

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek the Massachusetts Department of Revenue approval for the tax rate for FY2006:
  - A. Authorize the further use of Free Cash of \$10,061,000 to offset the 2006 Tax Rate as follows: Operating Budget: \$2,731,000; Public Investment: \$1,330,000; and Tax Support Reduction: \$6,000,000;
  - B. Classify property into five classes;
  - C. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 57.6419%;
  - D. Approve a maximum residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes;
  - E. Double the normal value of the statutory exemptions for FY2006;
  - F. Increase the FY2006 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$236.30 to \$242.92;
  - G. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons from \$20,000 to \$40,000;
  - H. Transfer \$2,000,000 of Overlay Reserve Funds to an Overlay Surplus Reserve Account to be used as a revenue offset to the Fiscal 2006 tax rate; and
  - I. Authorize the use of \$2,000,000 from the Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue offset to the Fiscal 2006 tax rate.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Galluccio relative to Order #36 of September 19, 2005 supporting "An Act Authorizing Localities to Adopt Protections for Low and Moderate Tenants and Units of Governmentally-Involved Housing," and "An Act Providing for Notification of Certain Tenants."

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. 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.
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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**

6. 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.]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Citizens Bank, requesting permission for two signs at the premises numbered 114 Portland Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development Department. (Pre-existing signs)
2. An application was received from Citizens Bank, requesting permission for two signs at the premises numbered 225 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works and Community Development Department. (Pre-existing signs)
3. An application was received from Cambridge Family Health, requesting permission for four awnings at the premises numbered 237 Hampshire Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department, one abutter and disapproval from the other abutter.
4. An application was received from the Cambridge Family Literacy Collaborative/Childcare Resource Center, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall.
5. An application was received from Michael Bentley, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 33 Agassiz Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works with the condition that the installation is the responsibility of owner. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
6. An application was received from the Harvard Square Business Association, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street.
7. An application was received from the Harvard Square Business Association, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding mental disabilities and city dysfunctions.
2. A communication was received from Allen Swartz, 16 Stillman Road, Melrose, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.

3. A communication was received from Elise Katz, 149 Pelham Island Road, Wayland, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.
4. A communication was received from Madeleine J. Gersh, 31 Albert Street, Lowell, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.
5. A communication was received from Jane Rife, 34 Cedar, Belmont, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.
6. A communication was received from Lina Klebaner, 234 Causeway St, Boston, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.
7. A communication was received from Joseph C. Selle, 17 Grant Street, Concord, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.
8. A communication was received from Caitlin Selle, 17 Grant Street, Concord, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Rita J. Forster. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Dorothy E. Cyr. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of Robert A. Stein. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
4. Resolution on the death of George E. Bennett. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the death of Ruth W. Walcott. Mayor Sullivan
6. Resolution on the death of John P. Westcott. Councillor Toomey
7. Happy Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary wish to Ellen and Jim Haley. Mayor Sullivan
8. Support for the First Annual Christian M. Caldaroni Halloween Benefit on Saturday, October 29, 2005. Councillor Toomey
9. Happy 70th Birthday wish to a Special Cantabrigian. Councillor Galluccio
10. Urging Cambridge residents to be cognizant of the Cambridgeport Artists' Open Studio on Saturday, October 1, 2005 and Sunday, October 2, 2005 from noon to 6:00pm. Councillor Davis
11. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to David Myers. Councillor Toomey
12. Urging Cambridge residents to be cognizant of the fund raising event in memory of Richard R. "Dickie" Graham, Jr. on October 21, 2005 at 8:00pm at the VFW Post on First Street. Councillor Toomey
13. Best wishes to the Central Square Business Association on its Unity Dinner on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 6:30pm at the Christian Life Center honoring Lisa Peterson, Reverend LeRoy Attles and Joseph and Nabil Sater. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Reeves
14. Congratulations to Jass Stewart on capturing 29% of the vote in the September 21, 2005 primary election for Mayor of Brockton. Councillor Simmons
15. Recognition of Moses and Corine Moore for their service to the Cambridge Elks Massasoit Lodge and Juanita Temple. Councillor Reeves
16. Congratulations to Jack Lueders-Booth on his new book, Inherit The Land. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Specialist David Ford, IV. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeremy Campbell. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kurtis Arcala. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Christopher Everett. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Shane Swanberg. Vice Mayor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Matthew Deckard. Vice Mayor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alfredo Silva. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of First Sergeant Alan Gifford. Vice Mayor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Regilio Nelom. Vice Mayor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Richard F. Shea, Jr. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
27. Resolution on the death of Albert Rowe. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
28. Resolution on the death of Rupert G. Margetson, Sr. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Reeves
36. Congratulations to International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) on their 25th Annual International Board of Directors meeting. Vice Mayor Decker
37. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Betz. Mayor Sullivan
38. Congratulations to Diane Williams for her many years of service. Vice Mayor Decker
39. Congratulations to Joe Sordillo for over twenty years of service to the Cambridgeport neighborhood. Vice Mayor Decker
40. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to David Aposhian. Councillor Reeves
41. Thanks to the Union Baptist Church and Reverend Jeffrey Brown, and St. Paul A.M.E. Church and Reverends Dr. LeRoy Attles, Sr. and Reverend Richard Richardson and Charles Stead for their hospitality and friendship to the Hurricane Katrina victims at Otis Airforce Base. Councillor Reeves
42. Thanks to John Clifford and the World's Fair in Central Square Committee for the fantastic World's Fair on September 25, 2005. Councillor Reeves

