

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-181, regarding the status of 18-20 Ware Street.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-174, regarding a report on the safety of the intersection of Memorial Drive and River Street.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$124,000 in projected FY06 surplus water revenues to the Water Fund Travel and Training (judgment and damages) account to provide funds for lump sum settlement payments to employees injured in the performance of their duties.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Decker relative to Order Number Thirty of October 17, 2005 urging Oaktree Development to reconsider their choice of contractors and/or ensure the City Council that Nauset Construction will abide by community standards set by the federal, state, and local government.

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.]

7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on September 21, 2005 for the purpose of considering amendments to Section 12.18 of the Municipal Ordinances entitled "Standardizing the Placement and Maintenance of News Racks." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 31, 2005.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Dailey family, transmitting thanks for the dedication to their parents.
2. A communication was received from Anita Da Silva, transmitting appreciation to the City Council on behalf of Keith A. Nunn.
3. A communication was received from Julia H. Low, transmitting thanks to the City of Cambridge for keeping your door open for her.
4. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding all politics is local.
5. A communication was received from Arthur St. Pierre, 125 Park Drive, Boston, supporting the dance groups at the VFW.
6. A communication was received from Kathryn S. Podgers, regarding Heatwrap Program.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to family of Richard Henry Dana, Jr. on their newest publication of Richard Henry Dana, Jr.: Two Years Before the Mast and Other Voyages, and Cambridge proclaims Friday, November 4, 2005 as Richard Henry Dana, Jr. Day. Mayor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the death of Gladys H. Hill. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Galluccio
3. Resolution on the retirement of Maria MacKinnon. Mayor Sullivan
4. Resolution on the death of Margaret M. Ferrick. Mayor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Kenneth Hunt, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Lieutenant Colonel Leon James, III. Vice Mayor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Sergio Escobar. Vice Mayor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Specialist Samuel Boswell. Vice Mayor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeremy Hodge. Vice Mayor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Specialist Robert Tucker. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Specialist Bernard Ceo. Vice Mayor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist James Grijalva. Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Lorenzo Ponce Ruiz. Vice Mayor Decker

14. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jerry Bonifacio, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Leon Johnson. Vice Mayor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Gary Harper, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Donald Furman. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Matthew Kimmel. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Brandon Sneed. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Brian Conner. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Congratulations to SEA Consultants, Inc. on its 50th Anniversary. Councillor Davis
22. Congratulations to the graduates of the Middlesex Sheriff's 32nd Basic Training Academy. Mayor Sullivan
23. Congratulations to the award winners of the Fifth Annual MBEMSC Region IV EMS Awards. Mayor Sullivan
24. Congratulations to Charles Ogletree for being nominated for the Black Pearl Award. Councillor Simmons
25. Resolution on the death of Ilda M. Sousa-Graham. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of Margaret M. Walsh. Mayor Sullivan
27. Resolution on the death of Robert H. Achin. Mayor Sullivan
28. Happy 90th Anniversary to The Boston Foundation. Mayor Sullivan
29. Continued sympathy to the Cantwell family on the first year anniversary after the death of Jean Cantwell. Mayor Sullivan
30. Thanks to the participants of "Cambridge Treasure Fest" weekend benefiting the Gulf Coast hurricane relief efforts. Mayor Sullivan
31. Support for the 2005 Annual Fundraiser on November 17, 2005 at the Dante Alighieri Society for the children of "Our Place" and thanks to Cambridge Community of Realtors for their support in sponsoring this cause. Mayor Sullivan
32. Support for the First Trinational Mexican Culinary and Cultural Festival on October 30, 2005 at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Mayor Sullivan
33. Thanks to the Bobby Justin Band for playing in honor of the Citywide Senior Center's 10th Anniversary Celebration on October 28, 2005 from 12:30-3:00pm. Mayor Sullivan
34. Best wishes to the Ahern Family Charitable Foundation on the December 23, 2005 Army/Navy Football Luncheon fundraiser to support our troops. Councillor Maher
35. Thanks to Ms. Athena Mitchell for her courage and thoughtfulness. Councillor Simmons
36. Congratulations to all City departments who participated in Cambridge the being named by America's Promise - The Alliance For Youth as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People. Councillor Davis

