

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting an appropriation of \$42,000 in the Grant Fund of the Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the National Endowment for the Arts for the Arts Council to produce a national conference on Public Art Conservation.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting an appropriation of \$54,027 in the Grant Fund of the Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Mass Cultural Council to allow the Arts Council to re-grant Cambridge artists and arts organizations for presenting the Arts to the Cambridge community.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$35,000 from the Water Fund Water Department Salary & Wages Account to the Water Department Travel & Training Account (Judgement & Damages) to provide funds to cover a lump sum settlement.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$110,000 from the General Fund Finance Department MIS Salary & Wages Account to the Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$75,000) and the Travel & Training Account (\$35,000) to provide funds to retain outside expertise to assist the MIS Department with four vacancies and to increase training for existing departmental employees.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Born regarding Policy Order #25 relative to reaffirmation of a "No Net Loss of Open Space Policy" in the City of Cambridge.

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2. Consent Agenda #7 of July 31, 2000, relative to the Report on the Disposition of the North Cambridge VFW.
3. Consent Agenda #14 of 9/11/2000, relative to the Final Study Report for designating the Park House Hotel, 1-5 Cedar Square/39 Cedar Street/1-3 McLean Place, as a protected landmark.
4. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).

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5. Relative to considering an amendment to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge entitled "Historical Buildings and Landmarks" by inserting a subsection at the end of Section 2.78.050. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 20, 1999.

6. Relative to the Jack Prescott Loose, et al Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance by implementing an 18 month building moratorium for the area bordered by Memorial Drive, DeWolfe Street, Mount Auburn Street, Putnam Avenue and River Street. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after September 25, 2000. The deadline for this petition is October 21, 2000.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A petition was received from John R. Moot, et al., to amend the Zoning Ordinance by extending the IPOP from October 2, 2000 to Monday, April 2, 2001, inclusive.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Kathy A. Spiegelman, Associate Vice President for Planning and Real Estate, transmitting written opposition to the petition of Jack Prescott Loose, et al, to an 18 month building moratorium for the area bordered by Memorial Drive, Dewolfe Street, Mount Auburn Street, Putnam Avenue And River Street; as owner of 19.5 acres of land in affected area.
2. A communication was received from Janet Axelrod, Cambridge Library Board of Trustees, relative to an application for funding under the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program for a construction grant for renovation, expansion and new construction of library facilities.
3. A communication was received from Red and Barbara Sciola, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.
4. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, requesting activation of the City Yard Sale as an act for empowering a city-wide spirit of community.
5. A communication was received from Craig A. Kelley, Esq., Vice Chair, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, requesting that the Traffic and Parking Committee make the junction of Dover Street, Massachusetts Avenue and Hollis Street in North Cambridge safer and that the pedestrian walk light at the junction of Beech Street and Mass. Ave be re-timed.
6. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, relative to the "Report on the progress of the implementation of the ADA in Cambridge."

RESOLUTIONS

1. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Corrine Jacobs. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
2. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Larry Burke. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

3. Happy 70th Birthday to Sonny Reale. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
4. Resolution on the death of Francis Jack. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
5. Resolution on the death of Linda Ann (Rodrigues) Grinda. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
6. Resolution on the death of Manuel Morais Sousa. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
7. Resolution on the death of Veronica J. "Vera" (Tasonis) Johnson. Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership
8. Resolution on the death of Maria Sao Jose DaSilva. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Laura T. (Medeiros) Pacheco. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
10. Recognition of David Wieneke for his contributions in implementing the Massachusetts Community Network. Councillor Toomey
11. Congratulations to Derek Breau and Bob Carey for the successful program of the Massachusetts Golf Association. Mayor Galluccio
12. Support for the Alzheimer's Association's 8th Annual Memory Walk at Canal Park at the Cambridge Side Galleria on Sunday, September 24, 2000. Mayor Galluccio
13. Cambridge Business Development Center will offer workshop, "Getting Started in Business" on October 2, 2000. Mayor Galluccio
14. ACM SIGDOC and IPCC will host a conference, Technology and Teamwork, September 24-27, 2000 at the Boston Marriott Cambridge Hotel and MIT in Cambridge. Mayor Galluccio
15. Cambridge College, Neighbors for a Better Community, Inc. and Cambridge Health Alliance will introduce a New Medical Interpreters Training Program on September 27, 2000 at 4:00 P.M. Mayor Galluccio
16. The Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will host a celebration on September 21, 2000 at St. Anthony's Church, 400 Cardinal Mederios Avenue in honor of those dedicated to the quality of life of seniors. Mayor Galluccio
17. First annual "Undoing Racism Day" on September 20, 2000. . Mayor Galluccio
18. Thanks to Jim Bergin, Bill McCarthy, Terry Walsh and Ed Carney for their quick action in saving the life of Bill Flynn at the golf tournament at Bay Pointe Country Club. Mayor Galluccio
19. Resolution on the death of Mary A. (Coyne) O'Connor. Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
20. Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of German Reunification by dedicating a Berlin Wall Section on September 25, 2000 at 10:00am outside the EF Education headquarters, One Education Street, Cambridge. Mayor Galluccio
21. The 3rd Annual Friends of the Cambridge Public Library Pot Luck Dinner will be held on October 18 in the Children's Room of the Main Library. Mayor Galluccio
22. Resolution on the death of Frances (Pishkin) Gottschalk. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
23. Recognizing October as Italian Heritage Month. Mayor Galluccio
24. Congratulations best wishes to Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra The Princess Mother of Thailand on her exhibition at Simmons College marking the occasion of the centenary celebrations of her birth. Councillor Toomey
25. Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Robert Shannon by dedicating the corner of Concord Avenue and Manassas Street in his honor. Councillor Sullivan

