

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Peace Commission for a term of three years, effective November 1, 2003:  
Moacir Barbosa, 1010 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 02138  
Grove Harris, 89 Webster Ave., Cambridge, 02141  
Fr. Thomas Massaro, 66 Oxford St., Cambridge, 02138  
Julian Maynard, 59 Elm St., Cambridge, 02139  
Abha Sur, 131 Antrim St., Cambridge, 02139  
Larry Ward, 372A Broadway, Cambridge, 02139

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

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

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Requesting the City Manager to appoint someone to speak with Neighbors for a Better Community to explore possible collaboration.
6. Requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition to enable the City Manager to approve curb cuts.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Calendar Item No. 1, dated 11/4/02, regarding the implementation of land use and zoning recommendations of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12. 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.
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. **ITEM MOVED FROM THE TABLE BY 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 Feb 2002 to May 2003. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 3, 2003. Petition expires Dec 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 Nov 3, 2003. Petition expires Dec 23, 2003.

17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the reallocation of the \$500,000 in bond proceeds issued on Dec 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 Nov 3, 2003 the question comes on adoption.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. Approval of surety bond for City Clerk D. Margaret Drury.
2. Approval of surety bond for Deputy City Clerk Donna P. Lopez.
3. Approval of surety bond for City Auditor James Monagle.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Mary T. Mroz, transmitting appreciation for your expression of sympathy on behalf of her late brother, Gerardo Tramontozzi.
2. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, transmitting thanks the City Council's support for Senate bill 521/House bill 2599, "An Act Relative to a Ban on Smoking in the Workplace."

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Norma L. "Cissie" (Maguire) Yanco. Mayor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the death of Robert L. Bletzer. Mayor Sullivan
3. Congratulating Audrey M. Cabral-Pini on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
4. Congratulating Arlene Calvert on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
5. Congratulating Patricia Donahue on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
6. Congratulating Tracy Duffey Finstein on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
7. Congratulating Barbara Fox on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
8. Congratulating Nancy Fulton on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
9. Congratulating Carol Gavin on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
10. Congratulating William Hansis on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
11. Congratulating Catherine M. Hemenway on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher

12. Congratulating Margot L. Holtzman on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
13. Congratulating Joan M. Logue on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
14. Congratulating Judith Martin on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
15. Congratulating Rene Meshon on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
16. Congratulating Leslie E. Mili on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
17. Congratulating Shavaun M. O'Neill on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
18. Congratulating Antoinette Powers on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
19. Congratulating Harvey Schuster on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
20. Congratulating Maria J. Silva on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
21. Congratulating Kathleen Wamness-Cherkasly on twenty-five years of service to the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Maher
22. Resolution on the death of Arthur J. McCarthy. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Frank Blanchforte. Mayor Sullivan
24. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Cornelius Reddick. Councillor Simmons
25. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Ruby Sutherland. Councillor Simmons
26. City Council go on record wishing a Happy 80th Birthday to a Very Special Cantabrigian. Councillor Galluccio
27. City Council go on record extending Happy Birthday and Get Well wishes to Anne Carrabino. Vice Mayor Davis
28. City Council go on record extending Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Mary Rogers. Councillor Toomey
29. Congratulating Joseph Kovalyn, Turf and Landscape Manager for the Department of Public Works, on the occasion of being selected as the 2003 District 1 Groundskeeper of the Year by the National High School Baseball Coaches Association and wish him continued success and thank him for his dedication to the City of Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan

30. Congratulating the MIT Public Service Center on the occasion of its 15th anniversary and wish it continued success. Mayor Sullivan
31. Resolution on the death of Joanne Sakey. Mayor Sullivan
32. Extending appreciation to Beth Rubenstein, Lester Barber, Donald Drisdell and Nancy Glowa for their hard work on behalf of the City on the Carlson/Riverside Rezoning petition as amended by substitution at the City Council meeting on October 27, 2003. Councillor Murphy, Councillor Maher
33. Resolution on the death of Ralph Sette. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of William H. Flannery. Councillor Toomey
35. Resolution on the death of Patrick F. Kelly. Councillor Galluccio
36. Resolution on the death of Edwin Allen Mullins. Councillor Galluccio
37. Resolution on the death of Cambridge Fire Lieutenant Barry M. Bennett. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
38. Extending best wishes to Guy and Mary Sciandra on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
39. Congratulating State Senator Cheryl Jacques on her appointment as President and Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign and thank her for her service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and her leadership on numerous issues. Vice Mayor Davis

#### **ORDERS**

1. Requesting the City Manager to investigate the problem with snow removal in the parking lot behind Kentucky Fried Chicken near 2050 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Simmons
2. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to seek an alternative program site for aquatic programs when the War Memorial site closes for renovations. Councillor Toomey
3. Cancel the December 1, 2003 City Council meeting to enable employees to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. Mayor Sullivan
4. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on possible safety improvements to the Cambridge Common. Councillor Murphy
5. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to prepare a response to the proposals for building over the air rights at Porter Square Station, including but not limited to urban design, traffic and parking. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan
6. Requesting the City Manager to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to provide a status report on any areas that have had