37. Happy 30th Birthday wishes to the three special people and proclaiming November 9th as their day. Mayor Sullivan

ORDERS

1. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Cambridge Police Department to increase foot patrols to ensure that all citizens have equal accessibility to the benches in Central Square. Mayor Sullivan
2. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Public Works Department and Community Development Department about the feasibility of re-installing a bench at the corner of Antrim and Cambridge streets. Mayor Sullivan
3. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Police Commissioner to increase enforcement to prevent trucks from illegally traveling on Gore Street and that the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation look into alternative ways to correct this situation. Councillor Toomey
4. Support for an amendment to the Transportation, Treasury and HUD appropriations bill (HR 3058). Mayor Sullivan
5. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation regarding the promised analysis and presentation of traffic calming options regarding the safety hazard of high speed and accidents at the intersection of Grove Street and Blanchard Road to Concord Avenue. Councillor Galluccio
6. The City Manager is requested to post on the City's home page information about effective ways for consumers to lower their heating and fuel costs, as well as information about opportunities for financial assistance to help pay for heating costs. Councillor Murphy
7. The City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the status of negotiations with the school traffic supervisors in the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Murphy
8. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner to institute evening and nighttime enforcement of speed limits on River Street, given the prevalence of loud speeding trucks during evening and nighttime hours. Councillor Murphy
9. The City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to draft an amendment to the Cambridge Municipal Code to require that City vendors have fair policies relating to the CORI screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds, and to establish CORI-related standards for the City of Cambridge similar to those adopted in Boston. Councillor Murphy
10. The City Manager is requested to direct the Municipal Cable Office to televise the forthcoming Health and Environment Committee meeting on discussions related to the WR Grace site. Vice Mayor Decker
11. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation and Police Commissioner with regards to the reinstallation of the "no

- bicycles on sidewalks signs” and the “no bicycles logo ” on Cambridge Street, as well as enforcement of these regulations. Mayor Sullivan
12. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase police patrols on Cambridge Street, particularly the area of 1221 Cambridge Street, due to the high number of people trespassing and sleeping in the corridors near the property. Mayor Sullivan
13. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Election Commission to send fifty applications for absentee ballots to 1221 Cambridge Street. Mayor Sullivan
14. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase foot patrols to ensure that all citizens have equal accessibility to the benches along Cambridge Street. Mayor Sullivan
15. The City Manager is requested to report on the standards on noise and pollution for all leaf blowers used in municipal work, both by City departments and by private entities under contract with the City, and to implement more stringent standards in upcoming contracts and to amend existing contracts to include more stringent requirements. Councillor Davis, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey
16. The City Manager is requested to investigate the placement of port-a-potties at Raymond Park for the benefit of the children and families who frequent the park. Councillor Simmons
17. The City Manager is requested to obtain information about Meridian House in East Boston and to look into the feasibility of planning a similar facility in Cambridge to help residents trying to overcome substance abuse. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan
18. The City Manager is requested to confer with the General Manager of the MBTA to stop nighttime construction on the Green Line in East Cambridge. Councillor Maher
19. Amendment of the Municipal Code in Section 2.24.050 entitled “Fee Schedule.” Councillor Toomey
20. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Police Commissioner to increase patrols near the LBJ apartments due to cars traveling the wrong way down Erie Street. Mayor Sullivan
21. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority and the Council on Aging to discuss the feasibility of a meals program at the LBJ apartments. Mayor Sullivan
22. Housing Committee meeting to be scheduled on the rising fuel costs and available subsidies be televised. Councillor Galluccio
23. Urging Serino Realty to cooperate with the MBHP by bringing all units in question into compliance. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Decker, Mayor Sullivan
24. Request for the Mayor to request the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools to undertake an independent study of CRLS and RSTA graduation rates and report back to the City Council, such study to include breakdown by race, gender and socio-economic status. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Simmons
25. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to provide a member of their staff to work closely and to schedule a meeting with the Erie Street Association and Dana Park Neighborhood Association in relation to the development of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Vice Mayor Decker
26. The City Manager is requested to inform the public and the City Council of the characteristics of the programming that led to the recognition of the America’s Promise programming as one of the top 100 communities for youth. Councillor Davis

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 24

5:00pm Special presentation to thank volunteer participants in Treasure Fest Weekend fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina victims. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 26

8:30am The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on local action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

4:30pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the city. (Ackermann Room)

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)

Tues, Nov 22

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code on Refuse and Litter. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on re-filed proposal by the Planning Board to rezone the Concord Alewife area. This meeting to be televised. (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 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Cambridge Police Department to increase foot patrols to ensure that all citizens have equal accessibility to the benches in Central Square.

O-2 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Public Works Department and Community Development Department about the feasibility of re-installing a bench at the corner of Antrim and Cambridge streets.

O-3 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Police Commissioner to increase enforcement to prevent trucks from illegally traveling on Gore Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation look into alternative ways to correct this situation.

O-4 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record in support of an amendment to be filed to the Transportation, Treasury and HUD appropriations bill (House Resolution 3058) to restore funding to the following housing and community development programs:

- Two hundred million for the Community Development Block Grant Program (formula funding);
- Two hundred million for the Section 8 Voucher Program (to fully fund the program in Fiscal Year 2006);
- Two hundred million for the Public Housing Operating and Capital Funds;

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislation Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council

O-5 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: For decades the Blanchard Road intersection of Grove Street and Blanchard Road to Concord Avenue has been unsafe, hazardous and known for high speeds and accidents; and

WHEREAS: Residents were promised speed analysis, as well as a presentation of traffic calming options; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation about the unreasonable and dangerous delay, and report back to the City Council as to when a community meeting will occur and long overdue action will

be taken.

O-6 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to post on the City's home page information about effective ways for consumers to lower their heating and fuel costs, as well as information about opportunities for financial assistance to help pay for heating costs.

O-7 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the status of negotiations with the school traffic supervisors in the Cambridge Police Department.

O-8 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner to institute evening and nighttime enforcement of speed limits on River Street, given the prevalence of loud speeding trucks during evening and nighttime hours.

O-9 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to draft an amendment to the Cambridge Municipal Code to require that City vendors have fair policies relating to the CORI screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds, and to establish CORI-related standards for the City of Cambridge similar to those adopted in Boston.

O-10 October 24, 2005

VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Municipal Cable Office to televise the forthcoming Health and Environment Committee meeting on discussions related to the WR Grace site.

O-11 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking, and Transportation and Police Commissioner with regards to the reinstallation of the "no bicycles on sidewalks signs" and the "no bicycles logo" on Cambridge Street, as well as enforcement of these regulations.

O-12 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase police patrols on Cambridge Street, particularly the area of 1221 Cambridge Street, due to the high number of people trespassing and sleeping in the corridors near the property.

O-13 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Election Commission to send fifty applications for absentee ballots to 1221 Cambridge Street.

O-14 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase foot patrols to ensure that all citizens have equal accessibility to the benches along Cambridge Street.

O-15 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Leaf blowers used at the King Open School by private landscapers under contract with the City of Cambridge are discharging excessive noxious pollutants; and

WHEREAS: Dust emissions from leaf blowers contain fine particles of a variety of substances including heavy metals that are very bad for lungs, especially the lungs of growing children; and

WHEREAS: Other leaf blowers used for municipal work have been heard from great distances; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the standards on noise and pollution for all leaf blowers used in municipal work, both by City departments and by private entities under contract with the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to implement more stringent standards on noise and pollution from leaf blowers in upcoming contracts and to amend existing contracts to include more stringent requirements; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a proposal to limit noise and for implementing a ban on diesel for all leaf blowers used in the city, including examining limitations on hours and months.

O-16 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the placement of port-a-potties at Raymond Park for the benefit of the children and families who frequent the park.

O-17 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MAHER

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to obtain information about Meridian House in East Boston and to look into the feasibility of planning a similar facility in the City of Cambridge as a mechanism to help Cambridge residents who are trying to overcome substance abuse.

O-18 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the General Manager of the MBTA to stop nighttime construction on the Green Line in East Cambridge, where residents have been subjected to the noise of jack hammering at 3:00am.

O-19 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Municipal Code in Title Two, entitled "Administration" in Chapter 2.24, entitled "City Clerk Department" be amended in Section 2.24.050, entitled "Fee Schedule" by adding the following: Registered Electrolysis \$35.00; and be it further

ORDERED: That this proposed Municipal Code amendment be passed to a second reading.

O-20 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Police Commissioner to increase patrols near the LBJ apartments due to cars traveling the wrong way down Erie Street.

O-21 October 24, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority and the Council on Aging to discuss the feasibility of a meals program at the LBJ apartments.

O-22 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the Housing Committee meeting to be scheduled on the rising fuel costs and available subsidies be televised.

O-23 October 24, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR DECKER

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The City depends on Section 8 to provide affordable housing to Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Building owners and managers are required to meet "Quality Standards" as set forth in the Federal regulations for the Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS: Serino Realty has not brought unit(s) into compliance, despite the request of the MBHP; and

WHEREAS: This refusal to comply will render tenants to be Tenants-at-Sufferance; and

WHEREAS: Tenants-at-Sufferance may have to seek legal counsel regarding their rights and responsibilities under these circumstances; and

WHEREAS: This will place an unfair burden on many individuals; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Serino Realty to cooperate with the MBHP by bringing all units in question into compliance.

O-24 October 24, 2005
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to convey to the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools a request that they to undertake an independent study of CRLS and RSTA graduation rates and report back to the City Council, such study to include breakdown by race, gender and socio-economic status.

O-25 October 24, 2005
VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to provide a member of their staff to work closely and to schedule a meeting with the Erie Street Association and the Dana Park Neighborhood Association in relation to the development of the Blessed Sacrament Church.

O-26 October 24, 2005
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Cambridge has been named by America's Promise - The Alliance For Youth as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the public, especially families and parents and realtors, receive information about the wealth of programming that led America's Promise to so designate Cambridge as one of the top 100 communities for youth.