

MASSACHUSETTS

City Council Calendar No. 3 Monday, January 25, 1999

At 5:30 P.M.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Sullivan relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Fifteen of January 11, 1999, regarding a report on the traffic lights on Monsignor O'Brien Highway and Museum Way.
2. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Sullivan relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Forty of January 11, 1999, regarding a report on hiring an independent traffic engineer and a mediator/facilitator to work with the East Cambridge Planning Team.
3. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Russell relative to an application received from Jill Ruge requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 80 Upland Road/11 Walnut Avenue.
4. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Triantafillou relative to 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 committees, Groups A and B, and the actions discussed and suggested by this committee along with actions implemented by the City staff.

ON THE TABLE

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Eleven of June 16, 1997 regarding the possibility of reducing the costs of legal advertising.
10. 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.
11. Relative to an Awaiting Report Item Number Fourteen of May 11, 1998, on the removal of street trees on Pemberton Street.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Relative to an appropriation of \$146,000 to support the Mayor's Initiative on race and class.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. 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.
16. 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after January 25, 1999.
17. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances on a petition of the Planning Board petition to amend the zoning in the area of Linear Park (Frankelton II). The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after January 25, 1999. **The completion date for this petition is February 16, 1999.**
18. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in the areas bordered by Putnam Avenue, Blackstone Street, Western Avenue and River Street from Office-3 to Residence-C. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after February 1, 1999. **The completion date of this petition is March 1, 1999.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
JANUARY 25, 1999**

1. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on, January 13, 1999, for the purpose of further consideration of the proposed Backyard Development and Green Space Zoning Amendments.
2. Communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public meeting held on January 20, 1999, for the purpose of a follow-up discussion of eminent domain taking to increase open space in the East Cambridge neighborhood.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY
OFFICERS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
JANUARY 25, 1999**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, transmitting a chart of all pending zoning petitions before the City Council.

**CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
OF MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1999**

1. Support and be cognizant of The Friends of Cambridge Athletics "super raffle."
Councillor Russell and Vice Mayor Galluccio
2. Post the front door of City Hall that the back entrance is open during evening meeting.
Councillor Sullivan
3. Best wishes the owners and staff of the newly renovated Temple Bar and Restaurant.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
4. Best wishes to Sacred Heart Church on the unveiling of the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, known as the Black Madonna.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey

5. Best wishes for success to the Morse Eighth Grade Class fund raising efforts for their trip to Washington, D.C.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey
6. Support the extension of the Senior Pharmacy Benefit Program.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
7. Resolution on the death of Cecelia Hawkes.
Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
8. Report on the proposed University Park housing will include affordable low and moderate units.
Councillor Davis
9. Congratulations to the Cambridge Police Officer for their successful foot chase and apprehension on an auto theft suspect on January 13th.
Councillor Davis and Vice Mayor Galluccio
10. Cancel the March 8th City Council meeting for the City Council members who will attend the National League of Cities Conference.
Councillor Davis
11. Resolution on the death of Francis W. Burke.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
12. Resolution on the death of Mary Jane Loconto.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
13. Resolution on the death of Edith M. Kelly.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
14. Resolution on the death of Irene P. Shea.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
15. Resolution on the death of Julia Mulvihill.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
16. Resolution in the death of Douglas S. Risser.
Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
17. Resolution on the death of Marie Bozzotto.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
18. Resolution on the death of John L. Sullivan.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

19. Applaud Deborah Mason for her efforts to keep her dance studio in Cambridge.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
20. Report on the variety of options of either an ordinance amendment or a policy change that would require a certain percentage of revenue from new construction go directly towards the purchase of open or recreational space in the neighborhood in which the new construction takes place.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
21. Thanks to the Boston Gaelic Fire Brigade for their participation in the First Annual Medal Day.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
22. Clean the area and cut the shrubbery around the Michael T. Guzzetti, Jr. memorial at the corner of Fresh Pond Parkway and Huron Avenue.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
23. Confer with Media One regarding their future plans for a Food Channel.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
24. Congratulations to Fire Chief Fitzgerald and Captain Ferazani for the very successful and warm tribute to the Cambridge Fire Fighters and honorees on the First Annual Medal Day.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
25. Best wishes to Jane Kent as she leaves Cambridge and moves to Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Councillor Davis and Vice Mayor Galluccio
26. Resolution on the death of Mary Rose Talarico.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
27. Resolution on the death of Richard P. Zepf.
Councillor Russell, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
28. Strong objection to a new area code for Cambridge.
Councillor Russell
29. Accept the provision of Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1998.
Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the retirement of Silvio J. Scaglione.
Councillor Russell and entire membership
31. Declare Monday, February 8th as "African American Parent Involvement Day" in Cambridge.

