

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Transportation Service Study Phase II.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-48, regarding a report on the construction of roof top gardens.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to proposed zoning text altering current Special District 8 regulations and establishing new zoning text for a newly created Special District 8A.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the technical zoning language for eastern Cambridge.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$5,905 from the General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance to the Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to cover the annual rent increase for the Center for Families' Playspace Central in North Cambridge.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$26,850 in the General Fund of the Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance from Free Cash to accommodate thirty perspective recruits for physical and psychological screenings.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$31,951.68 in the Public Investment Fund of the Public Works Department Public Building Renovations Extraordinary Expenditures Account from rental receipts from former tenants of 238 Broadway to replenish balances of funds that were used to improve and renovate 238 Broadway.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Theron L. Jackson, 30 Churchill Avenue, #212, as a member of the Cambridge Council on Aging Board effective April 1, 2001.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission:
Martha Osler, 4 Irving Street, Cambridge., MA 02138
Steven Cohen, 26 Fayette Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
Carole Perrault, 9 Dana Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
James Watson, 307 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:
Aziz Houmine, 256 Springville Ave., #2A, Everett
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-68, regarding enforcement of the vicious dogs ordinance.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$55,000 from Free Cash to the Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance to provide funds to support the third shift for the FirstStep Street Outreach Van of CASPAR.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$1,000 in funds received from the sponsorship of life skills staff training and other training related activities to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account to cover a portion of the salaries of the staff of the Cambridge Prevention Coalition.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Department of Education for \$15,624 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to enable the Community Learning Center to purchase computer hardware and software and install a data line to upgrade the Center's computer lab.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$15,908 from the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Salary & Wages Account to support a Case Manager position in the Office of Workforce Development.

ON THE TABLE

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

5. Committee Report #2 of February 5, 2001 from the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for the purpose of evaluating the process used by the City Council to evaluate the City Manager.
6. Consent Agenda #6 of February 12, 2001, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-147, regarding a report on clarifying certain rules and operating procedures of the Election Commission.
7. Consent Agenda #9 of February 12, 2001 and Charter Right #9 of February 26, 2001, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$2,000,000 from AT&T/MediaOne of Massachusetts for the following:
 - A. \$150,000 to the Public Investment Finance Department/MIS Extraordinary Expenditures Account for equipment necessary to allow video transmission over the municipal fiber network;
 - B. \$850,000 to the Public Investment Executive Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account for a new City Hall Production Facility (\$632,000); reimbursement to CCTV for payment for a fiber reconnection removed from Prospect Street (\$18,000); and to increase access to City services via the City's web page and to increase residents access to the Internet (\$200,000); and
 - C. 1,000,000 to the Public Investment Executive Department Extraordinary Expenditure Account received as part of the new cable license negotiated by the City to be used for: CCTV for capital funding (\$500,000), upgrade of the School Committee Production Facility (\$250,000), and future cable/telecommunications equipment needs (\$250,000).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$8,200,000 for the complete environmental remediation, demolition and reconstruction of the interior of City Hall Annex, 57 Inman Street. The question comes on adoption on or after March 12, 2001.
8. Proposed amendments to the Municipal Code governing procurement to comport with recent amendments to M.G.L. Chapter 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after March 12, 2001.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Lyme Properties, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 301 Binney Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Historical, Public Works, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and abutters approval. Response has been received from one neighborhood association, which disapproves.

2. An application was received from S&S Restaurant & Deli Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 182 Hampshire Street.
3. Revocation of a sign permit bond for Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc. for the premises numbered 109 Mount Auburn Street, issued on September 28, 1959. Inspectional Services inspected property on February 28, 2001 and sign is down.
4. Revocation of a sign permit bond for Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc. for the premises numbered 2500 Massachusetts Avenue, issued on September 28, 1959. Inspectional Services inspected property on February 28, 2001 and sign is down.
5. Revocation of a sign permit bond for Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc. for the premises numbered 249-251 Hampshire Street, issued on September 28, 1959. Inspectional Services inspected property on February 28, 2001 and sign is down.
6. Revocation of a sign permit bond for Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc. for the premises numbered 587 Mount Auburn Street, issued on September 28, 1959. Inspectional Services inspected property on February 28, 2001 and sign is down.
7. Revocation of a sign permit bond for Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc. for the premises numbered 929-935 Massachusetts Avenue, issued on September 28, 1959. Inspectional Services inspected property on February 28, 2001 and sign is down.
8. An application was received from Andrew P. Bendetson, President & Managing Member Putnam Avenue, LLC, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 431 Putnam Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Historical, Public Works, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and abutters approval. Four neighborhood letters sent out on November 24, 2000. One response received that the curb cut does not fall within their purview.
9. An application was received from All Asia Café, requesting permission to erect a sign at the premises numbered 334 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the family of Al "Red" Priest, transmitting deep appreciation for the resolution adopted the City Council.

