

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-139, regarding "extending benefits to the same-sex partners of city employees".
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-98, regarding MDC skating rinks and swimming pools.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000 to the General Fund Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from free cash for the purpose of funding a major City event to coincide with the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in Boston in July 26-29, 2004.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-133, regarding a report on the benches removed from the green space between the police station and Franklin Street.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-123, regarding a report improving lighting in and around the Manning Apartments, with special attention to the common area, city garage and street lighting in the area.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-110, regarding a report on creating a position of energy manager.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-140, regarding a report on the status of a proposed development in Belmont along the Alewife Reservation and matters of water and sewer connectivity.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-134, regarding a report on a plan to promote the recycling of "retired" cell phones.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-96, regarding the reasons for black outs in the Huron/Concord Avenues area during the month of August.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-125, regarding a report on virtual retirement communities.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Joshua Racine, 169 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2003.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the Friends of the Cambridge Kids' Council for \$2,370 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support program costs for the Center for Families of North Cambridge.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer from the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$3,500) account to General Fund Human Services Travel and Training (\$3,500) account to allow the Executive Director and two youth members of the Kids' Council the opportunity to travel to the National League of Cities Congress and Exposition Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-117, regarding the status of land at the corner of Binney Street and Binney Street Extension.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-136, regarding a report on safety in the Cambridge Common.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-131, regarding a report on the condition of Paine Park, including the play equipment, graffiti, late night use by youth, cleanliness and the transformer next to the gate.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-129, regarding a report on creating an oversight body to oversee and implement the Memorandum of Agreement signed by Harvard and the Riverside neighborhood.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Requesting the City Manager to appoint someone to speak with Neighbors for a Better Community to explore possible collaboration.

5. Requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition to enable the City Manager to approve curb cuts.
6. 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.
7. 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

8. 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.
9. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 6, 2003 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by John Roback et al. to amend the zoning in an area bounded by the centerlines of Green, Pearl, Franklin and Brookline Streets from the existing Residence C-2A to Residence C-1. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 15, 2003. Petition expires Feb 4, 2004.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding musicians in the subway.
2. A communication was received from Alec Wysoker, regarding the Carlson petition and the city's agreement with Harvard University.
3. A communication was received from Stewart Mason and Charity Stafford, regarding issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples effective immediately.
4. A communication was received from Karen Russell, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the Birthday resolution.
5. A communication was received from Laura Forbes, regarding the safety concerns at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Spinelli Way.
6. A communication was received from the O'Neill family, transmitting thanks for your kind expression of sympathy on behalf of their mother Mildred A. O'Neill.
7. A communication was received from Mike and Ruthann Tomasik, transmitting appreciation for the resolution on behalf of Joseph J. Tomasik.
8. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding university tax exemptions and transmitting proposed House Bill #3636, 2001, entitled "An Act Relative to the Payment of Property Taxes by Charitable Institutions."

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating Erskine Adams and Lucille Adams on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on January 11, 2004. Councillor Simmons
2. Congratulating Manhattan Clothing Stores on their 2003 Gala, "The Gift" to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at the Roxy Nightclub, a benefit for the Weber Foundation of Helping Hands, Inc. to sponsor inner-city youth to attend camp at Agassiz Village. Councillor Reeves
3. Resolution on the death of Cornelius "Connie" O'Brien. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
4. Resolution on the death of Dorothy A. Hayes. Councillor Galluccio
5. Resolution on the death of Catherine Conrad. Councillor Galluccio
6. Resolution on the death of Verna R. Stasiak. Councillor Galluccio
7. Resolution on the death of Mary M. Galvin. Councillor Galluccio
8. Resolution on the death of Diane A. Barbosa. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
9. Resolution on the death of Maria H. Pacheco. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of Francis T. O'Brien. Mayor Sullivan
11. Congratulating Carl Barron on the occasion of being named the "Outstanding Friend of Public Education" for 2003 by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and thank him for his continued support of the children in the Cambridge Public Schools. Mayor Sullivan
12. Extending wishes for a spectacular evening filled with joyous music during this holiday season to the Cambridge Community Chorus on their fourteenth annual performance of G. F. Handel's Messiah on December 14, 2003 at 3:00 P.M. at Kresge Auditorium at M.I.T. Mayor Sullivan
13. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Michael Albano as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
14. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Sara Hathaway as she ends her tenure as Mayor of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
15. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to John Guerin as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
16. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Richard Kos as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Chicopee, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
17. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Daniel Kelley as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Gardner, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
18. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Thomas Crean as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Beverly, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan

19. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Thaddeus Strojny as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Taunton, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
20. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to William Mauro as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Marlborough, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
21. Extending a fond farewell to and thanks to Alan Lavander as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Newburyport, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
22. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Judith Robbins as she ends her tenure as Mayor of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
23. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to David Gately as he ends his tenure as Mayor of Waltham, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
24. Extending a fond farewell and thanks to Dorothy Kelly Gay as she ends her tenure as Mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts. Mayor Sullivan
25. Extending a very Happy 80th Birthday wish to Julia Devaney. Mayor Sullivan
26. Resolution on the death of Esther F. (Brennan) Phalen. Councillor Toomey
27. Resolution on the death of Anthony Mello. Councillor Toomey
28. Acknowledging the King Community School 30th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration to be held on December 18, 2003 and thank DeAma Battle on her tireless involvement in the Kwanzaa Celebration for the past thirty years. Councillor Simmons
29. Resolution on the death of Frank Micale. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of Ann Marie Zukausks. Mayor Sullivan
31. Wishing Charles Vest, President of M.I.T., well on the occasion of his retirement. Mayor Sullivan
32. Congratulating Ulysses and Ruth Grant on their 49th Wedding Anniversary on December 12, 2003. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
33. Congratulating the Mount Moriah Lodge Number 9 of the Prince Hall Affiliation as they celebrate their 120th year. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
34. Extend condolences to Reverend Lorraine Thornhill on the passing of her father Clyde Thornhill. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
35. Resolution on the death of Gwendolyn L. (Parris) Ward. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
36. Urging all residents of the City to participate in donating to the Cambridge Food Pantry Network's Annual Holiday Food Drive from December 12 to 19 at public schools and other municipal buildings throughout the City. Councillor Simmons
37. Extend a special thank you to the Senior Center Meals staff who stayed open on Sat, Dec 6, 2003, providing breakfast and lunch and who sent home food for Sunday's meals. Mayor Sullivan
38. Thanking the numerous City of Cambridge employees who have been dedicated to removing snow, responding to emergency calls, and assisting all those who live and work in Cambridge, Massachusetts throughout the weekend of December 5-7, 2003. Mayor Sullivan
39. Resolution on the death of James Dotten. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Simmons
40. Commending those residents and property owners who cleared their sidewalks of snow to help pedestrians traverse the city. Vice Mayor Davis
41. Extending the gratitude of the City to to Engine 6 members Lieutenant Peter Donovan, Fire Fighter Henry Sisco, and Fire Fighter Daniel Harrington; Rescue 1 members Lieutenant William Wood, Fire Fighter Steven Kelly, and Fire Fighter Ameer Moustafa; and Emergency Communication Supervisor Kirk Wornum and Dispatcher Matt Bruno for their courteous and professional service to the residents of the City of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Davis
42. Extending best regards to Kate Champion Murphy as she celebrates her two-score birthday. Mayor Sullivan
43. Sending wishes for a speedy recovery to Katherine Lynch. Mayor Sullivan
44. Resolution on the death of William Fowler. Councillor Murphy
45. Noting the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Pacesetters of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church to be held at St. Paul Christian Life Center on Saturday, December 13, 2003 and recognize their forty years of philanthropy and thank them for investing so generously in the religious and social fabric of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to post a sign on Brookline Street at the intersection of Allston Street indicating the location of the African Orthodox Church on Allston Street. Councillor Reeves
2. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on pedestrian safety concerns raised by the Fayerweather Street School Community regarding the intersection of Concord Avenue and Spinelli Way and to designate city staff to confer with the Fayerweather Street School Community regarding these concerns, as well as possible solutions to resolving safety concerns at this intersection. Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Maher and Councillor Murphy
3. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on the need for safety officers and traffic signals at Fayerweather Street School and Saint Peter's School, particularly in light of recent incidents involving children being struck by motor

vehicles. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher and Councillor Murphy

4. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the status of the Warren Street parking lot and why there are "No parking during snow emergency" signs posted there. Councillor Toomey
5. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Police Commissioner and the officials of the Galleria Mall to increase the police/security patrols in the area and to further increase the lighting in the area of the mall. Councillor Toomey
6. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Police Commissioner to report back to the City Council on what efforts are being made to inform the residents of North Cambridge about the housebreaks in this area and what steps they should take to protect themselves. Councillor Maher
7. Requesting the City Manager to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to take all immediate measures relative to the safety aspect of seniors in the area of Churchill, Clarendon and Massachusetts Avenue. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey
8. Extend Happy 76th Birthday wishes to King Bhumibol Adulyadej and re-dedicate the intersection of Eliot Street and Bennett Street as King Bhumibol Adulyadej Square with the installation of a granite pillar. Mayor Sullivan
9. Requesting the City Manager to investigate a variety of technological applications and/or possibilities for removing snow after it has been plowed and report back to the City Council. Mayor Sullivan
10. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a process for establishing short- and long-term solutions for repairing dangerous sidewalk defects. Vice Mayor Davis
11. Requesting the City Manager to ensure that all bus stops are shoveled so that pedestrians can use public transportation. Vice Mayor Davis
12. Requesting the Civic Unity Committee to hold a hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2003 to discuss the operations and function of the Riverside Oversight Committee. Councillor Decker
13. Noting the agreement of the people of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Kathmandu, Nepal to collaborate with the Sister Cities International Organization to explore the potential of establishing a Sister City relationship with one another. Mayor Sullivan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on

