### **MASSACHUSETTS**

### City Council Calendar No. 2 Monday, January 11, 1999

### At 5:30 P.M.

### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. A charter right exercised by Councillor Russell relative to an appropriation of \$146,000 to support the Mayor's Initiative on race and class.

### **ON THE TABLE**

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eleven of June 16, 1997 regarding the possibility of reducing the costs of legal advertising.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Relative to an Awaiting Report Item Number Fourteen of May 11, 1998, on the removal of street trees on Pemberton Street.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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

### **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. An order submitted by Councillor Toomey and Councillor Born substituting text for the Vendetti petition.
- 13. 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." <u>The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 21, 1998.</u>
- 14. 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. <u>The question comes on passing to be ordained</u> on or after December 21, 1998.
- 15. Proposed amendments to the Rules of the City Council attached as follows:
  - a. Rule 17 Special Events Presentations
  - b. Rule 20 Dealing with deadlines
  - c. Rule 23 Order of Business

# COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999

- 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 hearing held on November 18, 1998, for the purpose of concluding discussion of the
  recommendations made by the truck communities, Groups A and B, and the actions
  discussed and suggested by this committee along with actions implemented by the City
  staff.
- 2. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on November 24, 1998, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new section (a) which would require a public hearing with a notice of the hearing published in the newspaper for all proposed ordinances referred to the Ordinance Committee by the City Council.

- 3. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on November 24, 1998, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code regarding condominium conversion.
- 4. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on December 1, 1998, for the purpose of further consideration of a Planning Board petition to amend the zoning in the area of Linear Park (Frankelton II).
- 5. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on December 1, 1998, for the purpose of discussing a proposed amendment to the zoning in the areas bordered by Putnam Avenue, Blackstone Street, Western Avenue and River Street from Office-3 to Residence-C.
- 6. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on December 1, 1998, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to provide a Living Wage Ordinance.
- 7. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a hearing held on December 2, 1998, for the purpose of discussing a report on the status of preparation of an ordinance requiring exterior lighting including porch lights on rental property.
- 8. Communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee, for a hearing held on December 15, 1998, for the purpose of discussing pedestrian crossings and to look at pedestrian safety issues in the city.
- 9. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen Born, Chair of the Public Service Committee, for a hearing held on December 9, 1998, for the purpose of discussing the status of park management and maintenance.
- 10. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen Born, Chair of the Public Service Committee, for a hearing held on December 9, 1998, for the purpose of discussing a report on siting public art and monuments submitted by the City Manager.
- 11. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen Born, Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, for a hearing held on December 16, 1998, for the purpose of discussing reports from the City Manager on progress to increase the supply of affordable housing,

the financial status of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the issue of rental subsidies.

# COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999

- 1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting notification from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, relative to a newly constructed roadway running through the Corcoran Park Housing Complex from St. Saveur Street to Thingvalla Avenue.
- 2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of a communication sent by Vice Mayor Anthony Galluccio to Pat Appleby, Regional Vice President, Boston Financial Property Management, relative to concerns raised by tenants of Walden Square about recently imposed rent increases.

# CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999

- 1. Replace or repair the chairs in the audience portion of the Sullivan Chamber. **Councillor Russell**
- 2. Purchase additional devices that display motor vehicle the rate of speed. **Councillor Russell**
- 3. Resolution on the death of Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
- 4. Condolences to Zelma Evelyn and family on the loss of her nephew in California. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
- Congratulations to William Julius Wilson on being awarded the "National Science Award."

**Councillor Reeves** 

6. Thank CASCAP for their hard work on the Harvard Place project. **Mayor Duehay** 

- 7. Wish Theo Emery well as he leaves the *Boston Globe* to take a job in Northampton. **Councillor Russell**
- 8. When assigning names to new streets or ways, make sure that the new names not similar to existing names.

**Councillor Russell** 

9. Resolution on the retirement of Captain Henry "Buzzy" Breen from the Police Department.

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Duehay and entire membership

10. Congratulations on a job well done to Joel Burke, Martha Mosman and the eighth grade students at the Peabody School who were interviewed by Channel 5 on the bombing of Iraq.

