

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-144, regarding a report on installing a crosswalk and stop sign on Kinnaird Street between Western and Putnam Avenues.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-174, regarding a report on all recent changes to parking meters that affect the universities and on whether tour buses pay for use of curbside spaces.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-171, regarding a report on false pricing at Radio Shack.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-154, regarding a report on the new food allergy guidelines and what impact it will have on the food industry in Cambridge.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-169, regarding a report on Cambridge residents being labeled "inactive" during the most recent election and listed with wrong or misspelled addresses.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$141,680 from the General Fund Fire Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost to outfit 12 new firefighters with personal protective equipment and uniforms as well as to perform related medical evaluations.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$23,915 in additional building permit fee revenues to the General Fund Inspectional Services Extraordinary Equipment account to purchase a replacement copier, which is no longer serviceable and a scanner for building plans.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$30,000 from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Salary and Wages account to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for Traffic and parking personnel injured in performance of their duties.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-179, regarding a report on a review of Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to determine whether any changes should be made to the current square footage calculation for the purpose of decreasing the density of converted buildings in already dense neighborhoods.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-56, regarding a report on prohibiting hotels from subcontracting housekeeping services.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.]

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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

5. 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.
6. 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 Zirian Trust, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 7 Belmont Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.
2. An application was received from Christopher Shachoy, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 176 Raymond Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the resolution urging legislative action on the matter of extended producer responsibility for discarded electronic waste.
2. A communication was received from Associate Justice Roderick Ireland, transmitting thanks for the City Council's congratulations on his nomination as Chief Justice.
3. A communication was received from Kevin P. Crane, Esq, regarding North Cambridge Catholic High School conversion at 40 Norris Street.
4. A communication was received from George F. Welch Jr. a/k/a Jack, regarding avoiding the probable suspension of HUD Financial Assistance to the City of Cambridge.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Rita A. (Dwyer) O'Neil. Mayor Maher
2. Proclaim Apr 29, 2011 as Stand Against Racism Day in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
3. Thanks to St. Patrick's Shelter for Women for their dedication to the homeless and underserved with in the Cambridge and Somerville area. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Margaret T. Enright. Mayor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of Eileen M. Frerichs. Mayor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of Richard L. MacDonald III. Mayor Maher
7. Welcome Professor Laurence H. Tribe back to the City of Cambridge and thanks for his service to our country. Councillor Decker
8. Congratulations to Michael Curry on his election as the new President of the Boston NAACP. Councillor Decker
9. Congratulations to Gina and Basonge James on the birth of their daughter Raisa Sol James and to Anna Scanlon, James Chiara and Elena James on the birth of their grandchild. Vice Mayor Davis
10. Resolution on the death of Middlesex Sheriff James V. DiPaola. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
11. Congratulations to Jennifer Lai on being chosen as a Rhodes scholar. Councillor Cheung
12. Best wishes to the Cambridge Community Chorus on their annual Messiah concert. Councillor Cheung
13. Congratulations to Jonathan U. Warsh on being awarded the Marshall Scholarship. Councillor Cheung
14. Congratulations to P. Kenzie Bok on being awarded the Marshall Scholarship. Councillor Cheung
15. Congratulations to Micael Kahsai and Frezer Bekele on their graduation from the Jewish Vocational Service's Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program. Councillor Cheung
16. Resolution on the death of Dorothy T. Walsh. Mayor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Scott Milley. Councillor Toomey

18. Congratulations to Isaac Tauber on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Councillor Seidel
19. Congratulations to Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis on being named Democratic Municipal Official of the Year by the Democratic Municipal Officials organization. Mayor Maher, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Toomey.
20. Congratulations to David Tynes on winning the Outstanding Coach Award by the Boston Globe website. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
21. Thanks to Cambridge Firefighter Galving Murphy and his wife Barbara for their donation of Thanksgiving turkey dinners to clients of the Cambridge Department of Veterans' Services and to Lisa Mendelson, Robert Stevens and Stephen Vesce of the Veterans' Services Department for purchasing, assembling and delivering the turkey dinners to the homes of the veterans or surviving spouses for Thanksgiving. Mayor Maher
22. Thanks to the organizers of the Urban Walk for Haiti which will take place on Apr 2, 2011, for their commitment to helping others. Mayor Maher
23. Condolences to the Laurie Gaines on the death of her mother. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the Government Operations Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing on department-head level staff changes that are foreseeable in the next five years. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with relevant department staff and report back on the legal limits of the City Council's involvement in non-budget School Department issues. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on when and where garbage trucks are allowed to back up on their routes, whether the City is liable for contracted garbage or recycling trucks that damage property and the status of the Walden Street Bridge and its use by construction trucks associated with Lincoln Way. Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to create a program of bicycle education and to step up enforcement in order to protect pedestrians. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, transmitting the 2010 Area Four Neighborhood Study Update and the 2010 Neighborhood Nine Study Update.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 7

10:00am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to finalize the recommendation to the City Council on City Council goals for FY12-13. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

December 6, 2010 Cambridge City Council meeting

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 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 14

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

Thurs, Dec 16

3:00pm The Economic, Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a roundtable meeting with the City of Boston's Economic Development Committee to discuss cluster building, specifically how the two cities can work together to attract new businesses and keep the businesses we have. Cahners Theater, 2nd floor, Museum of Science, 1 Science Park, Boston (Museum of Science)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 21

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 10

5:30pm 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 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 City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 8

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

Mon, Feb 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 8

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

Mon, Mar 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 6, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: A number of department heads, to include the City Clerk and both the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager, are approaching an age where retirement might be an attractive option; and

WHEREAS: If many department heads retired at close to the same time it could be destabilizing to City operations; and

WHEREAS: Understanding the potential of retirements to impact City leadership may help to mitigate any destabilizing effects; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Government Operations Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing on department-head level staff changes that are foreseeable in the next five years.

O-2 Dec 6, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools have initiated a major review of current JK-8 school structure; and

WHEREAS: The final recommendation of the Superintendent to the School Committee is likely to shut some schools and cause significant disruptions to students, families and staff alike; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council considered an Order shortly after the last Cambridge Public School budget cycle that directly interfered with staffing decisions made by the Cambridge Public School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS: It may be illegal for the City Council to express its opinion as a body on such decisions by the Superintendent; and

WHEREAS: The City Council's getting involved in Cambridge Public Schools affairs in an inappropriate manner does a disservice to all of the families who look to Cambridge Public Schools to provide a quality education for their children; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with relevant department staff and report back on the legal limits of the City Council's involvement in non-budget School Department issues.

O-3 Dec 6, 2010

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Recycling and garbage trucks often back down roads to shorten their routes; and

WHEREAS: When these trucks back down roads they make loud noises through safety beeping and pose an increased risk to signs, trees and parked vehicles which there is an increased risk the trucks will back into; and

WHEREAS: Construction trucks also pose unique hazards to roads that are otherwise not used by trucks; and

WHEREAS: Recent use of the Walden Street Bridge by construction trucks associated with the reconstruction of Lincoln Way has raised some concerns that the recently rebuilt bridge is becoming a truck route despite a belief that residents were promised it would not be used by trucks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on when and where garbage trucks are allowed to back up on their routes; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on whether the City is liable for contracted garbage or recycling trucks that hit cars, trees or other things while performing their contractual duties; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Walden Street Bridge and its alleged use by construction trucks associated with Lincoln Way.

O-4 Dec 6, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: At the World Cafe on Nov 9, 2010, there was a high level of concern about bicyclists not obeying the rules of the road such as stopping at red lights and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to create a program of education and to step up enforcement in order to protect pedestrians.