Councillor Reeves

32. Congratulations to Patricia Dance and Donnell Patterson on their fine work in the "Joyful Noise Concert."

Councillor Reeves

33. Report on a referral list of "fix it" or "handy person" who are available to do small projects for senior citizens.

Councillor Reeves

34. Report on the particulars of the new Boston effort and an analysis of whether Cambridge is currently assisting middle income person with their housing needs and would the Boston approach be useful in Cambridge?

Councillor Reeves

35. Welcome Kweisi Mfume, NAACP President and Chief Executive Officer to the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Reeves

36. Resolution on the death of Joseph L. Leary.

Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Russell and entire membership

37. Welcome the Buddhist Progress Society to Cambridge.

Councillor Reeves

38. Good luck to Charlotte Gear Richie as she leaves the State House to work as the coordinator of Neighborhood Housing initiative in the City of Boston.

Councillor Reeves

39. The Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to work with St. Paul A.M.E. Church regarding parking for the 1999 New England Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Councillor Reeves

40. Resolution on the death of Lillian Cohen Levine.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor and entire membership

41. Report on the relocating of the methadone clinic to the East Cambridge Health Clinic.

Councillor Toomey

42. Congratulations to Councillor Sheila T. Russell on being award the "Silver Beaver" award from the Boy Scouts.

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Duehay, Councillors Toomey, Born, Davis and Vice Mayor Galluccio

43. Insure that the City of Cambridge maintains and shovels its own sidewalks during snow and ice storms.
Councillor Sullivan
44. Provide an update on a more appropriate placement of the memorial for Anthony M. Colosimo located at the Kennedy School on Spring Street.
Councillor Russell
45. Resolution on the retirement of James F. Armstrong from the Christ Church Cambridge.
Councillor Born
46. Congratulations to Lindsay "Peter" White on the occasion of his being honored at the Guidance Center's Pops Night on March 26, 1999.
Councillor Born
47. Welcome the 39th Eastern Coast Assembly of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine and Daughters of the Sphinx of North and South America to Cambridge.
Councillor Reeves
48. Resolution on the death of Peter Vellucci.
Councillors Russell, Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
49. Thanks to Jim Edgehill and Bill Ewing and all the staff, supporters and City agencies involved in the Prime Time Basketball Camp.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey
50. Contact the Volpe Transportation Center in regards to having all Planning Board meetings held in their auditorium.
Councillor Toomey
51. Welcome La Focaccia Restaurant located in Porter Square to Cambridge.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
52. Report on the operation status of traffic signals at Third and Cambridge, Third and Charles, Sixth and Gore and Sixth and Cambridge Streets.
Councillor Toomey
53. Increase public relations regarding The Cambridge Scholarship Program and additional dollar contributions and create a complimentary loan fund.
Councillor Reeves
54. Resolution on the death of Maurice Donahue.
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

55. Resolution on the death of George V. Kenneally, Jr.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
56. Report on the feasibility of restoring the Board of Aldemen's Chamber and possible plans for the relocation of the City offices now occupying that space.
Councillor Born
57. Report on the ongoing discussions on the possibility of acquiring the Clifford Merriman Post Office and the Cambridge Family Y buildings.
Councillor Born
58. Report on the City's procedure for removing snow from the sidewalks abutting the Central Square Shell Station.
Councillor Born
59. Assign a staff position to spearhead opposition in the creation of a new area code for Cambridge.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
60. Congratulations and thanks to Skip Gates and Anthony Appiah for the release of Encarta Africana, a CD-ROM encyclopedia.
Councillor Born
61. Thanks to the organizers of the Cambridge Action Fund, in particular Karen Carmean.
Councillor Born
62. Amend the resolution congratulating Jimmy Tingle on being chosen as commentator for the new CBS TV show "60 Minutes II."
Vice Mayor Galluccio
63. Resolution on the death of Bess Ashley Hopkins.
Councillor Born, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
64. Happy 94th birthday to John J. McMahon.
Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Galluccio

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY JANUARY 25, 1999

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Cambridgeport Roadways Plan update and a request that the City Council vote to take actions which are necessary to complete the Plan; to appropriate funds, complete land taking, accept and layout roadway, discontinue portions of roadways and convey property.

- A. Accept City Council Resolution to approve the updated Cambridgeport Roadway Plan and Conceptual Plan (Consent Agenda Order No. 1A);
 - B. Authorize taking by the City of Cambridge of the parcels identified on plan "Waverly and Sidney Street Taking Plan", "Anglim Street Taking Plan", and "Blanche Street Taking Plan" (Consent Agenda Order Nos. 1B-i through 1B-xvii);
 - C. Accept and lay out the roadway as indicated on plan "Waverly and Sidney Street Layout and Acceptance Plans", Anglim Street Layout and Acceptance Plan", "Blanche Street at Green Street Layout and Acceptance Plan", "Sidney Street Layout and Acceptance Plan", and "the Cambridgeport Roadways Project 25% Design Plan" (Consent Agenda Order Nos. 1C-i through 1C-v);
 - D. Approve the discontinuance of portions of Henry Street and Sidney Street as shown on plan "Henry Street Discontinuance" and "Sidney Street Discontinuance and Conveyance Plan" (Consent Agenda Order Nos. 1D-i through 1D-ii);
 - E. Approve the disposition of property and the diminution of process as shown on plan "Sidney Street Discontinuance and Conveyance Plan" (Consent Agenda Order Nos. 1E-i through 1E-ii);
 - F. Appropriate \$1,998,767 to the Public Investment Fund Community Dev. Extraordinary Expenditures from the Parking Fund Revenue (\$500,000) and Free Cash (\$1,498,767), the City's share of the three-party cost sharing agreement between MIT, Forest City and the City to take property now owned by California Products, Conrail and Cambridgeport Commons (Consent Agenda Order No. 1F).
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Three**, regarding a report on creating "Senior Safety Zones."
 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Five**, regarding a report on developing a process to notify parents in a timely manner of "community alerts."
 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a question raised by a member of the City Council at the January 11th Council meeting concerning the racial composition of the most recent police recruit class.
 5. 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:

With Power

Ernest G. Cavello, Jr., 273 High Street, Medford, MA
Philip Sciandra, 24 Amory Street, Cambridge, MA

Daniel F. Long, 33 Bateman Street, Roslindale, MA

Without Power

Robert S. Iozza, 154 Shute Street, Everett, MA

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$142,566 from the Mass Dept. of Education to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$79,090), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$60,476) and Travel & Training Account (\$3,000) to cover the costs of both full and part time teachers as well as program operating expenses and required conference attendance for the Community Learning Center.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$6,500 from the Mass Dept. of Education to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$6,191) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$309) to provide funds to cover the costs of Adult Basic Education for the Homeless at the Community Learning Center.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant for \$10,000 from MCAD to the Grant Fund Human Rights Commission Salary & Wages Account to provide funds to cover a portion of an investigators salary under a cooperative work-share agreement with MCAD to investigate employment and public accommodation discrimination.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$62,800 from the Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. to the Grant Fund Human Rights Commission Salary & Wages Account (\$29,800), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$15,000) and Travel & Training Account (\$18,000) to provide funds for the Fair Housing Assistance Program.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board Petition related to Backyard Open Space Protection affecting Residence A-1 and A-2, Residence B, Residence C and Residence C-1 districts.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board report on the City Council Petition to create a new Special District 2 for that area currently zoned Industry A-1 on the zoning map abutting the Linear Park, Whittermore Avenue and Harvey Street.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-7**, regarding a report on bicycle courier regulations.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number Nine**, regarding a report on the car accident at the corner of Third and Spring Streets and at the corner of Third and Binney Streets and a report on

