

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-116, regarding a report on the legal requirements for Citywide mailing for non-binding ballot questions.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of a grant from the MetroNorth Regional Employment Board for \$169.00 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$156.00) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$13.00) and will be used to partially support a six hour per week morning GED preparation class at the Community Learning Center.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Leaders in Action donation received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the amount of \$250.00 to the grant Fund of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support a variety of activities for the Leaders in Action program at the Frisoli Youth Center by increasing efforts to develop important leadership skills and community-mindedness among Cambridge youth.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$1,169,510.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$150,995.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,018,515.00).

ON THE TABLE

1. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 2008.]
2. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as favoring a ballot initiative during the next local municipal election that shall allow Cambridge voters to have their voices heard on ridding the world of nuclear weapons. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Decker on a Roll Call Vote of 6-3-0 on Order Number Two of Sept 21, 2009.]
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 6, 2009 for the purpose of initiating a community conversation on strengthening the community for a safer neighborhood. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Davis on Committee Report Number Two of Nov 2, 2009.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing

to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 25, 2009 for the purpose of considering the Historical Committee's recommendation with regard to the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Report and Revised Recommendations. Committee Report Number One of Sept 21, 2009 was Accepted and Placed on File, Proposed Ordinance Passed to Second Reading and Order remains on Unfinished Business.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Physical Therapy, requesting permission for five awnings at the premises numbered 1000A Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
2. An application was received from Mu Que Cu Restaurant, requesting permission to recover existing awning and a sign at the premises numbered 1006 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Merek Franklin, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 371 Concord Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
4. An application was received from Katharine Burnett, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 25 Walker Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
5. An application was received from Gulzada Korkmaz, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 133 Pearl 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Clark family, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution on the death of Robert H. Clark.

2. A communication was received from Joseph A. Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC, regarding the Required Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation.
3. A communication was received from the daughters of Robert C. Perry, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution on behalf of their father.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Alfonsina (Nina) Santilli. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to the Cambridge Community Chorus on their 20th Anniversary and urge residents to be cognizant of their performance of the Messiah on Dec 13, 2009 at the Kresge Auditorium. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Davis
3. Congratulations to Joseph Vasconcelos on being elected to a third consecutive term as President of the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS). Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Derrick D. Gwaltney. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Michael A. Rogers. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Briand T. Williams. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Petty Officer Second Class Brian M. Patton. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Ryan L. Zorn. Councillor Decker
9. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2009 Mayor E. Denise Simmons' 2009 Luminary Awards. Mayor Simmons
10. Thanks to Sister Barbara Jefferson-DeVaughn for her years of dedication and excellence to the Masonic community. Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to the Caitlin Corbett Dance Company on its 25th Anniversary Performance on Dec 11-12, 2009 at 8:00pm at the Tsai Performance Center at Boston University. Councillor Decker
12. Thanks to Louise Dunlap for her hard work and contributions to the Cambridge community. Councillor Decker

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if a system similar to Fast Lane could be operated by the city to pay for parking at municipal garages and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
2. Dedication of the corner of Sunset Road and Normandy Avenue in honor of Jean DePasquale. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if additional pay and display parking machines can be added at the new library for greater convenience. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to ensure that proper measures are taken to ensure the safety of shoppers and residents during the holiday season in the Galleria Mall area. Councillor Toomey
5. Cancellation of the City Council meeting scheduled for Dec 28, 2009. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to discuss the matter of the merge of Route 2 eastbound and Route 16 with relevant City departments and DCR staff and report back to the City

Council on how this merge could be made less nerve-racking. Councillor Kelley

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Council on Aging to address the issue of the limited access provided by the Council on Aging to the YMCA exercise facilities for seniors. Councillor Decker
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Information Technology Department to see how the city website and City Council videos can be modified to accommodate Mac users. Councillor Decker
9. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine whether or not Aggregate Industries is providing concrete to any Cambridge City construction or sidewalk projects. Councillor Decker

