

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January 2009: Alyssa Roderick, Roy Rodrigues
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for the Masonic Temple at 1950 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-79, regarding a report on how local construction lighting could be limited to a minimum necessary for safety.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-77, regarding a report on painting pedestrian lines on the raised crosswalk on Oxford Street and on all raised crosswalks near schools, playgrounds or other areas with high pedestrian use.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-122, regarding a report on the reason six trees were cut down in front of the LBJ apartments.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-109, regarding a report on protocols followed by large-scale housing providers with reference to bed bugs.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-119, regarding a report on procedures and handouts the Police Department has to help people better understand the Department's role and responsibilities in the aftermath of a traumatic event.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-83, regarding a report on providing summary updates of all the coordinated efforts to reduce crime across the City.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-54, regarding a report on black MSM issues in Cambridge.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-82, regarding a report on activity of persons in and around the Larz Anderson Memorial Bridge.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-91, regarding a report on the Harvard University project at 160 Concord Avenue.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-128, regarding a report on whether or not listing public notices on the City website could fulfill the obligation of the City of public legal notices.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a License Commission recommendation to disapprove the Jitney application of Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Agenda for Children's Talk and Read grant in the amount of \$4,186.00 received from the Cambridge Public Health Department to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$2,324.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,862.00) and will be used to support the Community Learning Center in recruiting students to participate in training and arrange for them to present to CLC students who are parents and also partially supports one full-time coordinator and contracted student leaders for their training and presentation time.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) donation in the amount of \$17,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$16,938.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$562.00) and will support part-time lab assistants who work with students in the computer lab.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) donation funded by the Cambridge Community Foundation under their Immigrant Initiative in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$27,635.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,365.00) and will support two intermediate ESOL classes at 19 Brookline Street in the Community Learning Center.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) Bridge to College Program donation in the amount of \$23,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$22,302.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$98.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$600.00) which will support the Bridge to College program which consists of one class that meets two evenings per week for a total of six hours of instruction per week.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 21 Proof Training donations in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$18,500.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$500.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,000.00) which were received to from numerous alcohol-serving establishments in Cambridge to allow for the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to conducting 21 Proof server training.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay (ARCMB) grant in the amount of \$25,602.00 received from the Metro North Regional Employment Board originating from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to the Grant Fund

Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$24,102.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,500.00) to provide an integrated ESOL/Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide training.

20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) donation in the amount of \$16,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$15,946.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$54.00) which will support two ESOL classes at the Community Learning Center.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the STOP Act grant program for \$50,000.00 funded by the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$6,939.00), to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$41,061.00), and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,000.00) and will be used to create new 21 Proof trainings for security personnel, and to create marketing campaigns, including both print and electronic media, to reduce social access of alcohol to those under 21.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds from the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the amount of \$5,689.86 from the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account due to staff not being able to attend the national conference because of work obligations, plus the state overnight conference being cancelled and instead being held in Boston, MA.

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.]
3. 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. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Davis on Committee Report Number Two of Nov 2, 2009.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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.]

5. 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.]
6. 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 Banjos, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, seven tables and fourteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 2072 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from 87 New Street LLC, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 87 New Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
3. Approval of constable bond surety received from Albert Darling.
4. An application was received from Sweet Cupcakes, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 0 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Department of Public Utilities, transmitting Notice of Filing and Public Hearing on Nov 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at One South Station, 2nd floor, Boston, on the petition of NSTAR Electric Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, S 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2010 through 2012.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of the Reverend Dr. Hugh Morgan Hill, also known as "Brother Blue." Councillor Toomey, Councillor Davis, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Decker, Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Seidel
 2. Congratulations to Chelsea Councilor-At-Large-elect Councilor Calvin T. Brown. Mayor Simmons
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3. Congratulations to Brockton City Councilor-elect Jass Stewart. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Boston Councilor-at-Large-elect Ayanna Pressley. Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Lawrence Mayor-elect William Lantigua. Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Newton Mayor-elect Setti Warren. Mayor Simmons
7. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jonathon M. Sylvestre. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Salvatore R. Uglietto. Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to Boston Councilor-at-Large-elect Felix Arroyo Jr. Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Boston Mayor Thomas Menino on his reelection. Mayor Simmons
11. Retirement of Kathleen Murphy from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
12. Retirement of Donna Condon from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
13. Retirement of George Thompson from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
14. Retirement of Raymond Clark from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
15. Congratulations and thanks to the Brazilian Total Assistance, Inc. for their good work as they celebrate their first annual Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 23, 2009. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey
16. Congratulations to Isaiah Thomas Lyons-Galante on the occasion of achieving the honored rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Councillor Davis
17. Happy birthday wishes to Charles Knight. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Franca (Ciano) Fantasia. Councillor Toomey
19. Resolution on the death of Rose M. O'Rourke. Councillor Maher
20. Resolution on the death of Specialist Christopher M. Cooper. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Lukas C. Hopper. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Specialist Adrian L. Avila. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Specialist Joseph L. Gallegos. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Major David L. Audo. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Bradley Espinoza. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Mathew C. Heffelfinger. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Earl R. Scott III. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Specialist Tony Carrasco Jr. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Amy C. Tirador. Councillor Decker
30. Congratulations to Central Bottle Wine & Provisions on the occasion of their grand opening on Nov 13, 2009. Councillor Toomey
31. Best wishes to the Brattle Theatre for hosting the 9th Annual Bicycle Film Festival on Nov 21, 2009. Vice Mayor Seidel
32. Congratulations to the Harlem Children's Zone on their conference which was held on Nov 9-10, 2009. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. Dedication of a suitable site at the new Main Library in the honor of Brother Blue, the Reverend Dr. Hugh Morgan Hill. Mayor Simmons
2. That the Mayor appoint an Inauguration Committee to plan the 2010 Inauguration and that efforts be made to consider economy and efficiency of the event(s), including consideration of a joint inauguration of the City Council and School Committee. Mayor Simmons
3. That the Government Operations Committee consider increasing ongoing public information about election counts in real time, and that through the use of CTV8 an improved process will provide the public access to ongoing election results until the final count is available. Mayor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works and/or other appropriate department personnel to develop a plan that will not diminish the tree planting program but will address the matter of damage caused by tree roots. Mayor Simmons
5. That the Government Operations Committee review the policies for swearing in the Mayor and determine if there are options for which meeting this is conducted. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to consider a plan for making the Senior Center equipped with the necessary technology for live CTV8 broadcast of important Senior Center meetings and events. Mayor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA and provide the City Council with an update on what actions are being taken to make necessary repairs to ensure safe travel on the Red Line, specifically addressing corrosion and damage on the tracks between the Alewife and Harvard Square Stations. Councillor Decker
8. That the City Manager is requested to investigate alternative ways of offering water at large and small catered events without using individual bottles of water and make provisions to do so. Councillor Davis
9. That the City Council meeting of Nov 30, 2009 be and hereby is cancelled. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Electrician on the installation of proper lighting for the Pacific Street Dog Park. Councillor Toomey
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with the details of the events of Nov 5, 2009 when a recycling truck damaged overhead wires on Windsor and Seckel Streets and an explanation as to why residents would be expected to pay for damage caused by this incident. Councillor Toomey
12. Opposition to the hiring of lateral transfers for the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Toomey
13. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the Cambridge Street shooting on the afternoon of Mon, Nov 9, 2009, to include the status of follow-up investigations and communication to neighboring residents and businesses. Councillor Kelley

