

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as member of the Cambridge Council on Aging for a two-year term being November, 2010:
Maureen Harty, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-63, regarding a report on instituting a program similar to the on-bill financing of business and residential building improvements.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-145, regarding a report providing additional bicycle parking at CRLS and the Main Library.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-143, regarding a report on the potential uses at the former North Cambridge Catholic High School.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-152, regarding a report on language in the Noise Ordinance as it relates to enforcement of loud car radios.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-120, regarding a report on the feasibility and enforceability of implementing the provisions of House Bill 3371 which increases certain motor vehicle fines to improve driving.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-147, regarding a report on playground safety issues at the Cambridgeport School playground.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-148, regarding a report on the use of Sennott Park.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-159, regarding a report on repairing the broken play structures at Hurley Street tot lot.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-161, regarding a report on whether grass is being overwatered in front of the library and at Sennott Pocket Park and at the Sennott Pocket Park.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-162, regarding a report on the condition of the large trees in front of the old Main Library.
12. 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, 2010:
Douglas P. Moran (With Power), Amanda Picard (Without Power)
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for St. James's Episcopal Church at 1991 Massachusetts Avenue.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-118, regarding a report on issues related to scooters and any changes to ordinances or regulations on scooter use and parking.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-119, regarding a report on the long-term plans for the building and associated open space located at 116 Norfolk Street.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to set up a process to reach out to experts and the public in order to create a balanced panel to participate in the Sign Ordinance Task Force. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Davis on Order Number Four of Nov 8, 2010.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Human Services Department about the feasibility of hosting a weekly contra dance at the West Cambridge Youth and Community Center and report back to the City Council on this matter. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Nov 8, 2010.]

ON THE TABLE

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. May 10, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 2-7-0 remains on Table. Sept 13, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 4-4-1 remains on Table. Sept 27, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 3-5-1 remains on Table.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
6. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten Of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs

of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 14, 2010 to consider a petition filed by Richard McKinnon, et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map in the North Point PUD-6 District. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 1, 2010. Planning Board hearing held Sept 21, 2010. Petition expires Dec 13, 2010.

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation for the approval of a loan order in the amount of \$14,535,000 as well as a vote relative to Chapter 2.110 ("City-Owned Land and Buildings"). The question comes on adoption on or after Nov 29, 2010.

9A Loan order passed to a second reading 9-0-0

9B order adopted 8-1-0 (Councillor Kelley recorded in the negative)

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from CVS Pharmacy, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 624 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.
2. A zoning petition has been received from Marc Levin, Director of Development, Chestnut Hill Realty Company, on behalf of Chauncy Court LLC, Wendell Terrace LLC and John Harvard LLC, requesting the City Council to enact new sections of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the creation of workforce housing.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Allen Boyer, Business Manager Local 151, transmitting support of the McKinnon Petition.
2. A communication was received from Gerald L. Neuman, J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of International Foreign, and Comparative Law, Harvard Law School, transmitting thanks for the resolution regarding his election to the Human Rights Committee.
3. A communication was received from Heidi Feinstein and The Life Alive Team, transmitting thanks for the resolution welcoming Life Alive Urban Oasis & Organic Cafe to Cambridge.
4. A communication was received from Ruth H. Silman, Nixon Peabody LLP, representing Cottage Park Realty, Inc., transmitting written protest to the William A. Fox, et al. Zoning Petition.
5. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding the printed phrase on his fence.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Robert A. McWatters. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Mary Ann "Roddy" (Reilly) Machanic. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Anna T. (Hepp) Purvis. Mayor Maher
4. Condolences to Ethel Ampey on the loss of her nephew, Harold "Bubba" Lomax. Councillor Simmons
5. Congratulations to the Dance Complex on its 19th Anniversary Concert. Councillor Simmons
6. Resolution on the death of Edmund Farino Sr. Councillor Toomey