- signs posted changing residential parking to two-hour maximum parking. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
7. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Public Works Commissioner to examine the placement of the handicapped sign at the entrance to the Morse School on Granite Street; said sign could be placed so that it is clearly visible to the general public. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
8. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Public Works Commissioner to increase monitoring of Paine Park so that the residents can safely enjoy this park. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
9. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on conditions at Paine Park, including but not limited to play equipment, graffiti, late night use of the park by teenagers, cleanliness, and the large electric transformer that has been installed next to the park's gate. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan
10. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to increase enforcement of illegally double- and triple-parked cars on Cambridge and Norfolk Streets, creating a safety hazard. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
11. Requesting the City Manager to increase enforcement of illegal and double parking in the area of Inman Square, with specific attention to the Norfolk and Cambridge Streets intersection, including weekends, and to report back to the City Council. Mayor Sullivan
12. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a plan to promote recycling of "retired" cell phones and programs where cell phones can be donated to charitable causes. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan
13. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on benches that were removed from the green space between the police station and Franklin Street and to reinstall benches at this location. Mayor Sullivan
14. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council relative to the potential presence of arsenic in the soil under play structures in city parks and tot lots and whether contamination is present, due to use of pressure-treated wood, now or in the past. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan
15. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Police and Traffic, Parking and Transportation Departments on enforcement of speeding cars which endanger pedestrians in Huron Village. Councillor Maher, Mayor Sullivan
16. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with a

zoning analysis of the Massachusetts Avenue corridor from Cambridge Common to Porter Square and to ensure that the planning process include the community with a community meeting. Vice Mayor Davis.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on October 15, 2003 for the purpose of discussing how parents covered the gap in out of school time programming for the summer vacation time between camp and school and the effects of school consolidation on after school programming.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on September 3, 2003 to continue discussion on what planning strategies will best enable the Cambridge community to benefit from Cambridge's knowledge-based economy and, specifically, on strategies for follow-up to the June forum at the Hotel at MIT featuring Professor Juan Enriquez.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 23, 2003 to continue planning presentation on the Cambridge's knowledge-based economy and its implications for the Cambridge community to feature Professor Juan Enriquez and to take place at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School (CRLS).
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a working meeting held on Oct 2, 2003 on outreach for an Oct 16, 2003 presentation sponsored by the Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committee, Harvard, M.I.T., and the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. The presentation will feature a talk by Professor Juan Enriquez on the Cambridge's knowledge-based economy and its implications for the Cambridge community.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **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 November 3, 2003

**COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the problem with snow removal in the parking lot behind Kentucky Fried Chicken near 2050 Massachusetts Avenue.

O-2 November 3, 2003

**COUNCILLOR TOOMEY**

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to seek an alternative program site for aquatic programs when the War Memorial site closes for renovations.

O-3 November 3, 2003

**MAYOR SULLIVAN**

**ORDERED:** That the December 1, 2003 City Council meeting be and hereby is cancelled to enable employees to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

O-4 November 3, 2003

**COUNCILLOR MURPHY**

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on possible safety improvements to the Cambridge Common.

O-5 November 3, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to prepare a response to the proposals for building over the air rights at Porter Square Station, including but not limited to urban design, traffic and parking.

O-6 November 3, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to provide a status report on any areas that have had signs posted changing residential parking to two-hour maximum parking.

O-7 November 3, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Public Works Commissioner to examine the placement of the handicapped sign at the entrance to the Morse School on Granite Street; said sign could be placed so that it is clearly visible to the general public.

O-8 November 3, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Public Works Commissioner to increase monitoring of Paine Park so that the residents can safely enjoy this park.

O-9 November 3, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on conditions at Paine Park, including but not limited to play equipment, graffiti, late night use of the park by teenagers, cleanliness, and the large electric transformer that has been installed next to the park's gate.

O-10 November 3, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to increase enforcement of illegally double- and triple-parked cars on Cambridge and Norfolk Streets, creating a safety hazard.

O-11 November 3, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to increase enforcement of illegal and double parking in the area of Inman Square, with specific

attention to the Norfolk and Cambridge Streets intersection, including weekends; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-12 November 3, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: A new rule (set to go into effect on November 24, 2003) allowing cell phone users to keep their cell phone number when switching carriers is predicted to produce millions of "retired" cell phones, ending up in landfills and leaking chemicals into the ground; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan to promote recycling of "retired" cell phones and programs where cell phones can be donated to charitable causes.

O-13 November 3, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on benches that were removed from the green space between the police station and Franklin Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reinstall benches at this location.

O-14 November 3, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council relative to the potential presence of arsenic in the soil under play structures in city parks and tot lots and whether contamination is present, due to use of pressure-treated wood, now or in the past.

O-15 November 3, 2003

COUNCILLOR MAHER

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police and Traffic, Parking and Transportation Departments on enforcement of speeding cars which endanger pedestrians in Huron Village.

O-16 November 3, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with a zoning analysis of the Massachusetts Avenue corridor from Cambridge Common to Porter Square; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be further requested to ensure that the planning process include the community with a community meeting.