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Marsha Weinerman, Executive Director, Election Commission, transmitting the final official results of the 2009 Cambridge Municipal Election held on Tues, Nov 3, 2009 for City Council.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 7

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

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 8

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

Wed, Dec 9

3:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue consideration of a petition to rename Plympton Street in honor of David L. Halberstam and to review any additional items remaining in the committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the State Stretch Energy Code. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 10

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the fourth of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Richard Weissbourd author of The Parents We Mean to Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children's Moral and Emotional Development. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

5:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss what are the current priority issues for the neighborhood associations in the city. Ballroom (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 15

3:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on the establishment of Cambridge's baby university and to discuss next steps for an office of college success. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the city. (Ackermann Room)

Tues, Dec 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 4

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 5

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 19

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 2

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 2

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 16

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 6

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if a system similar to Fast Lane could be operated by the city to pay for parking at municipal garages and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Sunset Road and Normandy Avenue to be named Jean DePasquale Square; and be it further

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

O-3 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The new library is a location that will draw many families with small children and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS: The current pay and display system for parking is inconvenient due to the location of the system at the elevators; 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 determine if additional machines can be added for greater convenience or if other alternatives can be explored.

O-4 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: During the holiday season, the Galleria Mall experiences a significant increase in shoppers and traffic; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to ensure that proper measures are taken to ensure the safety of shoppers and residents during the holiday season.

O-5 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Dec 28, 2009 be cancelled.

O-6 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Route 2/Route 16 junction creates confusing traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS: A particularly problematic part of this junction is where Route 2 merges eastbound into Route 16; and

WHEREAS: Separated by an island, four lanes of traffic merge into two lanes of traffic, with the additional complication of a popular right turn onto Whittemore Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Drivers going east onto Route 16 from eastbound Route 2 have to merge into Route 16 traffic at a challenging angle and without guiding traffic signals or signs; and

WHEREAS: This intersection is under the control of the Department of Conversation and Recreation (DCR); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to discuss this matter with relevant City departments and DCR staff and report back to the City Council on how the eastbound merge of Route 2 and Route 16 could be made less nerve-wracking.

O-7 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that access provided by the Council on the Aging to the YMCA exercise facilities for seniors is limited; and

WHEREAS: The hours of the Council on Aging are much more restrictive than that of the YMCA and seniors have to go to the Council on Aging office to leave picture ID in exchange for the key fobs which are used to scan in when entering the YMCA - a time-consuming and burdensome process; and

WHEREAS: Some seniors require use of the YMCA exercise facilities as part of physical therapy rehabilitation and as such, need to use the facilities multiple times during the day and/or week; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Council on Aging and ask them to take one of the following actions: issue a permanent pass to eligible seniors certifying that they are allowed to use the exercise facilities during all YMCA regular operating hours, leave the actual membership fobs at the YMCA membership desk, or propose another solution to allow eligible seniors expanded access to the YMCA exercise facilities than are currently allowed under the current Council on Aging senior membership provisions; and be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-8 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that, when browsing the City of Cambridge website, there are technical limitations for Mac users - specifically in their ability to view City Council Meeting videos online because the videos are Windows-specific files; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Information Technology Department to see how the city website and City Council videos can be modified to accommodate Mac users; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-9 Dec 7, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that cement provided by Aggregate Industries of Saugus, MA, may be being used on Cambridge City construction/sidewalk projects; and

WHEREAS: Aggregate industries is the same company that, according to a 7/21/07 Wicket Local article entitled "Aggregate industries to plead guilty, pay \$50 million in cash" that pled guilty and was forced to "pay \$50 million to resolve its criminal and civil liabilities in connection with a fraudulent scheme to deliver adulterated concrete to the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, best known as "The Big Dig;" now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to determine whether or not Aggregate Industries is indeed providing concrete to any Cambridge City construction or sidewalk projects; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.