7. Resolution on the death of Francisco De Sousa Leal. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Vincent "Vinny" Greco. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Henry Lewis III. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Simmons
10. Resolution on the death of Marion A. (McCabe) Arthur. Mayor Maher
11. Thanks to Ed Ver Planck, Sheldon Cohen, Mrs. Janet Cahaly, Tod Beaty and John P. DiGiovanni for their dedication to the Harvard Square Business Association. Councillor Cheung
12. Thanks to the Stone Heart Pizza Company for their donation to The Guidance Center of Cambridge. Mayor Maher
13. Congratulations to Wanna Charlot on being accepted into the Peace Corps. Councillor Cheung
14. Resolution on the death of Teresa M. "Peg" (Paradise) Quattrochi. Mayor Maher
15. Welcome Sodu Shoes to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
16. Thanks to Cathie Zusy and the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association for their successful clean-up of Magazine Beach. Councillor Cheung
17. Declare Dec 18, 2010 as "Paul Revere's Ride Day" in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher
18. Resolution on the death of Alfred F. Lange. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
19. Resolution on the death of Kathleen T. (O'Shea) O'Sullivan. Mayor Maher
20. Welcome the Boston Initiative to Advance Human Rights (BITAHR) Film forum to Cambridge. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Decker
21. Congratulations to Tim McCarthy on being honored with a Ford Foundation grant for his work of LGBT issues. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Reeves
22. Congratulations to Transition House on the dedication of their new Nature Explore Classrooms and thanks to Mary Kay, Inc. for their donation. Councillor Toomey
23. Congratulations to Mr. Yo-Yo Ma on receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Mayor Maher
24. Congratulations to Noam Weinstein on the release of his latest album entitled "Found Alive." Councillor Decker
25. Condolences to the Sarah Boyer on the loss of her father, Eugene D. Boyer. Vice Mayor Davis

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the University Relations Committee on all recent changes to parking meters that affect the City's universities. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation regarding the feasibility of converting the Inman Square parking meters to two hours along Hampshire Street. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Community Development Department to

review the feasibility of creating a “Bonding Program” for the purpose of ensuring that a process exists to enable the completion of work on projects where a developer fails to comply with an agreed upon community mitigation agreement. Mayor Maher

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Community Development Department and report back to the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee on the feasibility of instituting a moratorium on particular industries, such as banks, that are already well represented in the city’s squares. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Cheung
5. That this City Council go on record encouraging Congress to pass legislation to establish the Veterans Trust Fund. Councillor Decker
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to inform the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee on its options with regards to the means and the manner by which it may hold a meeting with the Boston City Council at the Museum of Science. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager and the Mayor of Cambridge meet directly with the presidents of MIT, Harvard, Leslie and Cambridge College and work out a guarantee proposal that these colleges will pay the tuition and fees of students graduating from Cambridge public high schools. Councillor Reeves
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council the progress of search for experimental music venues and spaces in Central Square. Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Community Health Committee, for a public meeting held on Sept 15, 2010 to receive an update from the Cambridge Health Alliance on current issues and future plans, particularly with respect to the Cambridge Hospital and Health Clinics.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 22

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 8

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting as a follow up to the meeting held to discuss trees on Sept 30, 2010. The meeting will specifically discuss the Somerville Tree Ordinance, tree replacement policy, public involvement in tree maintenance, and the Resistograph Test. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 14

6:00pm School Committee Budget Retreat (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 21

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 3

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 10

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 11

6:00pm School Committee Roundtable Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 18

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 24

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 25

4:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss current city ordinances that are hurting business growth. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 31

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 7

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 8

6:00pm School Committee Budget Retreat (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 14

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 28

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 8

6:00pm School Committee Budget Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there has been a change in parking meters and the number of available parking spaces on Massachusetts Avenue right in front of MIT’s campus; and

WHEREAS: Meters that previously allowed campus visitors easy access to MIT have been removed and the space is now allocated to tour buses; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the University Relations Committee with a report on all recent changes to parking meters that affect the City's universities.

O-2 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the current parking meter system in place in Inman Square is detrimental to business growth; and
WHEREAS: Currently, all but two of the meters in Inman Square are one hour meters; and
WHEREAS: The current one hour limit is prohibitive and does not foster visits to multiple Inman Square establishments; and
WHEREAS: Extended meters would allow visitors to have dinner and stop in a store without needing to rush out to feed their meter; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to look into the feasibility of converting the Inman Square parking meters to two hours along Hampshire Street (beginning at the Somerville/Hampshire line - ending at Norfolk) and along Cambridge Street (beginning near Inman Pharmacy and ending by Norfolk) and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Nov 22, 2010

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: There are numerous examples of developers failing to fully comply with all aspects of community mitigation agreements; and
WHEREAS: The City may not always have standing to ensure full adherence to such agreements; now, therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Community Development Department to review the feasibility of creating a "Bonding Program" for the purpose of ensuring that a process exists to enable the completion of work on projects where a developer fails to comply with an agreed upon community mitigation agreement ; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manger be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-4 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a vested interest in the continued business development of its squares, regions that should reflect the vitality and diverse needs of its populace; and
WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern that with the increasing number of banks in Cambridge's Squares, and that continuing in that same direction could make the Squares less responsive to our citizen's needs with less room for local and small business entrepreneurs to move in and flourish; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Community Development Department and

report back to the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee on the feasibility of instituting a moratorium on particular industries, such as banks, that are already well represented in the city's squares.