2. A communication was received from Neil Rudenstine, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of his mother.
3. A communication was received from Denise L. Desautels, Hearing Officer, Energy Facilities Siting Board, transmitting notice of a public hearing on Monday, March 5, 2001, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, regarding the petition of Commonwealth Gas Company (D/B/A "NSTAR Gas") is proposing to construct and operate a new 2.2 mile long, 16-inch, 433 psig underground natural gas pipeline in the cities of Somerville and Cambridge.
4. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, regarding MIT and Harvard PILOT.
5. A communication was received from Carmine A. Martignetti, Trustee, Martignetti Brothers Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the rezoning petition of the Alewife Area as owner of 195 Concord Turnpike, 203R Concord Turnpike, 205 Concord Turnpike, 223 Concord Turnpike, 225 Concord Turnpike and 231 Concord Turnpike.
6. A communication was received from Bernard F. Shadrawy, Jr., Attorney for Martignetti Brothers Realty Trust, listing objections to the rezoning petition of the Alewife Area.
7. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting notification of a new address for 127 Sixth Street.
8. A communication was received from Bobbi Norfleet, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of her husband Fred Cohn.
9. A communication was received from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting notice of a meetings at various locations regarding the investigation into the appropriate regulatory plan to succeed price cap regulation for Verizon New England, Inc. and the Department's procedural conference on April 6, 2001 at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Second Floor, Boston.
10. A communication was received from Joseph Joseph, regarding review of EPA Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation Report for W.R. Grace Site.
11. A communication was received from the family of Frank P. Ricchio, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted the City Council.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Proclaim March 18-24, 2001 as "Media Democracy Week" in honor of Cambridge Community Television. Councillor Toomey
2. Speedy recovery wishes to former School Superintendent Mary Lou McGrath. Vice Mayor Maher
3. Best wishes to the North Cambridge Family Opera on its presentation of "The Coronation of Esther" on March 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at the Tobin School. Mayor Galluccio
4. Proclaim May 20-26, 2001 as "Save A Life Week" in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Galluccio
5. Dedication of the Computer Learning Center at 808-812 Memorial Drive as the Juanita Saunders Computer Learning Center in her honor. Councillor Davis
6. Happy Birthday wishes to Little Joe Cook. Mayor Galluccio
7. Best wishes to Cambridge Cares About AIDS on the unveiling and presentation of the Illuminator sponsorship honors on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at the Vestry of the Harvard-Epworth Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Mayor Galluccio
8. Resolution on the death of Frederick P. Douglas. Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Charles R. Condon. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership
10. Resolution on the death of Audna E. Smith. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey and entire membership
11. Happy Seventieth Birthday wishes to Dolores DeNunzio Gulla. Vice Mayor Maher
12. Best wishes to St. Anthony's Church on their Country Store to be held on Sunday, March 25, 2001. Councillor Toomey
13. Best wishes to St. Francis Church on their Country Fair to be held on Sunday, March 18, 2001. Councillor Toomey
14. Congratulations to the Greek community as they celebrate their Greek Independence Day Parade on March 25, 2001. Councillor Toomey
15. Urge residents to be cognizant of the Tenth Annual Summer Jobs Campaign Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 12:00 noon at the University Park Hotel, 20 Sidney Street, Cambridge. Councillor Toomey

