

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the notification of the appointment the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 1999:  
Without Power  
Arthur Leets  
43 Royal Crest Drive, #6  
Nashua, N.H. 03060  
James Hickey  
35 McCormack Street  
Malden, MA 02148  
With Power  
Gerard O'Donnell Jodrey  
One Devonshire Place  
Boston, MA 02109
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of members to Women's Commission.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$16,000 from the Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to fund the remaining portion of the contract for facilitation and planning support associated with the rezoning of the W.R. Grace site in North Cambridge.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Sixteen, regarding a report on the structuring of an Economic Development Department.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Fourteen, regarding extending the requirement for bicycle helmets through the age of 18 and a plan for a bicycle safety education program.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty, regarding a report on the status of the K-9 Division of the Police Department.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-six, regarding a report on whether the land owned by ComEnergy bound by Memorial Drive, River Street, and Pleasant Street is available for purchase for municipal use.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eight and Twenty, regarding a report on homelessness and preventing public drunkenness.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-one, regarding a report on what steps the City can take to prevent advertising airplanes from circling Cambridge all day during the Head the Charles Regatta.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an application for a Jitney license for Brush Hill Transportation Company, d/b/a Brush Hill Tours.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-eight, regarding a report on mandatory employee follow-up to assist seasonal employees in finding permanent employment.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Seven, regarding a report on the Ithaca program.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to proposed amendments to the draft newsrack ordinance.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers Twenty-six and Twenty-seven, regarding escalator service at the Porter Square MBTA station and mid-day inspections of all escalators and card readers.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number One, regarding New York City's Quality of Life Hotline.

## CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Dr. Gerburg Wulf, transmitting concern regarding restoration of the brick sidewalk in front of the premises numbered 85 Hancock Street.
2. A communication was received from Janice Bollman Diamond and Harvey Diamond, 92 Sciarappa Street, Apt. #2, transmitting written protest to the proposed commercial development on Third Street.
3. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, transmitting his definitions of the Unalienable Rights.
4. A communication was received from Jane Swift, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council congratulating her as the new Lieutenant Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
5. A communication was received from Steven P. Sacco, P.G., Project Manager, Environmental Resources Management, transmitting notification that the Release Abatement Measure Plan for the B&M Railyard has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
6. Sundry communications were received transmitting support for the Vendetti petition to downzone the so-called "ComEnergy site" to open space.
7. A communication was received from Aviv Roth, transmitting concern relative to the intersection of Prospect Street and Bishop Allen Drive.
8. An application was received from Speed Wash Company, requesting permission to erect a sign in front of the premises numbered 116 Magazine Street. Approval has been received from the Inspectional Services Department, Community Development Department and Abutters.
9. An application was received from Punjabi Dhaba, requesting permission to erect a sign in front of the premises numbered 225 Hampshire Street. Approval has been received from the Inspectional Services Department, Community Development Department and Abutters.

