

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Parent Navigator Grant from the Institute for Community Health for \$13,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-121, regarding fights between youth of Cambridge and what is being done to prevent further outbreaks.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-119, which requested that a meeting be held at all elderly housing development to discuss street, sidewalk and safety issues.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-122, regarding a report on how much baiting is done to exterminate rats and how much monitoring there is of appropriate baiting at construction sites.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-132, regarding a report on enforcing the City light ordinance and addressing light pollution issues.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-112, regarding the opening of the North Point Park.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a \$4,500 donation from Central Square LCC in support of an Adopt-A-Park agreement for Carl Barron Plaza to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Grant award from the Massachusetts Technology Council in the amount of \$40,000 to the Public Investment Fund Water Extraordinary Expenditures account to support a Stony Brook hydroelectric feasibility study.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$984,420 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 (\$193,961) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$790,459) to help operate the low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Individuals with Special Needs Grant funded from private donations for \$2,400.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support Cambridge athletes participating in the Special Olympics.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License

Commission on the Jitney License Application of Super Duck Excursions, LLC d/b/a Super Trolley Tours.

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Alternate Members of the Cambridge Planning Board:  
Laurence Pierce (term expires 10/31/2011)  
Charles Studen (term expires 3/31/2012)
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a proposed amendment to the CORI Screening by Vendors of the City of Cambridge Ordinance for your consideration.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-87, regarding a report on the feasibility of instituting "Text a Tip" program.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-139, regarding a report on the status of Hobbs Brook Reservoir and Cambridge's water reserves.
16. 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.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-137, regarding a report on responding to Council Orders on the Awaiting Report list.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Amended Substitute Leaf Blower Ordinance as amended by the City Council at its Dec 3, 2007 meeting.

## ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
3. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
4. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications

- and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 4-4-0-1 on Sept 17, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 3-5-1 on Sept 24, 2007.]
  6. A communication was received from Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent of Schools, transmitting a copy of the annual Affirmative Action Report. [Placed on Table Communications and Reports from City Officers Number One of Sept 10, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Decker.]
  7. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
  8. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
  9. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee schedule a meeting to discuss with the new owners the impact on the 55 Magazine Street tenants of the recent sale of the building and their concern about their security as tenants and the new owners' plans for the building, especially any plans to convert the building to condominiums. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Forty-Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Placed on table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Sept 17, 2007.]
  10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Tom McNichol, President of the Charles River Clean Up Boat, and MIT to resolve the issue of the financial status of this organization. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number One of Sept 17, 2007. Placed on Table on the motion of Vice Mayor Toomey on Sept 24, 2007.]
  11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-120, regarding a report on the condition of 56 Churchill Avenue. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Number Two of Nov 5, 2007. Placed on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Nov 19, 2007.]
  12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-70, regarding a report on how to make Tyler Court clearly defined as it crosses the Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Item Number Two of Nov 19, 2007. Placed on the Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Dec 3, 2007.]
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
13. 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.]
  14. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of continuing to consider a proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance to regulate leaf blowers. See Order #23 of Oct 29, 2007. City Council made amendments to a proposed substitution and referred proposed substitution as amended to Unfinished Business on Nov 19, 2007. The text of the proposed substitution as amended was further amended and returned to Unfinished Business on Dec 3, 2007. Order adopted for preparation of text of proposed substitution as amended. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007.
  15. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 5, 2007 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Planning Board to re-zone portions of the Residence C-1 zoning district to a Residence B district in the Strawberry Hill Neighborhood along Cushing Street between St. Sauveur Court and Thingvalla Avenue, in the area of Oxford and Fairview Avenue, and the corner of Huron Avenue and Cushing Street. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 8, 2007. Petition expired Dec 4, 2007.
  16. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate requirements for LEED standards for certain projects of 25,000 square feet or more. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 29, 2007. Petition expires Dec 18, 2007.
  17. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the area

bordered by the centerlines of Broadway and Harvard, Hancock and Lee Streets from the existing Residence C-1 district designation to Residence B, a/k/a Re-filed Cott Petition. On motion of Councillor Murphy the petition was amended to provide for rezoning the area of the petition from C-1 to C on a voice vote of nine on Nov 5, 2007. The question comes on passing to be ordained as amended on or after Nov 5, 2007. Petition expires Dec 18, 2007.

