

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Timothy J. Ferrick as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years effective January 2010.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Public Weigher to operate scales for the calendar year 2010 at MICH-LIN transfer station located at 45 Mooney Street: Kevin Carey, Jr.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following Cambridge Police Officers assigned to the Traffic Division (truck enforcement) to operate portable truck scales Citywide for the calendar year 2010:
Deputy Superintendent John Albert, Officer William Arthur, Jr., Officer Anthony Cacciola, Officer David Szeto and Officer Timothy O'Brien
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Steven Lee as a member of the Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission for a term to expire Jan 1, 2013.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-01, regarding a report on the status of the new smoke detector regulation.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-18, regarding a report on safety concerns at Richdale Avenue and Walden Street.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Seidel on City Manager Agenda Number Fourteen of Feb 22, 2010 on a communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer within the Community Policing Grant of \$31,360 from Grant Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account to the Grant Fund Police Travel and Training account to cover costs associated with the Cambridge Review Committee.
2. Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Davis on Policy Order Number Eight of Feb 22, 2010 that the City Manager is requested to communicate to Oak Tree Development that the City Council requested that the CPA funds used for the preservation of St. James Church be returned to the City.

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. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 16 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding the City Council's policy on naming street corners, along with the attached Oct 27, 2006 report from the City Manager. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #2 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from The Asgard, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 350 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. Approval of constable bond surety received from Taylor Massie.
3. An application was received from Hair Salon & Spa, requesting permission to recover the pre-existing awning at the premises numbered 751 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding the mayor and vice mayor selection.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of William Ewall from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Maher
2. Retirement of Timothy McCusker, Jr. from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Maher
3. Condolences to the Sands family on the death of their mother, Mary Sands. Mayor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Maria Belmira Botelho. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Mary B. (Lima) Pacheco. Councillor Toomey
6. Condolences to Marge Crowley on the death of her sister, Claire Lombardo. Mayor Maher
7. Resolution on the death of Nelly E. (Raymon) Dupont. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Marie D. (Nille) McNamara. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Frederick Cortez Turner IV. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Billie J. Grinder. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Captain Marcus R. Alford. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Nancy Sweezy. Councillor Seidel
13. Resolution on the death of Sylvia May Williams. Councillor Reeves
14. Congratulations to Timothy Rowe and the Cambridge Innovation Center for their enlightened ideas and partnerships that bring a welcomed community spirit to Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
15. Congratulations to Timothy Rowe on his work as President of the Kendall Square Association. Councillor Reeves
16. Best wishes to David Hall on his new position as President of the University of the Virgin Islands. Councillor Reeves
17. Congratulations to Faya Ora Rose Toure and the National Voting Rights Museum on the occasions of its 17th Annual Jubilee. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to work with

community groups and to conduct a feasibility study of a public market at Lechmere Square. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Cheung

2. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 15, 2010 be and hereby is cancelled so that the City Council can attend the National League of Cities Conference. Vice Mayor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Chief Information Officer of Information Technology to to evaluate available options and report back to the City Council with the results of that evaluation and a timeframe for transitioning to a modern web video platform. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to inquire as to what the protocol for scheduling tree pruning is, whether it be scheduled by neighborhood or at the request of a citizen of Cambridge. Councillor Decker
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back on the infrastructure of Central Square, its planned improvements, and whether these improvements are on track to be completed in time for the BIO 2012 conference. Councillor Reeves
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council the protocol for dealing with a bedbug infestation and extermination and instruct the Cambridge Public Health Department to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Department of Human Services and the Multi-Service Center. Councillor Decker
7. That the City Manager is requested to arrange publicity about the U.S. Census Job Fair being held on Mar 8, 2010 from 10:00am-6:00pm, 30 Washington Street, Somerville, using the city website, PIO, libraries and cable channel and other appropriate media in order that as many people as possible can also participate. Vice Mayor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 15, 2009 for the purpose of a summary of the achievements and discussion of the future of Cambridge's Baby University, which is based on the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) Baby College parent education program, and plans for development of a Cambridge program modeled on the HCZ Office of College Success to provide guidance and assistance to help students stay at college until graduation.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 4

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

4:00pm 2010 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 18

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The relocation of Lechmere Station across McGrath Highway, coupled with the uncertainty surrounding the Northpoint Development, will create a void in the East Cambridge neighborhood at the current station site; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has an opportunity to activate this space in a way that benefits both economic development in East Cambridge and the Cambridge community at large; and

WHEREAS: A public market at Lechmere Square would help establish East Cambridge, a gateway to Cambridge, as a destination and help revitalize the area; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should establish a working plan that can tie the public market concept to the proposed PUD in anticipation of future changes; and

WHEREAS: Economic impacts of a public market in this area should be studied; and

WHEREAS: Zoning changes should be proposed to better solidify the proposal; and

WHEREAS: An overall working plan of the revitalization of this area should be established; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to work with community groups and to conduct a feasibility study of

a public market at Lechmere Square and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 Mar 1, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 15, 2010 be and hereby is cancelled so that the City Council can attend the National League of Cities Conference.

