

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek the Mass. Department of Revenue approval for the tax rate for FY2003:
  - A. Authorize the use of \$4,900,000 in Free Cash to offset the 2003 tax rate as follows: Operating Budget \$1,800,000 (as adopted in the FY01 Budget); and Public Investment \$3,100,000 (as adopted in the FY01 Budget);
  - B. Classify property into five classes;
  - C. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 56.7019%
  - D. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 20% for owner occupied homes;
  - E. Double the normal value of the statutory exemptions for FY2003;
  - F. Increase the FY2003 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$210.72 to \$219.78 and
  - G. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons from \$20,000 to \$40,000.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$1,950,000 for the 57 Inman project to supplement the original appropriation of \$8,200,000.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2002:  
Joshua Wilson, 17 Edison Street, Quincy, MA 02169  
Hector Rasario, 3 Willoughby, #2, Lawrence, MA 01841
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-81, regarding a report on the feasibility of potential changes to the Deferred Compensation Fund.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 02-80, regarding a report on the process which community alerts are issued following major crimes.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. 2, dated 7/29/02, regarding a proposed order and a proposed amendment to the Night-time Curfew on City Streets by Through Trucks, Ordinance 1224 and codified as Section 6.96 of the Zoning Ordinance.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Davis on Order #19 of September 9, 2002 requesting the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to make maximum use of CPA funds to develop affordable housing that is permanently affordable, such as limited equity cooperatives and condos.

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
3. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. 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.
5. Appropriation of \$2,255,000 to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures Account to provide additional funding needed to complete the full restoration of the Taylor Square Fire Station. The question comes on adoption on or after September 23, 2002.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Jeremiah Reagan, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 4 Kenway Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Neighborhood association declined comment.
2. An application was received from Nail Box, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 41 Belmont Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Departments and abutters.
3. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Brookline Street announcing the 10th annual Open Studios on October 5 and 6, 2002.
4. A petition was received from Robert S. Carlson, et al., requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the Riverside area.
5. An application was received from Midwest Grill, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 1124 Cambridge Street.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Eugene J. Saletan, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D), regarding the parking meters in the vicinity of 58 Charles Street.

2. A communication was received from Jane Rich, regarding security at the Boston University Bridge area and the goose meadow area.
3. Sundry communications received from the following Riverside residents, regarding how they feel about preserving the character of life in their neighborhood.  
Eleanor D. Beram 126 Kinnaird Street  
William Dixon 9 Putnam Gardens  
Patrician Dixon 9 Putnam Gardens  
SM Thibeaut 534 Franklin Street  
(Illegible signature) 126 Kinnaird Street  
Peter Desnoyes 162 Pleasant Street  
Elizabeth Glaser 162 Pleasant Street  
Stash Horowitz 12 Florence Street  
Barbara Cashman 136 Banks Street  
Linda L. Barnes 534 Franklin Street  
Stephanie Steoberl 22 Soden Street  
Sherrie Cox Hingham Street  
Rosalie Post 7 Athens Street  
Thomas O'Leary 7 Athens Street
4. A communication was received from Sheila G. Cook, transmitting support for the Riverside Study Committee Petition.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Thomas J. Robbio.  
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
2. Resolution on the death of Doris J. Callender.  
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
3. Congratulating Ellen Condliffe Lagemann in becoming the Charles Warren Professor of the History of American Education and the new Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and wish her continued success. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
4. Extending the heartiest congratulations to Jason and Vidya Forrester on the birth of their son William Sanjay Warren Forrester.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
5. Declaring the week of November 24, 2002 – December 1, 2002, to be Bible Week in the City of Cambridge, and encourage all Cambridge residents to participate in this observance.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
6. Congratulations to Daniel and Brenda Synan on the birth of their son, Conor Daniel.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
7. Resolution on the death of John H. Avery.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
8. Resolution on the death of Thomas V. Walsh.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of John M. Airoso.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
10. Resolution on the death of Gago Heleno Cruz.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
11. Resolution on the death of Francis C. Perry, Sr.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership

12. Resolution on the death of Cecilia A. O'Shea.  
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
13. Resolution on the death of Thomas H. Ford.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
14. Resolution on the death of Joseph F. Sullivan, Jr.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
15. Resolution on the death of Ellenmarie Daly.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
16. Resolution on the death of Timothy J. Hehir.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
17. Resolution on the death of Eleanor L. Haverty.  
Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey and entire membership
18. Resolution on the death of Timothy M. Murphy.  
Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
19. Resolution on the death of Kenneth F. Hayes.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
20. Resolution on the death of Grace E. Warren.  
Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
21. Thanking Cambridge Walks for its efforts to promote walking not only as a way to get around the city, but as a healthful activity for Cambridge youth and families.  
Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
22. Congratulating Patrick Ewing on his retirement from the National Basketball Association.  
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
23. Resolution on the death of Anthony Cannata.  
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
24. Expressing appreciation to Jean L. Sweetland for her twenty-five years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish her much happiness in her retirement.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
25. Expressing appreciation to Judith A. Smith for her many years of dedicated service and wishing her much happiness in her retirement.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
26. Expressing appreciation to Elvira Q. Johnson for her many years of dedicated service and wishing her much happiness in her retirement.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
27. Expressing appreciation to Annette M. Coleman for her twenty-two years of dedicated service and wishing her much happiness in her retirement.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
28. Expressing appreciation to Marie L. Moalli or her many years of dedicated service and wishing her well in her retirement.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
29. Expressing appreciation to Louise Kennedy for her thirty years of dedicated service and wishing her well in her retirement.  
Mayor Sullivan and entire membership

30. Resolution on the death of Stanley J. Lukaszewicz. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
31. Expressing appreciation to Liane Corcione for her nineteen years of dedicated service and wishing her much happiness in her retirement. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
32. Resolution on the death of Alexander M. Cahaly. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
33. Expressing appreciation to Alan E. Siegel for his many years of dedicated service and wishing him much happiness in his retirement. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
34. Resolution on the death of Eileen C. Cavanaugh. Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
35. Resolution on the death of Paul C. Victoria. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
36. Extending congratulations to Reverend Roland Clinton McCall on the occasion of his 20th Anniversary Celebration. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
37. Congratulating Richard Losick and Graham Walker on receiving the prestigious 1 million dollar "genius" prize and to thank them for their commitment to science and education. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
38. Extending congratulations to Shannon O'Brien and Chris Gabrielli on winning the Democratic Primary Election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
39. Congratulating City Councillors Anthony Galluccio and Marjorie Decker on their well run and hard-fought electoral campaigns. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
40. Welcoming the members of Harvard Class of 1972 to Cambridge as they celebrate their 30th College reunion. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
41. Resolution on the death of Philippe Wamba. Councillor Reeves and entire membership

#### **ORDERS**

1. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council regarding the complaints contained in the attached communication regarding cable audit protocols, audit representatives and customer service. Councillor Toomey
2. Requesting the City Council's Public Facilities, Art, and Celebrations Committee hold a hearing on the public library expansion and construction plan, to review the progress, prior to October 22, 2002. Vice Mayor Davis
3. Requesting the City Manager work with the appropriate departments to develop a page on the city's web site based upon the information contained within the attached report so that the public may utilize this information when experiencing problems with nuisance noise. Vice Mayor Davis

4. That proposed language to amend Chapter two of the Municipal Code to include the establishment of a new position entitled Assistant City Manager for Public Safety be replaced to the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report. Mayor Sullivan
5. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on the status of a skateboard park. Councillor Murphy
6. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to convene and facilitate a process with the neighborhood four community to rename the community. Councillor Simmons
7. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Director of the Library with the view in mind of investigating the feasibility of reinstating bookmobile service to Area Four. Councillors Simmons and Murphy
8. Requesting the City Manager to inform the City Council, generally if necessary, of the number of daily police patrols taking place in Area Four particularly in the Washington Street, Columbia Street, Pine Street area. Councillor Reeves