November 6, 2003 to continue discussions of coordination of services between the Municipal Cable, School Department cable and CCTV and to develop a cable questionnaire survey.

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a meeting held on December 2, 2003 for the purpose of receiving a report on city revenues and projections for development revenue for the next several years.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 11

10:00am The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing to receive information on and to discuss the following issues:

- The current status of the Section 8 program and its effect on the programs of the Multi Service Center.
- Recent changes in the Cambridge housing market and how the City's affordable housing programs can take advantage of these changes.
- The Planning Board's perspective on proposals to amend the zoning to provide incentive for the creation of units affordable to middle income residents. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:00pm Special Presentation to Just-A-Start (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 16

3:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following:

- an update on the points of safety campaign
- anti-idling campaign
- fundraising tactics being practiced by the Police Department. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Dec 17

5:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the status of a proposed development along the Alewife Reservation and related water and sewer connectivity. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 18

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss green purchases and to receive an update on public toilets. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 5, 2004

10:00am INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 12, 2004

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 26, 2004

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 2, 2004

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 9, 2004

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 23, 2004

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 December 8, 2003

COUNCILLOR REEVES

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O-2 December 8, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on pedestrian safety concerns raised by the Fayerweather Street School Community regarding the intersection of Concord Avenue and Spinelli Way; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate city staff to confer with the Fayerweather Street School Community regarding these concerns, as well as possible solutions to resolving safety concerns at this intersection.

O-3 December 8, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the need for safety officers and traffic signals at Fayerweather Street School and Saint Peter's School, particularly in light of recent incidents involving children being struck by motor vehicles.

O-4 December 8, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the status of the Warren Street parking lot and why there are "No parking during snow emergency" signs posted there.

O-5 December 8, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the officials of the Galleria Mall to increase the police/security patrols in the area and to further increase the lighting in the area of the mall.

O-6 December 8, 2003

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Apparently, there have been several housebreaks in the North Cambridge area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to report back to the City Council on what efforts are being made to inform the residents of this activity and what steps they should take to protect themselves.

O-7 December 8, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council understands that there is planned reconstruction in the area of North Massachusetts Avenue that may address a number of safety issues, in particular those in the surrounding area of the Burns Apartments; and

WHEREAS: These issues have been raised for a number of years; and

WHEREAS: A senior citizen recently died as a result of injuries sustained after being hit by an automobile; and

WHEREAS: Interim measures should be placed into effect immediately; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to take all immediate measures relative to the safety aspect of seniors in the area of Churchill, Clarendon and Massachusetts Avenue.

O-8 December 8, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: King Bhumibol Adulyadej was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on December 5, 1927 at Cambridge Hospital, now the Mount Auburn Hospital; and

WHEREAS: Bhumibol Adulyadej became Thailand's constitutional head of state in 1946; and

WHEREAS: In 1996 King Bhumibol Adulyadej celebrated his 50th anniversary as King of Thailand; and

WHEREAS: December 5, 2003 was the King's seventy-sixth birthday; and

WHEREAS: King Bhumibol Adulyadej is the world's longest reigning monarch; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending Happy 76th Birthday wish to King Bhumibol Adulyadej and further go on record rededicating the intersection of Eliot Street and Bennett Street as King Bhumibol Adulyadej Square as a new granite pillar is installed displaying the coat-of-arms of the King, this ninth day of December, 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Ambassador to Thailand and His Royal Highness King Bhumibol Adulyadej on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 December 8, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate a variety of technological applications and/or possibilities for removing snow after it has been plowed and report back to the City Council.

O-10 December 8, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a process for establishing short- and long-term solutions for repairing dangerous sidewalk defects.

O-11 December 8, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that all bus stops are shoveled so that pedestrians can use public transportation.

O-12 December 8, 2003

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the Civic Unity Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2003 to discuss the operations and function of the Riverside Oversight Committee.

O-13 December 8, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS: In order to foster such goals, the people of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Kathmandu, Nepal, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate with the Sister Cities International Organization to explore the potential of establishing a Sister City relationship with one another; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Rajesh Kazi Shrestha, President of the Nepal Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the entire City Council.