

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$52,000 from Free Cash to the Veterans Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to cover a significant increase in the benefits paid to veterans during FY01.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of grants from the Cambridge Community Foundation for \$10,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries & Wages Account to provide funds to hire and train aides to assist ESOL classes in the computer laboratory.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$3,564 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account provide funds to do training on a curriculum for learning disabled adults.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Public Health Commission for \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to develop and administer a health survey to 6th and 8th grade students in the Cambridge School System.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$9,227 in funds received by Cambridge Prevention Coalition from its sponsorship of life skills staff training to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries & Wages Account (\$5,000) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$4,227) to provide funds to cover a portion of the costs of staff salaries for the Cambridge Prevention Coalition.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$15,650 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages Account (\$10,522), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$2,046), and Travel & Training Account (43,082) to provide funds for the Community Learning Center to develop an Adult Basic Education curriculum and train teachers.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$500,000 from the unexpended balance of bonds to fund minor building renovations to the Fletcher School building to prepare it for the relocation of the Cambridgeport School in Sept 2001.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan 2001:
Enrico Paone Without Power
43 George Street
Brockton, MA 02301
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-137, regarding a report on the feasibility of broadcasting City Council meetings and other major municipal events over the Cambridge municipal website through streaming video.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on an order introduced by Councillor Toomey regarding the status of trash pick-up from condominium associations.

ON THE TABLE

2. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
3. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
4. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
5. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
6. Landmark Designation Study Report for the William James house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to amend the zoning relating to the Citywide Rezoning petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after February 5, 2001. The deadline for this petition is February 12, 2001.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Royal India Restaurant requesting permission to erect an awning at the premises numbered 313 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.
2. Approval of constable bond surety was received from Mark L. Edwards.
3. Approval of constable bond surety was received from David Sullivan.

February 5, 2001 City Council meeting

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peg Callahan, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of her son-in-law Michael Murphy.
2. A communication was received from Barbara McCarron, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of Alice M. Ford.
3. A communication was received from the family of Jeanette Bonina, transmitting their appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.
4. A communication was received from Neil L. Rudenstin, President of Harvard University, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on the establishment of the Kennedy School of Government's Kuwait Program.
5. A communication was received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Commission on the Status of Women, transmitting notice of a public hearing on girls' issues to be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001 from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. at Roxbury Community College, Student Center Room 200, 1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury Crossing.
6. A communication was received from John W. Gintell, transmitting suggestions on improving the City Council meetings.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy Half-Century Birthday to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Decker, Toomey, Born, Davis, Braude and Mayor Galluccio
2. Millers River Tenant Association's Annual Bazaar on April 21, 2001. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Representative Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. on his appointment as Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Vice Mayor Maher
4. Congratulations to Steve DiFillippo and Davio's Restaurant on their 10th Year Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulations to Kerry Michaels on obtaining her Real Estate license. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to the Cambridge Senior Volunteer Clearinghouse on their reception honoring a major supporter. Councillor Toomey
7. Agassiz Neighborhood Council events being held on April 27, 2001 and May 6, 2001. Mayor Galluccio
8. Retirement of Patricia E. McMann from the Public Health Commission. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Mary Ellen Bruno. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

10. Resolution on the death of John F. Kenney. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
11. Resolution on the birth of Satchel Henry Sieniewicz. Councillor Reeves
12. Resolution on the death of Lee E. Morris. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
13. Resolution on the death of Inez M. Coppi. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
14. Congratulations to a special Cantabrigian on a special anniversary. Vice Mayor Maher
15. Resolution welcoming Benoit Consulting. Councillor Sullivan
16. Seventh Annual Ray of Hope Awards on February 16, 2001 at the Charles Hotel. Councillor Sullivan
17. Resolution on the death of Francis P. Sylvester. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
18. Resolution on the retirement of Doris A. Martin from the School Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
19. Retirement of Myrtle L. Byars from the School Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
20. Resolution on the death of Michael J. Rudy. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
21. City Council prayers and thoughts for Father William Walsh. Councillor Sullivan
22. Resolution on the death of Enrico "Henry" Ciampa. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
23. Resolution on the death of Manuel Mendonca. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
24. Resolution on the death of Idalina S. Lima. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
25. Welcome to Cedestra L. Jordan as the new General Manager for Safety and Environment Northeast Corridor for Amtrak. Councillor Sullivan
26. "Read Across America Program" goal to have every child read for thirty minutes with an adult. Councillor Sullivan

POLICY ORDERS

1. City's efforts to contain and control rodent infestation throughout the city. Councillor Toomey
2. Collection of data relative to people that leave the Cambridge public school system and people that do not choose the public school system. Councillor Sullivan
3. Placing of a stanchion at the crosswalk at Felton Street near CRLS and Broadway Market. Councillor Sullivan

4. Planning effort of the Central Square World's Fair Committee for the Annual World's Fair celebration to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2001. Councillor Sullivan
5. Concern over recent turmoil regarding a change in direction of the restructuring efforts at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Councillors Toomey, Born, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Sullivan, Decker, Reeves and Braude
6. Improvement of commercial streetscape on Green Street. Councillor Reeves
7. Report on the Electric Transmission increase proposed by NSTAR. Councillor Davis
8. Progress on removing graffiti from mailboxes. Councillor Davis
9. Congratulations to the Center for Families of North Cambridge on its national recognition and a plan for an additional family center in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
10. Information regarding bus stops that will be moved at the completion of construction projects in Central Square. Councillor Reeves
11. Program relationships among Community Schools, after-school programs sponsored by the School Department, Agenda for Children After-School Programs and programs operated privately for Cambridge school children. Councillor Reeves
12. Assess the public safety of sidewalk and street lighting in Central Square. Councillor Decker
13. Identify additional resources to keep Central Square safe and clean. Councillor Decker
14. Support banning the sales of mercury thermometers. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a meeting held on January 24, 2001 for the purpose of further discussion of the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a meeting held on January 24, 2001 for the purpose of evaluating the process used by the City Council to evaluate the City Manager.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 5