10. A communication was received from Connor Benjamin Bagel EpsteinKraus, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council wishing him a speedy recovery from the automobile accident.
  11. A communication was received from John Hildebidle, transmitting support for the use of the abandoned "VFW building" on Mass Avenue to be made into the Thomas P. O'Neill Community Cultural Center.
  12. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, transmitting notification of a new address at the premises numbered 55 Fresh Pond Parkway.
  13. Constable bond was received from John Wilson for approval of the surety.
  14. A communication was received from the Co-chairs of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI), regarding recent developments concerning traffic, garage permit and environmental issues relating to the proposed 300,000 sq. ft. development by Spaulding & Slye at 784 Memorial Drive.
- CONSENT ORDERS**
1. Thanks to Warren Messina for saving a life using the Heimlich maneuver. Councillor Toomey
  2. Send a letter to the Massachusetts Municipal Association expressing the City's opposition to the bill in the 1999 legislative package. Councillor Triantafillou
  3. Congratulations to Jan Aceti, and the Department of Public Works on being awarded a Municipal Recycling Grant. Mayor Duehay
  4. Happy forty-fourth anniversary to Ruth and Ulysses H. Gore on December 12, 1998. Vice Mayor Galluccio
  5. Report what steps the city may take to limit the presence of cigarette advertising billboard trucks around the schools. Councillors Russell and Davis
  6. Congratulate and support the Massachusetts Bay Authority as they bring "Operation Lifesaver" to our communities. Mayor Duehay
  7. Thanks to the staff of Good News for their contribution To the religious vitality and diversity of Cambridge. Mayor Duehay
  8. Committee on Public Safety discuss the issue of requiring defibrillators in buildings where large numbers of people are assembled or employed. Councillor Russell
  9. Designate the corner of Soden Street and Western Avenue as "Gertrude and Robert Linton, Sr. Corner." Vice Mayor Galluccio
  10. Community Development Department to sponsor a contest to come up with a bumper sticker for bicycle safety. Councillor Russell
  11. Do not issues parking tickets around major squares on the remaining Saturdays before Christmas. Councillor Sullivan
  12. Urge Cambridge residents to participate in the Annual Holiday Food Drive sponsored by the Cambridge Food Pantry Network by making contributions in the form of food or money. Councillor Born
  13. Resolution on the death of Gertrude M. Ikels. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  14. Resolution on the death of Marcia G. Vailliant. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  15. Resolution on the death of Brother Michael McGreal, O.P. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  16. Resolution on the death of Helen E. Kenney. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  17. Resolution on the death of Anthony J. Borelli. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  18. Resolution on the death of Theresa E. Martin. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  19. Resolution on the death of Helen A. Hampe. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  20. Resolution on the death of Catherine M. Shea. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  21. Resolution on the death of Bryant E. Dottin. Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Reeves and entire membership
  22. Resolution on the death of Annah M. Moynihan. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  23. Resolution on the death of Damiano DellAnno. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  24. Resolution on the death of Esther E. Mulvihill. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  25. Resolution on the death of Dennis G. P. Scott. Councillor Triantafillou, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  26. Resolution on the death of Lillian Abelson Beauvais. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  27. Resolution on the death of Pauline Faggas. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  28. Resolution on the death of Rosario J. Ferolito. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  29. Resolution on the death of John Monahan. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  30. Resolution on the death of George W. Thorp, Sr. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  31. Resolution on the death of Claire M. McDonough. Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  32. Resolution on the death of Onofrio "Neil" Scalse. Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
  33. Contact officials at Harvard University conveying the City Council's request to consider the Riverside neighborhood for largess similar to the Agassiz neighborhood. Councillor Sullivan
  34. Explore the possibility of Harvard giving Coolidge Hall to the City of Cambridge for senior housing. Councillor Sullivan
  35. Resolve traffic problem at the Fresh Pond Rotary Dunkin Donuts. Councillor Davis

36. Report on creating a neighborhood conservation district in the Cambridgeport-Riverside area. Councillor Davis
37. Transmit letter to the City Manager from Cambridge United for Education (CUE) regarding some Teachers' contract recommendations. Councillor Davis
38. Recommend a plan to create a prescription assistance fund. Councillor Reeves
39. The Cambridge Community Chorus performance of the "Messiah" will be on Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 PM at the First Congregational Church, 11 Garden Street. Councillor Reeves
40. Review the recent report on patient satisfaction at Cambridge Hospital. Councillor Reeves
41. Congratulations to Ron Walker, Dr. William Mangin, Lenore Preusser on the creation of Delta Project. Councillor Reeves
42. Prepare a resolution on the celebration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday at the Cambridge NAACP Breakfast on January 16, 1999. Councillor Reeves
43. Prepare a resolution on the celebration of the annual Cambridge Multi Cultural Art Center's Gospel Concert of "A Joyful Noise" on January 16, 1999. Councillor Reeves
44. Prepare a resolution for the Black Pastor's Martin Luther King Service on January 17, 1999. Councillor Reeves
45. Investigate plans to accommodate the adult women's soccer with the loss of Lusitania Field. Councillor Born
46. Report on the citizen petition to make Meacham Road one way. Vice Mayor Galluccio
47. Report on the \$10 per day license fee and how Cambridge's license fees compare to surrounding communities. Vice Mayor Galluccio
48. Congratulations to Harold West on his retirement from the MBTA. Vice Mayor Galluccio
49. Prepare a resolution on the death of John Cronshaw. Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
50. Conduct a union labor trade apprentice fair before the end of December. Vice Mayor Galluccio
51. Support the state legislation that would allow Cambridge employees hired on or before 1938 to obtain all COLA benefits. Vice Mayor Galluccio
52. Review the possibility of purchasing Walden Square Apartments. Vice Mayor Galluccio
53. Urge the media to respect the privacy of the families involved in the investigation of the criminal allegations against a Boy Scout leader. Vice Mayor Galluccio
54. Congratulations and appreciation to Steve Grossman as he steps down as the Chair of the Democratic National Committee. Councillor Reeves
55. Report on Star Market's intention to maintain its corporate headquarters on Mount Auburn Street. Vice Mayor Galluccio
56. Report on the steps taken to oppose unreasonable rent increases to tenants of the Walden Square Apartments. Vice Mayor Galluccio

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services and Youth Committee, for a meeting held on November 5, 1998 for the purpose of discussing an assessment of youth programs, including the relationship of these programs to extended day planning for school-aged children.
2. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 10, 1998 for the purpose of discussing 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 22-28 Garden Street.
3. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 10, 1998 for the purpose of receiving an update on staff work toward the regulation of newsboxes.
4. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Galluccio, Chair of the Cable TV Telecommunications and Electricity Committee, for a meeting held on November 12, 1998 for the purpose of receiving an update on the progress in the area of establishing competition for cable television services and on the refranchising process.
5. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 12, 1998 for the purpose of considering a petition from the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance to address concerns related to backyard development and residential open space.
6. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, for a meeting held on November 18, 1998 for the purpose of discussing the traffic impact of the University Park development.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Claire E. Rodley, Secretary of the School Committee, transmitting resolutions relative to the traffic situation on Huron Avenue and to the tot lot adjacent to the Kennedy School for the City Council's consideration and attention.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Duehay, transmitting a letter from Deborah H. Gevalt, Senior Vice President, Haley & Aldrich, regarding the utility related abatement measure at the premises numbered 7-11 Shaler Lane.

3. A communication was received from Mayor Duehay, transmitting a letter from Timothy Condon, DHMM, Senior Project Engineer, and Michael J. Pierdinock, LSP, CHMM, Principal, RAM Environmental, transmitting a response action outcome statement on Cambridge Electric Light Company and Kendall Square Electric Generating Station at premises numbered 265 First Street.

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey on a resolution submitted by Vice Mayor Galluccio urging the members of the Massachusetts House of Representative and the House Leadership to re-open negotiations with the New England Patriots.
2. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Russell on a resolution submitted by Councillor Sullivan relative to the Planning Board's efforts to establish criteria to determine "substantial adverse impact" on traffic.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eleven of June 16, 1997 regarding the possibility of reducing the costs of legal advertising.
8. 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.
9. Relative to an Awaiting Report Item Number Fourteen of May 11, 1998, on the removal of street trees on Pemberton Street.
10. 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**

11. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to rezone the ComEnergy site in East Cambridge. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 23, 1998. The completion date for this petition is January 18, 1999.
12. Proposed zoning petition affecting land in the IC Districts, (the "W.R. Grace Site") in the Alewife area of the city, a petition from the Planning Board. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 14, 1998. The completion date for this petition is January 18, 1999.

13. Proposed zoning petition affecting land in the IC Districts, a petition from Gretchen VonGrossman et al. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 14, 1998. The completion date for this petition is January 18, 1999.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Dec 7**

5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Dec 9**

10:30am The **Human Services and Youth Committee** will conduct a round table discussion on the policy issues relating to youth programming. (Ackermann Room)

The **Public Service Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss the following topics: (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm Park reorganization

5:00pm Siting public art and monuments.

##### **Mon, Dec 14**

5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Dec 15**

6:30pm The **Traffic and Transportation Committee** will conduct a public meeting to discuss pedestrian crossings. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Dec 16**

5:30pm The **Housing and Community Development Committee** will hold a public meeting to discuss Awaiting Reports in the City's progress in affordable housing, the financial status of Affordable Housing Trust and rent subsidies. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Dec 21**

5:30pm Regular **City Council** Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)