O-3 Mar 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The ability to view live and recorded video of City Council meetings, committee hearings, and municipal events over the web is an increasingly desirable option for Cambridge residents to remain civically engaged and informed on the proceedings of their municipal government; and

WHEREAS: Councillor Decker's Order #8 of Dec 7, 2009 has previously brought attention to the problem that the City's current platform for delivering video content over the web (located at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/webcast-splash.cfm>) does not natively work on Macs; and

WHEREAS: The solution for a Mac user to view City Council meetings live on their computer over the web, which requires the download and installation of Flip4Mac (from <http://dynamic.telestream.net/downloads/download-flip4macwmv.htm>), is not clearly explained on the City website and may lead people to unnecessarily spend money on purchasing a premium version of the product; and

WHEREAS: There are numerous companies offering alternative platforms the City could utilize to deliver video over the web for the same or less cost to the city, some of which are multi-national companies headquartered in Cambridge, including but not limited to BrightCove, Livestream, Ooyala, Vmix, Fliqz, Vusion, ExtendMedia, Endavo, and Kaltura; and

WHEREAS: Utilizing one of these platforms would not only provide better value to the taxpayer and solve the Mac issue, but would also bring to Cambridge the additional capabilities and benefits of a modern web video platform, including but not limited to: the ability to view city council meetings from a smartphone, the ability to email links to custom start points in a recorded video, the ability to comment and interact with Councillors and other residents in forums tied to individual videos, the ability for residents to share video on social media like Facebook and Twitter, the ability to search previous videos for specific agenda items, and the ability tie closed-captioning to videos of meetings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chief Information Officer of Information Technology to evaluate available options and report back to the City Council with the results of that evaluation and a timeframe for transitioning to a modern web video platform.

O-4 Mar 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the DPW Parks and Urban Forestry Division does tree pruning around the city; and

WHEREAS: There is no schedule for tree pruning that the City Council is aware of; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works as to what the protocol for scheduling tree pruning is, whether it be scheduled by neighborhood or at the request of a citizen of Cambridge; 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-5 Mar 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) will be holding its International Convention in Boston in the spring of 2012; and

WHEREAS: The BIO International Convention regularly draws 20,000 persons in attendance; and

WHEREAS: The BIO International Convention is estimated to infuse \$30 million to the local economy; and

WHEREAS: Central Square is in need of infrastructure upgrades; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on the infrastructure of Central Square, its planned improvements, and whether these improvements are on track to be completed in time for the BIO 2012 conference.

O-6 Mar 1, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Bedbugs have been and will continue to be a public health issue; and

WHEREAS: The costs incurred by the individual resident or household to adequately address a bedbug infestation can range from a few hundred dollars to over a thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS: Some households cannot afford such costs and, as bedbugs are a public health issue, the ability to permanently address a bedbug infestation should not come down to a matter of economic status; and

WHEREAS: There needs to be a systemic response to this public health issue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to be in touch with National Allergy Supply, a company that offers donated and reduced mattress encasings used to protect against bed bugs and to forward that information to shelters, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and Tenant Presidents in Housing Authority buildings throughout the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the protocol for dealing with a bedbug infestation and extermination and instruct the Cambridge Public Health Department to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Department of Human Services and the Multi-Service Center to address this protocol and the associated costs for residents.

O-7 Mar 1, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The U.S. Census Job Fair will be held on Mon, Mar 8, 2010 from 10:00am-6:00pm at the Somerville Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street in Somerville; and

WHEREAS: The fair will be an excellent opportunity for Cambridge residents to apply for Census jobs and publicity about the fair will emphasize how important the census is to Cambridge citizens; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange publicity about the U.S. Census Job Fair using the city website, PIO, libraries and cable channel and other appropriate media in order that as many people as possible can also participate.