#### **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 July 17, 2002 for the purpose of discussing neighborhood studies and the ingredients of a good neighborhood and a livable city.
2. 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 July 30, 2002 for the purpose of continuing to discuss neighborhood studies and the ingredients of a good neighborhood and a livable city.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a meeting held on September 10, 2002 for the purpose of discussing the issue of increasing the homeowner's exemption on property taxes from 20% to 30%.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a meeting held on September 18, 2002 for the purpose of reviewing the fall committee schedule with regard to the City Manager evaluation and City Council goal setting.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Sept 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Sept 25

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a working meeting to consider proposed amendments to the Smoking Ordinance, Chapter 8.28 of the Municipal Code. No public comment (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Sept 26

6:30pm Special City Council Meeting to receive a progress report on incidences of violence in the city. (Area IV Youth Center, 2nd Floor, Gymnasium, 243 Harvard St.)

### Mon, Sept 30

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

### Wed, Oct 2

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to Chapter 2.118 of the Municipal Code, Statements of Financial Interests by Certain Officials and Persons Conducting Business with the City, which would make available on the City of Cambridge website the list of municipal officials and statements of financial interests filed with the Election Commission pursuant to this chapter. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment relative to linkage payments required by the Incentive Zoning Ordinance. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on public toilets. (Ackermann Room)

7:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on proposed tree protection ordinance. (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Oct 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Oct 8

4:30pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss curb cuts, an update on the impact of state budget cuts on city arts programs, and the status of the report on developing a Cambridge Art survey and an artist space initiative. (Ackermann Room)

### Wed, Oct 9

4:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss performance of the Hansen System, the possibility of a web-based public complaint system, information kiosk and public information on Cable TV. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on the state budget and its expected effect on city finances next year and a report on hotel/motel revenues. (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Oct 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Oct 22

6:00pm Joint meeting of City Council and School Committee (Location to be announced)

### Wed, Oct 23

5:30pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Oct 28

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting - Discussion on Section 8 Housing Informal meeting with no public comment, at which time no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Oct 30

4:30pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Nov 7

All Day Government Operations and Rules Committee (Off Site)

### Wed, Nov 13

9:00am Government Operations and Rules Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1. September 23, 2002

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the complaints contained in the attached communication regarding cable audit protocols, audit representatives and customer service.

O-2. September 23, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council's Public Facilities, Art, and Celebrations Committee hold a hearing on the public library expansion and construction plan, to review the progress, prior to October 22, 2002.

O-3. September 23, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: A recent report was submitted to the City Council by the City Manager on types of noise complaints and the protocol and criteria used to refer the complaints to the appropriate responding authority; and

WHEREAS: This report provides important information about the enforcement of nuisance noise, including how and to whom the public should report such incidents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate departments to develop a page on the city's web site based upon the information contained within the attached report so that the public may utilize this information when experiencing problems with nuisance noise.

O-4. September 23, 2002

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the attached proposed amendment to Chapter Two of the Municipal Code entitled "Administration" be amended to include the establishment of a new position entitled Assistant City Manager for Public Safety whose mission will be to protect the citizens of Cambridge by overseeing the various public safety entities at all levels; and be it further

ORDERED: That said amendment be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a hearing.

O-5. September 23, 2002

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of construction of a skateboard park.

O-6. September 23, 2002

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to convene and facilitate a process with the neighborhood four community to rename the community.

O-7. September 23, 2002

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Library with the view in mind of investigating the feasibility of reinstating bookmobile service to Area Four.

O-8. September 23, 2002

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Recent walks through the Washington Street, Pine Street and Columbia Street part of Area Four indicate ongoing crap games and much open drug dealing from early evening until after midnight; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council, generally if necessary, of the number of daily police patrols taking place in Area Four, particularly in the Washington Street, Columbia Street, Pine Street area.