18. A communication was received from Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, transmitting a copy of the Final Report of the Cambridge Neighborhood Safety Task Force. [Referred to Unfinished Business on motion of Mayor Reeves on Nov 19, 2007.]
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$33,218,025 to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the CRLS Renovation Project. The question comes on adoption on or after Dec 10, 2007.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Wardmaps.com requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 12 Bow Street.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Bill Forster, Sandra Uytehoven, Rebekah Kaufman, John Moot, People for Riverbend Park Trust, transmitting support for the New School of Music.
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding the Final Crime Task Force Report.
3. A communication was received from Mary Sacksteder, Green Decade Cambridge, regarding leaf blowers.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Corporal Allen Roberts. Councillor Decker
2. Resolution on the death of Specialist Benjamin Garrison. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Private Isaac Cortes. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Specialist Melvin Henley. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alfred Paredes Jr. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jonathon Martin. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class John Tobiason. Councillor Decker
8. Retirement of Roseline Moussignac from the School Department. Mayor Reeves
9. Retirement of Susan Harris from the School Department. Mayor Reeves
10. Congratulations to the Girl's LEAP on being selected for the Women and Girls: Addressing Their Needs by Design award by the Social Innovation Forum. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Aldo DiCecca. Vice Mayor Toomey
12. Retirement of Edmund Santa Maria from the Water Department. Mayor Reeves
13. Congratulations to the CRLS Department of Visual & Performing Arts on their production of the musical Guys and Dolls on Nov 29-30, 2007. Councillor Davis
14. Welcome Le Meridien to Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
15. Thanks to all of the members of the Neighborhood Safety Task Force for their hard work and good efforts. Mayor Reeves

#### **ORDERS**

1. Dedication of an appropriate site in the vicinity of Massachusetts Avenue and Lee Street in honor of Mushtaque Mirza. Mayor Reeves
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of traffic calming on Pleasant Street due to the high number of large trucks that speed down the street. Councillor Decker
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with City safety personnel to determine whether there are preventative or response plans in place in the event of a similar accident which occurred in Everett from happening in Cambridge as well as speed limit enforcement. Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of the Economic Development Division to take the necessary steps to apply for an AmeriCorps Grant for Cambridge for green jobs. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Just-A-Start and report back to the City Council on any unauthorized entries at the former Lithuanian Church on Windsor Street and the removal, authorized or unauthorized, of any interior or exterior pieces of property. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's plan to aggressively enforce the City's Snow Removal Ordinance and other relevant measures to ensure the City's sidewalks and curb ramps are kept as clear as possible during the winter months, to include the possibility of having the City remove snow from sidewalks and then bill the adjacent owner for the removal costs. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the ability of the City to provide some sort of coverage of City Council meetings that allows people with hearing disabilities to follow the meetings. Councillor Kelley
8. That the City Manager is requested to consider hiring a part-time Park Ranger for the Alewife Reservation area. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and Harrington Wellington Neighbors to examine the current zoning regulation as they relate to the density of the neighborhood and to suggest appropriate changes. Vice Mayor Toomey

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Claims Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 4, 2007 for the purpose of considering claims filed against the city.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Oct 24, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed ordinance to establish minimum side yard requirements that provide inter alia that no structures may

be placed nearer than seven feet six inches to the side lot line.

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Nov 28, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Chapter 2.112 of the Cambridge Municipal Code to ensure that the persons and businesses supplying goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge utilize fair policies relating to the screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds through the CORI system.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Nov 28, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendments to the Zoning Map filed by Cott et al. for the area bordered by the centerlines of Broadway and Harvard, Hancock and Lee Streets from the existing Residence C-1 district designation.