ORDERS

O-1. COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the Government Operations Committee conduct a public hearing to listen to arguments for and against allowing 16- and 17-year olds to vote in certain municipal elections.

O-2. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is concern about the C-2 section of the residential area in the Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The Planning Board, in the past, has submitted a proposal to rezone this section of the City; and

WHEREAS: The citywide rezoning petition does not address this area of concern; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is directed to instruct the Planning Board to prepare a new rezoning proposal for this area, with particular attention to the need for a height restriction, and submit a recommendation to the City Council for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

O-3. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the powers of regulation open to the city on telecommunications facilities, specifically, towers and telecommunication "hotels"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report address the following issues:

Does the ordinary zoning power pertain; or
Are these structures governed by state or federal powers.

O-4. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to submit a report to the City Council on the supply and demand of handicapped accessible housing; said report to specifically address the supply and demand of persons in wheelchairs.

O-5. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with the laws regulating scooters on sidewalks, with particular emphasis on motorized scooters.

O-6. COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge website contains a great deal of information; but it does not always provide easy ways for the uninitiated to find out that the information is there, for example, the Community Development Department site has an impressive list of housing services, but a resident looking for housing services will not find that information easily; and

WHEREAS: Some of the information is outdated or incomplete, for example, at the City Council page, there is no list of current City Council Committees (and no photographs of Councillors first elected in the 1999 elections); now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council be and hereby does request the City Manager to direct appropriate staff to review the city's home page to update and complete information where necessary and to provide links that will enable citizens to find services more easily.

O-7. COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to take the necessary steps for a truck ban on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue as soon as possible.

O-8. COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation to take the necessary steps for a truck ban on Warren Street as soon as possible.

O-9. COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department staff to report on the safety issues presented by the daily truck volume of 600 plus trucks on Gore Street and what actions the City is taking and/or will take in response to these safety issues.

O-10. COUNCILLOR DAVIS, COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council regarding the content of the revised Community Preservation Act, what steps that must be taken to receive funds under the Act, and the City Manager's plans/recommendations for implementation; and be it further

ORDERED: That upon adoption, this order and the City Manager's response are hereby referred to the Public Facilities Committee and the Housing Committee.

O-11. COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager report to the City Council as to whether the upper windows will be made operational as promised at the completion of the City Hall window restoration.

O-12. COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the Round Table Meeting of the City Council scheduled for October 23, 2000 be cancelled; and be it further

ORDERED: That the meeting of October 23, 2000 be scheduled as a Special City Council Meeting for the site selection of a new library.

O-13. COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: NSTAR/Cambridge Electric et al. are seeking rate increases in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: At the same time, NSTAR/Cambridge Electric are planning to decrease service to Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Said service decrease renders the present rate unjustifiable, let alone any increase in rates; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor and the Executive Director of the Consumer's Council to prepare formal opposition to the proposed rate increase.

O-14. COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: NSTAR/Cambridge Electric et al. are planning to sell their service centers at both Blackstone Street and Third Street; and

WHEREAS: These centers have been crucial to proper maintenance, staffing and service delivery to Cambridge utility users; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor and/or the Consumer Council to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent said closings and assure an adequate and proper level of service to Cambridge utility customers.

O-15. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit all truck related reports and committee meeting minutes to MAPC for inclusion in the record of the October 3, 2000 MAPC Regional Truck Study hearing; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to do robust outreach by direct mail to residents of those streets most severely impacted by trucks, particularly those affected by early morning truck problems; and be it further

ORDERED: That the October 3, 2000 public hearing also be publicized by other methods including flyers, postings, media, bulletin boards and a City Hall lawn sign; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to prepare recommendations for the meeting of October 3; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be requested to arrange for the material for which the City will present to the MAPS Study Committee at the October 3, 2000 public hearing at Cambridge City Hall to be available to the City Council and the public prior to October 3, to enable preparation for that important hearing.

O-16. COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the feasibility of facilitating or assisting volunteers who desire to organize a citywide yard sale.

O-17. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to review police enforcement of truck bans, particularly in East Cambridge.

O-18. VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to appoint a special subcommittee of the City Council to work on a municipal facilities master plan.