16. Best wishes to Ted Donlan as he competes in the 24th Marathon in Barcelona, Spain on Sunday, March 18, 2001. Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Gertrude M. Fitzpatrick. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
18. Resolution on the death of Anne L. Levins. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
19. Celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2001 from 1-3pm at the Senior Center which highlights the life of Florence Luscomb and the suffrage movement in Cambridge. Councillor Decker
20. Appreciation and support to the MBTA for considering the extension of bus service past its current 12:30am shutdown. Mayor Galluccio
21. Congratulations and thanks to Fatima Martins for her years of service to the citizens of Cambridge on the occasion of a Special Mass and banquet in her honor on April 21, 2001 at St. Anthony's Church. Councillor Born
22. Congratulations to George "Chip" Greenidge on the achievement award that he received from Mayor Thomas M. Menino honoring his community contributions. Mayor Galluccio
23. Congratulations to Xia Rondeau, daughter of Councillor Jim Braude and his wife Christine Rondeau, on becoming a United States citizen. Vice Mayor Maher
24. Resolution on the death of Marie G. Simard. Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
25. Resolution on the death of Rose Ann Manganelli. Councillors Toomey, Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
26. Greetings to the City Council of Forli, Italy. Councillor Born and entire membership
27. Greetings to the City Council of Fortipampoli, Italy. Councillor Born and entire membership
28. Happy Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Galluccio
29. Resolution on the death of Mary T. Bergin. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
30. Resolution on the death of Carlos Alberto Cabral. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
31. Resolution on the death of Manuel H. Marcelo. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
32. Resolution on the death of Major E. Brooks, Sr. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Reeves, Davis and entire membership
33. Resolution on the death of June Gordon. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
34. Resolution on the death of Francis A. "Piney" Kenney. Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
35. Resolution on the death of Tammy M. Kinzler. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
36. Resolution on the death of Robert F. Kelly. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
37. Congratulations and best wishes to Ned Colby, CRLS graduate, on becoming City Editor of the Harvard Crimson. Councillor Decker, Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey
38. Resolution on the death of Edward B. Shannon. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
39. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth C. Aldrich. Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Davis and entire membership
40. Speedy recovery wishes to City of Cambridge Traffic, Parking and Transportation employee John Connarton. Councillor Sullivan
41. Thanks to all essential employees who kept the City of Cambridge up and running during the recent snowstorm. Vice Mayor Maher
42. Thanks to residents and businesses for their cooperation with the Snow Emergency and shoveling of sidewalks. Councillor Decker and Vice Mayor Maher
43. Thanks to the Department of Public Works for their hard work keeping the roadways safe and clean. Councillor Decker and Vice Mayor Maher
44. Congratulations to John Ruiz, the first Latino man to become the World Boxing Association's Heavy Weight Champion. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Galluccio
45. Proclaim Thursday, June 14, 2001 as Flag Day in Cambridge and urge citizens to pause at 7:00pm EDT on this date for the 22nd annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Galluccio
46. Proclaim the week of April 15- April 22, 2001 as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Mayor Galluccio
47. Resolution on the death of James F. Black, Jr. Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
48. Resolution on the death of F. Estelle Callahan. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
49. Resolution on the death of Edric R. Carrington. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
50. Resolution on the death of John "Harry" Harrison. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

51. Resolution on the death of Ann K. O'Connor. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
52. Resolution on the death of Lena Dorothy Sorrentino. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
53. Resolution on the death of Nuvar Rose Samourian. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
54. Congratulations to Lawrence Summers on his appointment as President of Harvard University. Councillor Sullivan
55. Retirement of Shirley A. English from the Retirement Board. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
56. Resolution on the death of Walter E. McCusker. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
57. Congratulations to the award recipients of the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers 8th Annual Community Awards Dinner which will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown. Councillor Toomey
58. Resolution on the death of Olive M. Erickson. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
59. Resolution on the death of M. Gertrude Doolin. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
60. Retirement of Alfonso Diaz from the Public Works Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
61. Happy Surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary to a special couple. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
62. Speedy recovery wishes to John DiGiovanni. Councillor Sullivan
63. Best wishes to Robert Brosnan on his impending retirement. Councillor Sullivan
64. Speedy recovery wishes to Jacqueline Sullivan. Councillor Sullivan
65. Get well wishes to Senator Robert Travaglini. Vice Mayor Maher
66. Resolution on the death of James D. Martel. Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
67. Resolution on the death of Jacqueline Kloss. Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
68. Congratulations to Ken Maguire on his new position as a Washington correspondent for Associated Press. Councillor Davis
69. Get well wishes to Rose Frisch. Councillor Davis
70. Prepare a suitable resolution on the death of Helen June Johnson. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
71. Prepare a suitable resolution on the death of George Somarippa. Councillors Sullivan, Davis and entire membership
72. Congratulations to Transkaryotic Therapies Inc. on the receipt of a US patent for the treatment of a genetic disorder. Councillor Sullivan
73. Prepare a suitable resolution congratulating Mr. Hisham Hegazy on being named the Cambridge Taxicab Driver of the Year for 2001. Mayor Galluccio
74. Congratulations to Administrative Judge Carolyn N. Fischel for being recognized for artistic acumen on the front page of "The Boston Law Tribune." Councillor Toomey
75. Declare the month of March as Women's History Month. Councillor Reeves
76. Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Reverend and Mrs. Richard Richardson. Councillor Reeves
77. Urge all Cantabrigians to participate in Cambridge's first Black/Jewish Seder on April 5, 2001 at St. Paul AME Church Christian Life Center. Councillor Reeves
78. Appreciation to all involved in coordinating the ice skating program that benefits all children including children who do not own ice skates. Councillor Davis
79. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin boys basketball team on defeating Brockton High School on March 12, 2001. Councillor Decker
80. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Cheerleaders on their championship award. Councillor Decker
81. Prepare a suitable resolution on the death of Paul Monahan, City of Cambridge firefighter. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDERS

1. Support of the Human Service Workers Living Wage Act. Councillor Decker
2. Further amendment to Policy Resolution #1 of November 6, 2000 to designate the corner of Churchill Avenue and Matignon Road as "Edward and Virginia McNulty Square." Vice Mayor Maher
3. Request the MBTA to reassess bus service provided to the area served by the Number 75 Bus. Mayor Galluccio
4. Dedicate a suitable location in remembrance of James Babcock, late Water Department employee. Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Sullivan and Toomey

5. Mutual approach with Watertown to address the burdens and benefits of universities to the municipalities which harbor them. Councillor Sullivan
6. Request from the City Council to the School Department for a presentation on the Student Data Report. Councillors Decker and Sullivan
7. Increase of police presence and patrol in the areas of Mount Auburn Street, Brattle Street, Harvey Street, Cedar Street and Reed Street to reduce incidences of graffiti in these areas. Vice Mayor Maher
8. Develop a plan for the city to take a proactive stand to advocate for remediation of disrepair of the bridges connecting Cambridge and Boston. Vice Mayor Maher
9. Possibility of developing WOONERFS in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
10. Investigate the possibility of resurfacing Bent and Rogers Streets between Fifth and Third Street and Fifth Street from Bent Street to Binney Street. Councillor Toomey
11. Support for preservation of the Alewife Conservation area. Councillor Sullivan
12. Dedicate the corner of Rice Street and Massachusetts Avenue in honor of Barbara and Martin Conroy. Vice Mayor Maher and Mayor Galluccio
13. Instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to repair the potholes on Bristol Street. Councillor Sullivan
14. Possibility of having maintenance of streetlights under city control. Councillor Davis
15. Status of plans to repave Rindge Avenue. Councillor Toomey
16. Contact AT&T Broadband to remove obstacles to our local award winning program of political commentary, "Cambridge Inside Out." Councillor Davis
17. Confer with the Police Commissioner with the view in mind of issuing community alerts as to muggings in neighborhoods. Councillor Davis
18. Urge owners of Stanton Realty Trust to show moderation and restraint in negotiating a good faith settlement in rent increase issues at 57 Magazine Street. Councillor Davis
19. Request AT&T to apply the 10% senior discount to the standard service currently offered to Cambridge residents. Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Sullivan, Born, Braude, Davis and Toomey
20. Dedicate the corner of Hubbard Avenue and Walden Street in honor of Eli Biddle, Civil War veteran. Councillor Reeves
21. Concern at the potential plan to limit or eliminate access to parks as part of the new Charles River Basin Project. Councillor Davis
22. Mass Home Care and Mass Senior Action rally which will take place on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State House in Nurses Hall in support of "Equal Choice" bills H.1589 and S.676 Vice Mayor Maher

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 January 31, 2001 for the purpose of receiving an update on the Harrington School extended day program and the youth program.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee for a meeting held on February 13, 2001 to discuss the City's Web site, to receive an update on services of Career Source and services offered to the residents by Bunker Hill Community College.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for a meeting held on February 15, 2001 to receive a presentation from Ben Hamilton Baillie, A Loeb Fellow at Harvard University, on traffic calming measures used in Europe.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for a meeting held on February 15, 2001 to discuss the issue of traffic enforcement.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee for a meeting held on February 20, 2001 to discuss the issue of civic unity in the city.
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Housing Committee for a meeting held on February 21, 2001 for the purpose of consideration of the Community Preservation Act; recent state legislation which went into effect on December 13, 2000.

