

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-132, regarding traffic calming on Cushing Street.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-131, regarding a report on re-siting a drug store at the former location of Huron Drug.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Weed, et al Rezoning Petition to change that area now zoned Residence C-1, to Residence A-2.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a revised version of the proposed amendment to the text of Section 20.100 of the Zoning Ordinance relating to the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District submitted by the Planning Board.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request to authorize the disposition of an aerial easement for a permanent canopy structure to be placed at the front of premises located at 350 Third Street in Kendall Square and authorize the diminution of the full disposition process.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer from the General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance Account for \$2,725 to the Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account for the purpose of funding license agreements with three companies which would license public performances of renditions of musical compositions in the repertory of these companies.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-119, regarding a report on sidewalk snow removal program, specifically the provisions for non-income eligible residents and income eligibility requirements
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-07, regarding the timing of the traffic lights at the intersection of Rindge Avenue and Route 16.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$670 from the General Fund Public Celebrations Department Travel and Training account to the Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance account for the purchase of general and administrative supplies to support Arts Council activities.

ON THE TABLE

1. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-137 of December 22, 2003, regarding a report on the number of investment managers for the pension fund with the list to reflect the number of women-owned and minority-owned investment managers.

2. Placed on Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan relative to Committee Report #1 of March 7, 2005 from the University Relations Committee, for a meeting held on February 8, 2005 to discuss the M.I.T. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).
3. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons on April 11, 2005 on an order adopted relative to a communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, transmitting a recommendation from the License Commission to deny a jitney license application from Nautical Tours, Inc.
4. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Toomey on May 9, 2005 on an order requesting the City Solicitor draft a home rule petition to amend the City Charter to provide for popular election of the Mayor in the next municipal election.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after February 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on March 9, 2005 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Section 6.12 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the requirement for providing parking in existing buildings with new additions and/or new uses. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after April 18, 2005. Planning Board hearing held April 5, 2005. Planning Board Report received May 9, 2005. Petition expires June 7, 2005.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order for the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 for the renovation of several City buildings including City Hall, Coffon Building, Senior Center, and Area IV Youth Center. The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2005.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to order for the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$10,365,840 to continue sewer reconstruction projects in the Fresh Pond / Alewife, Harvard Square, Cherry Street / South Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridgeport areas of the City. The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2005.

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order for the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$6,000,000 for the acquisition of a parcel or parcels of land and buildings thereon at a site for the West Cambridge Youth and Community Center. The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2005.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Phatt Boys, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 50 Church Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert W. Varney, Regional Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, regarding environmental issues should be a priority at municipal Departments of Public Works (DPWs).
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding city policy.
3. A communication was received from Kevin Hill, submitting copies of requests for documents on the negotiations with Riverside neighborhood residents, Harvard and the City Council.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Support for the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall, at Everett Memorial Stadium from July 2 - July 6, 2005 with viewing hours from 10:00am to 9:00pm. Mayor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth Voto. Councillor Toomey
3. Appreciation to the East Cambridge Savings Bank for its continued participation with Cambridge Rindge and Latin School in providing education and training to students interested in the banking field. Mayor Sullivan
4. Resolution on the death of Robert A. Leary. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher, Councillor Galluccio
5. Resolution on the death of Sister Alberta Horrigan. Mayor Sullivan
6. Congratulations to Reverend Brian Green on being elevated to Bishop at the **Pentecostal Tabernacle**. Mayor Sullivan
7. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Senate President Robert Travaglini. Mayor Sullivan
8. Resolution on the death of Robert K. Battle. Mayor Sullivan
9. Support for the LEAP for ART Silent Auction on Thursday, May 19, 2005 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm at Genzyme, 500 Kendall Street, Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
10. Congratulations to WHERE Magazine on its 18th Annual Silver Plume Awards. Mayor Sullivan
11. Congratulations to Betty Bardige on her new book, At A Loss For Words: How America Is Failing Our

- Children and What We Can Do About It and proclaim Tuesday, June 7, 2005 as Betty Bardige Day in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Michael Postal. Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Aaron Cepeda, Sr. Vice Mayor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Lawrence Philippon. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Gary Eckhart, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Corporal Dustin Derga. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Stephen Saxton. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Lance Graham. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael Marzano. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant William Brooks. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Captain Kelly Hinz. Vice Mayor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Petty Officer Third Class Jeffrey Wiener. Vice Mayor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant John McGee. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Major John Spahr. Vice Mayor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Edward F. Sheehan, Jr. Mayor Sullivan
26. Resolution on the death of Madeline M. Cardillo. Mayor Sullivan
27. Resolution on the death of Anthony J. Janunas. Mayor Sullivan
28. Support for the sixth annual Elder Fair in honor of Older Americans Month. Mayor Sullivan
29. Congratulations to John Schmitt for his years of service to the children of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Decker
30. Congratulations to the Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Cambridge, located at the former Our Lady of Pity Church on Rindge Avenue in North Cambridge, on its building dedication service on Saturday, June 4, 2005, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Councillor Galluccio
31. Congratulations to Kenya Pavon, Youth Activities Coordinator at the Gately Youth Center, for being honored by the Easter Seals for her work with the inclusion policy for children with disabilities and her commitment to all Cambridge youth. Vice Mayor Decker
32. Congratulations to Jerry Bernardo, Program Director at the Gately Youth Center, on being honored by the Easter Seals for his work with the inclusion policy for children with disabilities, and for his commitment to all Cambridge youth. Vice Mayor Decker