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 17

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

5:00pm Special Presentation to the Luminary Award Recipients (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 8

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues regarding the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA), including multi-million dollar renovation of CHA sites, vacancy on CHA Board, potential changing of status of CHA units from being state-funded to being federally funded and any other issues regarding the CHA that may properly come before the committee. (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)

Mon, Jan 4

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 5

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 19

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 2

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 2

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 16

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Reverend Dr. Hugh Morgan Hill, a beloved storyteller known by so many as "Brother Blue," passed away this week; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate a suitable site at the new Main Library in the name of Brother Blue and be it further

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

O-2 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Mayor appoint an Inauguration Committee to plan the 2010 Inauguration and that efforts be made to consider economy and efficiency of the event(s), including consideration of a joint inauguration of the City Council and School Committee.

O-3 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Government Operations Committee consider increasing ongoing public information about election counts in real time, and that through the use of CTV8 an improved process will provide the public access to ongoing election results until the final count is available.

O-4 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City's commitment to the ongoing planting of trees is important to the environment and the beautification of Cambridge neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: The unintended long-term consequences of tree planting are the growth of roots which upend the sidewalks and concrete, making passage difficult for pedestrians, particularly those with mobility impairment, walkers, or wheelchairs, and damaging the foundations of buildings and homes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works and/or other appropriate department personnel to develop a plan that will not diminish the tree planting program but will address the matter of damage caused by tree roots.

O-5 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Government Operations Committee review the policies for swearing in the Mayor and determine if there are options for which meeting this is conducted.

O-6 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Many commissions, boards and city departments use the Senior Center for meetings and special events that would be of viewing interest to the Cambridge community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider a plan for making the Senior Center equipped with the necessary technology for live CTV8 broadcast of important Senior Center meetings and events.

O-7 Nov 16, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that there are significant safety hazards on the MBTA Red Line between the Harvard Square and Alewife Stations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA and provide the City Council with an update on what actions are being taken to make necessary repairs to ensure safe travel on the Red Line, specifically addressing corrosion and damage on the tracks between the Alewife and Harvard Square Stations; 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-8 Nov 16, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a policy of using city water-not bottled water- in municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS: In order to use city water at large and small catered group events, cups, carafes, canteens or pitchers are necessary; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate alternative ways of offering water at large and small catered events without using individual bottles of water and make provisions to do so.

O-9 Nov 16, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Traditionally, there is no regular business meeting of the City Council on the Monday following Thanksgiving due to the difficulty preparing and printing the necessary agenda material during that short and short-staffed week; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting of Nov 30, 2009 be and hereby is cancelled.

O-10 Nov 16, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: Lighting at the Pacific Street Dog Park is insufficient for early evening use; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician on the installation of proper lighting for the Pacific Street Dog Park.

O-11 Nov 16, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On Thurs, Nov 5, 2009, recycling trucks were responsible for damaging overhead wires on Windsor and Seckel Streets leaving many homes without Verizon and NSTAR services; and

WHEREAS: Residents were without services for an unreasonable amount of time; and

WHEREAS: Homeowners were told they would have to pay for their own repairs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with the details of the event and an explanation as to why residents would be expected to pay for damage caused by this incident.

O-12 Nov 16, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department is currently seeking to hire lateral transfers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation for the Police Department's search for lateral transfers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record opposing the hiring of lateral transfers for the Cambridge Police Department.

O-13 Nov 16, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the Cambridge Street shooting on the afternoon of Mon, Nov 9, 2009, to include the status of follow-up investigations and communication to neighboring residents and businesses.