

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-78, regarding a report on where the police currently conduct foot patrols or park and walks and how these locations are decided.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-114, regarding a report on semi-trailer trucks using Lambert Street to get to McGrath Highway.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-135, regarding a report on truck related disturbances at Millbrook Storage.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-136, regarding a report on removing the North Cambridge Crime Taskforce trailer.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-122, regarding a report on increasing enforcement against bikers that endanger pedestrians and provide bike regulations to a wider audience including through media outlets.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-80, regarding a report on enforcement action for bicycles traveling on sidewalks in Central Square.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-90, regarding a report on the feasibility and possible benefits of participating in the UN Global Compact Cities program.
From Brian Murphy, CDD: "The City of Cambridge has long been engaged in the range of issues that are the focus of the Global Compact Cities program. Given our active participation in other related programs that provide tangible support for Cambridge initiatives, and the limits of staff time and resources, I do not recommend that the City participate in Global Compact Cities at this time."
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-138, regarding a report on inspecting the property at 131 Harvard Street.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-126, regarding a report on the status of installing Police Call Boxes at Lopez Park and Central Park at North Point.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-119, regarding a report on the protocol of having wireless internet access on only the first floor of the public library.
From the Manager: "In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-119, regarding a report on the protocol of having wireless internet access on only the first floor of the public library, please be advised that all libraries currently have wireless access on all levels."
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Library Services & Technology Act Grant received from the Massachusetts

Department of Early Education and Care in the amount of \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Library Salary and Wages account (\$1,300), to the Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,620) and to the Grant Fund Library Travel and Training account (\$80). The Cambridge Public Library has been selected as one of the Early Childhood Resource Center sites to house the early childhood resource collection for the Greater Boston area and the grant will support workshops and library materials and staff time to provide on-site services.

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$56,315 from General Fund Employee Benefits (salary adjustment) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Election Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of a special election primary to be held on Dec 13, 2011 and a special general election to be held on Jan 10, 2012 to fill the State Senate seat for the Second Suffolk and Middlesex District that was recently vacated.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant Program Income of \$233,306.94 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account which was used by Just A Start to acquire and rehabilitate a home for a low income, first time home buyer family.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Community Development Department, and the Traffic and Parking Department to look into traffic calming measures on Whittemore Avenue. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Order Number Eighteen of Oct 17, 2011.]

ON THE 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.]

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011. Tabled on Motion of Councillor Cheung on May 2, 2011.]
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-94, regarding a report on fireworks at Corcoran Park on July 4th. [City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Sept 12, 2011 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 7, 2011 to consider a petition filed by Julia Bishop et al., to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2, located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. Proposed amendments include: deletion of allowed non-residential uses; reduction in allowed Floor Area Ratio; increase in required lot area per dwelling unit; reduction in allowed height; new regulations for fences abutting Linear Park. [Order #26 adopted on Oct 17, 2011 to discharge from committee. Report placed on Unfinished Business on Oct 17, 2011. Planning Board hearing held Sept 13, 2011.] Petition expires Dec 6, 2011.
10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 7, 2011 to consider a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance filed by Elizabeth deRham et al. The petition proposes an amendment to Section 9.16 of the Zoning which currently provides for a \$100 per violation per day fine upon conviction of said violation. The amendment would provide for a fine not to exceed the maximum specified in M.G.L. Ch 40A sec.7, currently \$300 per violation per day and would allow the fine to be levied at the discretion of the Superintendent of Buildings. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 31, 2011. [Planning Board hearing held Sept 13, 2011.] Petition expires Dec 6, 2011.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Shih Hsu, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 426-428 Huron Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
2. An application was received from Clover Fast Food, Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 1079 Cambridge Street.
3. An application was received from Eric Griffith, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Wyman Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Father Norbert, transmitting thanks for your kind words and best wishes on his retirement from St. Francis.
2. A communication was received from Dara Glass, 21 Edmunds Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
3. A communication was received from Steven Orzack, 173 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
4. A communication was received from Michael Rome, 20 Gold Star Road, regarding the Bishop Petition.
5. A communication was received from Imani K. Bishop, 2 Earhart Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
6. A communication was received from George F. Welch Jr. a/k/a Jack, 164 Auburn Street, Apt. 2, regarding an Open Meeting Law Complaint.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of George M. Vendetti. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of James F. Murphy Mayor Maher
3. Designate November 2011 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant James R. Leep Jr. Councillor Decker
5. Congratulations to Joon Pakh on his recent appearance of "Jeopardy!" Councillor Cheung
6. Congratulations to Rachel Solem on receiving the Carl F. Barron business Person of the Year Award by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Cheung
7. Congratulations to the Hildebrand Family Self-Help Center, Inc. on being awarded the Nonprofit of the Year award by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Cheung
8. Congratulations to Pouf! on their grand opening at 151 Alewife Brook Parkway on Oct 1, 2011. Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulations to Bob Folger and AFR Furniture Rental, Inc. on receiving the Ambassador of the Year award by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Cheung
10. Congratulations to W.T. Kenney, Co., Inc. on receiving the Small Business of the Year award by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Cheung

