

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

**Note: Items #1-11 were tabled by Charter Right of Councillor Toomey.**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2005: Charles M. McNeeley, 186 West Wyoming Ave., Melrose, MA 02176
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-184, regarding the failure of the MBTA to trim trees and improve lighting in the park at Porter Square controlled by the MBTA.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-195, regarding a report on the number of children in homeless shelters due to CORI checks on parents.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-194, regarding a report on the standards on noise and pollution of all leaf blowers used in municipal work.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-196, regarding a report on parking control officers enforcing anti-idling regulations.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Cambridge Food Pantry Grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide nutritional foods to eligible Cambridge residents through the Food Pantry Network.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of private donations in the amount of \$7,950.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support Cambridge Prevention Coalition activities.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from Mount Auburn Hospital for \$15,500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Salary and Wages account (\$14,116.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,384.00) to be used to support two 28-week ESOL classes provided by the Cambridge Community Learning Center at Mt. Auburn Hospital.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer of \$31,331.00 within the Supportive Housing grant of from the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account to be used by the Community Learning Center (CLC) Lift Program which provides educational services for homeless adults.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation from a private donation to the Office of Work Force Development in the amount of \$250.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support efforts to place teens in summer and school year jobs, with a particular

focus on teens with barriers to employment.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Project Bread Food Pantry Grant from the Project Bread organization for \$7,225 to the Grant Fund Human Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide meals for more than 600 low-income Cambridge seniors as well as provide food for senior activities and events at the Cambridge Senior Center
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-205, regarding a report on the number of Cambridge residents who received Fuel Assistance last year.

### ON THE TABLE

1. 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.
2. Placed on Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan relative to Committee Report #1 of March 7, 2005 from the University Relations Committee, for a meeting held on February 8, 2005 to discuss the M.I.T. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).
3. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons on April 11, 2005 on an order adopted relative to a communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, transmitting a recommendation from the License Commission to deny a jitney license application from Nautical Tours, Inc.
4. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Toomey on May 9, 2005 on an order requesting the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to amend the City Charter to provide for popular election of the Mayor in the next municipal election.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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 November 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 February 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.]

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Mark Erlich, New England Regional Council of Carpenters, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution congratulating him on his election.
2. A communication was received from Susan Smith White, regarding the refiled Concord Alewife Zoning Petition.
3. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding George Bush and the City Manager.
4. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding person with disabilities in the media and

government.

5. A communication was received from Julia Brown, transmitting thanks to the City Council for remembering her on her birthday.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Helen Ranieri. Councillor Galluccio
2. Resolution on the death of Marie V. Battista. Councillor Galluccio
3. Resolution on the death of Sheryl F. Crayton. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
4. Resolution on the death of Mary P. McGreal. Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
5. Condolences to Irene O'Bannion on the death of her sister. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of John T. Black. Councillor Galluccio
7. Resolution on the retirement of Xuexian Chen. Mayor Sullivan
8. Thanks to the Election Commission staff for their hard work during the 2005 election. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Private Mario Reyes. Vice Mayor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jeremy Tamburello. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Specialist Darren Howe. Vice Mayor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist Robert Pope, II. Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Dustin Yancey. Vice Mayor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Specialist Timothy Brown. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Captain James Gurbisz. Vice Mayor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jason Fegler. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Ryan Sorenson. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Brian Freeman. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Justin Smith. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Captain Joel Cahill. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Gunnery Sergeant Darrell Boatman. Vice Mayor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Wren. Vice Mayor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class James Hayes. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Doris Nicholas. Mayor Sullivan
25. Resolution on the death of Josephine Correggio. Mayor Sullivan

26. Resolution on the death of Leon R. Horlanda Councillor Toomey
27. Congratulations to the undefeated CRLS Boys Cross Country Team for winning the Greater Boston League Championship Councillor Galluccio
28. Resolution on the death of Geraldine Huss. Mayor Sullivan
29. Resolution on the death of Albert F. Jannetti. Councillor Galluccio
30. Thanks to the Dante Alighieri Society for hosting its annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center on Thursday, November 24, 2005 on Hampshire Street for Cambridge residents in need. Mayor Sullivan
31. Resolution on the death of Arthur G. Ashur. Mayor Sullivan
32. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Dr. Robert Neer. Vice Mayor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Elinor Hartnett. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
34. Resolution on the death of Eleanor J. Connor. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
35. Resolution on the death of Jennie DiGregorio. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
36. Thoughts and best wishes to Teddy Arvanites. Mayor Sullivan
37. Resolution on the death of Ellen T. Sullivan. Councillor Maher
38. Resolution on the death of Ellen Frances O'Callaghan. Mayor Sullivan
39. Congratulations to the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council on its 20th Anniversary. Mayor Sullivan
40. Congratulations to Lilia Karapetyan for receiving the Interpreter of the Year Award for the Cambridge/Somerville area. Mayor Sullivan
41. Resolution on the death of Thomas Thean. Mayor Sullivan
42. Resolution on the retirement of Songqi Chen. Mayor Sullivan

