

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-92, regarding a report on existing programs or technical assistance available through the City of local businesses facing financial difficulties.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the City Council Petition regarding companion zoning amendments implementing the Tree Protection Ordinance.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$40,000 in projected FY05 surplus traffic and parking revenues to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used to fund consultant designer services for improvements to the intersection of Blanchard Street and Grove Street.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Lead Safe grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for \$3,000,000 to the Grant Fund Community Development Salaries and Wages account (\$1,083,631), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,906,962), and Travel and Training account (\$9,407) to support lead abatement and poisoning prevention programs.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$3,090 to the Grant Fund Historical Salaries and Wages account to fund an archives assistant who provides support for on-going maintenance of the Commission's public archive as well as assisting members of the public with research requests.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-38, regarding a report on rerouting traffic from Memorial Drive on Sundays from May until November to a new alternative route from the current Putnam Avenue detour.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-90, regarding a report on the new traffic plan proposed for the Dunkin Donuts on No. Massachusetts Avenue.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 615 Concord Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.

2. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 28 Elliot Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. Charter Right was exercised by Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 226 Main Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
4. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
5. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Maher on an order that the City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department and report on the long neglected parcel at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Magoun Street to consider a possible taking of the land for community benefit.
6. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Maher on an order that the City Manager is requested to consult with the owners of 2464 Massachusetts Avenue regarding their future plans to close Edmunds Street to through traffic, and to report back on this issue.

ON THE TABLE

7. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-137 of December 22, 2003, regarding a report on the number of investment managers for the pension fund with the list to reflect the number of women-owned and minority-owned investment managers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. 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 September 22, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to implement the Tree Protection Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 18, 2004. Petition expires December 21, 2004. At the October 18, 2004 City Council meeting the City Council voted 8-1-0 to Ordain, but vote was premature because there was no report from the October 5, 2004 Planning Board hearing. City Council must re-vote.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Sign of the Dove, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 36 JFK Street.
2. An application was received from Changsho Restaurant, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 1712 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Douglas A. Berman, regarding his concern about the new structure at the former Long Funeral Home site.
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding city officials losing their way.
3. A communication was received from Reverend Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, transmitting thanks for the resolution on the occasion of her installation in the Suzanne Radley Hiatt professorship at the Episcopal Divinity School.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Commendations for the City of Cambridge Police Officers for their testimony in the Pring-Wilson case. Councillor Davis
2. Wishes of success for the 20th Annual Holiday Auction to benefit the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay MetroWest Area on Friday, November 19, 2004. Mayor Sullivan
3. Support for the Gay Officers Action League of New England's Ninth Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 6, 2004 at the Tremont House Hotel. Mayor Sullivan
4. Good luck wishes to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Football Team on their annual Thanksgiving Day gridiron match against Everett High School. Mayor Sullivan
5. Thoughts and prayers to the members of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at the Annual Memorial Sunday Service for the Watertown Lodge #1513 on December 5, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Sullivan
6. Support for the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's public forum on: Poverty in America-The Failure of Public Policy on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at the Cambridge YWCA. Mayor Sullivan
7. Recognition of Senator David P. Magnani for his years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and wish him well in all his future endeavors. Mayor Sullivan
8. Dedication of an Environmental Mural at the Alewife MBTA station on Friday, October 22, 2004; and Councillor Davis
9. Congratulations to Linda Buczynski of Citizens Bank being selected as the HOPE Corps Recruiter of the Year. Mayor Sullivan
10. Congratulations to Sarah Lamitie of Boston Private Bank and Trust Company on being selected as the HOPE Corps Member of the Year. Mayor Sullivan
11. Congratulations to the Football B Team for making the Pop Warner playoffs. Councillor Galluccio
12. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Burdette Johnson. Mayor Sullivan
13. Resolution on the death of Marion Ernest. Mayor Sullivan
14. Resolution on the death of Dana A. Chorlton. Mayor Sullivan

15. Resolution on the death of Jennie Bella. Mayor Sullivan
16. Congratulations to Bank of America on being selected as the HOPE Corps Sponsor of the Year. Mayor Sullivan
17. Congratulations to the Red Sox on winning the Pennant and wishing them well in the World Series. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Simmons
18. Recognition of the Cambridge Police Department for their superior work with crowd control on the night the Red Sox clinched the 2004 League Pennant. Mayor Sullivan
19. Congratulations to David Ortiz on being the American League Championship's Most Valuable Player. Councillor Simmons
20. November 10, 2004 proclaimed as World Children's Day in Cambridge in support of Ronald McDonald Charities. Mayor Sullivan
21. Get well wishes extended to Lou Nicoloro. Councillor Toomey
22. Resolution on the death of Carlos A. Oliveira. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Pamela Osbourne. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Specialist Alan Burgess. Vice Mayor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Corporal William Salazar. Vice Mayor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Brian Schramm. Vice Mayor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Mark Barbret. Vice Mayor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Specialist Bradley Beard. Vice Mayor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Omer Hawkins, II. Vice Mayor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Specialist Josiah Vandertulip. Vice Mayor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Private David Waters. Vice Mayor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Specialist Ronald Baker. Vice Mayor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Second Lieutenant Paul Felsburg. Vice Mayor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Victor Gonzalez. Vice Mayor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jaime Moreno. Vice Mayor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Lieutenant Mark Phelan. Vice Mayor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Major Charles Soltes, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeremy Regnier. Vice Mayor Decker

39. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Oscar Martinez. Vice Mayor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Specialist Christopher Merville. Vice Mayor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Captain Dennis Pintor. Vice Mayor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael Weger. Vice Mayor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Daniel Wyatt. Vice Mayor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Corporal Ian Zook. Vice Mayor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Anthony Monroe. Vice Mayor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael Owen. Vice Mayor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Captain Christopher Johnson. Vice Mayor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer William Brennan. Vice Mayor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jonathan Santos. Vice Mayor Decker
50. Good luck wishes to Vanessa E. Brathwaite as she competes in the 2004 Cities of America Pageant. Mayor Sullivan
51. Visit to Sister City Cienfuegos's José Mateo Fonseca Elementary School in Cuba. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Galluccio
52. Visit and greetings to the Honorable Emerio Garcia Lugo, Mayor and President of the Municipal Assembly of Cienfuegos, the Honorable Idolidia Lopez Perez, Vice President of the Municipal Assembly of Cienfuegos, and the citizens of Cienfuegos, Cuba. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Galluccio
53. Resolution on the death of John T. Collins. Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Decker, Councillor Maher
54. Resolution on the death of Mary L. Wrenn. Mayor Sullivan
55. Resolution on the death of Victoria E. Snelgrove. Mayor Sullivan
56. Resolution on the death of Eleanor R. Miley. Mayor Sullivan
57. Welcome to Porter Square Books at 25 White Street. Mayor Sullivan
59. Congratulations to Harinder and Satwant Singh on their marriage. Mayor Sullivan
60. Congratulations to the most recently appointed college and university presidents. Mayor Sullivan
61. Congratulations to the Center for Effective Philanthropy, Inc., the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Inc. and MIT on receiving grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Mayor Sullivan
62. Resolution to prepared on the Science Club for Girls. Councillor Davis

63. Urging the U.S. Conference of Mayors to remain engaged in the international campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons. Councillor Davis

ORDERS

1. The City Manager is requested to report on the follow-up on unpaid municipal tickets and refer the report to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee follow-up on bikes on sidewalk tickets. Councillor Davis
2. The City Manager is requested to report on the progress of placing way finding signs around the City to encourage walking. Councillor Davis
3. The City Manager is requested to report to the City Council on staffing for commercial recycling to achieve 40% commercial recycling by 2006. Councillor Davis
4. The City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge business community to plan and develop an appropriate Go Green month celebration of the business community's considerable contributions to Cambridge's environmental goals, this planning to consider setting a goal of 25 significant businesses signing up for energy audits. Councillor Davis
5. Dedication in honor of William "Bill" Cavellini; Councillor Simmons
6. The City Manager is requested to provide an update on the Climate Protection Advisory Committee. Councillor Simmons
7. The City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Director to meet with the parents and the staff at the Morse School to address traffic concerns. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Davis
8. City Manager is requested to confer with the Election Commission to present to the City Council a plan whereby Cambridge voters could vote from any voting place in the city. Councillor Davis
9. City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to report on the Jump Start Summer and academic program. Councillor Simmons
10. City Manager is requested to direct the Municipal Cable Office to televise the forthcoming Health and Environment Committee's meeting on the flu shot vaccine shortage. Vice Mayor Decker
11. The City Manager is requested to confer with the supervisor of the Animal Control Commission regarding several incidents of rabid animals found in West Cambridge and report on efforts to ensure that residents are being formed to use caution and reporting procedures if residents come in contact with these animals. Councillor Maher
12. That the pedestrian and traffic related issues resulting from the Senior Town Meeting be referred to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee. Councillor Davis

13. That the matters resulting from the Senior Town Meeting be referred to the Human Services Committee. Councillor Simmons
14. City Manager is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to take whatever steps are necessary to eliminate the foul odor in Central Square. Councillor Simmons
15. That the issue of the lack of places to take a dog in the Central Square area resulting from the Senior Town Meeting be referred to the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee. Councillor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on October 13, 2004 to receive a debriefing on the Senior Town Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, transmitting a letter from the Department of Housing & Community Development notifying Mayor Sullivan that Cambridge is Housing Certified under Executive Order 418 for the period ending June 30, 2005.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, notifying the City Council that it must take another vote on Zoning Amendment to Accompany Tree Protection Ordinance.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 26

11:00am The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a report on parking passes and permits issued by the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and to discuss clearly marked bicycle routes through the City's major squares and other areas where obstacles are created by such things as one-way streets. The committee will also discuss the Points For Safety. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 27

9:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss out of school time permits and Summer School. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to increase the Zoning Petition Filing Fee. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Fri, Oct 29

9:00am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a working public meeting to receive a report of the results of the survey of citizens satisfaction and opinion with regard to city services. No public comment. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 3

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss assessing models and the city's property revaluation. (Anastos Room, 2nd floor, City Hall)

7:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee invites members of the public to a facilitated opportunity to receive a brief presentation on the results of a citizen satisfaction survey and to express their views on city services and City Council priorities. (Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue)

Thurs, Nov 4

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition to create a new Special District 15, Section 17.600 and to amend the Zoning Map in the area of 237 Putnam Avenue and 19-21 Blackstone Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 9

11:30am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion regarding a new or renovated police station. At the meeting, committee members and administrative staff will also agree upon a regular monthly meeting time. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Nov 10

9:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss transportation for seniors and accessible taxi cabs. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 15

8:30am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a facilitated working meeting for the City Council to set FY 06 priorities. No public comment. (Water Department, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, Conference Room)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 16

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a funding mechanism for an annual expenditure relative to public celebrations. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 22

2:00pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Ackermann Room)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Joint public meeting with the School Committee for a discussion of school related issues. No public comment. No votes

will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Location TBA)

Wed, Dec 15

2:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss follow up on snow clearance issues and any other matters that might come before the committee. (Ballroom, Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 10, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 24, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 31, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager is requested to report to the City Council on the follow-up on unpaid municipal tickets; and be further

ORDERED: That the report on the follow-up on the tickets issued for bikes on sidewalks be referred to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee.

O-2 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the progress on the installation of way finding signs around the City to encourage walking given that, if people knew how short the distances were, particularly between City squares, they might consider walking.

O-3 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on a staffing plan for commercial recycling to support the potential to achieve 40% commercial recycling by 2006.

O-4 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Cambridge business community to plan and develop an appropriate Go Green month celebration of the business community's considerable contributions to Cambridge's environmental goals, this planning to consider setting a goal of 25 significant businesses signing up for energy audits.

O-5 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location in honor of William "Bill" Cavellini; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to confer with the family and

the Department of Public Works to arrange for a suitable sign and dedication ceremony.

O-6 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update on the Climate Protection Advisory Committee.

O-7 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Director to meet with the parents and the staff at the Morse School to address traffic concerns.

O-8 October 25, 2004 (amended)

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission to present to the City Council a plan whereby Cambridge voters could vote from any voting place in the city; **and be it further**

ORDERED: That the report, along with this order be referred to a roundtable on how the City of Cambridge can make voting as easy as possible and can ensure that we count as many ballots as possible.

O-9 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to report on the Jump Start Summer and academic program **to encourage early conversation about summer programming, including start and ending times.**

O-10 October 25, 2004

VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Municipal Cable Office to televise the forthcoming Health and Environment Committee's meeting on the flu shot vaccine shortage.

O-11 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the supervisor of the Animal Control Commission regarding several incidents of rabid animals found in West Cambridge and report back to the City Council on efforts the City will take to ensure that residents are being informed to use caution and reporting procedures if residents come in contact with these animals.

O-12 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the following pedestrian and traffic related issues resulting from the Senior Town Meeting be referred to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee:

*** Intersection of Walden Street and Mass. Ave.;**

- * Intersection of Inman Street / Pleasant St. and Mass. Ave. (Central Sq.) General comments relating to citywide cross light crossings included: Pedestrian cross lights should be left on for a longer time period;
- * Intersections with lights: some have the audible signals; some do not. What is the policy for which intersections have them? (This comment came from a senior who is blind);
- * Bicycles on the sidewalk are a danger to pedestrians;

MBTA ISSUES

- * MBTA #1 bus - The new style busses have nothing to hang onto inside them. There is a high pole that is difficult to reach; there are no lower poles;
- * Many complaints regarding the #47 bus route. - Drivers on that route refuse to lower the bus to accommodate individuals with disabilities; bus is often off schedule; running extremely late. Participants of the workshop asked the T representative if that was considered to be the “discipline” route;
- * Participants in the group stated that most drivers do not ask younger people to move from the front seats for an older person. - T representative did state that the driver should ask a younger person to move, but if the person refuses, the individual cannot be made to move;
- * All of the buses are now accessible. - A comment was made that the newer buses have less areas to hold on to when standing on the bus. There are not any poles and leather straps have replaced everything, which is less supportive;
- * Need for bus shelters, primarily along Cambridge St. from Lechmere to Inman Sq.;
- * Clearing of snow at MBTA stops. - Greater collaboration between MBTA and City to ensure snow removal.

O-13 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the following matters resulting from the Senior Town Meeting be referred to the Human Services Committee:

- * Intersection of Bishop Allen Drive and Inman Street; the lighting there is poor at night especially since the street light there goes out when you walk by it.
- * Street lighting - Lights that seem to go off and on- are they on a timer or are they just burning out? Who do we call when street lights are out? (A response was given to call either NSTAR or the City’s Electrical Dept.)
- * Senior Taxi Discount coupons - Senior does not use the coupons because she has to wait too long for Cambridge cabs to respond.
- * Green Cab of Somerville sits outside the Star Market in Porter Square. Green Cab has a monopoly on this location. Several seniors questioned whether Cambridge Cabs are allowed to wait in the Cab zone there so that seniors can easily use their coupons when coming out of the market.
- * East Cambridge has no Senior Center. People have to take a bus and make two bus changes to get from East Cambridge to the Citywide Senior Center.

- * Seniors pay \$20 to be part of the Harrington School Senior Program and \$20 to be part of the Kennedy School Senior Program, both in the same neighborhood.
- * Homeless Veterans - What is the city doing for this population?
- * Several comments with complaints about increased food prices at the Citywide Senior Center.
- * One senior questioned how does one get information about events and services if one does not attend the Senior Centers or live in Senior Housing.
- * Request for increased funding that would allow SCM to accommodate more medical trips. Request for funding that would allow SCM to accommodate “special” trips. At times SCM is able to obtain funding to do social trips, such as going to hairdresser, visiting a relative in the hospital, but this funding is very scarce and very limited.

O-14 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to take whatever steps are necessary to eliminate the foul odor in Central Square.

O-15 October 25, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the issue of the lack of places to take a dog in the Central Square area resulting from the Senior Town Meeting be referred to the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee.