

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 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, 2011:
Jean Rogers (With Power), Daniel F. Long (With Power), Steve Ortiz (Without Power)
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Charlotte M. Avant as a member of the Kids' Council for a term of three years to expire on Dec 15, 2013. [Charlotte Avant is a long-time resident of Cambridge and has two grandchildren who participate in a variety of programs and activities provided by the City. Ms. Avant is currently employed by the Cambridge Health Alliance at the Institute for Community Health. Ms. Avant will be filling a Community Representative seat and was recommended by the Kids' Council.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$180,000 Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division Grant to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to complete the final design of the Cambridge Common renovation project.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-115, regarding a report on the court's ruling in favor of the plaintiffs at 303 Third Street and the impact on affordable housing units in the building.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Cambridge Public Library & War Memorial Recreation Center being Awarded Prestigious LEED® Silver Certification.

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. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. 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.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Bosphorus Mediterranean Cuisine, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1164 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Leal Family, transmitting thanks for your expression of sympathy.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of John Lewis Sr. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Antonio A. Jacome. Councillor Toomey
3. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Dr. Marty Blatt. Councillor Simmons
4. Happy Birthday wishes to Rosemary Quinton. Councillor Simmons
5. Declare Jan 12-Feb 11, 2011 to be a "Month of Remembrance and Rededication to Haiti" and urge all City institutions with bells to ring the bells for 30 seconds at noon on Jan 12th and all residents to observe 30 seconds of silence on Jan 12th for the lost and suffering in Haiti. Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Gerald McDonough on his appointment as Deputy Auditor for Policy and Legal Issues by Auditor-elect Suzanne Bump. Councillor Seidel
7. Resolution on the death of Private First Class David Dustin Finch. Councillor Decker
8. Congratulations to John Vocci on his appointment as Acting Sergeant of the Cambridge Auxiliary Police. Councillor Simmons
9. Congratulations to Charles McNeil on his appointment as Acting Sergeant of the Cambridge Auxiliary Police. Councillor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Sean Norton on his appointment as Acting Sergeant of the Cambridge Auxiliary Police. Councillor Simmons
11. Thanks to Kelly Douglass for her volunteerism and service at a tragic automobile accident. Councillor Simmons
12. Thanks to Kelly Douglass, Deputy Superintendent Boudreau and Robert Marshall for their volunteerism and service at a tragic automobile accident. Councillor Simmons
13. Resolution on the 150th Anniversary of MIT. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager confer with the City Assessor and report back with an opinion on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council with a report on the feasibility of implementing the 311 system in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to draft a City ordinance which will give a priority to union Cambridge residents on union projects within the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Nov 18, 2010 to consider a petition filed by William A. Fox, et al. to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the area of Cottage Park Avenue from its current designation of Business A-2 to Residence B.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting his formal resignation as Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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 Roundtable Meeting with Mass DOT officials regarding a proposed bridge closing on Route 93 this summer that will impact the City and to discuss the West Cambridge/Alewife Sewer Separation Project. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 5

6:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting with the Civic Unity Advisory Committee. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Jan 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 11

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

Wed, Jan 12

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by Chestnut Hill Realty to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 18

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 19

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 5.28.2-Conversion of Nonresidential Structures to Residential Use and Section 4.30 Table of Uses relative to the allowance of multifamily residential uses. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition filed by Michael R. Hegarty et al., requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding after the title of Section 5.28 the sentence: "No use shall be permitted by any provisions of this Section 5.28 except as set forth in Section 4.30 Table of Use Regulations or the sections that define districts not included in Section 4.30." This hearing to be televised. (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)

Wed, Jan 26

6:30pm A budget forum for citizens input. 680 Huron Ave., 2nd floor (Russell Youth & Community Ctr.)

Thurs, Jan 27

6:30pm A budget forum for citizen input. 48 Sixth Street (O'Connell Branch Library)

Mon, Jan 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 2

6:30pm A budget forum for citizen input. Lecture Hall, 449 Broadway (Main Library)

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)

Wed, Mar 2

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to learn more about Cambridge Health Alliance's patient-centered medical home (PCMH) initiatives. (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 20, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Education First (EF) has stated that their new building will be used for education purposes, and, in their opinion, will be tax exempt; and

WHEREAS: As part of a mitigation agreement, EF has agreed to pay property taxes for a period of fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS: It is unclear whether this building would have actually been tax exempt; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Assessor and report back with an opinion on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim.

O-2 Dec 20, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Non-emergency constituent phone service (also known as "311") is a growing nationwide trend among municipalities looking to provide more efficient services and improve communications with their citizens; and

WHEREAS: According to a recent UMass Boston survey, 43% of local governments reported a significant decrease in non-emergency 911 calls following implementation of a centralized customer service system; and

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, 311 is gaining popularity. Somerville, Springfield, Boston, Worcester and Dukes County are just a few of the regions who have already implemented a 311 system and numerous other cities and towns are considering it; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge currently has in place a state of the art 911 system that we can use to develop the 311 program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council with a report on the feasibility of implementing the 311 system in Cambridge.

O-3 Dec 20, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: While many developers within the City of Cambridge have committed to the use of union labor on their developments; and

WHEREAS: The number of Cambridge residents that are union members actually employed on these projects is unclear; and

WHEREAS: Union work in Cambridge should benefit union Cambridge residents seeking work; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to draft a City ordinance which will give a priority to union Cambridge residents on union projects within the City of Cambridge.