

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2001:
Michael LaRosa, With Power
118 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Awaiting Report Item Number 01-151, regarding a report on developing a plan to implement extended evening office hours one night a week and closing early on Fridays.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Cynthia Griffin as the Purchasing Agent for the City of Cambridge, effective June 18, 2001.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Consent Agenda #24 of June 18, 2001 regarding the Eastern Cambridge Rezoning Petition.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Applications and Petitions #4 of June 18, 2001 regarding a petition received from Elizabeth W. Birk et al., to amend sections of the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance and zoning map for Eastern Cambridge.

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.
9. Committee Report #1 of April 23, 2001 regarding a meeting held on March 27, 2001 for the purpose of discussing whether a zoning prohibition of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 zoning districts is consistent with the City's goal of promoting affordable housing.

10. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
11. An order introduced by Councillor Decker regarding increasing the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million dollars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning of East Cambridge proposed as part of the Citywide Rezoning package and refiled as a separate petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 28, 2001. The deadline for this petition is July 25, 2001.
13. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in Special District 8 in Cambridgeport submitted by the Planning Board. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 28, 2001. The deadline for this petition is August 27, 2001.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Two applications were received from Cambridge Carnival International, requesting permission to hang two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Karen Swaim Babin, Managing Member BKKSB, LLC, requesting permission for a sign on an awning at the premises numbered 2350 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.
3. An application was received from Karen Swaim Babin, Managing Member BKKSB, LLC, requesting permission for a canopy at the premises numbered 2350 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), transmitting a copy of DEP's letter to Joseph J. Joseph regarding W.R. Grace excavating a utility trench at 62 Whittemore Avenue.
2. A communication was received from Frank R. Gorgone, City of Newton Chief of Police, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on the occasion of his retirement.
3. A communication was received from David J. Villandry, City of Cambridge Physical Education Teacher, transmitting gratitude for the City Council resolution congratulating him on winning the Crystal Award for Preeminence in Teaching.

4. A communication was received from Representative Alice K. Wolf, regarding House No. 2613 extending health-care benefits to the domestic partners of all state and municipal employees which will be heard on Tues, June 26, 2001 at 1:00pm in room A-2 before the Joint Committee on Public Service.
5. A communication was received from Bill Ravanese, Health Care Without Harm, Newton, MA urging the City to require tenting and venting and meaningful sampling standards for the proposed trench work at W.R. Grace.
6. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Assistant Commissioner/City Engineer, transmitting notification of a new address of 64 Church Street.
7. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, regarding the Cambridge Commission on the Handicapped.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Tracy Gibbs as she assumes her role as a Minister of the Gospel. Councillor Reeves
2. Retirement of Myrtle Byars from the School Department. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
3. Get well wishes to Ruth Hamilton. Councillor Reeves
4. Resolution on the death of Bernard Kelly Flannery. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
5. Resolution on the death of Antonio I. Couto. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
6. Thanks to the members of the Joint Taxation Committee for their interest and concern in House Bill 4139 and Senate Bill 1870, legislation designed to allow cities and towns to continue to collect tax revenue from nonprofit organizations when such an organization makes a major purchase of property in a locality. Mayor Galluccio
7. Thanks to Julia Child for her help in making the Express Yourself marketing campaign a success. Councillor Davis
8. Thanks to Harvey Cox for his help in making the Express Yourself marketing campaign a success. Councillor Davis
9. Thanks to Wanetta Jackson for her help in making the Express Yourself marketing campaign a success. Councillor Davis
10. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Bridget Spera Hill. Councillor Toomey
11. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Aimee Baum. Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Maher
12. Resolution on the death of Joyce M. Frisoli. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
13. Best wishes for a strong recovery to Raymond Bandar. Councillor Reeves
14. Best wishes to Julia Child on her relocation to California. Vice Mayor Maher
15. Congratulations to John and Brenda Roger on the birth of their daughter Abigail. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Dedicate a suitable location in honor of George Byars, Sr. Councillor Reeves
2. Review the tree branches which overhang utility wires near the corner of Green and Bay Streets. Councillor Reeves
3. Parking problems in the area of the Kendall Square Cinema. Councillor Reeves
4. Defect of sidewalk and road in front of Abundant Life Church on Howard Street. Councillor Reeves
5. Investigate the closing of the Cambridge Nursing Home. Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Sullivan
6. Status report on the construction that is taking place in Area Four. Councillor Reeves
7. Review and assessment of the proposed trenching project at the W.R. Grace site. Mayor Galluccio

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 May 17, 2001 for the purpose of discussing a proposal in the budget for a new office for citizen information and services.
2. 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 meeting held on May 29, 2001 for the proposal for a creation of a new office for citizen information and services, the Cambridge Information Center as a cooperative effort of the City Council and the City Manager's Office.
3. 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 May 30, 2001 for the purpose of discussing extended day programs, afterschool programs, youth centers and other out of school time programs.

