

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-38, regarding the City's housing policy that includes moderate and middle income families and individuals.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-17, regarding the condition of brick sidewalks in Central Square.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Nos. 01-163 and 01-213, regarding maintenance and ownership of streetlights.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$517,995 from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to cover a portion of the cost of the Cambridgeport and Infiltration/Inflow projects.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,919,542 to provide funds for several sewer reconstruction projects.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$775,000 for renovations to the Taylor Square Fire Station.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$850,000 for extensive renovations to the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr./Fresh Pond Golf Course.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order Nos. 1, 2 and 3 passed at the Special Meeting on April 3, 2002, regarding Harvard's application for an easement/license to construct a below grade tunnel for the Center for Government & International Studies.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
2. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
3. Consent Communication #3 of Mar 18, 2002 regarding opposition to a curb cut application at the premises of 64 Garfield Street.
4. Consent Communication #6 of Mar 18, 2002 regarding opposition to a curb cut application at the premises of 64 Garfield Street.

5. Consent Communication #9 of Apr 22, 2002 regarding opposition to the proposed curb cut at 64 Garfield Street.
6. Consent Communication #10 of Apr 22, 2002 regarding opposition to the proposed curb cut at 64 Garfield Street.
7. Applications and Petitions #2 of Apr 22, 2002 on the application from Fleet Bank, requesting permission for one table and one chair at the premises numbered 727 Mass. Ave.  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To be used to sign up new checking accounts from time to time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. Petition from Harvard University requesting a sub-surface easement located between 1720 and 1737 Cambridge Street for the purpose of constructing an underground pedestrian and service tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Kar He. Inc. doing business as Sun Flower Restaurant, requesting permission to replace a pre-existing awning at the premises numbered 11 Belmont Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department, and abutters.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Paul G. Casino, Clerk of the Chelsea City Council, transmitting a resolution requesting Woodlawn Cemetery to replace the name plates on veterans' grave sites that were removed to facilitate grass cutting.
2. A communication was received from Walter Schoch, regarding the importance of Harvard and Cambridge's bond rating.
3. A communication was received from NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation, transmitting NSTAR Gas Company's Condensed Financial Return for year ended December 31, 2001.
4. A communication was received from NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation, transmitting Cambridge Electric Light Company's Condensed Financial Return for year ended December 31, 2001.
5. A communication was received from NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation, transmitting Boston Edison Company's Condensed Financial Return for year ended December 31, 2001.
6. A communication was received from the family of William Mumford, Jr., transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council.
7. A communication was received from Elie Yarden, transmitting opposition to the suppression of public dialog.

8. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding a council order.
9. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding the Harvard easement petition.
10. A Communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding COMCAST-AT&T Cable license.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Merry Fay Baldwin in receiving the 911 Dispatcher of the Year award. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
2. Expressing appreciation to Crystal Betts Knights for her twenty years of loyal and dedicated service at the Emergency Communications Centers. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
3. Recognizing May 8, 2002 as Korean Children's Day. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
4. Extending appreciation to Senator David Pryor and best wishes for a happy retirement. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
5. Resolution on the death of David J. Cushing. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
6. Congratulations to Ambassador Faith Whittlesey in receiving the Stratton Prize and wishing her continued success. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
7. Recognizing the *Long Road to Justice* project for helping people learn of this lost history. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
8. Congratulating ThoughtBridge and Miller Heiman on their new alliance and wishing them great success. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Daniel A. Grant, Jr. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
10. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth H. Tabor. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
11. Expressing appreciation to Patricia Riordan for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wishing her much happiness in her retirement. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
12. Expressing appreciation to Janet F. Lyman for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wishing her much happiness in her retirement. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
13. Expressing appreciation to Mary F. Lord for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wishing her much happiness in her retirement. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
14. Acknowledging the cross-cultural event of New England and Japan and wish HaruFest 2002 great success. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
15. Wishing Mary Walsh a Happy 50th Birthday. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
16. Thanking the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Cambridge Hospital for their dedication to women's health and for their organization of the 2002 Women's Health Forum on May 11, 2002. Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
17. Acknowledging the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center celebration in honor of Buddha's Birthday on Sunday, May 19, 2002 from 10:00am until 12noon. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
18. Resolution on the death of Herbert F. Shea. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
19. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth M. Courtney. Councillors Galluccio, Maher, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
20. Expressing best wishes to the wonderful Cambridge Community Chorus on the occasion of the Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 19th at 7:30pm at Harvard University's Saunders Theatre, 45 Quincy Street. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
21. Resolution on the death of Michael A. DeGuglielmo. Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
22. Resolution on the death of Nancy Ingersoll. Councillor Maher and entire membership
23. Supporting Haitian Heritage Month and the event, which will take place on Sunday, May 12, 2002 at 1:30pm in Mattapan Square. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
24. Thanking those involved in the development and implementation of the Charles River Master Plan and the Memorial Drive Demonstration Project. Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
25. Urging all residents to be cognizant of and participate in the reception to honor adult learners and volunteer tutors of the Cambridge Public Library Literacy Project. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
26. Congratulating Executive Director, Robyn Thieringer and staff of the Cambridge Office of Tourism on their new Cambridge Video. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
27. Congratulating Jubi Headley on his new appointment as the Director of Communications for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Councillor Reeves and entire membership