## ORDERS

1. Opposition to the war in Iraq and calling for rapid withdrawal of U.S. troops. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Decker, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Davis
2. Dedication of a site near Magazine and Corporal McTernan Streets in honor of William Perry. Councillor Toomey
3. Dedication of a site near Fifth Street and Spring Street in honor of George R. Cabral. Mayor Sullivan
4. The City Manager is requested to provide an update on the loss of Huron Village Post Office and pharmacy, and any progress that has been made in relocating the Post Office and the pharmacy. Councillor Maher
5. The City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare for City Council consideration a draft ordinance that would require multi-family buildings with 50 or more residents to have security personnel on duty, and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Simmons
6. The City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate persons of the Cambridge Historical Commission and Cambridge Public Library to work with the Friends of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery on restoring an historical monument, "Hygea," located in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Councillor Simmons
7. The City Manager is requested to convene a meeting with the new Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to discuss high priority Cambridge issues. Councillor Davis
8. The City Manager is requested to confer with the General Manager of the MBTA to better monitor whether the route numbers are properly indicated on the back of the buses. Councillor Murphy
9. The City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate staff to provide the City Council with a report summarizing the 10-year process to fund and site a West Cambridge youth center. Councillor Galluccio
10. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on the status of the North Massachusetts Avenue facade improvement program. Councillor Galluccio
11. The City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a copy of the comprehensive housing policy for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
12. Requesting the Cambridge state legislative delegation to file general legislation providing for a local option income tax. Councillor Murphy
13. Requesting the Cambridge state legislative delegation to file general legislation providing for a local option sales tax. Councillor Murphy
14. Requesting the Cambridge state legislative delegation to file general legislation providing for a local option payroll tax. Councillor Murphy

15. The City Manager is requested to provide an update on the progress of implementing traffic calming measures to slow down cars on Grozier Road. Councillor Murphy
16. The City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council as to whether Porter Road could become a one-way loop. Councillor Murphy
17. Dedication of 101 Magazine Street as Joseph Anthony Sardino Square. Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Decker
18. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to install the crosswalk aids that are in stock for visually impaired persons. Mayor Sullivan
19. The City Manager is requested to confer with the developers at Shaw's Market in Porter Square to replace the sidewalk due to damage done by delivery trucks to ensure pedestrian safety. Mayor Sullivan
20. The City Manager is requested to instruct the License Commission to enforce reasonable delivery hours due to excessive noise at Shaw's Market in Porter Square. Mayor Sullivan

