

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-114, regarding a report that home foreclosure sales via auction be required to show ownership by the lender or agent of said property before an auction can occur.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-115, regarding a report on making accommodations for voters when elevators are not working or there are other barriers at polling locations.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$1,027,975 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$244,685) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$783,290) to allow the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of funds of the America's Promise grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to sponsor specific events designed to provide information and resources to our community of first-generation college students in Cambridge.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) grant in the amount of \$1,155 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will allow the Community Learning Center to plan and implement two focus groups with members of immigrant populations/ethnic minorities in Cambridge to provide input on school meals.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MetroNorth Regional Employment Board for \$121,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$98,840) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$22,160) which will be used to reimburse the City for salary costs associated with enrolling additional income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program and to support program costs for work sites taking large numbers of youth and developing worksites for youth participants.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$35,000 to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account and will be used to pay for consultant services related to the City's role in the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Sunshot Grant project. The appropriation will be reimbursed by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, which has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the

State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services for \$188,000 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for new and replacement equipment for the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team, including self contained breathing apparatus, combustible gas indicators, diagnostic chemical detection kits, and upgrades to decontamination equipment.

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for \$32,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will provide funds for the purchase of a radio console for Emergency Operations Center at the Water Department to support the activities of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Coordination within the Fire Department.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on Aug 6, 2012 to continue discussions on the MIT Nuclear Reactor and related public safety concerns, long-term planning and associated issues. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Committee Report Number One of Oct 15, 2012.]
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on July 17, 2012 to discuss the jurisdiction of non-Cambridge Police Department law enforcement organizations including Harvard, MIT, State and MBTA Police and Health Alliance, special security personnel and out of town officers on construction details. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Committee Report Number Two of Oct 15, 2012.]

ON THE TABLE

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
4. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23,

2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Equity Office requesting permission for a new curb cut and to relocate a curb cut at the premises numbered 160 CambridgePark Drive; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Neighborhood association response received.
2. An application was received from Vartan Keshishan requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 13-15 Athens Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
3. An application was received from Ara Barsoumian requesting permission to move the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 99 Kinnaird Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Jackie Neel from the Human Services Department. Mayor Davis
2. Congratulations to the Trifone family on being named the 2012 "Family of the Year" by the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Marjorie A. (Murphy) Hennigan. Councillor Decker
4. Congratulations to the newly state-designated Central Square Cultural District. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the Mayor and the Chair of the Government Operations and Rules Committee are requested to provide updates every other week on the status of the City Manager search process to the City Council and to work with the City's Information Technology staff to have those updates posted on the City Council website under a separate tab on the City Council's page on the City's website. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City staff and report back to the City Council on how City construction projects are scoped, contracted out and managed so that hazards in project fill, park equipment or other areas are not likely to be created as the equipment gets used or as soil gets compacted or as erosion or frost heaves or other environmental factors alter park topography. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to work together with Inspectional Services Department, the Department of Public Works, the Law Department, the Public Information Department, the Public Health Department and a group of concerned residents and property owners to explore action on suggestions for controlling the rodent population. Councillor vanBeuzekom
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City officials to explore the possibility of completing an on-street parking census and the impacts of a plan for the gradual reduction of on-street parking spaces over the next decades. Councillor vanBeuzekom

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Oct 3, 2012 to discuss a zoning petition filed by Susan Yanow, et al to rezone from the existing Business A to Business A-1 the areas bounded by Windsor, Main Streets, Bishop Allen Drive, Columbia, Prospect and Norfolk Streets; rezone from the existing Bus. B and CRDD to a proposed new district Bus. B-3 in the area bounded by Green, Landsdowne, Magazine and Prospect Streets and Mass. Ave. define as a protected neighborhood zone the area zoned Res. C-1 and bounded by Portland, Main and Windsor Streets and a line 120 feet north of and parallel to Main Street; rezone the areas currently identified as Municipal Parking Lots along Bishop Allen Drive to a proposed new Municipal Parking District (MP).
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Oct 3, 2012 to discuss an amendment by the City Council to add a footnote #15 to Table 6.36.1(a) Column III (Open Space, Res. A-1, A-2, Res. B) stating: "where a single dwelling unit is located on a private way and where said private way could provide adequate parking for at least one car, with the written notice from the Fire Department that emergency access would not be impaired, the requirement for off-street parking is waived."