33. Congratulations to Meghan McCabe, Youth Center Director at the Gately Youth Center, for being honored by Easter Seals for her work with the inclusion policy for children with disabilities, and her commitment to all Cambridge youth. Vice Mayor Decker
34. Congratulations to Kathy Bozzuti-Jones for receiving her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Christian Ethics from Boston College. Councillor Reeves
35. Resolution on the death of Marguerite M. Mahoney. Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
36. Congratulations to Raibur Rahman on placing third in the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers 3rd Annual Ralph Salvucci Online Bridge Design Competition. Mayor Sullivan
37. Congratulations to CASPAR, Inc. on its thirty-fifth anniversary. Mayor Sullivan
38. Resolution on the death of John T. Mahoney, Jr. Mayor Sullivan
39. Resolution on the death of Annette T. Murphy. Mayor Sullivan
40. Resolution on the death of Anthony J. Bongiorno. Mayor Sullivan
41. Resolution on the death of Genevieve Moscatel. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
42. Congratulations to the Harvard University Baseball Team on winning the 2005 Ivy League Baseball Championship. Mayor Sullivan
43. Resolution on the death of Ann L. Martin. Mayor Sullivan
44. Applauding the Senior Volunteer Award recipients and volunteer agencies that utilize their services at a Senior Recognition Award Ceremony on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at the Citywide Senior Center. Councillor Davis
45. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Holly Hatch. Mayor Sullivan
46. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Carol Lawlor. Mayor Sullivan
47. Congratulations to Denise Scott Brown on receiving the 2005 Radcliffe Institute Medal. Mayor Sullivan
48. Congratulations to the Class of 2005 North Cambridge Catholic High School. Mayor Sullivan
49. Welcome to Eleanor Clift, contributing editor of Newsweek Magazine, the keynote speaker at the Ninth Annual Eleanor Roosevelt Celebration of the Declaration of Universal Human Rights. Mayor Sullivan
50. Happy Birthday wishes to Councillor Henrietta Davis and Lena James. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Galluccio
51. Happy Birthday wishes to Lena James. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Galluccio

ORDERS

1. Support for Utility Workers Local 369 in their negotiations with NSTAR. Councillor Murphy
2. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Public Works Commissioner, the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to develop and implement a traffic calming plan for River Street as soon as possible. Councillor Reeves
3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner with the view of increasing enforcement of speed limits and other traffic laws on River Street. Councillor Reeves
4. The special committee appointed by the City Manager to assist property owners with increasing property taxes is requested to consider the steps necessary to implement an assessment cap that would cap at 10% annually the property taxes on a home and also requested to consider recommending an immediate doubling of the senior exemption. Councillor Reeves
5. The special committee appointed by the City Manager to assist property owners with increasing property taxes is requested to include in its recommendations that the City take steps to inform senior taxpayers that with appropriate language in the trust document they can maintain their owner occupied senior exemption after they have put their home in a trust. Councillor Reeves
6. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Department of Public Works plant to plant more flowers at Vellucci Park. Mayor Sullivan
7. The City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate department to install signage on Massachusetts Avenue which identifies the location of the Churchill Avenue Senior Housing Development. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Murphy
8. The City Manager is requested to take appropriate steps to acquire the right-of-way that is being abandoned by the railroad called "Watertown Branch" which runs along the perimeter of Fresh Pond and creates an opportunity for a bike path and walkway. Councillor Davis, Mayor Sullivan
9. Dedication of a plaque on a bench at the corner of Western Avenue and Massachusetts in honor of Richard Lee, Jr. Councillor Reeves, Mayor Sullivan
10. City Manager is requested to forward the draft proposal being prepared by the Pedestrian Committee on the height of fences to the Public Works, Inspectional Services and the Law Department for their recommendations; said recommendations be forwarded back to the Pedestrian Committee by the end of June. Councillor Davis and Councillor Murphy
11. City Manager is requested to notify the Postmaster that there is no parking on sidewalks in the area around the Central Square Post Office. Councillor Davis

12. City Manager is requested to arrange a meeting with the Law Department and the appropriate staff at the School Department to develop a plan for filing, investigating and settling claims filed by School Department employees. Councillor Toomey
13. City Council approves payment of claims against the City of Cambridge in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the report of May 16, 2005 Claims Committee in the total sum of \$2,849.53. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Galluccio