7. 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 November 16, 2000 for the purpose of considering a proposal to petition the legislature to lower the voting age to enable 16 and 17 year-old residents to vote in City Council and School Committee elections.
8. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a meeting held on February 7, 2001 to evaluate the City Council's goal setting process.
9. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a meeting held on February 14, 2001 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Responsible Employer provisions of the Cambridge Employment Plan.
10. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Cable TV Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee for a meeting held on March 7, 2001 to discuss rates and service changes to customers by AT&T, a status report on negotiations with the second cable provider and any other business which may come before the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, regarding Roundtable Meetings for 2001.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 19

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

5:30pm Special presentation regarding CHA Workforce Development award.

Tues, Mar 20

12:30pm - 2:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of the status of neighborhood planning committees, what has been done, implementation and feed back. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm - 8:00pm The Housing Committee and the Community Development Department Housing staff will conduct a public community meeting on

current housing programs and issues. (Senior Center - 806 Massachusetts Avenue)

Wed, Mar 21

4:00pm. The Economic Development, Training and Employment and the Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committees will conduct a working meeting to continue discussions on planning the April 28th joint meeting. (Ackermann Room)

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)

Tues, Mar 27

12:30pm - 2:30pm The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss training programs in the city and services offered to Cambridge residents by Bunker Hill Community College. (Ackermann Room)

12:30pm - 2:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relating to neighborhood planning. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss whether re-instating the zoning amendment prohibition of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 districts is consistent with the City's goal of supporting the creation and continued existence of affordable housing. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Mar 28

6:30pm - 8:00pm The Housing Committee and the Community Development Department Housing staff will conduct a public community meeting on current housing programs and issues. (Benjamin Banneker School - 21 Notre Dame Avenue)

Thurs, Mar 29

4:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment and the Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committees will conduct a working meeting to continue discussions on planning the Apr 28th joint meeting. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Apr 2

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

Mon, Apr 9

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

5:30pm Special Recognition for a past member of the Police Review Board.

Wed, Apr 11

4:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment and the Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committees will conduct a working meeting to continue discussions on planning the Apr 28th joint meeting. (IF NECESSARY) (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss storm water run off. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 17

5:30pm - 7:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of civic unity in the city. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 18

12:30pm The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Web Site and long term plan for the Committee. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Apr 23

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

Tues, Apr 24

12:30pm - 2:30pm The Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relating to neighborhood planning. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 25

4:30pm Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 26

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a presentation from Community Development Department on the Parking Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and to discuss reclassification of the ordinance and to receive public comment on the ordinance and any and all business which comes before the committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

Sat, Apr 28

9:00am - noon The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Economic Development, Training, and Employment will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss the make-up, mission and function of the Central Square Advisory Committee, the issue of trash pickup, construction, bus stops, bus shelters, obstruction at Carl Barron Plaza and the Green Street Streetscape; follow up of Gibbs Report and any other matters relating to the Central Square area. (Fitzgerald School at St. Mary's, 50 Essex Street)

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)

Wed, May 9

4:30pm Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning. (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)

Mon, May 14

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

Wed, May 16

6:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Public Health agreement. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21

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

Wed, May 23

4:30pm Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 4

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

Mon, June 11

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

Mon, June 18

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

Mon, June 25

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Human service workers who take care of the state's most vulnerable populations, the mentally ill, disabled, mentally retarded and other, are often paid at poverty level; and

WHEREAS: Social service and human service workers have not received cost of living increases to match inflation since the early 1990's - the beginning of privatization; and

WHEREAS: Direct care human service workers in Massachusetts work extra jobs in an effort to stay above the poverty line; and

WHEREAS: Turnover is high in human service agencies sometimes reaching 40 percent; and

WHEREAS: Low wages and high turnover have created job vacancy problems increasing the demands on workers who stay; and

WHEREAS: The Human Service Workers Living Wage Act would provide all employees of agencies that deliver social services or child care under contract or subcontract with the Commonwealth of a wage of no less than \$12.89 an hour without health care insurance and \$11.89 with health care insurance; and

WHEREAS: The bill would be recalculated annually to ensure that wages would be no less than 135 percent of the federal poverty line for a family of four; and

WHEREAS: This bill is supported by unions, Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers, SEIU Local 285 and Local 925 and the Massachusetts chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of the Living Wage for Human Service Workers pending legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the entire Cambridge legislative delegation in both the House and Senate on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2. March 19, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record amending Policy Resolution Number One of November 6, 2000 (attached) to further designate the corner of Churchill Avenue and Matignon Road as "Edward and Virginia McNulty Square."