4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee for a meeting held on June 8, 2001 for the purpose of making a recommendation on the position of the City Auditor.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 27

12:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss cable issues affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Friday, June 29

12:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment will conduct a public meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of the high school to discuss the School to Careers Program and to present the survey results entitled "Education and Skill for New Cambridge Economy. Patterns of Employment in New Economic Sectors." (Ackermann Room)

Wed, July 11

5:30pm - 7:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting on MIT and community based organizations they support in Area IV and plans for Tech Square. Location to be announced

Wed, July 18

The Ordinance Committee will conduct the following public hearings:

2:30pm To consider the Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Ordinance, which expires in November. (Ackermann Room)

3:30pm To consider the proposed ordinance to establish a Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee in the event that the CPA is approved by the voters. (Ackermann Room)

5:00pm On the Special District 4 and 4A (Alewife area) zoning petition. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm On the ECAPS zoning petition. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

7:00pm On the Birk et al., zoning petition. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, July 25

4:00pm - 6:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion on mediation services and resources. (Ackermann Room)

7:00pm - 9:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the draft recommendation on the Regional Truck Study. (Senior Center Ballroom, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Mon, July 30

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (CRLS, 459 Broadway, Media Cafeteria)

Wed, Sept 5

4:30pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 12

4:30pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 25

4:30pm Ordinance Committee (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 10

4:30pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1. June 25, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: George Byars, Sr. was a dutiful son of Cambridge who served with distinction as a leader of the Cambridge Fire Department, serving in the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS: George Byars, Sr. was a man of remarkable intelligence, diligence and integrity. He served as a firefighter at a time when he as a man of color was unusual as a member of the Cambridge Fire Department; and

WHEREAS: George Byars, Sr. kept his own counsel and presented the world a head that was unbowed and a face that did not scowl. He was a consummate gentleman who defined dignity for all who knew him; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge remembers George Byars, Sr. as a man of honor who labored here, kept to his family here, was a model citizen here and here he will be long remembered; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in honor of this remarkable man; 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-2. June 25, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Near the corner of Green Street and Bay Street there are tree branches which overhang the utility wires. Residents report that they are fearful that unless the branches are addressed by the City Arborist, problems may occur; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Arborist to review the trees at this location for appropriate action.

O-3. June 25, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Residents of Union Street indicate that it has become virtually impossible to park within four blocks of their home. Residents say that the Kendall Square Cinema patrons tend not to park in the paid parking and therefore park on the street to the detriment of the neighborhood residents. According to residents, they must race home on Saturdays to park before 6:00pm and not move their cars for the duration of the evening. Residents say that they feel "imprisoned" when they must not use their cars in the evenings because if they return before midnight, they must park four or more blocks from their place of residence; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Dept. of Traffic, Transportation and Parking to do something to assist with the above-described problem. Some means of addressing neighborhood concerns by:

1. Convening a neighborhood meeting, including the theater ownership, at which parking and how residents may have potentially some reduced cost use of the lot;
2. How can the theater be requested to increase the number of patrons who use the garage; and
3. Determine if residential parking is appropriately restricted and if ticketing enforcement is an element of the solution to the residents concerned.

O-4. June 25, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Howard Street is one of the city's older streets near the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: On Howard Street directly in front of the Abundant Life Church, there is an opening in the asphalt paving which is sizable and an opening which is hazardous and which people have stepped into, tripped and fallen; and

WHEREAS: Also on Howard Street, there is a portion of concrete sidewalk which has been raised by an abutting tree. The sidewalk is therefore uneven and can cause pedestrians to trip and fall; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to review these areas on Howard Street and to address them with dispatch.

O-5. June 25, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the closing of the Cambridge Nursing Home and report back to the City Council on its findings; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report include what steps are being taken to work with patients and their families to service their needs.

O-6. June 25, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a status report on the construction that is taking place in Area Four.

O-7. June 25, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate City, State, and Federal officials regarding on-going review and assessment of the proposed trenching project at the WR Grace site and report back to this City Council no later than the mid-summer meeting scheduled for July 30, 2001.