O-5 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that there are efforts to make a Veterans Trust Fund a reality; and
WHEREAS: A Veterans Trust Fund would ensure that the cost of caring for our veterans after they return home from combat would be calculated as a part of the original cost of war not waiting until the veterans were home to figure out how to pay their medical and psychological health expenses; and
WHEREAS: At this moment the mental health needs of veterans are not being met with the Veterans Administration reporting an understaffing of counselors, therapists, and specialists of over 1,000 while trying to meet the needs of the more than 1,800 veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq who attempted suicide last year alone; and
WHEREAS: Over 550,000 veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have filed disability claims for conditions resulting from their time in combat and the Veterans Administration has a backlog of claims over 700,000; and
WHEREAS: With a Veterans Trust Fund in place the men and women who have been deployed will have a better experience returning home; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record encouraging Congress to pass legislation to establish the Veterans Trust Fund; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Delegation to the United States House of Representatives and Senate on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Metro-Boston/Cambridge area has a rich history of leading the nation in innovation. As a cradle of technological innovation in the 1990's Cambridge nurtured such legendary firms as Analog Devices, Akamai, Lotus Development Corporation and Polaroid. In the 21st century, Cambridge has broadened its base to include numerous health care and biotechnology firms such as Genzyme, Biogen Idec, and Novartis. Google maintains an office in Cambridge -as does Microsoft Research. Video game developer Harmonix Music System, the makers of the popular Rock Band, is based in Central Square, the heart of Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: We must continue to lead Cambridge and Boston forward because every day, cities around the country and world are trying hard to unseat us. In order to continue our success Boston and Cambridge should work together, not against each other; and
WHEREAS: The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee is working with Boston City Council President Mike Ross to host the first ever meeting between the two councils on economic clusters' and the

future economic development of the Boston/Cambridge metro area; and

WHEREAS: This meeting will help bridge the gap between Boston and Cambridge's municipal administrations, policy makers, and business communities and will contribute to a shared vision for economic growth that will benefit the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS: In a gesture of good spirit and camaraderie this meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thurs, Dec 16th at 3pm at the Museum of Science, a building that has rooms zoned in both in Cambridge and in Boston; and

WHEREAS: Although Rule 26 of the Cambridge City Council Rules does not prohibit said meeting if held in a room physically zoned in Cambridge, the museum being registered under a Boston address calls for additional degree of procedural thoroughness; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to inform the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee on its options with regards to the means and the manner by which it may hold a meeting with the Boston City Council at the Museum of Science; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council as it deems necessary, vote to suspend any provision in Rule 26 which could be read to interfere with the proceedings of said meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council vote to authorize the chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee to move forward in the scheduling and planning of this meeting.

O-7 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has great universities, such as MIT, Harvard, Leslie and Cambridge College, and

WHEREAS: Other cities and universities, such as Yale University in New Haven, CT, have guaranteed students from their public high schools, who have maintained a 3.0 average, tuition free admission for a four year college program; and

WHEREAS: The students who graduate from Cambridge public high schools should be afforded these same benefits; and

WHEREAS: These students would be required to maintain a 2.5 average while they are attending one of these colleges; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager and the Mayor of Cambridge meet directly with the presidents of these colleges and work out a guarantee proposal that these colleges will pay the tuition and fees of students graduating from Cambridge public high schools; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager and Mayor report back to the Cambridge City Council and advise them of the progress and the initiatives being put forth.

O-8 Nov 22, 2010

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The members of the Red Ribbon Commission on the Concerns and Delights of Central Square have been meeting to explore many developments and venues in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Arts Council deals with the arts community in Cambridge. Therefore, the City Manager shall request the Arts Council to draft a proposal for experimental music performances in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: There is an abundance of available space in Central Square that the City Manager and the Arts Council could identify as available space that would be good for experimental music and arts; and

WHEREAS: City Councilor Reeves has met with Roger Brown, President of Berkley School of Music. President Brown believes that such a notion could come to reality in Central Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the progress of search for experimental music venues and spaces in Central Square.