implementation of traffic calming measures.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to information on the 929 House Expiring Use Project.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Committee Report Order Number Two, dated November 9, 1998, regarding City Council's versus Health Commissioner's authority over smoking.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-1**, regarding a report on what safety issues are presented by different types of locks which can be used to lock windows.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting transfer of \$136,540.87 from the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Grant Fund Community Development Salary & Wages Account to provide funds for a Data Administrator who will work with the City's MIS Department to develop the database needed to meet the requirements of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order Number Ninety-two, dated January 11, 1999, regarding how much money is being spent on legal representation for all of the female litigants who have filed suit against the City since June, 1998.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$20,000 to the General Fund Executive Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Employee Benefits Salary Adjustment Account to provide funds to hire an executive recruitment firm to assist the City in hiring a Public Information Officer. (This also response to **Awaiting Report Item Number Seven.**)

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1999

1. An application was received from **Worthington Place Associates**, requesting permission to erect a sign in front of the premises numbered 195 Binney Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services Department and Community Development Department. Owner states there are no abutters.
2. A communication was received from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a notice of inquiry/generic proceeding on its motion to establish methods and procedures to evaluate and approve energy efficiency programs and a notice of public hearings and procedural conference for area code relief for the 508, 617, 781

and 978 area codes in Eastern Mass.

3. A communication was received from Sanford S. Wadler, Vice President and General Counsel, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., owner of property at 237 Putnam Avenue, transmitting written opposition to the Peter Jelley, et al petition.
4. A communication was received from J. David McCall, transmitting support for the Vendetti petition to downzone the so-called "ComEnergy" site to open space.
5. A communication was received from Astor D. Chance, requesting support in the implementation of the proposed legislative action entitled "Employment Discrimination Law Advocacy Initiative."
6. A communication was received from Ann Sullivan, Global Equity Advisors, Inc., transmitting a copy of the release abatement measure plan (RAM) for 2055 Massachusetts Avenue.
7. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, Interim City Engineer, transmitting notification of a new address at the premises numbered 82 Fresh Pond Lane.
8. A communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative, acknowledging receipt of City Council resolution regarding legislation to allow Cambridge employees hired on or before 1939 to be treated equally and to obtain all COLA benefits.
9. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman, transmitting congratulations on the initiative taken by School Committee member, Denise Simmons regarding issues of race and class and for the formation of A Cambridge City Council Food Policy Committee.
10. A communication was received from Racheal A. Seymour, City Management Intern, transmitting appreciation and thanks as her internship comes to an end.
11. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, transmitting concern over the "Yards" proposal.
12. An application was received from Pure Line Skin Care, requesting permission to erect a sign in front of the premises numbered 56 J.F.K. Street, approval has been received from Inspectional Services Department, Community Development Department and abutters.
13. A petition was received from Thomas B. Bracken, transmitting a petition from Karen F. Falb et al, to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to add a new Section 6.96 to place a curfew on through trucks from all City streets between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

14. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, transmitting concern regarding the Planning Board meeting process of permits to build in the City of Cambridge.
15. A communication was received from Kathleen Krier, relative to a motion to allocate \$15,000 to hire an independent traffic consultant to work with the East Cambridge Planning Team.
16. A communication was received from David Hoicka, regarding Affordable Housing on MBTA Air Rights in Porter Square, Cambridge.
17. A communication was received from David Hoicka, regarding expired terms on Cambridge Boards and Commissions that should be opened to the public for new members and charter amended.
18. A communication was received from Elie Yarden, Co-Chair, Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI), regarding the tree hearing of January 7, 1999, which was rescheduled to January 28, 1999.
19. A communication was received from Elie Yarden, Co-Chair, Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI), regarding pedestrian safety and law enforcement.
20. A communication was received from John Pitkin, President, Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association, regarding the adoption of a coordinated plan of action for residents of the Prescott Street-Summer Road residential district.