

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the city-owned property at Zero Harvard Square or the "Kiosk". **Referred to Economic Development Committee - Reeves**
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-130, regarding a report on the status of the database which tracks "expiring use" buildings and/or units in the City.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-137, regarding bike share programs.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-116, regarding a report on the Clean Energy Choice Grants for low-income renewable energy and energy efficiency projects by municipalities.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-134, regarding the advantages and disadvantages of using permeable materials for sidewalk repairs and reconstruction as has been done in Chicago with the Green Alley Program.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-128, regarding family homelessness.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Position Support (PSAP Support) Grant funded from the State 911 Department for \$253,255 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salaries and Wages account (\$79,521) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$173,734) and will support certain Emergency Communications dispatch personnel costs, the overtime costs of quality control review services by EC Supervisors, and the purchase of headsets, a replacement Fire Station Alerting system, and a new digital logger system for recording and archive of mandated and required audio sources (such as 911 calls and key fire and fire radio channels).
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Council on Aging Board effective Oct, 2008:
Lisa Hartnett (2-year term)
Mollie Gadarowski (2-year term)
William Cobham (3-year term)
Patricia Burgess (3-year term)
Carmella Schipani (3-year term)
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to difficulties that were experienced on Election Day.

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.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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.]

3. 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.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation request and Loan Order regarding the CRLS renovation project. The question comes on adoption on or after Aug 11, 2008.
Loan Order adopted 8-0-1 (Decker ABSENT)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Shalimar of India, requesting permission for twenty chairs and eight tables for restaurant seating in front of 546-548 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Joseph A. Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC, regarding the Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2010.
2. A communication was received from Jeffrey Krilla, Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, United States Department of State, regarding the Ethiopia resolution passed by the City of Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Dr. Henrietta Attles for her service to the residents of the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Sal DiDomenico Sr. on being named 2008 Man of the Year by The Saints Cosmas and Damian Society. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Clelia (Capomaccio) Farinato. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
4. Congratulations to Senator Barack Obama on being elected 44th President of the United States. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
5. Congratulations to Jessica Kuh and Jeff Rosenblum on the birth of their daughter, Ellery Raizel Kuh. Councillor Davis
6. Urge City officials to take an active role in the prevention of torture by supporting human rights monitoring in places of detention. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Edmund M. Burke. Councillor Davis
8. Congratulations to the recipients of the awards at the annual meeting of Heading Home (formerly Shelter, Inc.) Councillor Decker

9. Happy Birthday wishes to Marie V. McCaffrey. Mayor Simmons
10. Resolution on the death of Germana P. (Machado) Carvalho. Councillor Toomey
11. Congratulations to Bet MacArthur on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Charles Knight on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
14. Congratulations to Jada D. Simmons on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
15. Congratulations to Janet Gillespie on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Maria Elena Letona on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
17. Congratulations to Mary Leno on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
18. Congratulations to Nicole Pacheco on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
19. Congratulations to the Quaker Prison Fellowship of Friends Meeting at Cambridge on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
20. Congratulations to The Reverend Canon Edward W. Rodman on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
21. Congratulations to Richard Harding on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Robin Harris on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
23. Congratulations to Sheila Hoffman on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
24. Congratulations to the Student Mediation Team on receiving a Peace and Justice Award on Nov 16, 2008. Mayor Simmons
25. Resolution on the death of Father Simeon Saulenas, former Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. Councillor Toomey
26. Retirement of Caroline Rogers from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
27. Welcome Tony Maws, chef and proprietor of Craigie on Main, to Central Square and wish him success in the new location. Councillor Davis
28. Condolences to the family of Phillip Reed. Councillor Reeves
29. Resolution on the death of Kevin Patrick Higgins. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of Joseph M. Correia Jr. Councillor Toomey
31. Condolences to the family of Myrtle Sylvia Johnson. Mayor Simmons
32. Retirement of Nellie Dedmon from the Human Services Department. Mayor Simmons
33. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to a special person. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Ownership of Fifth Street between Bent and Binney Streets and the steps the City can achieve in ensuring the road is properly maintained and ownership of Rogers Street from Fulkerson Street to Third Street. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Council urge the DCR to make plans to accommodate pedestrians and to keep them safe now, during construction and after completion of the BU Bridge reconstruction. Councillor Davis **Amended**
3. That the City Manager is requested to begin the process for Cambridge to qualify as a Massachusetts Green Community. Councillor Davis and Councillor Seidel
4. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Director to install a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Raymond and Walden Streets. Councillor Decker
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to discuss the possibility of awarding points to affordable housing applicants based on the number of times an applicant has applied for housing but was not successful and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the problems with the missing voter names on voter lists on election day, and what steps will be taken to prevent this problem from taking place in future elections. Vice Mayor Murphy and Councillor Seidel **Referred to Gov't Operations & Rules Committee - Maher**
7. That the City Manager is requested to demand an adequate explanation from the City's Election Commissioner as it relates to the Nov 4, 2008 Presidential Election issue and report back to the City Council. Councillor Decker **Referred to Gov't Operations & Rules Committee - Maher**
8. That the City Council go on record requesting the School Committee provide the City Council with the requested information regarding Individualized Education Plans contained in Order #5 of Mar 3, 2008. Councillor Decker **Order adopted, Reconsideration filed by Councillor Maher**
9. That the Government Operations Committee have a public meeting, in the evening, to discuss problems that occurred during the Nov 4, 2008 election. Councillor Kelley **Referred to Gov't Operations & Rules Committee - Maher**
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact of the upcoming CRLS renovation project on trees in the area, to include trees that will be removed, trees that need trimming and trees that will be planted. Councillor Kelley **Amended**
11. That the City Council support the Stand for Security Campaign as part of the ESIU Local 615 and urge property owners and large tenants in Cambridge to endorse the goals of the Security Officers employed in their buildings and publicly urge the security contractors they hire or are in their buildings to bargain fairly and in good faith. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker and Councillor Reeves

12. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and other relevant personnel to review the possibility of pursuing the installation of a bus shelter where Bus #77 stops en route to Porter and Harvard Squares. Mayor Simmons

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, regarding Order Number Five adopted on Mar 3, 2008 and Awaiting Report Item Number 08-25 placed on file on Oct 20, 2008 regarding how many children with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) receive out of school written into their Individualized Education Plan and how many children with Individualized Education Plans receive out of school assistance not written into their Individualized Education Plan.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 17

5:00pm Special Presentation to celebrate the championship Pop Warner E Team (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 19

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance Sections: 20.88 and 20.810, Memorial Drive Overlay District. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a revised petition submitted by Alexandria Real Estate Equities proposing amendments in the PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD 4B Districts to the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in eastern Cambridge. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 25

8:45am Facilitated Goal and Training Retreat to determine the City Council goals for FY 2010. No public comment. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting on biohazardous materials and laboratory safety in Cambridge. Public comment is welcomed. Meeting will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 2

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss further exploration of hoarding and related issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 9

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of the Human Services Committee trip to the Harlem Children's Zone and next steps to support children and their families during early childhood. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposal to rename Plympton Street in honor of David J. Halberstam. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 11

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition submitted by Lesley University to create a new Lesley Porter Overlay District in the area of Porter Square with a base Business C zoning district. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 7

6:00pm Human Services Committee (Broad Institute, 7 Cambridge Center)

Mon, Jan 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 17, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and report back to the City Council on the ownership of Fifth Street between Bent and Binney Streets and the steps the City can achieve in ensuring the road is properly maintained; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the ownership of Rogers Street from Fulkerson Street to Third Street.

O-2 Nov 17, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: ~~It is the strong feeling of the City Council~~ **There is strong documentation** that pedestrian issues urgently need to be addressed now, during construction, and upon completion of the BU Bridge reconstruction; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has control of the Cambridge side of the bridge up to the Granite/Brookline/Waverly intersection; and

WHEREAS: The roadway on the ramp from the rotary to the BU Boat House is excessively wide and should be narrowed to allow more width for the sidewalk on the ramp; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council urge the DCR to make plans to accommodate pedestrians and to keep them safe now, during construction and after completion of the project; and be it further

ORDERED: That in order to address pedestrian issues, the DCR

- * Provide a makeshift lane for bicycles on the construction side of the bridge during daylight hours since bridge construction occurs at night; and/or provide bike lanes on both sides of the bridge now because although providing two lanes of traffic will inconvenience motorists, the current situation is endangering the lives of bicycle commuters.

- * Provide signaling, personnel, or other mechanisms to calm motorized traffic; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit these requests to the DEC as soon as possible.

O-3 Nov 17, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has embarked on a new program to enroll cities as Green Communities; and

WHEREAS: Green Communities will qualify for a variety of state-funded grants and programs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin the process for Cambridge to qualify as a Massachusetts Green Community.

O-4 Nov 17, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Residents of the neighborhood around the intersection of Raymond and Walden Streets have expressed great concern regarding the ability to safely cross the

intersection and have requested that a pedestrian light be installed; and

WHEREAS: Neighborhood residents have met with representatives of the City's Traffic Department on this issue and were told by the head of the Traffic and Parking Department that people just do not use pedestrian crossing lights; and

WHEREAS: In response to this statement, many who utilize the park at the corner of Raymond and Walden Streets have continued to repeatedly request a pedestrian crossing light be installed and insist that they need it and would most certainly use it; and

WHEREAS: No rational reason has been provided as to why the pedestrian crossing light cannot be installed at this intersection; only Sue Clippinger's response that people do not use them; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Director to install a pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Raymond and Walden Streets.

