

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-164, regarding a report on the issuing of community alerts as to muggings in neighborhoods.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-162, regarding a report on the possibility of resurfacing Bent and Rogers Streets between Fifth and Third Streets, and Fifth Street between Bent and Binney Streets.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-142, regarding the status of plans to restore 238 Broadway to community open space.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-161, regarding a report on AT&T applying the 10% discount to the basic service cable package for seniors over 65 years of age.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-156, regarding a report on examining the smoking regulations and on the status and implementation of the regulations.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-166, regarding a report on the Cambridge 2000 census data.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Lauren Sullivan, 2 Hosmer Street, Watertown, MA 02172
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 00-136, regarding a report on salaries of librarians and staff.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Mayor Galluccio on an order introduced by Councillor Braude and Mayor Galluccio on April 2, 2001 regarding financial need standards for the city's scholarship program.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Born on an order introduced by Councillor Sullivan and the entire membership on April 2, 2001 to change the roundtable scheduled for June 11, 2001 to June 18, 2001 and make the June 11, 2001 a regular meeting.

ON THE TABLE

3. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
4. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
5. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
6. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
7. 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.
8. Consent Communication #7 of March 19, 2001, and Calendar Item #3 of April 2, 2001 regarding notification of a new address for 127 Sixth Street from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Berk's Stores, Inc., requesting permission for a display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 50 JFK Street.
2. Constable bond surety was received from Louis Micciche.
3. An application was received from Anselmo E. Tabit, 1646 Mass Realty Trust, requesting permission to erect three awnings at the premises numbered 1642-1646 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Michael Siegell, President, The Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association regarding changes in use of Danehy Park.
2. A communication was received from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting notice of a procedural conference on May 4, 2001 at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Second Floor, Boston and notice of rescheduled public hearings regarding the appropriate regulatory plan to succeed price cap regulation for Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts.
3. A communication was received from Jolee Zola, transmitting support of the resolution calling for a moratorium on executions in the United States.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Karen Spaulding, a teacher at the Morse School, on receiving the Christa McAuliffe Teacher Award. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Francis P. Lynch, retired CEO and President of Mount Auburn Hospital. Councillor Davis and entire membership
3. Congratulations to Drs. Vinton C. Cerf, Robert Kahn, Leonard Kleinrock and Lawrence C. Roberts, the recipients of the 2001 Charles Stark Draper Prize. Mayor Galluccio
4. Urge all Cantabrigians to participate in Make A Difference Day on October 28, 2001. Mayor Galluccio
5. Celebration of Mediation Week from April 23-30, 2001 and promote the use of mediation in an effort to increase public awareness and use of services. Mayor Galluccio
6. Congratulations to Walsh Brothers Construction on their 100th Anniversary. Councillor Sullivan
7. Congratulations to St. Peter's School on its 100th Anniversary. Councillor Sullivan
8. Congratulations to Marie DiDomenico on being honored by the Girls Town of Italy in Rome. Councillor Toomey
9. Appreciation to the volunteers of the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center for all their time, energy, talents and generosity. Councillor Toomey
10. Appreciation to the volunteers of the North Cambridge Senior Center for all their time, energy, talents and generosity. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Ellen T. Donohue. Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership
12. Urge all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the Miller River Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 21, 2001, rain or shine, at the Miller River Apartments located at 15 Lambert Street. Councillor Decker
13. Congratulations to CRLS track coach Scott Cody on being named Boston Globe Division 1 Coach of the Year for 2000-2001. Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Decker
14. Thanks to the Royal Sonesta Hotel for their generous contribution to the El Salvador earthquake relief effort. Mayor Galluccio
15. Congratulations to Harvard Women's Hockey Co-Captain Jennifer Botterill on being awarded the Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award. Mayor Galluccio
16. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth Rabbitt. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

17. Congratulations to CRLS student Gwen Brown for making the AAU women's basketball tournament to be play in Ireland in the Summer of 2001. Councillor Decker
18. Congratulations to CRLS student Celina Vital for making the AAU women's basketball tournament to be play in Ireland in the Summer of 2001. Councillor Decker

ORDERS

1. Urge the Cambridge delegation to do everything in its power to ensure that the death penalty is not enacted in Massachusetts. Councillors Decker and Davis
2. Request for Cable, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee to hold a hearing with the cable office, CCTV and the library Media Department to discuss the roles each play in community cable, what channels they have access to and what the challenges each face with the goal of understanding how each department operates. Councillor Decker
3. Home rule petition to allow Cambridge to provide city employees the domestic partner benefits formerly available under the Domestic Partner Ordinance. Councillors Decker and Reeves
4. Types of mitigation available for small businesses that are impacted by the continued construction in the vicinity of lower Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Toomey
5. Provide the City Council with an update on the progress of the Riverside Study Committee. Councillors Decker and Braude
6. Ensure that the Inspectional Services Department be notified of all noise complaints made at construction sites. Councillor Davis
7. Report on all tax exempt properties in Cambridge, including location, owner, date property was removed from tax roll, valuation when last taxed and amount of in-lieu-of tax payment. Councillors Born, Braude, Sullivan and Vice Mayor Maher
8. Urge the Regional Truck Advisory Group to look for a solution to the truck problem and closure of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue to trucks be vigorously pursued. Councillor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee for a joint public meeting with the Finance Committee of the City Council and the Budget Subcommittee of the School Committee held on March 18, 2001 for a preliminary discussion of the Fiscal Year 2002 and School Budget.

