

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a preliminary report regarding an offer from Harvard University to purchase an easement below Cambridge Street that represents the conclusion of a 5-year process relating to the construction of the Center for Government and Institutional Studies project.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-230, regarding traffic safety concerns at Gore and Lambert Streets.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-235, regarding recent housebreaks in West Cambridge.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-237, regarding a report on the plan to prevent mosquitoes from breeding at the new water retention area at the foot of the Weir Meadow at Fresh Pond Reservation.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-218, regarding a report on issues surrounding the gas station at the corner of Walden Street and Concord Avenue.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-236, regarding a report on the City's prescription drug program with emphasis on mail order portion or the plan.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a donation from the Pacer Foundation for \$2,000 to the Grant Fund DHSP Other Ordinary Maintenance to provide funds for the Special Needs Program of the Recreation Division to purchase supplies to operate the program.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$17,727 to the Grant Fund DHSP Salaries & Wages (\$15,447) and Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$2,280) to provide funds to cover a portion of the costs of the Bridge Transitional Program for high school and GED graduates.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Dept. of Ed. for \$85,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries & Wages (\$59,294), Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$22,506), and Travel & Training (\$3,200) to provide funds to cover a portion of the costs of the Community Learning Center's program for young adults with disabilities.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a donation from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation through the New England Literacy Resource Institute for \$24,000 to the Grant fund DHSP Salaries & Wages Account (\$18,718), and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$5,282) to provide funds to expand and improve the Bridge Program which is a transitional program for high school & GED graduates who aspire to attend college.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Commonwealth Corp. through ERI for \$8,853 to the Grant Fund DHSP Other Ordinary Maint. To provide funds for current year expenses associated with the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$1,200 in donations from Cambridge businesses to the Grant Fund DHSP Salary & Wages Account to provide funds to cover the salary of one part-time teacher for English classes for employees of Cambridge businesses.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Childcare Resource Center for \$25,296.28 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance to provide funds to enable the Childcare Division to DHSP to upgrade existing classroom supplies and materials.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a donation for \$3,202.42 from the Cambridge Community Partnership for Children through the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee to the Grant Fund DHSP Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to maintain accreditation from the State Office Childcare Services.

15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$163,873 in grants from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$95,309 and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety \$68,564 to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds for the purchase of approximately 225 bullet-proof vests for all officers interested in this piece of equipment.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-222, regarding a report on repaving the proposed nighttime truck routes.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-224, regarding plan to complete road restoration work.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the acceptance of a gift of \$5,000 and appropriation of said gift to establish the Ruth L. Barron Police Memorial Fund.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-211, regarding the City's procedures for responding to after-hour calls such as the skunk incident.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order Number 35, dated 9/24/01, regarding Zoning District Boundaries.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$35,500 from the Reserve Fund to the Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to purchase equipment needs for the Special Response Team.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the MWRA for \$345,310 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account to supplement previously appropriated funds to continue the program to reduce infiltration/inflow into the City's sewer system.
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-238, regarding a report on legal issues to the requirement for a super majority vote to amend zoning.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right was exercised by Councillor Sullivan on Applications and Petitions #1 of October 1, 2001 on an application from US Petroleum/Cambridge Auto Clinic requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 297 Concord Avenue on the Concord Avenue side. Approval has been received from Inspection Services and Community Development. (This is a pre-existing sign.)
2. Charter Right was exercised by Councillor Sullivan on Applications and Petitions #2 of October 1, 2001 on an application US Petroleum/Cambridge Auto Clinic requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 297 Concord Avenue on the Walden Street side. Approval has been received from Inspection Services and Community Development. (This is a pre-existing sign.)

ON THE TABLE

3. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
4. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
5. 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.
6. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
7. An order introduced by Councillor Decker regarding increasing the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million dollars.
8. Committee Report #2 of September 10, 2001 regarding the progress made on improving the condition of the housing at Fresh Pond Apartments.
9. Committee Report #3 of September 24, 2001 regarding the roundtable-working meeting with representatives of tenants and owners of Fresh Pond Apartments and regulatory agencies to follow up on the prior hearing on the condition of the housing and related matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Proposed ordinance to the Municipal Code to establish a Community Preservation Act Committee as required by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001.

11. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in East Cambridge with the East Cambridge Planning Study (ECAPS) proposal. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001. The deadline for this petition is October 16, 2001.
12. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in East Cambridge with the Birk et al. Petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001. The deadline for this petition is October 16, 2001.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Family Literacy Collaboration requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall. Approval has been received from abutters.
2. An application was received from The Christmas Tree Store requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 1971 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Fred Rogers, transmitting thanks for the thoughtful resolution.
2. A communication was received from the family of Eric T. Carlson, transmitting deep appreciation for the City Council's expression of sympathy.
3. A communication was received from the family of Arnold (Okie) O'Connor, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on his behalf.
4. A communication was received from Tarvis Realty Trust, owner of 31-39 Hurley Street and 20-26 Spring Street, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
5. A communication was received from 11 Hurley Street Associates, owner of 14 Spring Street, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
6. A communication was received from Biogen, owner of 12 Cambridge Center, transmitting written protest to the Eastern Cambridge Planning Study Area zoning petition.
7. A communication was received from Biogen, owner of 241-243 Binney Street and 152-156 Sixth Street, transmitting written protest to the Eastern Cambridge Planning Study Area zoning petition.
8. A communication was received from MIT, owner of Technology Square and One Broadway, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.

9. A communication was received from Kendall Square, LLC owner of 364 Third Street and 364R Third Street, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
10. A communication was received from Efekta Schools, transmitting a recommendation of the technical amendments to the ECAPS zoning petition.
11. A communication was received from the Black family, transmitting gratitude for the City Council resolution adopted on behalf of James F. Black, Jr.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Christine Leonardo. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
2. Congratulations to Sergeant Joseph Wilson for receiving special recognition from the Massachusetts Neighborhood Crime Watch Commission on October 15, 2001. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
3. Resolution on the death of Reverend Paul R. Rynne. Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership
4. Resolution on the death of Anna E. Calorio. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
5. Resolution on the death of Geraldine Herrick. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
6. Thanks and appreciation to the city departments and contractors for their assistance to the city during the emergency situation at the new Water Treatment Plant on Thursday, October 4, 2001. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
7. Retirement of Phyllis Stewart from the School Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
8. Retirement of Mary J. O'Hare from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
9. Retirement of Robert Medeiros from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
10. Retirement of Ernest Sousa from the Public Works Department. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
11. Resolution on the death of Josephine C. Vossmer. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
12. Resolution on the death of Herbert G. Trant. Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
13. Resolution on the death of Mary A. Sottile. Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership

14. Resolution on the death of Lawrence L. "Reverend Larry Love" Hinkson. Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Sullivan, Davis and entire membership
15. Resolution on the death of Roy E. Curry. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
16. Speedy recovery wishes to Millie O'Neill. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
17. Resolution on the death of Reverend Joseph Glavin, S.J. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
18. Resolution on the death of Charles W. Robinson. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
19. Retirement of Barbara Gratl from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
20. Resolution on the death of Alice Martins. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
21. Resolution on the death of Vincent N. Scales. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
22. Resolution on the death of K. Lucy Kennedy. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
23. Congratulations to Gwathmey, Inc. on their achievement in receiving the Tibbetts Award. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
24. Resolution on the death of Raul Mendonca. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
25. Congratulations to Forest City Enterprises on being honored for their achievements in real estate, charitable activities and community betterment at the 2001 Distinguished Real Estate Award Gala on November 27, 2001. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
26. Resolution on the death of Mary T. Buchanan. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
27. Congratulations to Rebecca Howard on her appointment to Annapolis. Councillor Davis and entire membership
28. Congratulations to Professor Wolfgang Ketterle for receiving, along with two other scientists, the 2001 Nobel Prize in physics. Councillor Davis and entire membership
29. Thanks to the corporate good citizens and institutions who participated in the International Walk Your Child to School Day. Councillor Davis and entire membership
30. Congratulations to Kevin Melin and all who participated in the operation of "Lemon Aid" which raised money for relief aid to victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
31. Congratulations the Cambridgeport School and Community School on their Neighborhood Block Party which took place on October 12, 2001. Councillor Davis and entire membership
32. Best wishes to Father William Walsh as he resigns his position as Pastor of St. Peter's Church. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
33. Congratulations to Barry Sharpless on the occasion of his receiving the Nobel Prize in chemistry. Councillor Davis and entire membership
34. Congratulations to Edward J. Sullivan for being the recipient of the President's Award from the Middlesex County Bar Association. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
35. Congratulations to James W. Sahakian, Assistant District Attorney, for his receiving the Life Time Achievement Award from the Middlesex County Bar Association. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
36. Congratulations to Joseph A. Amoroso, Jr. on his receiving the Community Service Award from the Middlesex County Bar Association. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
37. Congratulations to Alan Stone on his appointment as Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs at Harvard University. Councillor Davis and entire membership
38. Encourage Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the presentation by the Central Square Business Association dinner meeting which will sponsor a panel presentation by five Central Square Real Estate owners and managers. Councillor Davis and entire membership

ORDERS

1. Declare November as National Adoption Month in the City of Cambridge. Councillors Decker and Braude
2. Feasibility of reinstating the policy of assigning a police officer to patrol City Hall during business hours. Councillor Toomey
3. Address the sewage smell problem at the intersection of Dudley and Cedar Streets in North Cambridge. Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey
4. Prepare amendment to the municipal code to ban the operation of motorized scooters on public streets and sidewalks in Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan
5. Urge the State Legislature to adopt legislation to ban the operation of motorized vehicles on public ways and sidewalks. Councillor Sullivan

6. Support of legislation entitled "AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF PHOTOMONITORING DEVICES" as a means of promoting traffic safety in the cities of Boston and Cambridge. Councillor Davis
7. Evaluation of the resurfacing of Cambridge Street at the corners of Prospect Street and Tremont Street. Councillor Sullivan
8. Possible extension of the lease for the North Cambridge Family Center. Councillors Davis, Sullivan and Decker
9. Draft ordinance to specify that any construction entity is responsible for the elimination of rodent infestation created or worsened through the construction work. Councillor Sullivan
10. Dedicate the area in front of the 1369 Coffeehouse in honor of Reverend Larry Love. Councillors Decker and Davis
11. Report on security measures that the city has taken in light of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Councillor Decker
12. Report on timeline for appointments to a permanent Open Space Committee. Councillor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on July 24, 2001 for the purpose of discussing W.R. Grace plans for dealing with asbestos on its site in relation to its planned excavation of a utility trench.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 25, 2001 for the purpose of considering a proposal filed by the City Council to amend the zoning in the Cambridgeport area in Special 8 (SD8) to create new SD8 and SD8A.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on October 2, 2001 for the purpose of discussion of the East Cambridge Study Petition and the Birk Petition to amend the zoning in East Cambridge.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, regarding scheduling the final Roundtable Meeting of the Year.

2. A communication was received from Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee regarding the final recommendation on the Eastern Cambridge Rezoning Petition.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 17

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the regulation of storage and mechanical space in residential buildings. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to require all bicycles ridden at Fresh Pond be equipped with bells to warn pedestrians of their approach from behind. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting - Discussion of 2000 Census Data. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 25

4:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on the Urban Ring. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 14

5:30pm The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Ackermann Room)

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)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

WHEREAS: November is National Adoption Month; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record declaring November as National Adoption Month in the City of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to hang a banner in front of City Hall recognizing National Adoption Month.

O-2. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In response to the tragic events of September 11, security in public buildings is being enhanced; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Hall provides the general public with unencumbered access to a wide range of municipal departments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to study the feasibility of reinstating the policy of assigning a police officer to patrol City Hall during business hours.

O-3. October 15, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Water Department and other appropriate City Departments to address the persistent sewage smell problem at the intersection of Dudley and Cedar Streets in North Cambridge.

O-4. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the municipal code to ban the operation of motorized scooters on public streets and sidewalks in Cambridge.

O-5. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the State Legislature to adopt state legislation to ban the operation of motorized vehicles on public ways and sidewalks; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation and the Public Safety Committee of the Massachusetts General Court.

O-6. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting legislation entitled "AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF PHOTOMONITORING DEVICES " as a means of promoting traffic safety in the cities of Boston and Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this motion to the Committee on Public Safety.

O-7. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding the condition of the resurfacing of Cambridge Street at the corners of Prospect Street and Tremont Street; a person stepping off the curb onto the street encounters various surface levels and unevenness.

O-8. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the landlord with the view in mind of considering extending the lease for the North Cambridge Family Center; and be it further

ORDERED: That in the event of a solution not being met with the above parties, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assist the Center for Families to locate a new space for their facility.

O-9. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a draft ordinance to specify that any construction entity, whether City, private contractor working for the city, or private construction operation, is responsible for the elimination of any rodent infestation created or worsened through the construction work.

O-10. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

RESOLVED: That the City Council dedicate the area in front of the 1369 Coffeehouse between the facing benches as "Reverend Larry Love Plaza;" 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-11. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the security measures that the city has taken in light of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

O-12. October 15, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council in two weeks on a timeline for appointments to a permanent Open Space Committee.