book entitled "The Hardest Questions Aren't on the Test; Lessons from an Innovative Urban School." Councillor Decker
20. Congratulations to Whole Foods Market on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the opening of its Prospect Street store. Councillor Davis
21. Congratulations to the Community Dispute Settlement Center on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary Spirit of Mediation Gala on Oct 28, 2009. Councillor Davis
22. Congratulations to the Union of Concerned Scientists for its 40 years of success and achievement and to Dr. Kurt Gottfried for his leadership over the years. Mayor Simmons
23. Congratulations to Geoffrey Canada on receiving the 2009 Robert Coles "Call of Service" Award on Oct 23, 2009. Mayor Simmons
24. Congratulations to Carsten Miller on his completion of the 9th annual Boston Athletic Association Half Marathon. Vice Mayor Seidel
25. Congratulations to Denise Jillson and the Harvard Square Business Association for the fabulous Oktoberfest and Honk Festival Bands which has brought such great energy to Harvard Square. Councillor Reeves
26. Congratulations to Professor Estelle Disch on her retirement. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. Dedication in the vicinity of Harvard Street in honor of Edith Elder. Mayor Simmons
2. Dedication of an appropriate site in honor of John Phillip Sousa. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development, the Planning Board and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to provide the City Council with all documents relating to the development at 303 Third Street. Councillor Toomey
4. Receptacles to prevent rodent problems within the city. Councillor Reeves
5. The City Manager is requested to direct the Cambridge Arts Council to schedule Riverfest 2010 on a different Saturday than Boston Gay Pride. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase nighttime patrols in the Willow Street area due to a number of reported tire slashings. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Maher

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review the intersection of Pearl and Chestnut Streets for consideration of installing an all-way stop. Councillor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to explore the possibility of requiring multiple trash pick-ups in buildings with over six units. Councillor Decker
9. That the City Manager is requested to seek professional exterminators to more aggressively pinpoint and address the rodent problem in the City of Cambridge and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to report back to the City Council with a legal opinion on whether or not listing public notices on the City website could fulfill the obligation of the City to publish legal notices. Councillor Toomey
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on both the status of wireless service at Newtowne Court and also with a plan to ensure reliable wireless service in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Seidel
12. That the City Manager is requested to develop a plan to reduce interior lighting use at the Main Library to only those hours when library patrons or staff benefit from the lights being on. Vice Mayor Seidel
13. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of working with local organizations to implement a program in Cambridge similar to the "NYC Cool Roofs" program which consists of painting rooftops with reflective white or light-colored paint which reduces roof and indoor temperatures. Vice Mayor Seidel
14. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council if any residents are in danger of losing their housing due to the fiscal status of affordable housing providers in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Seidel
15. That the City Manager is requested to submit to the City Council a request for an appropriation sufficient to enable the City Council to undertake academic or legal counsel to review the Plan E Charter. Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 hearing held on July 23, 2009 for the purpose of discussing the issue of requiring taxicabs to accept credit card payment of the taxi fare.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 19

5:15pm Special Presentation for the new program being launched by the Women's Commission "Cut it Out Cambridge," to train hair salon staff in recognizing domestic violence and acting as a resource for their patrons. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 20

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss TROMP (Travel Responsibility Outreach and Mentoring Project) a 4-phase program designed to alter the culture of traffic in Cambridge. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 22

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the first of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Lisa Dobberteen, pediatrician co-author of the book Love & Limits In and Out of Child Care: What Your Child Care Provider and Your Pediatrician Want You to Know. Followed by Q & A. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 29

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the second of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Diane Levin, author of So Sexy So Soon, the New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 5

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the third of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Nancy Carlsson-Paige, professor of early childhood education at Lesley University will be discussing her most recent book, Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, compassionate Kids, and the impact of violence, especially in the media, the children's lives and social development. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Tues, Nov 10

3:00pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of holding a folk festival in the city in 2010. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 17

2:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the use of cell phones while driving and security cameras at the Alewife T station. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 18

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will 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)

5:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by Richard D. Fanning et al., to amend Section 5.25.3 - Exemption for Existing Parking Facilities by inserting the phrase "except if located in an Industry A-1 District" to the end of the paragraph, and delete in Section 20.40 - Eastern Cambridge Housing Overlay District the text in Section 20.44.3 referencing height limits for the area of the Overlay District between the railroad right-of-way and Medeiros Avenue, also known as the Kendall Cinema site, and delete from the Zoning Map that portion of the Overlay District encompassing the same area. This hearing to be televised. (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)

Thurs, Dec 10

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the fourth of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Richard Weissbourd author of The Parents We Mean to Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children’s Moral and Emotional Development. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

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 Oct 19, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council designate a proper site in the vicinity of Harvard Street, specifically between Columbia Street and Windsor Street, in honor of Edith Elder, teacher, volunteer at the Fletcher Maynard Academy and longtime resident of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-2 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of John Phillip Sousa; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council is directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-3 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development, the Planning Board and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to provide the City Council with all documents relating to the development at 303 Third Street.