28. Congratulating Cheryl M. Headley and Garry Art Moore on their engagement. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
29. Resolution on the death of Roger J. May. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
30. Extending congratulations to the 2002 Award Winners of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillors Murphy, Maher and entire membership
31. Welcoming the talented composer and musicians of MISA TANGO to Cambridge on Its annual Spring Concert, which will be held on May 19, 2002. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
32. Commending the Somerville Journal and urging gay and lesbian couples in Cambridge to submit union announcements to the Cambridge Chronicle. Councillor Murphy and entire membership

#### **ORDERS**

1. City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to encourage residents who have driveways to utilize them and leave on street parking spaces for residents who must use these parking spaces. Councillor Maher
2. City Manager is requested to look into the Community Greens Program for possible implementation in Cambridge neighborhoods. Vice Mayor Davis
3. City Manager is requested to investigate the Renewable Energy Fund for possible use for building and renovation of city buildings. Vice Mayor Davis
4. City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) green energy initiative. Vice Mayor Davis
5. City Manager is requested to utilize all available methods, in addition to the Internet, to publicize the new EZRide Shuttle service. Vice Mayor Davis
6. Expressing strong opposition to proposal now before the State Legislature to exempt communities that do not vote to accept the Community Preservation Act from payment of the deeds excise tax. Mayor Sullivan and Councillor Murphy
7. City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development, the Commissioner of Public Works and other relevant staff to collaborate on an initiative to step up the promotion of public and private greenspace enhancement throughout tile city. Councillor Reeves

8. City Council go on record in opposition to the community grant funds being diverted to anti-terrorism efforts. Councillors Maher, Murphy, Davis, Decker, Galluccio, Reeves, Simmons, Mayor Sullivan, and Councillor Toomey [This was previously listed as Resolution #33]

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on April 17, 2002 for the purpose of discussing the committee's agenda for the term.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Marilyn Y. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary to the School Committee, transmitting a copy of a resolution that authorizes the Superintendent to grant high school diplomas to all students who meet the requirements for graduation regardless of their MCAS Test score.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, May 6**

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues. May 7**

9:00am The **Human Services Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss out-of-school-time programs. (Ackermann Room)

##### **Wed, May 8**

10:30am The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY03 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs. May 9**

6:00pm The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY03 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon. May 13**

5:00pm *Special Presentation* to the winners of the "Go Green Business Awards." (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, May 14**

3:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee** will conduct a public meeting for discussion of meeting with the Planning Board, tour of additional sites presenting planning issues, neighborhood study updates, planning that emphasizes green space and forest-like areas near dense development, a planning study of the Alewife Triangle and any other business that may come before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

**Wed. May 15**

4:00pm The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY03 City Budget. (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

**Fri. May 17**

1:00pm The **Government Operations Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of coordination of a citizen satisfactory survey and the upcoming election. (Ackermann Room)

**Mon. May 20**

5:00pm *Special Presentation* by the award recipients of the Cambridge Partnership for Public Education Mini-Grants. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)  
At the conclusion of City Council meeting, the **University Relations Committee** will conduct a brief public working meeting to discuss the May 28, 2002 meeting of the University Relations Committee. No public comment. (Ackermann Room)

**Thurs, May 23**

8:30am - 11:00am The **Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the "Buy Cambridge Initiative." (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, May 28**

9am-1pm The **University Relations Committee** will hold a facilitated meeting on city university relations with participation of representatives from Harvard University and MIT. (Site to be announced)

**Wed, May 29**

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

**Mon, June 3**

5:30pm **Roundtable Meeting** - Public Health infrastructure and infant mortality rate. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which time no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues June 4**

3:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee** will conduct a public meeting for discussion of meeting with the Planning Board, tour of additional sites presenting planning issues, neighborhood study updates, planning that emphasizes green space and forest-like areas near dense development, a planning study of the Alewife Triangle. (Ackermann Room)

**Mon. June 10**

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 17**

5:00pm *Special Presentation* to Retire Police Captain Alfred Lange in recognition of his heroism during a holdup on May 4, 1957. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, June 18**

3:00pm The **Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee** will conduct a public meeting for discussion of meeting with the Planning Board, tour of additional sites presenting planning issues, neighborhood study updates, planning that emphasizes green space and forest-like areas near dense development, a planning study of the Alewife Triangle. (Ackermann Room)

**Thurs, June 20**

11:00am The **Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the youth summit, the business directories, the Buy Cambridge Initiative and any other general business that comes before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

**Mon. June 24**

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, July 29**

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

**Mon. Sept 9**

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 23**

5:30pm **City Council** meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 30**

5:30pm **Roundtable Meeting** - Informal meeting with no public comment, at which time no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

0-1. May 6, 2002

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Parking in Cambridge is scarce; and

WHEREAS: Some property owners are fortunate enough to have driveways and do not need to park their vehicles on the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to develop a plan to encourage residents who have driveways to utilize them and leave on street parking spaces for residents who must use these parking space.