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 23

10:00am The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on plans to sell 2 Mount Auburn Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 24

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map for an area along North Massachusetts Avenue in the vicinity of Trolley Square and Linear Park from Business A-2 to Residence C-2B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the visioning process for the City of Cambridge and the City Manager search. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 25

2:00pm The Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss urban festivals and the role of festivals in civic life and economic development. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting between City Council and School Committee to receive an update on the Innovation Agenda. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 14

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by Patty Chen, et al., to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.300 - Central Square Overlay District in Section 20.304.5 Use Limitations and Restrictions. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 15

5:00pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Cambridge Public Schools FY12 Sustainability Year-in-Review Report and Cambridge's Green Purchasing Policies. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 26

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 29

2:30pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (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)

Mon, Jan 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Jan 10

2:00pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Location - TBA)

Mon, Jan 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 22, 2012

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The status of the hiring of a new City Manager is not one that is clearly understood by all City Councillors or the general public; and

WHEREAS: Hiring a City Manager is one of the most important responsibilities the City Council has; and

WHEREAS: Having all involved parties share equal access to information about this important decision is an important part of ensuring that the hiring process is as effective as possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor and the Chair of the Government Operations and Rules Committee be and hereby are requested to provide updates every other week on the status of the City Manager search process to the City Council and to work with the City's Information Technology staff to have those updates posted on the City Council website under a separate tab on the City Council's page on the City's website.

O-2 Oct 22, 2012

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: It appears that City park renovation projects are not ensuring that project fill is clear of potential hazards such as glass shards; and

WHEREAS: Hazards such as glass shards seem inherently counter to the goal of creating a safe, enjoyable park for children, adults or pets to use; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City staff and report back to the City Council on how City construction projects are scoped, contracted out and managed so that hazards in project fill, park equipment or other areas are not likely to be created as the equipment gets used or as soil gets compacted or as erosion or frost heaves or other environmental factors alter park topography.

O-3 Oct 22, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has implemented many strategies in an attempt to control the rodent population within the city; and

WHEREAS: Many of these strategies have been effective. For example, changes in the litter & refuse ordinance(s); creation of the dumpster ordinance(s); improved coordination among city departments; the placement within squares and parks closed trash containers (Big Belly); the publishing of an online rodent-control pamphlet; the creation of an online rodent reporting system; and increased Inspectional Services reviews that cite non-compliant property owners; and

WHEREAS: Despite these efforts the rodent population within the city continues to increase (perhaps due to widespread availability of food; mild winters; and increased construction on both MBTA properties and private properties); and

WHEREAS: Residents and property owners must work in concert to reduce the urban rodent population; and

WHEREAS: There are further strategies the City of Cambridge and residents might employ such as:

- Compiling a public database that shows the warnings & citations issued to various property owners -- including actions owners have taken in response to citations,
- city re-inspection and notation of outcomes
- Creating a public map that plots reported rodent sightings and citation locations with monthly updates
- Building a "frequent rodent-control violator list" such as is currently done by Inspectional Services for the "frequent restaurant sanitary-code violator" list
- Inspecting commercial properties that are composting to ensure proper handling of composted material
- Increasing how often the DPW picks up from the city's open sidewalk trash barrels
- Replacing the many damaged plastic liners within the city's open sidewalk trash barrels
- Engaging all residents in rodent-control measures by communicating on this topic regularly via the city-wide newsletter
- Allowing smoke testing of storm & sewer lines to identify cracks and possible entry points for locations that have seemingly intractable infestations
- Publishing on the city's rodent web page a list of pest-control companies known to employ Best Practices and a resident guide that explains what to look for in a pest-control contract
- Deputizing city residents as "block captains" to assist with educational efforts and support neighborhood adherence to the litter & refuse ordinances

- Including within the public school's curriculum an "anti-littering" unit
- Increasing animal waste law enforcement -- since dog waste is a food source for rats
- Setting aside funds for residents who need financial assistance in order to replace trash receptacles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work together with Inspectional Services, the Department of Public Works, the Law Department, the Public Information Department, the Public Health Department and a group of concerned residents and property owners to explore action on the above suggestions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the city provide updates on reported rodents locations and activity via map and/or charts; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

O-4 Oct 22, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has implemented many strategies to encourage bicycling and walking; and

WHEREAS: Bike lanes and traffic calming have worked to make both activities safer and more enjoyable and with the result that a greater number of individuals are choosing to bicycle and walk within the city; and

WHEREAS: A slow and gradual reduction of on-street parking will also continue to support individuals who choose to walk or bicycle; and

WHEREAS: Similar to census data, knowing the number of on-street parking spaces (metered + unmetered + residential parking spaces) provides a base-line value for understanding how many cars presently park on the city's streets; and

WHEREAS: Once a base-line value is established, the City may explore the feasibility of a slow and gradual reduction of on-street parking spaces (i.e. a 1% reduction in the number of spaces/year for 20 years) as another strategy that supports bicycling and walking throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: The use of public street space that has historically been used as on-street parking may then be rededicated to city street features such as bike lanes, traffic calming or wider sidewalk space that allows for tree plantings and a more enjoyable pedestrian experience; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City officials to explore the possibility of completing an on-street parking census and the impacts of a plan for the gradual reduction of on-street parking spaces over the next decades; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible.