

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Rooftop Mechanicals Zoning Petition.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. An application was received from Kendall Square, LLC, requesting five curb cuts at the premises numbered 364 Third Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation with conditions, Historical and Public Works pending Traffic and Parking conditions. Two neighborhood association letters were sent. One neighborhood association approved and the other association responded that it needs more information to make a decision.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-87, regarding the planning process for Massachusetts Avenue from the Cambridge Common north to Porter Square.
3. Requesting the City Council go on record reaffirming its strong commitment to affordable housing, opposing the return of rent control to Cambridge, and take no action on the initiative petition for home rule legislation to re-establish rent control, the issue to be decided by the citizens of Cambridge in the November 4, 2003 election.

## **ON THE TABLE**

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square. 1-11 Shady Hill Square, 36 Holden Street.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
6. Request the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to make maximum use of CPA funds to develop affordable housing that is permanently affordable, such as limited equity cooperatives and condos.
7. Requesting the City Manager to appoint someone to speak with Neighbors for a Better Community to explore possible collaboration.
8. Requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition to enable the City Manager to approve curb cuts.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Calender Item No. 1, dated 11/4/02, regarding the implementation of land use and zoning recommendations of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-102, regarding a report on how

the Cambridge Housing Authority's emergency switches in resident units function.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. Petition from Harvard University requesting a sub-surface easement located between 1720 and 1737 Cambridge Street for the purpose of constructing an underground pedestrian and service tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.
12. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 30, 2003 for the purpose of considering: Petition re-filed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning in the Riverside area and The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 13, 2003. Petition expires October 28, 2003. Petition re-filed by Robert S. Carlson et al., to amend the zoning in the same area. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 13, 2003. Petition expires October 28, 2003.
13. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a Certification from the Election Commission of the signatures on an initiative petition entitled "Ordinance Regulating Residential Rents and Evictions." Two objections to the certification have been filed.  
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COUNCILLOR MAHER. MEETING ADJOURNED  
BEFORE ITEM WAS ACTED UPON.
14. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 24, 2003 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone city parks and recreational facilities as open space. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 3, 2003. Petition expires Dec 23, 2003.
15. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 24, 2003 for the purpose of considering a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance to implement the recommendations of the Rooftop Mechanical Task Force which met from February 2002 to May 2003. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 3, 2003. Petition expires December 23, 2003.
16. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 24, 2003 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to modify the Table of Use

Regulations in the ordinance to restrict or eliminate some anomalous uses now allowed in open space districts. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 3, 2003. Petition expires December 23, 2003.

17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the reallocation of the \$500,000 in bond proceeds issued on December 15, 2001 to fund the Lafayette Square Reconstruction Project to the Cambridge Street Improvement Project. I am also requesting that the \$500,000 appropriation be rescinded. On or after November 3, 2003 the question comes on adoption.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from La Fleur (Fresh Flowers), requesting permission for a display of merchandise at the premises numbered 1110 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Cremaldi's, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 31 Putnam Avenue.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Harvard Planning + Allston Initiative, transmitting written opposition and protest to the Carlson Petition.
2. A communication was received from Theodora Arvanites, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding a rise in crime.
4. A communication was received from Representative Robert A. DeLeo, transmitting thanks for your kind expression of sympathy to his late father, Alfred.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulating Mary "DeDe" Albano on being selected "Woman of the Year" by the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Decker, Councillor Murphy, Vice Mayor Davis
2. Expressing appreciation to Angelo Olivieri for his thirty-four years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of Joseph J. Tomasik. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Dorothy A. Callahan. Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulating Cheryl Anne Watson on her new position as Corporation Counsel for the City of Chelsea. Mayor Sullivan
6. Urging Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the Community Arts Center, Inc. and the Teen Media Program's 8th Annual Do It Your Damn Self Festival and wish the event great success. Mayor Sullivan

7. Congratulating Councillor Denise Simmons and the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for the success of this year's "Buy Cambridge Initiative" at M.I.T. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Maher, Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan and Councillor Toomey

8. Resolution on the death of John M. Corcoran. Mayor Sullivan

9. Resolution on the death of Rose M. (Aprille) Daniels. Mayor Sullivan

10. Congratulating Leo Beranek, co-founder of BBN Technologies, on his winning the National Medal of Science and wish him continued success. Mayor Sullivan

11. Urging Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the License Commission's Halloween SoberRide program that will be held on October 30th and 31st, 2003, from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. and thank the the License Commission for their efforts to put an end to Drinking and Driving. Mayor Sullivan

12. Congratulating the new police officers on the occasion of their graduation from the Police Academy. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey

13. Thank Sol y Canto for their generosity in holding concerts, the proceeds of which benefit Cambridge non-profit and educational organizations. Vice Mayor Davis

#### **ORDERS**

1. City Council go on record opposing the changes to Code of Massachusetts Regulations Section 108 regarding Veterans' Benefits, proposed by Governor Romney and the Secretary of Veterans Services. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio and Mayor Sullivan
2. Dedicate the corner of Hardwick and Berkshire Streets as "Michael McDermott Square". Councillor Toomey
3. Dedicate 155 Charles Street as the "Josie and George Vendetti Walkway". Councillor Toomey
4. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Public Works Commissioner to create a "Rodent Hotline" in light of the increased rodent problem in the City; said Hotline to be published on the City's Web site and the municipal cable. Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Reeves
5. Requesting the City Manager to contact the appropriate departments to consider adding additional handicapped spaces for residents of the Manning Apartments on the landing floor of the Green Street Parking Garage. Councillor Galluccio
6. Requesting the City Manager to instruct the Law Department to update the City Council on the progress on a home rule petition that would subject universities to the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance. Councillor Galluccio

7. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to consider adding points for preference for candidates who have had past applications for housing under all City housing programs. Councillor Galluccio
8. Requesting the City Manager to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to do a traffic study of Blanchard Road to determine if a lower speed limit could properly be placed in the area of Blanchard and Crowley Streets. Councillor Reeves
9. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to report to the City Council on what means the City can use to assist jobseekers, especially those who are young and new to the job market, at a prominently located and publicized location. Councillor Reeves
10. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to investigate and report on why local laundromats appear to be fading from the human picture and how such businesses could be attracted and retained. Councillor Reeves
11. Requesting the City Manager to determine if the nine-week temporary employment program could be expanded to offer additional seasonal opportunities for seasonal workers and whether there could be similar numbers of positions available year-round. Councillor Reeves
12. Requesting the City Manager to inquire of the Cambridge Housing Authority how many families/individuals will be affected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's reinstated 1998 Community Service and Self-Sufficiency requirements, and what programs the City can implement to assist these individuals. Councillor Simmons
13. Requesting the City Manager to examine the actions taken by Boston and Watertown in an effort to uphold the health and animal regulations and keep residents and animals safe and healthy. Councillor Toomey
14. Requesting the City Manager to work with the municipal cable office with a view in mind of televising one fall sporting event from each of the CRLS varsity fall sports teams. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
15. Requesting the City Manager to assist the City Council in creating an oversight body to oversee and implement the Memorandum of Agreement signed by Harvard University and the Riverside neighborhood. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Decker, Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher, Councillor Murphy and Vice Mayor Davis

16. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department to forward to the City Council a comprehensive Economic Development Plan. Councillor Simmons

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Oct 28

10:00am Special Meeting of the City Council to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, which would change the zoning in the Riverside area. (IF NECESSARY) This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Nov 6

12:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion on coordination of services between the Municipal Cable, School Department and CCTV. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from John Roback, et al., to amend the Zoning Ordinances by deleting the designation C-2A and substituting in place thereof the designation C-1 in the area bounded by Green, Pearl, Franklin and Brookline Streets. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Nov 18

8:30am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss out of school time (OST) programs in Cambridge, with particular emphasis on whether there are sufficient OST programs to meet the needs of Cambridge families and if so, do parents know about them. (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Governor Romney and the Secretary of Veterans Services have proposed changes to the Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) Section 108 that would eliminate the Retirement/Disabled Allowance for veterans who receive a Service Connected Disability, cap medical assistance to only those Veterans/Spouses at 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level, reimburse only approved Veterans' Grave Flags, and eliminate the State Annuity program in the FY05 State Budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record opposing the proposed changes to CMR 108; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Governor Romney, the Secretary of Veterans Services and the Cambridge delegation to the Massachusetts State Legislature.

O-2 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Hardwick and Berkshire Streets as "Michael McDermott Square"; 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-3 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate 155 Charles Street as the "Josie and George Vendetti Walkway"; 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-4 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Public Works Commissioner to create a "Rodent Hotline" in light of the increased rodent problem in the City; said Hotline to be published on the City's Web site and the municipal cable.

O-5 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the appropriate departments to consider adding additional handicapped spaces for residents of the Manning Apartments on the landing floor of the Green Street Parking Garage.

O-6 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to update the City Council on the progress on a home rule petition that would subject universities to the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance.

O-7 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to consider adding points for preference for candidates who have had past applications for housing under all City housing programs.

O-8 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to do a traffic study of Blanchard Road to determine if a lower speed limit could properly be placed in the area of Blanchard and Crowley Streets.

O-9 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There are a number of job training programs available at various locations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS: Currently there does not appear to be a well-publicized clearing house for job seekers, especially those who are young and new to the job market; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to report to the City Council on what means the City can use to assist these jobseekers at a prominently located and publicized location.

O-10 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Laundromats in Cambridge and Boston appear to be disappearing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS: Recently it has come to public attention that the laundromat on Western Avenue will permanently close; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby be requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to investigate and report on why local laundromats appear to be fading from the human picture and how such businesses could be attracted and retained.

O-11 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Currently, the nine-week temporary employment program serves the real need of those needing immediate employment during warm weather months, but less so during cold weather months; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine if the nine- week temporary employment program could be expanded to offer additional seasonal opportunities for seasonal workers and whether there could be similar numbers of positions available year-round.

O-12 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire of the Cambridge Housing Authority how many families/individuals will be affected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's reinstated 1998 Community Service and Self-Sufficiency requirements, and what programs the City can implement to assist these individuals.

O-13 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Numerous complaints to health code violations have been filed by residents against an individual who resided on Fayette Street; and

WHEREAS: These complaints were related to mistreated and neglected animals; and

WHEREAS: The individual moved to Boston and then to Watertown; and

WHEREAS: Abutters have incurred large legal fees; and

WHEREAS: Boston and Watertown were able to take swift action to prevent violations to health and animal regulations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to examine the actions taken by Boston and Watertown in an effort to uphold the health and animal regulations and keep residents and animals safe and healthy.

O-14 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the municipal cable office with a view in mind of televising one fall sporting event from each of the CRLS varsity fall sports teams.

O-15 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
MAYOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assist the City Council in creating an oversight body whose purpose will be to oversee and implement the Memorandum of Agreement signed by Harvard University and the Riverside neighborhood, particularly the affordable housing units and the open space designs; and be it further

ORDERED: That consideration should be given to various oversight structures, but the final vehicle must include representatives from the Riverside neighborhood, Harvard, the City Council and City Administrative Staff. Particular attention must also be paid to the duration of the discussed building projects, and a timeline for the overall plan completion. The City Manager should report back to the City Council in one month.

O-16 October 27, 2003  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department to forward to the City Council a comprehensive Economic Development Plan.