O-3. March 19, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Residents in the area served by the MBTA's Number 75 Bus have expressed concern about the frequency of bus service to their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: This City Council has consistently encouraged residents to use public transit and other alternatives to a single-occupant automobile; and

WHEREAS: The neighborhood served by the Number 75 Bus includes a significant population of elderly residents, many of who rely on public transit as their primary transportation service; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge provided the second largest city or town contribution to the MBTA and is host to several major MBTA facilities; and

WHEREAS: A petition signed by almost 250 Cambridge residents living in the area served by the Number 75 Bus has been presented to the Mayor; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the MBTA to reassess bus service provided to the area served by the Number 75 Bus, with special attention paid to service provided to residents of 700 Huron Towers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the MBTA requesting a review of the transit service currently provided to the area served by the Number 75 Bus with an eye towards improving service at all times and on all days with special attention to weekday and night time service; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk forward a copy of this Order and the attached petition be forwarded to the MBTA

O-4. March 19, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record ordering the dedication of a suitable location for a plaque or other appropriate remembrance for James Babcock, a late Water Department employee.

O-5. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Harvard University is apparently in the process of purchasing the Arsenal on the Charles, a thirty acre business complex in Watertown (see attached 2/28/01 Boston Globe article); and

WHEREAS: Watertown officials have expressed concern and apprehension regarding the possible loss of millions of dollars in tax revenues should Harvard convert the space to tax-exempt institutional use; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council communicate to the Watertown Council its willingness and interest in communication and cooperation with regard to the burdens and benefits of universities to the municipalities which harbor them; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate with Watertown Town Manager Michael Driscoll with regard to a mutual approach to addressing the concerns and interests arising from the relationship of each municipality with Harvard.

O-6. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the School Department be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a presentation on the Student Data Report.

O-7. March 19, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to increase police presence and patrol in the area of Mount Auburn Street and Brattle Street through to Huron Avenue to reduce the incidences of graffiti in that area; and be it further

ORDERED: That police also patrol for graffiti in North Cambridge in the vicinity of Harvey Street, Cedar Street and Reed Street, with particular attention to the store at the corner of Dudley Street and Reed Street, including contacting the store owner.

O-8. March 19, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a plan for the City to take a proactive stand to advocate for remediation of deplorable disrepair of all of the bridges connecting Cambridge and Boston, with the exception of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge.

O-9. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of developing WOONERFS in Cambridge, including determining whether WOONERFS are possible here.

O-10. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Acting Commissioner of Public Works to investigate the possibility of resurfacing Bent Street and Rogers Street between Fifth Street and Third Street and Fifth Street from Bent Street to Binney Street in the upcoming construction season; and be it further

ORDERED: That City Manager report back to the Council by April 8, 2001.

O-11. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its strong interest in and support for preservation of the Alewife Conservation area, its waterways, and the surrounding MDC public parkland; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority for inclusion in the MEPA consideration.

O-12. March 19, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Rice Street and Massachusetts Avenue in honor of Barbara and Martin Conroy; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council, after consultation with the family, arrange with the Department of Public Works for a suitable sign and dedication ceremony.

O-13. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to repair the potholes on Bristol Street.

O-14. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Streetlights are vital to safety; and

WHEREAS: Keeping streetlights lit is obviously not a high priority for NSTAR; streetlights that go out remain dark for months; and

WHEREAS: If the maintenance of streetlights were under city control, Cambridge could improve safety and also institute energy saving measures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate a way to bring this function into city control or to contract with a responsible entity to keep the lights on.

O-15. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the status of any plans to repave Rindge Avenue.

O-16. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact AT&T Broadband to remove the obstacles to our local award winning program of political commentary, "Cambridge Inside Out;" 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-17. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner with the view in mind of directing the Police Department to issue community alerts as to muggings in neighborhoods; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the full City Council, including a starting date.