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on March 29, 2005 to review the present status of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan for the W. R. Grace Alewife site on file with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, in particular W. R. Grace's proposed exit strategy and the community response.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on April 5, 2005 to discuss creating an advisory board for a "Healthy Living Campaign" that promotes physical activity as well as healthy eating.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on April 6, 2005 for the purpose of considering a petition by Joan O'Connor et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance to make the Mount Auburn Hospital Institutional District Zoning applicable to the Residence C-3 part of the hospital site as well as the Residence C-1 portion.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on April 6, 2005 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by Joanne Wilbert Weed et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning from Residence C-1 to Residence A-2 in an area bordered by Willard Street, Foster Street, Sparks Street and the C-2 district along Mt. Auburn Street.
5. 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 April 28, 2005 to discuss pedestrian priorities and any and all matters that may properly come before the committee.
6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Chair of the Claims Committee, for a meeting held on May 10, 2005 to consider claims filed against the city.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 18

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on an amendment prepared in response to City Council Order #6 of November 22, 2004. The amendment would change Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that adequate parking is provided when new uses are accommodated in an existing building. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:45pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a petition filed by Joanne Wilbert Weed, et al., requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to change a Residence C-1 District to Residence A-2 District, bordered by Willard Street, Foster Street, Sparks Street and the C-2 District along Mount Auburn Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a petition filed by Joan E. O'Connor, et al., requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the applicability of the Mount Auburn Hospital Institutional District to the whole of the site of the Mount Auburn Hospital, having an address of 330 Mount Auburn Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

1:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to evaluate the needs of the Cambridge homeless, particularly the Harvard Square population. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:00pm Special Presentation - Recognition of Just-A-Start/Cambridge Savings Affordable Housing Partnership (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

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

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 22

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the text of Section 20.100 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance relating to the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District from the Planning Board. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Planning Board's proposed rezoning of the Concord Alewife area. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

Mon, Sept 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 16, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of Utility Workers Local 369 in their negotiations with NSTAR and urging NSTAR to focus on improving service and maintaining the deteriorating and dangerous electrical grid instead of seeking massive concessions from workers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Thomas May, CEO of NSTAR on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 May 16, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: If there is a major thoroughfare in Cambridge that lends itself to traffic calming, that thoroughfare is River Street; and

WHEREAS: At rush hour, River Street from Memorial Drive to Central Square becomes a heavy traffic speedway which pedestrians must risk life and limb to cross; and

WHEREAS: The street really should receive prompt and appropriate attention from the City's traffic calming team; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Works Commissioner, the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to develop and implement a traffic calming plan for River Street as soon as possible.

O-3 May 16, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner with the view of increasing enforcement of speed limits and other traffic laws on River Street.

O-4 May 16, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: A special committee has been appointed by the City Manager to consider all potential mechanisms to assist property owners who are having difficulties with the burdens of property taxes that are increasing as the value of property in Cambridge continues to rise dramatically; and

WHEREAS: These burdens fall especially heavily upon long term and elderly taxpayers who are often living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS: In Washington D.C., the local government has implemented an assessment cap which limits the annual increase to property taxes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Special Committee be and hereby is requested to consider the steps necessary to implement an assessment cap that would cap at 10% annually the property taxes on a home; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Special Committee be and hereby is also requested to consider recommending an immediate doubling of the senior exemption.

O-5 May 16, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: A special committee has been appointed by the City Manager to consider all potential mechanisms to assist property owners who are having difficulties with the burdens of property taxes that are increasing as the value of property in Cambridge continues to rise dramatically; and

WHEREAS: These burdens fall especially heavily upon long term and elderly taxpayers who are often living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS: Currently, if seniors put their homes in a form of trust ownership, which many do as a part of estate planning, they lose their owner occupancy senior exemption unless the trust is worded in such a way as to provide that the seniors retain an ownership interest; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Special Committee be and hereby is requested to include in its recommendations, the recommendation that the City take steps to inform senior taxpayers that with appropriate language in the trust document, they can maintain their owner occupied senior exemption after they have put their home in a trust.

O-6 May 16, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Department of Public Works to plant more flowers at Vellucci Park.

O-7 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate department to install signage on Massachusetts Avenue which identifies the location of the Churchill Avenue Senior Housing Development.

O-8 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take appropriate steps to acquire the right-of-way that is being abandoned by the railroad called "Watertown Branch" which runs along the perimeter of Fresh Pond and creates an opportunity for a bike path and walkway.

O-9 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a plaque on a bench at the corner of Western Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue in memory of Richard Lee, Jr.; and be it further

ORDERED: 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 plaque.

O-10 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward the draft proposal being prepared by the Pedestrian Committee on the height of fences to the Public Works, Inspectional Services and the Law Department for their recommendations; said recommendations be forwarded back to the Pedestrian Committee by the end of June.

O-11 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the Postmaster that there is no parking on sidewalks in the area around the Central Square Post Office.

O-12 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange a meeting with the Law Department and the appropriate staff at the School Department to develop a plan for filing, investigating and settling claims filed by School Department employees.

O-13 May 16, 2005
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby approves payment of claims against the City of Cambridge in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the report of May 16, 2005 Claims Committee in the total sum of \$2,849.53.