## ORDERS

**Note: Orders #1-20 were tabled by Charter Right of Councillor Toomey.**

1. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Police Commissioner to review speeding on Lambert Street. Councillor Reeves
2. The Mayor is requested to convey to the School Committee the request of the City Council that the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools provide the City Council with the graduation rates for African American males from CRLS. Councillor Reeves
3. The City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate staff to immediately remove the shrubbery at the rear of the Manhattan/Blockbuster building due to serious rat infestation. Councillor Reeves
4. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to review the quality of

- produce provided at senior citizen locations. Councillor Reeves
5. The City Manager is requested to undertake the repaving of Saint Sauveur Court and to immediately examine Saint Sauveur Court to determine whether the current condition constitutes a safety hazard and report to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Galluccio
  6. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Libraries with the view of maintaining the existing hours of operation for the Collins and Observatory Hill Branch Libraries. Councillor Galluccio
  7. The City Manager is requested to report on the schedule for renovating the Glacken Field tennis courts, which are in a state of serious disrepair. Councillor Galluccio
  8. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report on when UDAG funds will be released to the organizations that have been selected by the Area Four Coalition for UDAG funding. Councillor Simmons
  9. The City Manager is requested to report on when a replacement tree will be planted on Pine Street near Harvard Street. Councillor Simmons
  10. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to look into the possibility of remedial action for the sidewalk at Erie Street and Brookline Street where tree roots have pushed up the sidewalk enough to make difficult footing for seniors in inclement weather. Councillor Simmons
  11. The City Manager is requested to provide a report that contains clear visual information with regard to how Lafayette Square will look when construction is completed. Councillor Simmons
  12. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to provide an update on the trash receptacle discount program. Councillor Simmons
  13. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to report on the progress of hiring a pool of substitute Traffic Safety Officers to fill in so that highly paid and skilled police officers are not taken from their normal duties to substitute for absent Traffic Safety Officers. Councillor Simmons
  14. The City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to examine any and all prohibitions that may preclude the City Council at the direction of a subcommittee or otherwise from directing the City Manager to allocate necessary funds for the performance or financial position or other desired analysis of the Cambridge School system, and respond before the final meeting of the 2005 City Council term. Councillor Galluccio
  15. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to arrange for the Cambridge Somerville Resource Guide, a guide to human service resources, to be listed on the front page of the City's website. Councillor Davis
  16. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the City Solicitor to determine whether Traffic Safety Officers could be authorized to issue (a) citations for parking violations and/or (b) citations for moving violations for vehicles that are endangering the children by their disregard of traffic laws. Councillor Simmons
  17. The City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to repair the sidewalk at 145 Chilton Street. Councillor Simmons
  18. The City Manager is requested to direct Public Works Department to investigate the possibility of placing an additional bench on the plaza of 237 Franklin Street. Councillor Simmons
  19. The City Manager is requested to work with the co-chairs of the Special Committee on state funded housing projects and prepare a five minute presentation at a regular business meeting of the City Council prior to the end of the legislative term, said presentation to include a summary of work conducted by this Special Committee and a recommendation for work moving forward. Councillor Galluccio
  20. The City Manager is requested to ask the Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority to continue the introductory meetings at public housing developments across the City to introduce himself and his staff to the residents of the public housing community. Councillor Galluccio
  21. The City Council meeting of December 12, 2005 be and hereby is cancelled. Mayor Sullivan
  22. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Municipal Cable Office to televise the November 22, 2005, 4:00pm hearing of the Ordinance Committee on proposed amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Municipal Code on Refuse and Litter in addition to the 4:30 hearing. Councillor Simmons
  23. The City Manager is requested to report on how and when the new state law increasing the senior exemption for property tax payments will affect Cambridge Senior homeowners. Councillor Simmons

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on October 19, 2005 for the purpose of discussing two environmental concerns relative to the Concord-Alewife Zoning Petition: traffic and flooding.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, transmitting the appointment of the Inaugural Committee for the City Council Inauguration 2006.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Nov 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Nov 22**

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code on Refuse and Litter. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on re-filed proposal by the Planning Board to rezone the Concord Alewife area. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Nov 30**

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a petition submitted by the Planning Board to amend Section 20.100 of the Zoning Ordinance, Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District, relative to ground floor retail. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 2, 2006**

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 9, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 23, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 30, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 6, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 13, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 27, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 6, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 13, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 20, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 27, 2006**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Commissioner to review speeding on Lambert Street.