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

1. A communication was received from Marsha Weinerman, Executive Director, Election Commission, transmitting the final results of the 2007 Cambridge Municipal Election held on Nov 6, 2007.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Dec 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting [Special Presentation by the Neighborhood Safety Task Force directly following public comment.] (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Dec 12**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on revisions to Chapter 13.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Sewer System Regulations." (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed changes to Chapter 2.76 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Human Rights Commission," to provide enforcement of ADA provisions regarding removal of architectural barriers, where the barriers are readily removable. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

5:45pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 5.54-Solar Energy Systems that would protect solar energy systems from shadows cast by buildings and vegetation on an adjacent lot, in residential districts having a maximum height limit of 45 feet or less. This new section would create definitions for a Solar Fence, Protected Solar Time, and a Solar Energy System and would create protections for access to sunlight solar energy systems. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

##### **Mon, Dec 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 7**

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Dec 10, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of Massachusetts Avenue and Lee Street in honor of Mushtaque Mirza; and be it further

ORDERED: That 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-2 Dec 10, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of traffic calming on Pleasant Street due to the high number of large trucks that speed down the street.

O-3 Dec 10, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: An oil tanker accident caused serious damage on Everett city streets; and

WHEREAS: Similar dangers present themselves on

Cambridge streets that allow trucking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with City safety personnel to determine the risk of a similar accident and determine if there are preventative or response plans in place; and be it further

ORDERED: That speed limits be aggressively enforced on truck routes and to report back to the entire City Council on this matter.

O-4 Dec 10, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Community

Development and the Director of the Economic Development Division to take the necessary steps to apply for an AmeriCorps Grant for Cambridge for green jobs.

O-5 Dec 10, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Just-A-Start Corporation receives City financing through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to carry out its important mission of developing affordable housing in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Just-A-Start has purchased the former Lithuanian Church on Windsor Street to renovate into affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Unknown entities have openly entered the church since its purchase by Just-A-Start and apparently removed unknown items; and

WHEREAS: Just-A-Start was recently unable to explain why it could not control its property to prevent such open and, apparently, unsanctioned entry and removal; and

WHEREAS: This lack of control over its property has made neighbors concerned about Just-A-Start's ability to develop the property in an appropriate manner; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Just-A-Start and report back to the City Council on any unauthorized entries at the former Lithuanian Church on Windsor Street and the removal, authorized or unauthorized, of any interior or exterior pieces of property.

O-6 Dec 10, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The winter snow and ice season has now started; and

WHEREAS: The storm of Dec 2, 2007 has resulted in sidewalks and curb ramps being icy for days; and

WHEREAS: Icy sidewalks and curb ramps make vast stretches of the City impassable for all but the most nimble of its residents and force many people to either stay inside or to walk in the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's plan to aggressively enforce the City's Snow Removal Ordinance and other relevant measures to ensure the City's sidewalks and curb ramps are kept as clear as possible during the winter months, to include the possibility of having the City remove snow from sidewalks and then bill the adjacent owner for the removal costs.

O-7 Dec 10, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: City Council meetings are an important venue for people to follow local issues; and

WHEREAS: Many people follow these meetings by watching on City-TV at home; and

WHEREAS: Some people have hearing difficulties that prevent them from understanding what is said at City Council meetings while watching at home; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the ability of the City to provide some sort of coverage of City Council meetings that allows people with hearing disabilities to follow the meetings.

O-8 Dec 10, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider hiring a part-time Park Ranger for the Alewife Reservation area.

O-9 Dec 10, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Public involvement process for new non-profit housing developments has been lacking; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors to these developments feel that by the time plans are brought to them there is very little that can be done to address real neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS: Housing has been a priority in Cambridge but the needs of current residents should be taken very seriously if the future housing projects hope to be welcomed; and

WHEREAS: Serious consideration should be taken when planning location of these developments and public involvement should be convened at the earliest possible phase to address neighborhood concerns; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and Harrington Wellington Neighbors to examine the current zoning regulation as they relate to the density of the neighborhood and to suggest appropriate changes.