0-2. May 6, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: It is an expressed goal of this City Council to foster community, and a community value to promote a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS: Communities throughout the United States, including Montgomery Park in Boston, are promoting community, open space, and a healthy environment through an initiative known as Community Greens,

which encourages creation of shared parks in urban blocks (see attached information); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the Community Greens Program for possible implementation in Cambridge neighborhoods; and be it further

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

0-3. May 6, 2002  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the Renewable Energy Fund for possible use for building and renovation of city buildings; and be it further

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

0-4. May 6, 2002  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) green energy initiative, including reporting back on a recent survey that the MMA conducted to measure interest in green power In cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth.

0-5. May 6, 2002  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to utilize all available methods, in additional to the Internet, to publicize the new EZRide Shuttle service to residents of Cambridge who reside along the shuttle route.

0-6. May 6, 2002  
MAYOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing strong opposition to a proposal now before the State Legislature to exempt communities that do not vote to accept the Community Preservation Act from payment of the deeds excise tax; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is request to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to the State House.

0-7. May 6, 2002  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The density of the building patterns in Cambridge, Is increasing-, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with tile Assistant City Manager of Community Development, the Commissioner of Public Works and other relevant staff to collaborate on an initiative to step up the promotion of public and private greenspace enhancement throughout the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That consideration be given to how best to involve the State Department of Environmental Affairs in such an initiative.

O-8. May 6, 2002  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
MAYOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the funding for law enforcement grants will be cut; these funds diverted to anti-terrorism efforts; and

WHEREAS: At the local level one of the grants affected is the Law Enforcement Block Grant which allows cities and towns to make program decisions based on needs; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge these block grant funds support mobile computing and community subgrants for crime prevention, and grants for the Life Skills Program in the elementary schools to combat substance abuse and promote healthy life choices, the Community Dispute Settlement Center, Cambridge Camping, Outward Bound, Girl's LEAP and CASPAR Peer Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS: COPS Office another grant awarded by the Department of Justice provides funds for domestic violence outreach and training program in neighborhoods where English is a second language, for hiring more police officers on the beat and for the problem solving partnership grants; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to these community grant funds being diverted to anti-terrorism efforts; 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 Massachusetts Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON MCAS

April 23, 2002

WHEREAS: The 1993 Education Reform Act of the General Laws of Massachusetts states that the system for determining academic competencies, "...shall employ a variety of assessment instruments. As much as is practicable, especially in the case of students whose performance is difficult to assess using conventional methods, such instruments shall include consideration of work samples, projects, and shall facilitate authentic and direct gauges of student performance"; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System Test (MCAS Test) does not support different styles of learning, communicating or demonstrating student performance; and WHEREAS: The State Department of Education has put forth a policy that would deny high school diplomas to students who fail the MCAS Test, regardless of their other academic achievements and competencies as demonstrated by other assessment instruments; and

WHEREAS: There is no proven, educational rationale for basing high school graduation or any grade promotion on performance in a single, standardized test, regardless of how many times the test is administered; and WHEREAS: The denial of high school diplomas is a discriminatory consequence that will fall disproportionately upon those families who are too poor to send their children to private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS: The anticipated consequences of the MCAS Test will harm students by increasing high school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS: The MCAS Test is not adequately sensitive to the circumstances of special education students, students entering the public schools from households that speak a first language other than standard English, and students whose immediate aims focus on employment rather than higher education; and

WHEREAS: The standards of achievement set by the MCAS Test alone are on their face arbitrary as demonstrated by the fact that easier tests are administered to those who fail; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge School Committee has the legal responsibility to award diplomas to students who have fulfilled local requirements for graduation in order to recognize their academic achievement and permit their further education and employment, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee will continue to uphold the legal and educational standards established by the 1993 Education Reform Act; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee continues to support testing when it is used as one of a variety of assessment instruments; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee authorizes the Superintendent to grant high school diplomas to all students who meet the requirements for graduation regardless of her or his MCAS Test score; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee directs the Superintendent to develop a method of integrating the competency assessments from the MCAS Test and not the score of the MCAS Test, into the portfolio of direct and authentic assessment, and that this method be presented to the Cambridge School Committee for discussion by February, 2004; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That this resolution shall be communicated to the Cambridge City Council, the members of our State House delegation, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.