

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request for the City Council to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 1999:
Richard Connelly Without Power
268 Washington St., #2
Somerville, MA 02143
Robert Bailey Without Power
130 Pelham Road
Dracut, MA 01826
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Fifteen, regarding a report on staffing levels of the Police Department's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-two, regarding a report on the policy of valet parking in the City and the fees charged as well as if valet attendants are allowed to store spaces on street parking.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-six, regarding a report on what support the City can provide for neighborhood arts.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-three, regarding a report on the status of the CAD system.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirteen, regarding a report on the possibility of placing "A" framed signs on main streets pointing to establishments located on side streets.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Five, regarding a report on applicable state laws and regulations concerning the allowance for a debt shift and property tax exemption to qualifying elderly homeowners.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eighteen, regarding a report on plans for a Citywide summer camp potentially at CRLS for 12-14 year olds for the upcoming summer.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number One, regarding a report on what steps the City can take to levy property taxes on University owned properties, which are currently tax-exempt.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Four, regarding a report on what customer relations criteria can be included as conditions of any cable franchise contract.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$6,000 from Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to support the Cambridge Community Chorus.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-five, regarding a report on outdoor ice skating in Cambridge.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Executive Office of Public Safety for \$425,000 to the Grant Fund Police Salary & Wages Account (\$289,184), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$108,376), and Travel & Training Account (\$27,440) to provide funds to continue the implementation of a community policing strategy in Cambridge.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$209,467 to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to expand the computer and MIS capabilities within the department and to provide a second round of sub-grants for community partnerships.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Executive Office of Public Safety for \$15,000 to the Police Salaries & Wages Account (\$13,000), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$1,200), and Travel & Training Account (\$800) to provide funds to continue the department's D.A.R.E. program.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-four, regarding a report on the number of outside water meters on homes and a report on the progress of all methods to read meters without entering homes.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to information on actions taken regarding the City's Boards and Commissions.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$146,900 in the General Fund Mayor's Office Salary & Wages Account (\$25,000) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$121,900) from free cash to support the Mayor's Initiative on Race and Class.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Frank and Rose Manganelli, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.
2. A petition was received from William Emerson, et al., transmitting written protest against zoning changes from Industry A-1 to a new Special District 2 in the Linear Park area.

3. A communication was received from Margaret Chin, transmitting support for the Vendetti petition to downzone the so-called "ComEnergy site" to open space.
 4. A communication was received from Robert F. Stalnaker, Executive Director, Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, transmitting appropriation amount for the fiscal year 2000 for the City of Cambridge retirement system.
 5. A petition was received from Cynthia Jensen, et al., supporting efforts to preserve and enhance Putnam Park.
 6. An application was received from Susan King requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 23 Buckingham Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
 7. A communication was received from the family of Bob Simard, transmitting deep appreciation for the resolution of sympathy adopted by the City Council on behalf of Robert Simard.
 8. A communication was received from Todd S. Alving, Engineering Geologist, submitting a Response Action Outcome (RAO) Station for property located at 130 Fawcett Street.
 9. A communication was received from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a notice of public hearing and request for comments by the Department of Telecommunication and Energy on proposed amendments on January 29, 1999 to Establish Complaint and Enforcement Procedures to Ensure that Telecommunications Carriers and Cable System Operators have Non-Discriminatory Access to Utility Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights-of-Way.
 10. An application was received from 1 Arrow St. Crepes, requesting permission to erect an "A" framed sign and a sandwich board in front of the premises numbered 1 Arrow Street.
 11. An application was received from Bernard Higonnet requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 136 Brattle Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from the neighborhood association.
 12. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, transmitting human rights complaints against the City of Cambridge.
 13. A communication was received from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a notice of public hearing to amend 220 C.M.R. Section 99.00 to conform with newly enacted statute, M.G.L. c. 82, Section 40, otherwise known as the Dig Safe Law on January 29, 1999.
- CONSENT ORDERS**
1. Congratulations to Representative Jack and Michele Hart on the birth of their daughter Megan Elizabeth on December 7, 1998. Councillor Toomey
 2. Welcome Chinua Achebe to Cambridge as he come to give the McMillan-Stewart Lecture at Harvard. Councillor Reeves
 3. Congratulations to John Murphy, Business Agent for Teamster Local #122 on being elected Vice President of the Eastern Region. Vice Mayor Galluccio
 4. Congratulations to John Costello for being named the "Correctional Officer of the Year." Vice Mayor Galluccio
 5. Condemn the distribution of flyers in neighborhoods. Councillor Russell
 6. Congratulations to the newly elected 1999 officers of the East Cambridge Planning Team. Councillor Toomey
 7. Report on the feasibility of the City offering to its employees who buy homes or who own homes no-interest loans for homebuyers, home-improvement grants and closing cost waivers. Mayor Duehay
 8. Happy holidays to all for the Cambridge City Council. Councillors Davis and Reeves
 9. Congratulations to Amy Nadel and Benjamin Wilson on the birth of their daughter. Councillor Davis
 10. Congratulations to the Morse School on being recognized by the Department of Education as a high performing urban school. Councillor Davis, Mayor Duehay and Councillor Reeves
 11. Resolution on the death of Florence M. Iovanna. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
 12. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Beucler. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
 13. Thanks to Jana and Robert Kiely for their twenty-six years of service as the Adams House Masters and wish them well in their future endeavors. Councillor Reeves
 14. Commend Donna Lopez for her sensitivity and generosity to two Cambridge families in time of need. Councillor Russell
 15. Report on the possibility of the Public Health Commission to insert responsible employer language which mirrors the Cambridge responsible ordinance into construction contracts. Vice Mayor Galluccio
 16. Report on steps or inquiries regarding the acquisition of open space for the East Cambridge area. Vice Mayor Galluccio
 17. Report on MBTA service reduction in North Cambridge along Massachusetts Avenue. Vice Mayor Galluccio
 18. Allow seniors to continue to receive their Social Security checks at the Senior Center. Councillor Sullivan
 19. Concerns about the City's use of leaf blowers. Councillor Davis
 20. Thanks to Community Maps, Inc. and Sheldon Cohen for donating maps and scholarship money to the children of Cambridge. Councillors Davis and Sullivan
 21. Thanks to the Friends of the Longfellow House, Senator Kennedy and Senator Birmingham for their assistance in securing funds for the Longfellow House and Longfellow Park renovations. Councillor Davis
 22. Take legal action to deny or withhold any building permit for the proposed ComEnergy site. Councillor Toomey
 23. Applaud John Prevost for his quick response in pulling the fire alarm box and preventing a potential fire. Councillor Toomey