11. Congratulations to Chase on the opening of their first Massachusetts location at One Canal Park. Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to MassPay on receiving the New Member of the Year award by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Cheung
13. Congratulations to the Reverend Doctor Francis William Brocato on the occasion of his installation as the twentieth rector of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church. Mayor Maher
14. Condolences to the family of Mee King Lau. Councillor Toomey
15. Thanks to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy(ACEEE) on ranking Massachusetts as the #1 Energy Efficiency state for the first time in five years. Vice Mayor Davis

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and report back to the City Council on the possibility of installing recycling receptacles along Cambridge Street between Lechmere Square and Inman Square. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant City departments to look into the feasibility of leveling and reconstructing the drain at the southwest corner of Central Square. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to increase enforcement of motorists driving down Prospect Street and Western Avenue who are running the red light when crossing over Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City of Cambridge hereby joins other communities across the country and calls upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification, a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people. Mayor Maher
5. Amendment to Zoning Ordinances by deleting Section 6.22.2 Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back on legal expenses incurred by the City for the Monteiro case and related cases. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how people without access to email or cell phone text communications receive the information distributed through CitizenObserver Alerts in a timely manner. Councillor Kelley

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 14, 2011 to consider a petition filed by Laura Runkel et al. to rezone 41 Bellis Circle, an area abutting the northern block of Bellis Circle, bordered on the north by the commuter rail tracks, on the south by Bellis Circle and on the east side by Sherman Street, from Residence C-1A to Residence C.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 24

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm Special Presentation Mayor's Red Ribbon Commission on Central Square (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 25

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition by Chestnut Hill Realty to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation by Special Permit of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts which meet the Special Permit criteria. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 2

- 4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 7

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

- 5:30pm Roundtable Meeting. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 16

- 10:00am Community Health Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 21

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 22

- 5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss goal setting for the Cambridge environment for the coming year. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 30

- 10:00am Community Health Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 14

- 10:00am Community Health Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 2

- 10:00am City Council Inaugural Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 9

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 23

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 30

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 24, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Single stream recycling in Cambridge has been very successful; and

WHEREAS: The single stream model has helped to increase the availability of recycling receptacles in local parks; and

WHEREAS: The collection of the recyclable materials by pedal power has also been a great benefit to the recycling program; and

WHEREAS: Recycling receptacles are located in most squares and parks, but they are not located on Cambridge Street between Lechmere and Inman Squares which is a heavily-used business district; and

WHEREAS: Receptacles along this corridor could help to significantly reduce the recyclable material that finds its way into the trash stream and reduce the cost to the city for disposal; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and report back to the City Council on the possibility of installing recycling receptacles along Cambridge Street between Lechmere Square and Inman Square.

O-2 Oct 24, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the southwest corner of Central Square is experiencing drainage problems; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that during rain and snowstorms, water collects and forms puddles which freeze during the winter season and pose a safety hazard for thousands of pedestrians who traverse the area daily; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel if this vicinity were leveled and reconstructed to drain, it would be more maneuverable for pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant City departments to look into the feasibility of leveling the before-mentioned area.

O-3 Oct 24, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that motorists driving down Prospect Street and Western Avenue are running the red light when crossing Massachusetts Avenue and endangering pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that motorists are making illegal turns onto Massachusetts Avenue, causing near-collisions with other motorists and pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to increase enforcement in before-mentioned area.

O-4 Oct 24, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The United States Constitution was adopted and ratified to protect the free speech and other rights of people, not corporations; and

WHEREAS: Corporations are entities created by the law of states and nations; and

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court, in its decision Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, overturned long standing precedent prohibiting corporations from spending corporate general treasury funds in our elections; and

WHEREAS: Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission allows unrestricted amounts of corporate money into our political process; and

WHEREAS: Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission purports to invalidate state laws and even state Constitutional provisions separating corporate money from elections; and

WHEREAS: Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people and states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS: The people and states of the United States of America have used the amendment process to strengthen the nation and preserve liberty and equality and to reverse erroneous Supreme Court decisions that weaken this liberty and equality; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge hereby joins other communities across the country and calls upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification, a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Senator Scott Brown, Senator John F. Kerry and Representative Michael Capuano on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Oct 24, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Council submit a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinances in an effort to mitigate development and parking pressures in Cambridge neighborhoods as follows: That in Section 6.20 entitled "Off Street Parking Regulations" Section 6.22.2 be deleted;

and be it further

ORDERED: That this petition be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

O-6 Oct 24, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

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

The outside legal expenses incurred by the City for the Monteiro case and related cases and issues;

The cost of the appeal of the Monteiro case over the original judgment, to include interest and legal fees for both the defendant and the plaintiff;

The amount of money related cases were settled for; and

The overall amount of money the City paid to Ms. Monteiro.

and be it further

ORDERED: That if any of these issues are still considered to be confidential, because of agreements between parties, attorney-client privilege or some other reason, that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a detailed response to the City Council as to why that information cannot be publicly shared and an estimated date, if any, as to when it would be available to the public.

O-7 Oct 24, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a number of ways of notifying people of important events to include CitizenObserver Alerts; and

WHEREAS: Some of these notifications must be timely to be useful; and

WHEREAS: CitizenObserver Alerts are, per the organization's website, only offered via email or text; and

WHEREAS: Not all people who might be interested in receiving these Alerts have ready access to either email or cell phone text communications; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how people without access to email or cell phone text communications receive the information distributed through CitizenObserver Alerts in a timely manner.