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 9, 2005 for the purpose to meet with the Special Committee on Property Tax to continue discussing issues related to the property tax.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee, for a meeting held on September 7, 2005 to continue the discussions on dog parks in the city.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Sept 26

- 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 28

- 5:30pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss dog parks in the city. (Ackermann Room)

### Thurs, Oct 6

- 5:30pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Cambridge Housing Authority's "Rent Simplification" process and its impact on childcare, family and elderly services. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Oct 17

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

### Tues, Oct 18

- 5:30pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of the VFW dance studio with the dance advocates. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Oct 20**

6:00pm Joint Meeting between the City Council and School Committee to discuss prescription drug abuse. (344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Conference Room)

**Mon, Oct 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 31**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 September 26, 2005  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR DECKER  
MAYOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The citizens of Cambridge and their representatives on the Cambridge City Council have a strong tradition of upholding principles of democracy and respect for all peoples, and  
WHEREAS: The Council has often affirmed its support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, principles of international law and of peaceful alternatives to war, and  
WHEREAS: The Council passed a resolution in February 2003 opposing the decision of the United States government to go to war with Iraq, and  
WHEREAS: The reasons given by the U.S. government for beginning combat operations without the support of the United Nations have proved to be groundless – no weapons of mass destruction were found and no connection was demonstrated between the Iraqi government and the terrorist group responsible for the September 11, 2001 attack on the US, and  
WHEREAS: More than 200 billion has been appropriated by Congress for military operations in Iraq, draining funds from education, health care, and other social services in our cities and rural areas, and  
WHEREAS: Over 1900 US troops have been killed and more than 14,000 wounded and disabled, with estimates of Iraqis killed ranging between 25-100,000, and  
WHEREAS: There is no end in sight and support for

continuing the war has been dropping steadily and recent polls indicate that more than a majority of the American people now oppose continuing the war and support our withdrawal from Iraq, and

WHEREAS: Citizens of Cambridge wish to join other communities that have expressed their opposition to the war by passing resolutions calling for the rapid withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, including Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Evanston, Illinois and Gary, Indiana, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record recognizing the grievous impact of the loss of lives in the Iraq war on families and communities on both sides of the conflict and the destructive social and economic effects of the costs of the war, and urges the United States government to begin a rapid and orderly withdrawal of US military personnel from Iraq and to provide the people of Iraq with all necessary non-military aid to provide for their security and rebuilding of their country, and

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and here by is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to President Bush, the Secretaries of State and Defense, and to the Massachusetts Congressional delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Magazine and Corporal McTernan Streets as “William Perry Square;” 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 sign.

O-3 September 26, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of 5th Street and Spring Street in memory of George R. Cabral; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Chief of Staff to the Mayor 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-4 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the loss of Huron Village Post Office and pharmacy, and any progress that has been made in relocating the Post Office and the pharmacy.

O-5 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

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O-6 September 26, 2005

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O-7 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a meeting with the new Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to discuss high priority Cambridge issues.

O-8 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

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O-9 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

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O-10 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on the status of the North Massachusetts Avenue facade improvement program and efforts to strengthen and improve the aesthetics and retail strength along Massachusetts Avenue, particularly the area north of Porter Square.

O-11 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a copy of the comprehensive housing policy for the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That if such a policy does not exist, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to work in conjunction with other vested groups to develop a comprehensive housing policy for the City of Cambridge.

O-12 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting Cambridge's state legislative delegation to file general legislation providing for a local option income tax.

O-13 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the Cambridge state legislative delegation to file general legislation providing for a local option sales tax.

O-14 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the Cambridge state legislative delegation to file general legislation providing for a local option payroll tax.

O-15 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update on the progress of implementing traffic calming measures to slow down cars on Grozier Road.

O-16 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as to whether Porter Road could become a one-way loop.

O-17 September 26, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the premises numbered 101 Magazine Street as "Joseph Anthony Sardillo Square" in honor of the owner of the Magazine Spa; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange a suitable dedication ceremony and for a sign, after consultation with the family.

O-18 September 26, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to install the crosswalk aids that are in stock for visually impaired persons.

O-19 September 26, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

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O-20 September 26, 2005

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