24. Consult with residents in the vicinity of 20 Norman Street regarding the replacement of a tree. Councillor Toomey
25. Support the re-filed "expiring use bill" which would limit rent increases in over 1500 Cambridge housing units. Councillor Born
26. Support Reverend Leroy Attles, Sr. in his candidacy for the position of Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Councillors Born and Davis
27. The Boys Choir of Harlem and its conductor Dr. Walter J. Turnbull will perform at Market Square at the corner of Sidney Street and Massachusetts Avenue on Saturday, December 19, 1998 at 1:30 PM. Councillors Reeves and Toomey
28. Congratulations to Sean Cahill from the University of Michigan on receiving his Ph.D. Councillor Reeves
29. Informal round table with the School Committee to discuss the recent Cambridge test results and the future plans of the School Committee to review the test. Councillor Reeves
30. Thanks to Christopher Robinson, publisher of IN Newsweekly which provides excellent news coverage and entertainment reporting for the gay community in Boston and the surrounding area. Councillor Reeves
31. Resolution on the death of Madeline Rebello. Councillor Toomey and entire membership

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sheila Russell, Chair of the Government Operations Committee and Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Rules Committee, for a joint public meeting held on Tuesday, November 17, 1998. The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss changes to the City Council Agenda and the Order of Business as outlined in the Agenda.
2. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sheila Russell, Chair of the Government Operations Committee, for two public meetings, October 27, 1998 and November 12, 1998, for the purpose of working with a trainer to develop a goal setting process that can be integrated into the City Manager's annual budget development cycle and using the process to consider its FY2000 goals.
3. Communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee, to discuss the cost analysis of the acceptance of Chapter 32, Section 90A, B, and C and to have a general discussion of the Finance Committee agenda regarding the fiscal year 2000 budget process.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting proposed legislation from Representative Alice K. Wolf, House of Representatives relative to pedestrian crosswalks.
2. Communications were received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting documents from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. relative to the Com/Energy site.

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, transmitting documents from Mayor Duehay relative to the Massachusetts Municipal Association's 1999 legislative priorities.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to the appointment of members to the Women's Commission.
2. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Triantafillou relative to Awaiting Report Number Sixteen of December 7, 1998, regarding a report on the structuring of an Economic Development Department.
3. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to Awaiting Report Number Thirty of December 7, 1998, regarding a report on the status of the K-9 Division of the Police Department.
4. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey on a resolution submitted by Councillor Toomey, thanking Warren Messina for saving a life using the Heimlich Maneuver.
5. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Triantafillou on a resolution submitted by Councillors Russell, Reeves, Triantafillou, Born and Sullivan regarding the cancellation of the December 21, 1998 City Council meeting.

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6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eleven of June 16, 1997 regarding the possibility of reducing the costs of legal advertising.
11. 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.
12. Relative to an Awaiting Report Item Number Fourteen of May 11, 1998, on the removal of street trees on Pemberton Street.
13. 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.
14. Relative to resolution submitted by Councillor Triantafillou regarding sending a letter to the Massachusetts Municipal Association expressing the City's opposition to the bill in the 1999 legislative package.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge that Title 5 entitled "Business Licenses and Regulations be amended by adding a new chapter 5.50 entitled "Standardizing the Placement and Maintenance of Newsracks." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 21, 1998.
19. Proposed amendment to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge entitled "Historical Buildings and Landmarks," Chapter 2.78 be amended by inserting a subsection at the end of Section 2.78.050. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 21, 1998.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Mon, Jan 11

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

Wed, Jan 13

5:00pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Kid's Council Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public working meeting to consider the proposed Backyard Development and Green Space Zoning Amendments. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 25

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

Wed, Jan 27

5:30pm The **Ordinance Committee** will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the IPOP Zoning Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)