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

Wed, Feb 7

8:45am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will hold a public meeting to evaluate the City Council's goal setting process. (Ackermann Room)

4:00pm The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing to received information from affordable housing providers on programs and issues for affordable housing in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:15pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss and commence the hiring process for the position of City Auditor for the City of Cambridge. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Feb 12

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

Tues, Feb 13

12:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the city's web site, an update on the services of Career Source and services offered to city employees by Bunker Hill Community College. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:15pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss in lieu of tax payments by universities and institutions as well as removal of taxable property from the tax rolls. (Sullivan Chamber)

7:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the hiring process of the City Auditor for the city. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 14

The Ordinance Committee will conduct public hearings as follows:

4:30pm To consider proposed amendments to the following sections of the Municipal Code to comport with amendments to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm To consider proposed amendments to the Responsible Employer Ordinance to include public works contracts such as roadways and sewers. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Feb 15

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will receive a presentation from Ben Hamilton Baillie, a Loeb Fellow at Harvard on traffic calming measures used in Europe. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of traffic enforcement in the City. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 21

5:30pm The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing on the Community Preservation Act. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 26

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

Wed, Feb 28

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing to consider the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Section 11.501 Interim Planning Overlay Special Permit (IPOP) to replace the termination date. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will hold a public hearing to consider the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone the Alewife area. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

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

Fri, Mar 16

10:00am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a round table meeting to discuss public safety issues in coordination with the FY02 budget (Grainger Room - Police Station, 5 Western Avenue)

Mon, Mar 19

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

Wed, Mar 21

6:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a round table meeting with the School Committee to discuss the FY02 School Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

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

Mon, Apr 2

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

Mon, Apr 9

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

Mon, Apr 23

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

Mon, Apr 30

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

Tues, May 1

10:30am - 5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

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

Tues, May 8

10:30am - 5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 10

10:30am - 5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget. (IF NECESSARY) (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to make a presentation to the City Council regarding the city's efforts to contain and control the increasing rodent infestation problem throughout the city.

O-2. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The student population in our school system continues to decline; and

WHEREAS: A number of students have elected to go to other schools with funding provided by the city; and

WHEREAS: A number of children of school age never enter our school system; but choose to attend other schools; and

WHEREAS: At a recent School Committee meeting, some members have indicated that they are aware of additional students leaving our school system; and

WHEREAS: The City Council and the City Manager recently conducted a survey to determine customer satisfaction; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools to provide this council with information obtained from exit interviews, if any such information exists; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools relative to retaining an outside entity with regard to collecting data relative to people that leave the system and those that do not choose the system; and be it further

ORDERED: That said reports be sent to the City Council Finance Committee as soon as possible but not later than April 2nd, 2001.

O-3. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to put a stanchion at the crosswalk at Felton Street near the high school and Broadway market.

O-4. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct all city departments to assist the members of the Central Square World's Fair Committee in their planning effort for the Annual World's Fair celebration to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2001 with a rain date of Sunday, June 10, 2001.

O-5. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR BORN

VICE MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing concern over the recent turmoil regarding a change, unanticipated by the parents, staff and public, in the direction of the restructuring efforts at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council strongly urge the School Committee not to sacrifice the goal of the high school restructuring: equal opportunity in education through full integration of CRLS students in five heterogeneous groupings of students and staff, equal in all the following:

- Excellence of educational opportunities;
- Preparation and training of staff;
- Parent involvement and parent confidence in Cambridge schools; and
- Economic, cultural, and racial diversity of the students in each of the five CRLS small schools; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council express its concern that the plan to reintroduce parent/student choice at this time may undermine these important goals.

O-6. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on its efforts to communicate with residents and merchants of Green Street, from Brookline Street to Pleasant Street, regarding the commercial streetscape and how the streetscape might be improved.

O-7. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the Electric Transmission increase proposed by NSTAR.

O-8. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is an epidemic of graffiti on mailboxes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate staff to provide the City Council with a report on the Post Office's progress on removing graffiti from their mailboxes.

O-9. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Cambridge has one excellent nationally recognized family center that serves only one North Cambridge neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Family support and early childhood development is a goal for the entire city; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Center for Families of North Cambridge on its national recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council urge the Kids Council and Department of Human Services to begin to plan for an additional family center, the neighborhood to be determined by a needs assessment.

O-10. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on what information can be provided to residents and merchants regarding bus stops on Massachusetts Avenue, Magazine, Green and Pearl Streets that will be moved at the completion of major construction projects in Central Square.

O-11. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to suggest a helpful process for a review of the program relationships among Community Schools, the after-school programs sponsored by the School Department; the Agenda for Children After School Programs and those programs operated privately for Cambridge school children.

O-12. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate staff to assess the public safety of sidewalk and street lighting in Central Square and report back to the City Council.

O-13. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate staff to identify additional resources to keep Central Square safe and clean; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider resources in addition to the Department of Public Works, including but not limited to a letter to businesses to request them to contribute to the clean-up efforts.

O-14. February 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in support of banning the sales of mercury thermometers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Public Health Department to develop a plan to implement the ban and educate the public on the hazards of mercury thermometers.