O-4 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services, and other appropriate city agencies about the emerging rodent problem in Mid-Cambridge. In areas where there have not been a rodent problem in nearly two decades. Inspectional Services and the Department of Public Works have been alerted about the problem areas. Much of the problem has been related to cutting off access to (food sources). Residents would be aided in by the city if there was simplified access to purchasing better rodent proof receptacles. Stores like Home Depot and Sears, have only receptacles with removable lids in stock. Can the city, through the DPW or ISD, not help facilitate better speedy access to receptacles the “food source”? Can the city support resident efforts at recycling rodent food source control?

O-5 Oct 19, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: The GLBT Commission would like a large well-attended celebration for Gay Pride in 2010. The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Cambridge Arts Council to schedule Riverfest 2010 on a different Saturday than Boston Gay Pride. For more than 15 years the City of Cambridge has hosted

the Pride Brunch at Cambridge City Hall in the morning on the second Saturday of June, the same day that Boston hosts the Pride Parade in the afternoon. It is important the city officials, city employees, and residents be encouraged to attend and have access to both the Pride events and Riverfest by holding them on different dates.

O-6 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase nighttime patrols in the Willow Street area due to a number of reported tire slashings.

O-7 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review the intersection of Pearl and Chestnut Streets for consideration of installing an all-way stop.

O-8 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to explore the possibility of requiring multiple trash pick-ups in buildings with over six units; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with the rationale for not implementing rodent control programs similar to those in New York, City, including requiring metal collectors in larger buildings.

O-9 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Rodents remain a major concern for Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Current efforts do not seem to be keeping pace with an increasing rodent population; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to seek professional exterminators to more aggressively pinpoint and address the rodent problem in the City of Cambridge and to report back to the City Council.

O-10 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The requirement to list legal notices in local newspapers cost the city an estimated \$125,000 per year; and

WHEREAS: Newspaper circulation and the industry in general has faltered as a result of increased use of the internet for news and information; and

WHEREAS: Public access to the internet is significantly improving; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge website could be used as an alternative for listing notices in the newspaper; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to report back to the City Council with a legal opinion on whether or not listing public notices on the City website could fulfill the obligation of the City to publish legal notices.

O-11 Oct 19, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The City has worked to bridge the “Digital Divide” during the last several years; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has recognized that wireless service and internet access is critical for residents to conduct much of their professional and personal business as well as engage in the civic life of the City; and

WHEREAS: The City’s Pilot Digital Divide Program was launched at Newtowne Court in 2007; and

WHEREAS: Residents of Newtowne Court are currently, however, experiencing inconsistent wireless access; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on both the status of wireless service at Newtowne Court and also with a plan to ensure reliable wireless service in Cambridge.

O-12 Oct 19, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The City will soon be celebrating the opening of the new Main Library; and

WHEREAS: Major construction is now completed on this facility; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has previously discussed a plan for city outdoor lighting in and on buildings, along streets, and in parks and other public spaces that would adhere to "Dark Sky" principles as well as be energy efficient; and

WHEREAS: The interior lights of the new Main Library have been on throughout the day and night, during periods of the day when there is sun and at night when the library would not be operational; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a plan to reduce interior lighting use at the Main Library to only those hours when library patrons or staff benefit from the lights being on.

O-13 Oct 19, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The City Council recently held a special meeting to better understand the climate change emergency; and

WHEREAS: At this meeting the City Council learned from a panel of scientists that climate change is happening at a faster rate than the most severe predictions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, resulting in devastating impacts to the environment, health, and socio-economic well-being of communities; and

WHEREAS: The City has recognized the urgent need to address this crisis by, among other measures, establishing Climate Protection goals for the year 2010; and

WHEREAS: Successfully addressing the climate change emergency will require a number of measures, both large and small, short-term and long-range in nature; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has been a role model for other cities in its efforts to tackle environmental issues yet at the same time has also learned from programs in other cities; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City has recently launched the "NYC Cool Roofs" program, a project which will paint rooftops with reflective white or light colored paint, a measure which has been proven to reduce roof temperatures by as much as 60 degrees and indoor temperatures by 10-20 degrees; and

WHEREAS: These reductions in temperatures will significantly reduce both energy use and greenhouse gas emissions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of working with local organizations to implement a program in Cambridge similar to the "NYC Cool Roofs" program.

O-14 Oct 19, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Many residents in Cambridge rely on affordable housing providers for their housing; and

WHEREAS: CASCAP is one such provider of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Any changes to the fiscal health of these organizations would have negative impacts on many families and individuals in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council if any residents are in danger of

losing their housing due to the fiscal status of affordable housing providers in Cambridge.

O-15 Oct 19, 2009

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the Mayor and Cambridge City Council shall seek independent academic or legal counsel to review the Plan E Charter for the purpose of a clear and definitive explanation of the role and power of the City Council and the role and power of the City Manager before mid-December; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to submit to the City Council a request for an appropriation to the City Council Office Budget sufficient to enable the City Council to undertake this consultation on this timetable.