O-5 Nov 17, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Applicants for affordable housing units marketed by the City of Cambridge are awarded points for falling into certain categories such as being a resident of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Many applicants have applied for the housing lottery multiple times but have not been able to acquire an affordable unit; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to discuss the possibility of awarding points to affordable housing applicants based on the number of times an applicant has applied for housing but was not successful and report back to the City Council.

O-6 Nov 17, 2008 **Referred to Gov't Ops. & Rules**

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the problems with the missing voter names on voter lists on election day, and what steps will be taken to prevent this problem from taking place in future elections.

O-7 Nov 17, 2008 **Referred to Gov't Ops. & Rules**

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Many registered voters found that they were not on the register voter list when they went to the polls for the November 4th Presidential Election; and

WHEREAS: The explanation that was provided to the City Council on Election Day is not sufficient in, among other things, explaining why long-time registered voters were left off the list; and

WHEREAS: This City Council wants to know the method of how the provisional ballots were taken into account and whether or not they were included in the original tally for the election results; and

WHEREAS: This City Council wants to know who was responsible, how this happened, how this problem was rectified and what steps have been taken to ensure this will not happen again; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to demand an adequate explanation from the City's Election Commissioner and to report back to the City Council.

O-8 Nov 17, 2008 **Order adopted, Reconsideration filed by Councillor Maher**

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: On Mar 3, 2008, the City Council adopted a Policy Order requesting that the City Manager confer with the Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools regarding Individualized Education Plans (Council O-5); and

WHEREAS: On Oct 20, 2008, the City Manager reported back that Council Orders referred to the Superintendent are in turn referred to the School Committee, and that as of Oct 20th no response had been received. As such, the Council Order was removed from the Awaiting Report List; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the School Committee provide the City Council with the requested information regarding Individualized Education Plans contained in Order #5 of Mar 3, 2008.

O-9 Nov 17, 2008 **Referred to Gov't Ops. & Rules**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the Government Operations Committee have a public meeting, in the evening, to discuss problems that occurred during the Nov 4, 2008 election.

O-10 Nov 17, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: There is concern that the upcoming CRLS renovation project may result in removal of trees, trimming of trees, decking over of open space and other impacts on the area immediately adjacent to the CRLS/War Memorial/Main Library Complex; and

WHEREAS: There has been little public discussion on the impact of this project on areas outside the physical shell of CRLS; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact of the upcoming CRLS renovation project on trees in the area, to include trees that will be removed, trees that need trimming and trees that will be planted; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any landscaping plans for the CRLS renovations or any other impacts the project may have on the surrounding areas, regardless of ownership or condition; and be it further

ORDERED: That it is the will of the City Council that the discussion of this issue not delay the CRLS renovation project.

O-11 Nov 17, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The disparity between the wealthy and the poor in the region is rapidly expanding. The Nation's current economic crisis will come to an end not only when business is stable but when working families, who are the bedrock of our economy, have stable and acceptable streams of income; and

WHEREAS: Housing, transportation, and health care costs are crippling low-wage workers, with three-quarters of low-

wage working families spending more than one-third of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 1,200 Security Officers, hundreds of whom guard buildings in Cambridge, formed a union with SEIU local 615 as part of the national SEIU Stand for Security campaign; and

WHEREAS: Those 1,200 security officers currently in contract negotiations, hundreds of whom work in Cambridge, are on the front line in emergency situations, protecting the lives of CEO's, secretaries, lawyers, and other members of the public in our city. These buildings are each worth millions of dollars and bring in millions of dollars in rental revenue; and

WHEREAS: The Security Officers who protect us do not have protection for themselves or their families because of: Substandard Wages - The average wage for Security officers is less than \$12 an hour; Unaffordable low quality health insurance - 23% of security officers are on MassHealth and another 12% have no insurance whatsoever and will take a penalty on their state income taxes; and Little Time to Spend with Their Families - they have no paid sick days, no paid holidays, and meager vacation; and

WHEREAS: Most Security Officers are not making enough to meet the self-sufficiency standard for Cambridge and New England, most cannot afford to live in Cambridge on their current wages; and

WHEREAS: The goals of the Stand for Security campaign: better wages, better benefits, paid vacation, sick days and holidays, and better working conditions, are fair and reasonable and will mean better jobs and stronger neighborhoods; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council calls upon property owners and large tenants in Cambridge to endorse the goals of the Security Officers employed in their buildings and publicly urge the security contractors they hire or are in their buildings to bargain fairly and in good faith with the Security Officers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to SEIU615 Organizers on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 Nov 17, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Residents living at and near the Daniel F. Burns Apartments in North Cambridge are requesting that a shelter be installed at the bus stop on Massachusetts Avenue where MBTA Bus #77 stops en route to Porter Square and Harvard Square, as there is already a shelter in place at a bus stop on the opposite side of the street that provides people with needed protection against the elements; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and other relevant personnel to review the possibility of pursuing this recommended change and report back on the feasibility of implementing this change.