**Councillor Sullivan** 

11. Congratulations to Representatives Paul C. Demakis and Anne M. Paulsen for receiving the Dr. Joseph H. Brenner Award.

**Mayor Duehay** 

12. Resolution on the death of Geraldine Gardner.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

13. Resolution on the death of Joseph Healey.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

14. Resolution on the death of Edna D. Sykes.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

15. Resolution on the death of Ronald D. Creedon.

Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

16. Resolution on the death of George J. Moses.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

17. Resolution on the death of Phillip Latorella-Safarian.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

18. Resolution on the death of Rose M. Shea.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

19. Resolution on the death of John L. Doolin.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

20. Resolution on the death of Joan T. Spencer.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

21. Resolution on the death of Witold J. Pladziewicz.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

22. Resolution on the death of Maria Rosa Maida.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

23. Resolution on the death of Joseph Edward Pedro.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

24. Resolution on the death of Robert C. Rouleau.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

25. Resolution on the death of Loretta Ferreira.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

26. Resolution on the death of James Johnson.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

27. Resolution on the death of Earl W. Cook.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

28. Resolution on the death of Barbara Litwinsky-Hambrick.

Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

29. Resolution on the death of John E. Roberts.

Councillor Sullivan, Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

30. Wish a speedy recovery to Public Works employee Steve Edmunds. Councillor Russell

31. Appreciation to the Renegades Women's soccer team and the Boston Area Community Awards and Grant Program who will honor local female athletes and declare February 4<sup>th</sup> as "National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Cambridge."

Councillor Triantafillou

32. Congratulations to Jimmy Tingle on being chosen as commentator for "60 Minutes II." Councillors Sullivan, Triantafillou, Russell, Toomey, Davis, Vice Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Reeves

33. Congratulations to the Morse School on their new building.

**Councillor Davis** 

34. Report on whether Cambridge should have a member on Community Advisory Committee at Massport regarding runway expansion and flight paths.

**Councillor Davis** 

35. Plans to install docks on the Charles River with a view to taxi service and will these boats obey the Charles River speed limit.

Councillor Davis

36. Resolution on the death of Hipolito G. deBrito Pontes.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

37. Congratulations to the University of Massachusetts Football Team on winning their division title.

**Councillor Sullivan** 

38. Report on the current staffing levels on the nighttime building maintenance crew.

Councillor Sullivan

39. Resolution on the death of David Nies.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

40. Report on the history of the vacant land at 210 Broadway and the feasibility of taking by eminent this property and the "Squirrel Brand" property.

Councillor Triantafillou

41. Resolution on the death of Margaret McLaughlin.

Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

42. Resolution on the death of Sister Anne Louise Murray.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

43. Resolution on the death of Gerard A. Grenier.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

44. Resolution on the death of Otto Morningstar.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

45. Resolution on the death of Thomas B. O'Heir.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

46. Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Greetings to Bob Brosnon.

Councillor Sullivan

47. Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Greetings to Richard Bentubo.

Councillor Sullivan

48. Resolution on the retirement of Janet Daly from the Cambridge Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union.

Councillor Reeves, Mayor Duehay and entire membership

49. Thanks to Joan Lundgren and Agatha Marple Real Estate for the diabetes screening conducted by the Joslin Diabetes Clinic on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Real Estate Office at 955 Massachusetts Avenue, for more information call 876-8719.

**Councillor Davis** 

50. Resolution on the death of Sally M. Abreu.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

51. Thanks to Representative Alvin Thompson for his years of service to the Cambridge NAACP.

**Vice Mayor Galluccio** 

52. Replace the flag at the Gold Star Mother's Park on Gore Street.

**Councillor Toomey** 

53. Prepare a resolution wishing Edwin Ortiz, CCTV's Associate Director farewell and good luck on his future endeavors.

Vice Mayor Galluccio

54. Resolution on the death of Alice M. Welch.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

55. Resolution on the retirement of Marie C. Brown from the School Department.

Mayor Duehay and entire membership

56. Forward information on the Painters Apprentice Program to the appropriate departments.

Vice Mayor Galluccio

57. Report on the efforts to reduce recent rent increases at Walden Square.

Vice Mayor Galluccio

58. Report on efforts or inquiries made to consider the purchase of Walden Square Apartments.

**Vice Mayor Galluccio** 

59. Report on the number of students who are housed by the institutions.

**Vice Mayor Galluccio** 

60. Clean up the railroad property located at Holworthy and Belmont Streets and send the bill for services rendered.

Vice Mayor Galluccio

- 61. Resolution on the retirement of Alfred W. Rymill from the Police Department. **Mayor Duehay and entire membership**
- 62. Report on the bicycle courier regulations.