O-19. VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the concept of having a "Barrier Free Park" in our city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to investigate the cost of feasibility and report back to the Council.

O-20. VICE MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: There has been an explosion of graffiti in the City of Cambridge over the recent months; and

WHEREAS: Graffiti is not only unsightly; it is also often expensive to remove and a catalyst for further vandalism; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the current city programs for enforcement, prevention and graffiti removal to make whatever adjustments necessary to decrease the incidence of this nuisance.

O-21. VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MIS Department, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Assistant City Manager for Finance to explore the possibility of on-line payment of parking tickets and ordering of parking permits; 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-22. COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Urban Ring will pass through almost two miles of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting that the Urban Ring serve the residential population of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant Director of Community Development and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to ensure that this position is conveyed to the appropriate agencies and public officials as they go forward with the planning of the Urban Ring.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, transmitting notification that she will be unable to attend the September 20, 2000 Finance Committee meeting because she will be attending the ICLE, national environmental organization as the City's delegate.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, transmitting a letter from the Massachusetts Coalition for Competitive Phone Service, requesting that the Mass. Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy test the Bell Atlantic's local phone systems before Bell Atlantic is given permission to offer long-distance service in Massachusetts.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 18

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

Wed, Sept 20

5:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the following:

- The potential incentives relating to property taxes for homeowners who are committed to keep their rental units affordable.
- Assessing method of assisted living projects which serve low and moderate income residents.
- Potential of providing property owners with a tax break who have between market rents and rents available to low income families. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs Sept 21

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will hold a public hearing to consider a proposal for a home rule petition to enable immigrants to vote in School Committee elections. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 25

5:30pm Round Table Meeting To discuss the MIT and Harvard expansion in and around Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 26

5:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of civic unity in the City, to hear from the public and City departments on the role the committee can take to support civic unity and any other issues relating to civic unity in the City. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Sept 27

5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the status of rehabilitation of firehouses. (Ackermann Room)

6:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the reduction of storm water by commercial and residential property owners. (Ackermann Room)

Fri, Sept 29

12:00noon The Economic Development, Training & Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of the cleanliness of city squares and to continue discussion on the employment in the city, specifically the issue of linking job sites in the city and linking new businesses in the city to employment in the City. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Oct 2

5:30pm Special Presentation The Department of Public Health will make a brief presentation for "Walk Your Child to School Day"

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

7:00pm The City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the Property Tax Rate.

Tues, Oct 3

4:00pm The City Council's Human Services Committee will hold a public meeting to receive a presentation from City staff on current Cambridge demographics. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Oct 4

11:00am The Public Facilities, Art & Celebrations Committee will hold a working meeting to continue discussion on the Green Ribbon Open Space Report. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to enable the creation of a neighborhood preservation district or a historic district in Harvard Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the Alewife Petition to amend the zoning in the Alewife Area. Meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 10

7:00-9:00pm The City Council will conduct a community meeting to discuss the FY2001 City Council goals and priorities. (Tobin School - 197 Vassal Lane)

Wed, Oct 11

9:00am The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an overview of municipal office space needs, goals and planning and to receive information and an update on the City Hall and 57 Inman Street projects. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs, Oct 12

4:00-5:30pm The Housing Committee will meet with the Affordable Housing Trust to receive a presentation on affordable housing and the work of the Trust. (Ackermann Room)

7:30-9:00pm The City Council will conduct a community meeting to discuss the FY2001 City Council goals and priorities. (Harrington School - 850 Cambridge Street)

Mon, Oct 16

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

Tues, Oct 17

7:00-9:00pm The City Council will conduct a community meeting to discuss the FY2001 City Council goals and priorities. (Area 4 Youth Center - 243 Harvard Street)

Wed, Oct 18

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting if necessary.

Thurs, Oct 19

7:00-9:00pm The City Council will conduct a community meeting to discuss the FY2001 City Council goals and priorities. (North Cambridge - Site to be Announced)

Mon, Oct 23

5:30pm Round Table Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 24

7:00-9:00pm The City Council will conduct a community meeting to discuss the FY2001 City Council goals and priorities. (Agassiz School - 29 Sacramento Street)

Thurs, Oct 26

7:00-9:00pm The City Council will conduct a community meeting to discuss the FY2001 City Council goals and priorities. (Morse School - 40 Granite Street)

Mon, Oct 30

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

Wed, Nov 1

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting if necessary. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 6

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

Mon, Nov 13

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

Tues, Nov 14

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition. Meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 15

8:30am The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will hold a facilitated public meeting to set its FY2001 priorities. No public comment. (University Park Hotel)

Thurs, Nov 16

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposal to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in the City Council and School Committee elections. (Sullivan Chamber)

7:30pm The Health and Environment and the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss the Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 20

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

Mon, Nov 27

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

Wed, Nov 29

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition. Meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 6

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition. Meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 13

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition. Meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 20

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing, if necessary. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 3, 2001

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing, if necessary. (Sullivan Chamber)