O-2 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to convey to the School Committee the request of the City Council that the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools provide the City Council with the graduation rates for African American males from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

O-3 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate staff to immediately remove the shrubbery at the rear of the Manhattan/Blockbuster building due to serious rat infestation.

O-4 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to review the quality of produce provided at senior citizen locations.

O-5 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Saint Sauveur Court was victimized by the construction of Corcoran Park; and

WHEREAS: Despite being characterized as a private way the court was used as a public way for construction purposes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to see that the City undertakes the repaving of Saint Sauveur Court; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager immediately examine Saint Sauveur Court to determine whether the current condition constitutes a safety hazard; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-6 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Libraries with the view of maintaining the existing hours of operation for the Collins and Observatory Hill Branch Libraries.

O-7 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the schedule for renovating the Glacken Field tennis courts, which are in a state of serious disrepair.

O-8 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report to the City Council as to when UDAG funds will be released to the organizations that have been selected by the Area Four Coalition for UDAG funding.

O-9 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: During the course of recycling, a Russell Company recycling truck knocked over and uprooted a tree on Pine Street near Harvard Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on when a replacement tree will be planted at the site.

O-10 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to look into the possibility of remedial action for the sidewalk at Erie Street and Brookline Street where tree roots have pushed up the sidewalk enough to make difficult footing for seniors in inclement weather.

O-11 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report to the City Council that contains clear visual information with regard to how Lafayette Square will look when construction is completed.

O-12 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to provide the City Council with an update on the trash receptacle discount program.



O-13 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to report to the City Council on the progress of hiring a pool of substitute Traffic Safety Officers to fill in so that highly paid and skilled police officers are not taken from their normal duties to substitute for absent Traffic Safety Officers.

O-14 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The City Council approves the school budget annually; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is requested to increase budget allocations as recommended for particular programs and educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS: Internally-conducted or outside audits paid for directly by the School Department do not have the independence that "outside audit and review" procedures traditionally have at other levels of government and are followed by prudent, private sector practices; and

WHEREAS: If the School Department conducts and pays for an audit or review, there is a perceived conflict and, in many instances, a lack of confidence in such information; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to examine any and all legal prohibitions that may preclude the City Council at the direction of a subcommittee or otherwise from directing the City Manager to allocate necessary funds for purposes of reviewing or auditing the performance or financial position or other desired analysis of the Cambridge School system as such data would be used to assist members of the City Council in making decisions on CPSD annual budget; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward this response to the City Council before the final meeting of the 2005 City Council term with the intention of moving such response onto the newly-elected City Council for examination and deliberation.

O-15 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to arrange for the Cambridge Somerville Resource Guide, a guide to human service resources, to be listed on the front page of the City's website.

O-16 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the City Solicitor to determine whether Traffic Safety Officers could be authorized to issue (a) citations for parking violations and/or (b) citations for moving violations for vehicles that are endangering the children by their disregard of traffic laws.

O-17 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The sidewalk at 145 Chilton Street has been damaged due to overgrowth; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Public Works Department to repair the sidewalk at 145 Chilton Street.

O-18 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct Commissioner of Public Works to investigate the possibility of placing an additional bench on the plaza of 237 Franklin Street.

O-19 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the co-chairs of the Special Committee on state funded housing projects and prepare a five minute presentation at a regular business meeting of the City Council prior to the end of the legislative term, said presentation to include a summary of work conducted by this Special Committee and a recommendation for work moving forward.

O-20 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority to continue the introductory meetings at public housing developments across the City to introduce himself and his staff to the members of the public housing community.

O-21 November 21, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting of Dec 12, 2005 be and hereby is cancelled so that members of the City Council may attend the December 2005 National League of Cities Conference.

O-22 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Municipal Cable Office to televise the November 22, 2005, 4:00pm hearing of the Ordinance Committee on proposed amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Municipal Code on Refuse and Litter in addition to the 4:30 hearing.

O-23 November 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on how and when the new state law increasing the senior exemption for property tax payments will affect Cambridge Senior homeowners.