O-18. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Many of our neighbors, long-term residents, elderly and disabled, low to moderate income working people of Cambridge, are still being threatened with displacement and the loss of their homes due to escalating rents and eviction, and many are being forced to leave our community because of the acute shortage of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The City Council on February 1, 1999 passed Resolution #44 declaring a Housing Emergency in the acute shortage of affordable housing in the city of

Cambridge, and implored landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, and to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner; and

WHEREAS: The new City Council on January 24, 2000 passed Consent Order #0-3, urging all Cambridge landlords to be cognizant of the severe housing shortage, to show moderation and restraint in rent increases, to cease and desist eviction proceedings so that negotiations can take place in a reasonable manner, and to negotiate in good faith agreements and settlements that will allow Cambridge residents to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS: Jo Cole, a moderate-income working mother and a Cambridge resident for 17 years, who has lived in her home at 57 Magazine Street for 11 years, has already seen her rent almost double since the end of rent control, and is one of the last pre-rent control tenants left in her 16-unit building; and

WHEREAS: Jo Cole was recently sent a Court Summons of eviction by Mr. Russell Peterson of Stanton Realty Trust of Allston which is one of the very largest private property owners with over 600 apartment units, including large former rent control buildings in Cambridge where only a handful of rent control tenants remain and where rents have doubled and almost tripled; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urge Mr. Russell Peterson and the owners of Stanton Realty Trust to show moderation and restraint, to cease and desist any threat of eviction towards Jo Cole, and to negotiate in good faith a settlement which will allow Ms. Cole to remain in her home; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. Russell Peterson of Stanton Realty Trust, 1125 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, MA 02134 and to the Campaign to Save 2000 Cambridge Homes and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone, 11 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

O-19. March 19, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: AT&T Broadband has signed a new ten-year Franchise Agreement with the City of Cambridge to provide Cable TV services; and

WHEREAS: In the Franchise Agreement AT&T Broadband committed to a 10% price discount for all Cambridge residents over the age of 65 for basic cable services; and

WHEREAS: In the previous 15 year Franchise Agreement, this discount was limited to seniors that lived in designated subsidized housing developments in Cambridge, yet a discount of over \$5.00 was applied to seniors that purchased the Total Basic service that lived in subsidized housing; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that AT&T Broadband has renamed the Total Basic service to "Standard Cable" and would thus only offer the 10% discount to the most basic level of Cable TV service, providing a discount of just \$0.69 per senior household; and

WHEREAS: It was the expectation of city officials that the new Franchise Agreement would include a senior discount on a higher level of cable service; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager demand that AT&T Broadband apply the 10% discount to the Standard Cable service in addition to the Basic Service, offering seniors a discount of almost \$4.00 on the \$35.99 a month service; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to take any and all legal action necessary to secure this senior discount including a refusal to recognize the validity of the new Franchise Agreement; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager negotiate with AT&T Broadband an outreach effort to inform cable customers over 65 years of age about this discount and how it can be easily reflected on their cable bill.

O-20. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

RESOLVED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Hubbard Avenue and Walden Street be named in honor of Eli Biddle, Civil War veteran and member of the Massachusetts 34th Infantry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 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-21. March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Central Square Artery Project promised amenities including parks and pedestrian walkways that would make Cambridge more livable and walkable; and

WHEREAS: As part of the new Charles River Basin Project, access to park via bridges may be either limited and/or eliminated; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record expressing concern at the potential plan to limit or eliminate access to parks as part of the new Charles River Basin Project; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward the concerns of the City Council to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

O-22. March 19, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: On Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 1:00 p.m., senior citizens will rally at the State House in Nurses Hall to support increased funding for state programs to enable seniors to stay out of nursing homes and live at home; and

WHEREAS: The rally is sponsored by Mass Home Care and Mass Senior Action in support of the "Equal Choice" bills, H.1589 and S.676; and

WHEREAS: Mass Home Care and Mass Senior Action are calling for:

- Investing more money in home care;
- Ending the bias towards institutional care;
- Balancing funding for community care;
- Providing a living wage for home care workers; and
- Passing the "Equal Choice" bills; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the Mass Home Care and Mass Senior Action rally in support of more funding to enable seniors to choose between home care and nursing homes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the "Equal Choice" bills, H.1589 and S.676, and a living wage for home care workers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation.