

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from the City Manager, relative to the vote necessary to seek the Department of Revenue approval of the tax rate for FY99:
- A. Appropriate \$1,119,000 to the Employee Benefits Salary & Wages Account to provide for the annual cost of retiree cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) approved by the City Council on June 1, 1998 to be funded from free cash \$656,390, transfer from the Cambridge Health Commission \$212,610, and property taxes \$250,000;
- B. Appropriate \$2,000,000 to the Capital Improvement Budget to establish an Open Space Acquisition Fund for the purpose of increasing the amount of open space in the City to be funded from free cash \$1,750,000 and property taxes \$250,000;
- C. Appropriate \$200,000 to the School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds for the 1999 Summer Institute to be funded from increased state aid;
- D. Appropriate \$35,000 to the Finance Department/Personnel Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund an Organizational Development Initiative for the City to be funded by property taxes;
- E. Appropriate \$11,000 to the Finance Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund the Senior Citizen Public Services Stipend Program to be funded from property taxes;
- F. Authorize the use of \$8,702,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (free cash) to reduce the FY1999 tax rate: Operating Budget \$2,400,000 (as adopted in the FY99 Budget); Affordable Housing Trust \$2,250,000 (as adopted in the FY99 Budget); Capital Budget \$3,150,000 (as adopted in the FY99 Budget); and Overlay Reserve \$902,000;
- G. Classify property into in the five classes;
- H. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 57.60692%;
- I. Vote to approve the maximum residential exemption of 20% for owner occupied homes;
- J. Vote to double the normal value of statutory exemptions for FY1999;
- K. Vote to increase the FY1999 exemption allowed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, by 2.8% (\$5.17); and
- L. Vote to double the income limit for deferral of property taxes by elderly homeowners.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. Petition was received from Mark Gibbins requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 55 Kinnaird Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from one of the neighborhood associations.
2. A communication was received from Edith G. Hicks, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of her husband, William C. Hicks.
3. Sundry communications were received transmitting support for the Vendetti petition to downzone the so-called "ComEnergy site" to open space.
4. A communication was received from David Clem, President, Cambridge Research Park, LLC, transmitting

written protest on the petition to rezone land in East Cambridge known as the ComEnergy site by changing the district designation to "Open Space" that is presently zoned Office 3A.

5. A communication was received from the Skelley Family, transmitting deep appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of Eleanor L. Skelley.
6. A communication was received from Louise Crelly, transmitting a request to the City Council to ban smoking in all public places including restaurants and bars.
7. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, transmitting notification of a new address on 206-220 Otis Street, 355-361 Columbia Street, 192 Hampshire Street and 165 Amory Street.
8. A communication was received from Carol Madsen, transmitting opposition to the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance located at 22 Churchill Avenue and Clarendon Avenue.
9. A communication was received from Elizabeth E. Snow, transmitting dismay at the extremely limited scope of the Planning Board Proposal on Backyard Zoning.
10. A communication was received from Au Bon Pain, requesting an "A" framed sign, a table and a sandwich board in front of premises numbered 1379 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square on November 3, 1998 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
11. A communication was received from Lee H. Joseph, Easy Chair, transmitting concern over the horrific automobile accident this past Tuesday morning that seriously injured a 12 year old area resident while crossing Huron Avenue at the crosswalk between Huron Drug and the Cambridge Trust Company.
12. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, transmitting notification of a new address at the premises numbered 1008 Massachusetts Avenue.
13. A communication was received from David Hoicka, transmitting notification of Ballot Questions 5, 6 and 7 that will be on the November 3rd election for the 28th Middlesex District.
14. A communication was received from the Co-chairs of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI), regarding the IPOP special permit for 784 Memorial Drive LLC/Polaroid site.
15. A communication was received from Craig A. Kelley, regarding the extreme distance between the crosswalks in the redesign plans for North Massachusetts Avenue.

CONSENT ORDERS

1. Develop a process where parents that would be notified in a timely manner regarding their children's safety. Councillor Russell
2. Confer with CASPAR regarding what outreach is being offered in the Central Square area to alleviate the problem of public drinking. Councillor Russell
3. Develop a plan to help seniors living on fixed incomes cope with the increase in property assessments. Councillor Sullivan
4. Draft an ordinance establishing an Economic Development Department. Councillor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the tragic death of Matthew Shepard. Councillor Triantafillou, Mayor Duehay and Councillor Davis

6. Clean the playgrounds in the Cambridge Common and post signs that dogs are not allowed in the playground area. Councillor Sullivan
7. Reminder that street cleaning has been extended until December 31, 1998. Mayor Duehay
8. Plan to bury overhead wires in upcoming construction projects. Councillor Davis
9. Assess outdoor lighting of public buildings including school buildings. Councillor Davis
10. Designate an individual to assess all possible sources of all open space. Councillor Davis
11. The Citywide Rezoning Advisory Committee include the economic development aspect in its deliberations. Councillor Davis
12. Congratulations to a special couple on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
13. Plans to address public drinking in Harvard, Inman and Central Squares. Councillor Reeves
14. Investigate the policy of the rental of "black "movies at Blockbuster Video Store in Central Square. Councillor Reeves
15. Consider an increase in the annual allocations for affordable housing for the year 2000 budget. Vice Mayor Galluccio
16. Update on the progress of bringing cable television competition to Cambridge. Vice Mayor Galluccio
17. City Council support the amending of the HUD regulations to institute a resident preference for the filling of vacancies for expiring use buildings. Vice Mayor Galluccio
18. Resolution on the death of Ruth P. Williams Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
19. Resolution on the death of Robert L. Linton, Sr. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Reeves and entire membership
20. Resolution on the death of Laura T. Souza-Forgetta. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
21. Resolution on the death of Maria T. Sousa. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
22. Happy 25th Anniversary to CASCAP with a dinner on November 10th at the Boston Marriott in Kendall Square at 7:00pm. Councillors Toomey and Sullivan
23. Extend appreciation to the many volunteers at the North Cambridge Senior Center. Councillor Russell
24. The Matignon High School Alumni will celebrate 50 years of excellence in education with a musical performance on November 6th and 7th at 8:00pm. Councillor Toomey
25. Opening Day Swearing-In Ceremony for Americorps will be held on Friday, October 30, 1998. Councillor Toomey
26. Support and sponsor Back Porch Dance Company on their multi-part project celebrating the women of Cambridge and work they do. Councillor Triantafillou
27. Conduct an assessment of child and adolescent mental health services in the City. Councillor Davis
28. City Council to support the establishment of a preschool at the Morse School. Councillor Davis
29. Place "A" frame signs at the main streets to point to establishment located on side streets. Councillor Davis
30. Contact the sponsors, FAA and Massport regarding the noise nuisance of an air traffic jam over Cambridgeport and Riverside during the Head of the Charles last weekend. Councillor Davis
31. Progress report on filling the position of public information officer. Councillor Davis
32. Report on efforts to prevent public drunkenness. Councillor Davis
33. Remember and honor our veterans of military service on the anniversary of the armistice on November 11th. Vice Mayor Galluccio
34. Negotiate with property owners to put the bus shelter back in service formerly based at Erie and Brookline Streets. Councillor Davis
35. Report on the explanation of the general policies of the License Commission in the licensing of restaurants, bars and nightclubs. Councillor Triantafillou
36. Extend get well wishes to Ray Durette. Councillor Toomey
37. Send best wishes to Conor Epstein for a speedy recovery of his broken leg. Councillor Born
38. On October 28, 1998 the Laity and Clergy For Affordable Housing will celebrate the completion of 36 Jefferson Street. Councillor Russell
39. Steps the City can take to prevent advertising airplanes from circling Cambridge all day during athletic and/or other celebrations. Councillor Born
40. Cancel the City Council meetings of December 28, 1998 and January 4, 1999. Councillor Toomey
41. Dedicate the corner of Cambridge and Windsor Streets "Joseph Versackas, Sr. Square." Councillor Toomey
42. Immediate attention to the safety at the intersection of Huron Avenue and Chilton Street, with the possibility of a crossing signal. Councillors Born, Russell and Mayor Duehay
43. Congratulations to the Cambridge Alumni Association 1998 Inductees on Saturday, November 7th. Councillor Reeves
44. Resolution on the death of Charles R. Colbert. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
45. Install a four-way stop sign at the corner of Seventh Street and Otis Street. Mayor Duehay
46. Resolution on the retirement of Frances Meucci from the School Department. Mayor Duehay and entire membership
47. Resolution on the retirement of Edward M. Comerford from the Fire Department. Mayor Duehay and entire membership
48. Resolution on the retirement of Robert Gallo from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Davis
49. Designate a staff person to look into the federal government's "Smart Growth Initiative." Councillor Davis
50. Wish a speedy recovery to Marie DeLeo. Vice Mayor Galluccio
51. Resolution on the retirement of Anna McKenzie from the Neville Manor. Mayor Duehay and entire membership

52. Begin discussion with the Tobin neighborhood regarding replacing the "Lost Zebra" which was vandalized to the extent that it is not repairable. Councillor Russell
53. Proclaim the month of November as Cambridge Family Literacy Month in Cambridge and support the Day of Family Fun on Saturday, November 7th from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at City Hall. Mayor Duehay
54. Celebrate with APP/First Steps Day Care Center on November 17th from 3:00 - 4:30 PM at the CRLS Library their being accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. Councillor Russell
55. Draw up a plan to expand open space around the Kennedy School and Ahern Field and look into the purchase of surrounding properties. Councillor Born
56. Update on negotiations involving the Trust for Public Land on the owners of properties abutting the Pacific Street park with the goal of expanding the existing park. Councillor Born
57. Update on plans to acquire the Linpro site on Broadway for open space. Councillor Born
58. Initiate discussions, in not already, to acquire the Squirrel Brand property on Broadway for the goal of maintaining the community gardens and other open space on the site. Councillor Born
59. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Mel King. Councillor Reeves
60. Best wishes to Dr. Ibrahim Sundiata in his new endeavor as Chairman of the Department of History at Harvard University. Councillor Reeves
61. Day Street residents indicated that on street cleaning days parked cars are not towed and Day Street looks as if was never swept. Councillor Reeves
62. Work closely with the City Council and the Cable Committee on the most updated information on cable provider. Councillor Reeves
63. Congratulations to Peter Wolf on his new album Fool's Parade. Councillor Reeves
64. Provide information on the Franklin/Green Street garage regarding its recent improvements. Councillor Reeves
65. Special thanks to Joyce Trotman, Executive Director of the Hildebrand Self-Help Center, Inc. and the staff for their tremendous work. Councillor Reeves
66. Prepare a resolution on the anniversary of the Isaac Wilson Taylor Post. Councillor Reeves

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Duehay, transmitting three communications regarding welfare reform, entitled:
 What It Means for Our Community: Cambridge Takes a Look at Welfare Reform;
 Pushed to the Edge "Speaking Out About Welfare Reform;"
 Welfare in Transition: Consequences for Women, Families and Community.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Davis relative to an awaiting report number sixteen of October 19, 1998 regarding a report on allocating a portion of the

current housing funds for a rent subsidy fund to assist Cambridge tenants, and awaiting report number twenty nine of October 19, 1998 regarding providing a quarterly report on the progress made to increase the supply of affordable housing in the City and an update on application procedures.

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2. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-eight regarding a report on what notification was given concerning the development of a hotel at 19 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington.
3. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-one regarding a report on the procedures if a building alarm goes off for more than ten minutes.
4. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-four of February 23, 1998 regarding a report on the status of the Public Library Bookmobile for elderly residents.
5. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-nine of February 23, 1998 regarding a report on how many positions in the City are being filled with employees from temporary agencies.
6. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eleven of June 16, 1997 regarding the possibility of reducing the costs of legal advertising.
7. Relative to Consent Order Number Twenty-six of September 22, 1997 regarding the request to prepare appropriate language for a non-binding referendum petition for the upcoming municipal election relative to the use of free-cash to reduce the tax levy on homeowners and businesses.
8. Relative to an Awaiting Report Item Number Fourteen of May 11, 1998, on the removal of street trees on Pemberton Street.
9. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Seventeen of July 27, 1998 regarding a report on the current status of State funding to the schools and what steps will be taken to remedy any deficiencies within the School Department Special Education Services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to extend the effective date of the Backyard Moratorium, Section 3.14, from June 30, 1998 to September 30, 1998. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 12, 1998. Deadline for action on petition is October 21, 1998.
11. Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code entitled the "Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 12, 1998.
12. Proposed zoning petition submitted by the Planning Board affecting several lots on Churchill and Clarendon Avenue. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 12, 1998. Deadline for action on petition is December 15, 1998.

HEARING SCHEDULE

- Mon, Oct 26** 4:30pm Special **City Council** Meeting to conduct a public hearing on the Property Tax Rate Classification. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- 7:00pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss race relations in the City of Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)
- Tues, Oct 27** 9:00am The **Government Operations Committee** will conduct a facilitated goal-setting meeting. (University Park Hotel, 20 Sidney Street).
- 5:30pm The **Finance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of eminent domain taking of property for open space, especially in East Cambridge and also in other areas of the City in need of more open space. (Kennedy School Cafeteria, 158 Spring St.)
- Mon, Nov 2** 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- Thurs, Nov 5** 5:00pm The **Human Services and Youth Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss the assessment of youth programs, including its relationship to extended day programming. The meeting will begin with a tour of the Moore Center. (Willis Moore Center Gilmore Street)
- Mon, Nov 9** 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- Tues, Nov 10** 5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss a recommendation from the Historical Commission on its revised Final Report on the Proposed Arsenal Square Extension of the Old Cambridge Historic District and/or the proposed Landmark Designation of 22, 24 and 26-28 Garden Street. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 6:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on staff work toward the regulation of newsboxes. (Sullivan Chamber)
- Thurs, Nov 12** 5:30pm The **Cable TV Telecommunication and Electricity Committee** will conduct a public hearing to receive an update on the progress in the area of competition for Cable TV and on the refranchising process. (Sullivan Chamber)
- Mon, Nov 16** 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- Wednesday, Nov 18 5:30pm The **Traffic and Transportation Committee** will conduct a public hearing to review the recommendations regarding trucks in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 6:30pm The **Traffic and Transportation Committee** will conduct a public hearing to discuss the traffic impact of the University Park development. (Sullivan Chamber)
- Mon, Nov 23** 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- Mon, Dec 7** 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- Mon, Dec 28** 5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)