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 March 27, 2001 to discuss training programs in the city and services offered to Cambridge residents.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 9

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

Special Recognition for a past member of the Police Review Board.

Wed, Apr 11

8:45am The Government Operations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss process for the evaluation of employees of the City Council. (Sullivan Chamber)

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 May 10 joint meeting. (if necessary) (Ackermann Room)

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)

Fri, Apr 20

12:00pm - 2:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive from city agencies dealing with conflict resolution the services offered and the methodology used to resolve the conflicts. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

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

Special recognition of Cambridge Mediators Presentation on rodent control

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)

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Apr 25

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will hold a public meeting to discuss the City Council goal of fostering community. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm The Health and Environment committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following:

6:00pm The Public Health Assessment

7:00pm Implementation of a plan for the establishment of permanent public toilet facilities. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 26

4:30pm 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)

7:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on the re-filed East Cambridge zoning petition. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting to discuss Playing Fields. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (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 The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on the Special District 8A zoning petition. This hearing is televised. (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)

6:00pm - 9:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Economic Development, Training, and Employment will jointly conduct a community meeting on Central Square. (Senior Center Ballroom, 806 Massachusetts Avenue)

Mon, May 14

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

Mon, May 21

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

Tues, May 22

6:00pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting to discuss changing the way the Mayor is selected. (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 Roundtable Meeting - Discussion with the Election Commission. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 13

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

Mon, June 18

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

Mon, June 25

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

Mon, July 30

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is a growing concern throughout the nation about the justice, fairness, effectiveness and humanness of the death penalty;

WHEREAS: There have been at least seventeen cases of persons erroneously convicted and condemned to die who were innocent and released, and many more cases of persons condemned to die who are mentally ill; and

WHEREAS: The State of Florida awarded two men \$500,000 each for their erroneous conviction and death sentence thirty years ago when another man confessed to the murders of which they had been convicted; and

WHEREAS: The Governor of Illinois, concerned about flaws in the death penalty system in that state, has announced that he will grant stays of execution until the system has been investigated thoroughly by a special commission; and

WHEREAS: There is ample evidence of racial disparity in the number of minorities on death row throughout the country; and

WHEREAS: The American Bar Association has concluded that administration of the death penalty is "a haphazard maze of unfair practices with no internal consistency;" and

WHEREAS: Every nation in Europe and the vast majority of the democratic nations of the world have abolished the death penalty and the United Nations Human Rights Commission has called for an international moratorium on executions; and

WHEREAS: The death penalty is an extreme, irreversible act of violent punishment carried out by the representatives of our government; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby goes on record urging the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation to work for a federal moratorium on the death penalty; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council goes on record urging the Cambridge delegation to do everything it can to be sure that the death penalty is not enacted in Massachusetts, particularly in this time of mounting evidence of the conviction and sentencing to death of innocent persons.

O-2. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the Cable, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing inviting the municipal cable office, CCTV and the library Media Department to discuss the various roles each play in community cables, what channels they have access to and what are the challenges each faces, with the goal of providing greater understanding of how each department operates, what their goals are and how they work together.

O-3. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare a home rule petition to allow Cambridge to provide to city employees the domestic partner benefits formerly available under the Domestic Partner Ordinance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the petition be returned to the City Council for its consideration within the next month.

O-4. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has recently come to the attention of this Council that due to the delays in the sewer separation project currently underway in the vicinity of lower Massachusetts Avenue, many small businesses are being severely impacted by lack of parking and access in the construction zone; and

WHEREAS: There is a second Public Works Project scheduled to commence in the vicinity in the very near future that will continue to impact these businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on what types of mitigation is available for small businesses that are being impacted by the continued construction in this area.

O-5. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with an update on the progress of the Riverside Study Committee; and be it further

ORDERED: That upon adoption this order be referred to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, along with the response, for a hearing.

O-6. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Emergency Communications Department receives complaints of noise at building sites; and

WHEREAS: Such complaints are frequently the responsibility of the Inspectional Services Department as well as the Police Department; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the Inspectional Services Department be notified of all noise complaints made at all construction sites.

O-7. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on all tax exempt properties in Cambridge except religious institutions; and be it further

ORDERED: That said report shall provide for each such property the location, the owner, the date the property was removed from the tax roll if applicable, the valuation when last taxed, and the amount of the in-lieu-of tax payment, if any.

O-8. April 9, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Regional Truck Advisory Group to look for a solution to the truck problem which is truly regional in scope and recognize that trucks passing through small residential streets continue to be a burden on the City of Cambridge including making it impossible for residents to open their windows and thereby posing a health risk; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the closure of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue to trucks be vigorously pursued.