

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-100, regarding a report on installing way finding signs around the City.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.
2. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 615 Concord Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 28 Elliot Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
4. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 226 Main Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
5. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.

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 October 27, 2004 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to increase the filing fee for a zoning petition in Section 1.53 of the Zoning Ordinance from \$75 to \$150 to be consistent with the new filing fee approved by the City Council in its amendment to the Municipal Code on June 14, 2004. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 22, 2004. Petition expires January 25, 2005. Planning Board hearing held November 9, 2004 - No report received.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Ramon Raagas, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 13 Harrington Road; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No

response was received from the neighborhood association.

2. An application was received from Harvard Square Watch & Gifts, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 1208 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding City Council goals.
2. A communication was received from Dance Theatre of Harlem, transmitting thanks for being their partner in keeping dreams and the magic of dance alive.
3. A communication was received from Sarah Smith, regarding Special District 15 Rezoning Petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Josephine M. Boulton. Mayor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the death of Ralph V. Giove. Mayor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of Dorothy M. Graham. Mayor Sullivan
4. Congratulations to Local 12 Business Manager Financial Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Cotter on receiving the 2004 Cushing Gavin Labor Award for excellence in the Labor Management Field from the Labor Guild of the Archdioceses of Boston. Vice Mayor Decker
5. Congratulations to David Wanger of Angoff, Goldman, Manning, Wanger and Hughes on receiving the 2004 Cushing Gavin Labor Award for excellence in the Labor Management Attorney Field from the Labor Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston. Vice Mayor Decker
6. Congratulations to Vice President John Coughlin of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Massachusetts on receiving the 2004 Cushing Gavin Labor Award for excellence in the Auxiliary Field from the Labor Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston. Vice Mayor Decker
7. Congratulations to Director of Labor Relations Patricia Day of Massport on receiving the 2004 Cushing Gavin Labor Award for excellence in the Management Field from the Labor Guild of the Archdioceses of Boston. Vice Mayor Decker
8. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Gore on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Specialist Don Clary. Vice Mayor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Specialist Brian Baker. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Clinton Wisdom. Vice Mayor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist Quoc Tran. Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant David Ries. Vice Mayor Decker

14. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Branden Ramey. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Shane O'Donnell. Vice Mayor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Lam. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Corporal Nathaniel Hammond. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Specialist Bryan Freeman. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Charles Webb. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Specialist Cody Wentz. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jared Hubbard. Vice Mayor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Jeremiah Baro. Vice Mayor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Sean Langley. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Private Justin Yoemans. Vice Mayor Decker
25. Recognition and pride in the children of the Haggerty School for their efforts to reach out to the children of Beslan, Russia. Vice Mayor Decker
26. Congratulations to Rosi and Brian Amador on celebrating their 20th Anniversary as Boston-based Latin music ambassadors. Vice Mayor Decker
27. Congratulations to Max Hall on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Charles River Museum of Industry. Vice Mayor Decker
28. Congratulations to Marty Walz on her election to the State Massachusetts House of Representatives. Councillor Davis
29. Resolution on the death of William A. Perry. Councillor Toomey
30. Get well wishes to Harry Ryan. Mayor Sullivan
31. Resolution on the death of Lelio Marino. Mayor Sullivan
32. Condolences to Mayor Sharon Pollard on the death of her father. Mayor Sullivan
33. Resolution on the death of Joyce M. Sanchez. Mayor Sullivan
34. Resolution on the death of Helen E. Oliveira. Mayor Sullivan
35. Resolution on the death of Daniel J. Keohan. Mayor Sullivan
36. Resolution on the death of Mark Tashjian. Mayor Sullivan
37. Well wishes extended to the Clark family of Tyler, Texas. Mayor Sullivan
38. Recognition to Andy Bellizia, owner of Cambridge Motorcars Company, for his extreme generosity to the Clark family of Tyler, Texas during their time of need. Mayor Sullivan
39. Congratulations to Gwen Campero on being elected President of the Student Council at St. Peter's School. Vice Mayor Decker
40. Congratulations to Kelsey Hoffman on being elected Vice-President of the Student Council at St. Peter's School. Vice Mayor Decker
41. Congratulations to Evie Leuders-Booth on being elected Secretary of the Student Council at St. Peter's School. Vice Mayor Decker
42. Congratulations to Cassie Fils on being elected Treasurer of the Student Council at St. Peter's School. Vice Mayor Decker
43. Recognition to the Cambridge Health Department for their work on the administration of the flu shots. Mayor Sullivan
44. Recognition to the Saint Lucy Society for its donation to the Haggerty School and the Cambridge Scholarship Fund. Mayor Sullivan
45. Resolution on the death of Alma (McPherson) Adamson. Councillor Reeves
46. Resolution on the death of Julian Bennett. Councillor Reeves
47. Condolences to the family of Rupert Emanuel Randall. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. The City Manager is requested to confer with the City Electrician to provide a report on the maintenance of street lights and upon adoption of the order that it be referred to the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee. Councillor Davis
2. The City Manager is requested to provide a status report on the goal of the Planning Board of having and using microphones for all of their meetings and that the report include a plan for overflow seating with video and audio access to the Planning Board meeting room. Councillor Davis
3. The City Manager is requested to contact the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation with the view in mind of providing metered parking on Memorial Drive between Massachusetts Avenue and Kendall Square to ensure access to the recreational facilities along the Charles River and report back to the City Council. Councillor Davis
4. The City Council wishes the Cambridge Election Commission to adopt a policy that requires a hand mark or machine mark on votes onto full-ballot-text paper ballots. Councillor Murphy
CHARTER RIGHT – COUNCILLOR MURPHY
5. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to report on the City's policies and protocols for handling property of the homeless, including at the Cambridge Commons. Vice Mayor Decker
6. City Manager is requested to assist to arrange a meeting with elementary school administration to discuss ways to increase collaboration and cooperation

between the City programs and the school programs.
Mayor Sullivan

7. City Manager is requested to provided funding for transportation to transport students to sport practices.
Councillor Simmons
8. The City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate departments to erect signs informing residents of the location and time of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Thanksgiving football game.
Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
9. The City Manager is requested to report on a plan for providing a college counseling program for employees, perhaps through the Employee Assistance Program, said report to include cost details. Mayor Sullivan
10. The City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to hold a joint meeting with residents of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and abutting streets before any traffic changes are implemented. Councillor Toomey
11. The City Manager is requested to look into decreasing the property tax rate, if the City is unable to lower the tax rate, explain why it was not lowered to offset the assessment value and report back to the City Council with plans for additional revenue received from increased tax collections. Vice Mayor Decker

CHARTER RIGHT – COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on October 27, 2004 to discuss out of school time permits and Summer School.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a meeting held on November 3, 2004 to discuss assessing models and the City's revaluation.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, transmitting a copy of the response to Council Order No. 20, dated October 4, 2004 investigating the availability of space to insure the Cambridge taxicabs can stop at or have access to Porter Square.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 15

- 8:30am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a facilitated working meeting for the City Council to set FY 06 priorities. No public comment. (Water Dept, 250 Fresh Pond Pkwy)
- 5:00pm Special Presentation Haggerty School Children (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 16

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a funding mechanism for an annual expenditure relative to public celebrations. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 18

- 5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Police Review and Advisory Board ("PRAB") Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 6:30pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee Task Force will conduct a public meeting to discuss possible dog run sites in the Cambridgeport and Riverside areas. (Morse School Cafeteria)

Mon, Nov 22

- 2:00pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Ackermann Room)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 23

- 9:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss health of children, obesity and environmentally healthy buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 10:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss School Master Space calendar and receive an update on a discussion with School Principals on the issue of space, and to receive an update on Summer Programs. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 7

4:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Awaiting Report Item Number 04-90 regarding a new traffic plan proposed for the Dunkin Donuts on North Massachusetts Avenue. (Sullivan Chamber)

Fri, Dec 10

9:00am The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion of obesity in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

- 1:00pm Public Safety Committee (Ackermann Room)
- 5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Joint public meeting with the School Committee for a discussion of school related issues. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Wed, Dec 15

2:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss follow up on snow clearance issues and any other matters that might come before the committee. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 10, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 24, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 31, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 7, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 14, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 28, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician to provide a report on the maintenance of street lights; and be it further

ORDERED: That upon adoption of the order, the City Manager report on street lights be referred to the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee.

O-2 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a status report on the goal of the Planning Board of having and using microphones for all of their meetings; and

ORDERED: That said report also include a plan for overflow seating with video and audio access to the Planning Board meeting room.

O-3 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation with the view in mind of providing metered parking on Memorial Drive between Massachusetts Avenue and Kendall Square to ensure access to the recreational facilities along the Charles River; and be it further

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

O-4 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: Trustworthy elections are basic to democracy; and

WHEREAS: Trustworthy elections require that each vote is anonymous, secure, verified by the voter and counted as intended by the voter; and

WHEREAS: Paperless voting machines make it impossible for us to verify that our votes are correctly recorded; and

WHEREAS: Paperless voting machines make it impossible to prove that each vote is correctly counted; and

WHEREAS: A receipt printer on a paperless voting machine would not solve these problems because the votes printed on the receipt can be different from the

votes stored in the machine, and because votes on the receipts would rarely be counted; and

WHEREAS: Accurate re-counting requires that the votes on the original paper ballots be examined and counted, and that the results from a previous count are not known to the people doing the re-counting; and

WHEREAS: Failure to conduct trustworthy elections opens the door to undetectable errors and fraud and destroys voter confidence; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council wishes to have the Cambridge Election Commission adopt a policy that requires a hand mark or machine mark on our citizens' votes onto full-ballot-text paper ballots, to check our votes before we cast them, to know that the votes on our paper ballot are what get counted, and to have access to proof that every ballot is accounted for and that every vote is correctly understood and counted.

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O-5 November 15, 2004

VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to report on the City's policies and protocols for handling property of the homeless, including property of the homeless at the Cambridge Commons.

O-6 November 15, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assist to arrange a meeting with elementary school administration to discuss ways to increase collaboration and cooperation between the City programs and the school programs.

O-7 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provided funding for transportation to transport students to sport practices.

O-8 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to erect signs informing residents of the location and time of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Thanksgiving football game.

O-9 November 15, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Many employers are providing college counseling programs for their employees and their families; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council with a plan to implement such a program, perhaps through the City's Employee Assistance Program, said report to include cost details.

O-10 November 15, 2004

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to hold a joint meeting with residents of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and abutting streets before any traffic changes are implemented.

O-11 November 15, 2004

VICE MAYOR DECKER

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