

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Historical Commission to forward to the Ordinance Commission an amended order for the proposed landmark designation of the Shell Spectacular Sign at 187 Magazine Street.

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 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 Finagle-a-Bagel, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered One First Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
2. An application was received from The Field Restaurant, requesting permission for twelve tables and twenty-four chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 20 Prospect Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Ann Roosevelt and Janice Snow on receiving the 2009 Fresh Pond Stewardship Award. Councillor Davis
2. Congratulations to Reverend Jeffrey L. Brown on his retirement as Senior Pastor of the Union Baptist Church. Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to Andrea-Renata Joy Taylor and Kevin Paul Dunkley on their wedding. Mayor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of James "Dick" Hayes. Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulations to Patricia Drake on being named the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Vice Mayor Seidel
6. Appreciation to Dream On Futon and owner Liz Tortora and to the Inman Square Business Association for hosting its 2nd annual "Ghoulish Gathering" on Oct 24, 2009. Vice Mayor Seidel
7. Resolution on the death of Phillip M. McAvenia. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to the Cambridge Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Team for a successful season. Councillor Ward

ORDERS

1. That the Mayor's Office is requested to sponsor a holiday show to exhibit artwork and crafts by Cambridge employees. Councillor Davis and Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to review the issue of bike racks with relevant City staff and property owners in the Fresh Pond area and Broadway Market area and to report back to the City Council on the possibility of having either the City or relevant property owners provide additional bike parking at these locations. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to review this issue with relevant City staff and to report back to the City Council how many out of town officers are picked for construction details in Cambridge, how they are picked for construction details in Cambridge, how those officers are trained and supported to provide the same security as Cambridge police officers working construction details, how they are supervised while working these details and how any complaints against them are handled. Councillor Kelley

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 13, 2009 to discuss pedestrian safety, dangerous intersections and any possible lessons learned that could prevent future collisions.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 6, 2009 for the purpose of initiating a community conversation on strengthening the community for a safer neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Marilyn Y. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary of the School Committee, transmitting notification of an order adopted by School Committee requesting the City Manager to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop an action plan by Dec 14, 2009 for the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle School Youth Report.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

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 Nov 2, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: There are many city employees who have hidden artistic talents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor’s Office be and hereby is requested to sponsor a holiday show to exhibit artwork and crafts by Cambridge employees.

O-2 Nov 2, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Bicycling is an important aspect of Cambridge’s transportation programs; and

WHEREAS: Being able to lock a bike to a bike rack at a destination makes it more convenient to bike; and

WHEREAS: Bike racks are not readily available at most stores in the Fresh Pond Mall in the newly built Trader Joe’s mall or outside Broadway Market; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review this issue with relevant City staff and property owners and to report back to the City Council on the possibility of having either the City or relevant property owners provide additional bike parking at these locations.

O-3 Nov 2, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Police details in Cambridge are, among other things, a method of increasing compensation for Cambridge police officers; and

WHEREAS: One stated benefit to having Cambridge police officers work construction details is the added security they bring to an area; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge details are performed by police officers from other towns such as Everett; and

WHEREAS: These out-of-town police officers cannot be expected to understand local security issues or know the local population to the same extent that Cambridge police officers do; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review this issue with relevant City staff and to report back to the City Council how many out-of-town officers are picked for construction details in Cambridge, how they are picked for construction details in Cambridge, how those officers are trained and supported to provide the same security as Cambridge police officers working construction details, how they are supervised while working these details and how any complaints against them are handled.