**Councillor Davis** 

- 63. Report on the replacement of the bus shelter at Erie Street and Brookline Street. **Councillor Davis**
- 64. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. Brancucci.

Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

65. Resolution on the death of John Morgan Bingham.

Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

66. Develop a policy which would make it possible for long term Cambridge residents to purchase a grave at the Cambridge Cemetery if they left the City due to illness or their inability to live independently.

Councillor Russell

67. Resolution on the death of Theresa M. Murdock.

Mayor Duehay, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

- 68. Resolution of the retirement of James A. Malone from the Public Works Department. **Mayor Duehay and entire membership**
- 69. Report on what steps are being taken to address the upsurge in drug related activities at the corner of Pine and Washington Streets and on Bishop Allen Drive.

**Councillor Born** 

70. Report on what recourse the City would have in an accident similar to the recent Boston bicycle accident.

Councillor Born

71. Report on what plans are being made to increase the number of bus shelters in the City and include a cost analysis of price per shelter and who bears the cost.

**Councillor Born** 

72. Report what steps are being taken to compensate property owners who have incurred damage to the buildings and water system and equipment due to the reconstruction of Cambridge Street.

Councillor Born

73. Best wishes to Rachael Seymour as she leaves Cambridge and heads to Los Angeles. **Councillor Davis** 

74. Declare February as Black History Month in Cambridge.

### **Councillor Reeves**

75. Provide copies of all employment, personal services or other contracts between the City and persons serving as Administrators/Attorneys for the City.

**Councillor Reeves** 

76. Report on the status of the old Kendall Square Fire House.

**Councillor Sullivan** 

77. Report on street lighting near and around 411 Franklin Street.

**Councillor Reeves** 

78. Cognizant of and participate in the Annual Cambridge Black Pastor's Convocation on Sunday, Janury 17<sup>th</sup> to be held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church Life Center, 85 Bishop Allen Drive.

**Councillor Reeves** 

- 79. Report on why Cambridge did not participate in the First Night Celebration in Boston. **Councillor Reeves**
- 80. Welcome to Cambridge Debra Mathis, the keynote speaker for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast on Saturday, January 16, 1998 at the Cambridge Marriott. **Councillor Reeves**
- 81. Congratulations to Karen Davis and Emily Corbato on their exhibit of photographs at the University Place Gallery located at 124 Mount Auburn Street in Harvard Square. **Councillor Reeves**
- 82. Encourage Cambridge citizens to attend the Annual "Joyful Noise" Concert to be held on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at Sanders Theater.

**Councillor Reeves** 

# CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY JANUARY 11, 1999

1. 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:

### **Without Power**

Mario Rodao, 124 Woburn Street, Lexington, MA Soheng Ang, 53 Bloomingdale Street, Chelsea, MA Lawrence Carreiro, 26 Derby Street, Somerville, MA

### With Power

Theordore Morris, 31 Loomis Street, Cambridge, MA Patricia Breen, 31 Loomis Street, Cambridge, MA Gerard Cole, 16 Cogswell Avenue, Cambridge, MA

- 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting a transfer of \$18,345.38 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Salary & Wages Account to the Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to allow the Council on Aging to cover a contract with the Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services to provide substance abuse services at the City-wide Senior Center.
- 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting a transfer of \$120,000 in the General Fund from Employee Benefits Salary & Wages Account to the Fire Department Travel & Training (Judgement & Damages) Account to be used to pay medical bills related to worker's compensation.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$30,000 in the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures Account to provide funds for the completion of work to the Cemetery Administration Building.
- 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$1,430 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Council on Aging Other Ordinary Maintenance Acct. from the Mass Executive Office of Elder Affairs to provide funds to develop a video library on health promotion and wellness for seniors.
- 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$7,725 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Council on Aging Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from Project Bread (\$7,225) and CEOC (\$500) to cover food purchases for the Senior Food Pantry.
- 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$8,000 in the Grant fund of the Human Services Community Learning Center Salary & Wages (\$3,246) and Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$4,754) from the Friends of the Community Learning Center to cover the cost of 4 tutors to work with learning disabled beginner reading students and to cover the costs of educational conferences for the staff.
- 8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$31,675 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Community Learning Center Salary & Wages Account (\$28,284) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,391) from ERI to provide funds for a full-time and a part-time instructor, a computer aide and supplies for the Community Learning Center's Adult Career Pathways Program.

- 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$6,000 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Community Learning Center Salary & Wages Account (\$5,883) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$117) from Cambridge Head Start to reserve a minimum of eight slots in Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language classes for Head Start parents.
- 10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Sixteen**, regarding a report on the plan for priority snow clearance as discussed at roundtable sessions.
- 11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Thirteen**, regarding a report on the plan for enforcement of truck restrictions before 7:00 a.m.
- 12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Ten**, regarding a report on the City's current policies with respect to eligibility for police service.
- 13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-two**, regarding a report on the communication from the School Committee on the traffic situation on Huron Avenue and on the condition of the tot lot adjacent to the Kennedy School.
- 14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-seven**, regarding a report on the potential for creating a neighborhood conservation district in the Cambridgeport-Riverside area.
- 15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$890,000 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account to be used to construct sidewalks, streets and other public improvements in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal area.
- 16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Cultural Council for \$5,880 to the Grant Fund Historical Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to cover certain basic operating costs of the Historical Commission.
- 17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation \$9,975 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Cambridge Prevention Coalition Salary & Wages Account from the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs to provide funds for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention training for Cambridge youth and parents.
- 18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$2,000 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services

- Cambridge Prevention Coalition Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Mass Prevention Center to allow for the to creation of a parents brochure which will provide alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention information.
- 19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$100,000 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Cambridge Prevention Coalition Salary & Wages Account (\$84,829) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$15,171) from the U.S. Dept. of Justice to provide funds for alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention training for Cambridge youth from October 1, 1998 to Sept. 30, 1999.
- 20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$29,500 in the General Fund of the Human Services Childcare Salary & Wages Account (\$25,000) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$4,500) to provide funds for the reopening of the School-Age Childcare Program at the Morse School to be supported by childcare tuition.
- 21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty**, regarding a report on what steps the City can take to limit the presence and proliferation of cigarette advertising billboard trucks in the City.
- 22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-four**, regarding a report on posting traffic routes in the eastern park of the City.
- 23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Nineteen**, regarding a report on public meeting spaces used by the License Commission and the Planning Board.
- 24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Five**, regarding a report on what steps could be taken to acquire the former Linpro site for use as open space.
- 25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-eight**, regarding a report on making Meacham Road a one-way.
- 26. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Seventeen**, regarding a report on the "business climate" in Cambridge.
- 27. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-four**, regarding a report on converting a parking lot at Danehy Park into a playing field in the summer and an ice skating rink with a refrigeration system with a cost analysis of a "frog pond" type of rink.

- 28. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-one**, regarding a report on a comparison of vendor fees.
- 29. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Fifteen**, regarding a report on the traffic lights on Monsignor O'Brien Highway and Museum Way.
- 30. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-two**, regarding a report on any work that has been done to create additional commuter rail stops.
- 31. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Forty**, regarding a report on hiring an independent traffic engineer and a mediator/facilitator to work with the East Cambridge Planning Team.
- 32. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$330,000 in the Grant Fund Public Investment Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account from the U.S. Department of Housing to provide funds to cover a portion of the cost of rehabilitating 11 rental units at 72 Elm Street and 210 Otis Street.
- 33. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$19,800 in the Grant Fund Community Development Salary & Wages Account from the Department of Urban Development to provide funds to cover a portion of the salaries of the Housing staff.
- 34. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$330,000 in the Grant Fund Public Investment Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to cover a portion of the cost of constructing 11 units of affordable housing for first-time homebuyers on the Joyce Chen site on Rindge Avenue.
- 35. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-nine**, regarding a report on steps taken to oppose unreasonable rent increases to tenants of Walden Square Apartments.
- 36. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-nine**, regarding a report on potential service cuts planned by the MBTA for Cambridge for 1999.
- 37. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-three**, regarding a report on staffing levels, turnovers and overtime at the Emergency Communications Department.

- 38. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the proposed Newsrack Ordinance with requested revisions.
- 39. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Three**, regarding a report on providing incentives to private homeowners who are providing affordable housing.

### CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999

- 1. A communication was received from Rami Moussa, Andrew Velasquez, Lisa Hoffman and Philip Steininger, requesting that the City Council save Lusitania Park.
- 2. A communication was received from Donald Fantini and family, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of **Doris Fantini**.
- 3. A communication was received from Michael P. Sullivan, relative to the zoning petition by Peter Jelley, et al., transmitting written protest as owners at the following locations:
  - o 379 Putnam Avenue
  - o 217-229 Putnam Avenue
  - o 24-46 Blackstone Street
  - o 25-45 Blackstone Street
- 4. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, requesting the City Council to hold public hearings on the subject of human experimentation without consent.
- 5. A communication was received from Rob Born, transmitting deep appreciation to the City Council for the resolution of congratulations on his passing the California Bar Examination.
- 6. A communication was received from Paul S. Grogan, Local Initiative Support Corporation, transmitting appreciation for the resolution warmly welcoming him to Cambridge as Vice President for Government Community and Public Affairs at Harvard University.
- 7. An application was received from Jill Ruge requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 80 Upland Road/11 Walnut Avenue; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from one of the neighborhood associations.

- 8. An application was received from Kurt Thearling requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 51-53 Creighton Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from one of the neighborhood associations.
- 9. A communication was received from Aurore Eaton, Executive Director, The Cambridge Historical Society, transmitting deep thanks for the resolution recognizing the Society's School Bells Ring event.
- 10. An application was received from Buzzy's Fabulous Roast Beef Corp, requesting permission to erect a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 647 Massachusetts Avenue.
- 11. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, transmitting a new address at the premises numbered 96 Montgomery Street.
- 12. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, transmitting a new address at the premises numbered 74 Rice Street.
- 13. A communication was received from John Cope-Flanagan, Regulatory Attorney, Commonwealth Electric Company, transmitting a Notice of Filing with regard to the Approval of Buyout of Pilgrim Purchase Power Contract and Approval of the Power Purchase Agreement with Entergy Nuclear Generation Company.
- 14. A communication was received from Claire E. Rodley, Secretary of the School Committee, transmitting notification to a traffic accident at the corner of Rindge Avenue and Jackson Street.
- 15. A communication was received from the family of Bryant Dottin, transmitting their deepest appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.
- 16. A communication was received from Amy Nadel and Ben Wilson, transmitting their special thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on the birth of Perri Claire.
- 17. A communication was received from Sheldon Cohen, Community Mapping, Inc., transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution of recognition to Community Mapping Inc.
- 18. An application was received from Dominic DeFrancisco, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 140 Elm Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from all of the neighborhood associations.
- 19. A communication was received from The Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting an order opening investigation to receive comments regarding the costs and benefits of expanding the eligibility for low-income discount rates established

- in Section 193(1F)(4)(I) of the Electric Restructing Act.
- 20. An application was received from Wordsworth Abridged, requesting permission to erect a sandwich board in front of the premises numbered 5 Brattle Street from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 21. A communication was received from Daphne Abeel, transmitting her outrage in the City Council's intention to cut the opportunity for public comment and debate down to once a month at City Council meetings.
- 22. A communication was received from Laura Peck, Senior Analyst, Abt Associates, transmitting concern relative to turning Lusitania Field into a wetland area.
- 23. A communication was received from Elie Yarden, relative to his objections to the removal of a public shade tree.