

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 17
Monday, May 24, 1999**

At 5:30 P.M.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 99-79 of May 17, 1999, regarding a report on the building project for the YWCA and any other upcoming building projects.
PLACED ON FILE.

ON THE TABLE

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2. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Twenty-eight of June 22, 1998, 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 of June 22, 1998, 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 the 1999 legislative package which would substitute for City Council approval, approval by the City Manager for the issuance of bonds and bond refunding.
11. Relative to an appropriation of \$146,000 to support the Mayor's Initiative on race and class.
12. Relative to Awaiting Report Fifteen of January 11, 1999 regarding a report on the traffic lights on Monsignor O'Brien Highway and Museum Way.
13. Relative to Awaiting Report Seven of February 8, 1999 regarding the impact to the City and the redeployment of police officers involved in the elimination of the K-9 unit.
14. Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 99-37 of April 12, 1999, regarding a report on the amount of free cash spent this and last fiscal years and a break down of what these funds were spent on.
15. Relative to an application received from David Clem, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 47 Erie Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission, Public Works Department and abutters. Response has been received from three neighborhood associations.
16. Relative to a communication from the City Manager regarding the following department head appointments: Robert M. Stevens, 3 year reappointment as Director of Veterans' Services; Quoc M. Tran, Director of the Human Rights Commission; James P. Cassidy, Director of Weights and Measures and Andrea J. Spears, Acting Purchasing Agent.
17. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report of the Joint Task Force, from Councillor Sheila Russell, Chair of the Government Operations Committee, recommending changes in the City Council rules and practices to improve City Council deliberations, policy making and overall effectiveness.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. Substituted text to amend the Zoning Ordinance of Cambridge to require additional open space in the area of the PUD in East Cambridge. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after March 29, 1999. The completion date for this petition is May 25, 1999.

REMAINS ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

ON MAY 26, 1999 PLACED ON FILE DUE TO EXPIRATION OF TIME LIMIT.

19. Proposed amendment to the text of the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge by deleting the present Chapter 8.28 and substituting a new Section 8.28 entitled "Restrictions on Youth Access to Tobacco Products and on Smoking in Workplaces and Public Places." The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 31, 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999

1. A 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 April 27, 1999, for the purpose of considering a petition of the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinances related to backyard open space protection affecting Residence A-1 and A-2, Residence B, Residence C and Residence C-1 district.
REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on May 5, 1999, for the purpose of continuing discussions on the refiled petition of the Planning Board on yards.
REPORT ACCEPTED. PASSED TO A SECOND READING.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on May 5, 1999, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on a petition filed by Sheila Cook, et al regarding Yards Protections.
REPORT ACCEPTED. PASSED TO A SECOND READING.
4. A 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 May 5, 1999, for the purpose of receiving a presentation from members of the Truck B Report of the Truck Advisory Committee on the issue of a day-time truck ban and any other matters relating to trucks.
REPORT ACCEPTED. ORDER ADOPTED. PLACED ON FILE.
5. A 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 May 19, 1999, for the purpose of discussing a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate truck traffic by providing a night time curfew on the use of city streets by trucks having 2.5 tons or more in gross weight.
REPORT ACCEPTED. PASSED TO A SECOND READING.
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Rules Committee, for a hearing held on

May 19, 1999, for the purpose of discussing a proposed rules changes recommended by the Joint Task Force on Improving City Council Effectiveness and Policy Making.
REPORT ACCEPTED. TEMPORARY RULES ADOPTED.
REFERRED TO CALENDAR ITEM #17.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999

1. A communication was received from Mayor Francis H. Duehay, transmitting a communication from Janina J. Curtis, L.S.P., Senior Project Manager, relative to a release abatement measure at the premises numbered 301 Binney Street, Cambridge.
REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Francis H. Duehay, City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Norfolk County Commissioners, transmitting an informational packet regarding House Bill No. 3941.
PLACED ON FILE.

CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999

1. Thanks to Oscar Chacon for his years of dedicated service as Executive Director of Centro Presente and wish him luck in his new venture as Executive Director of the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant Rights.
Mayor Duehay
ORDER ADOPTED.
2. Consult with the School Department, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and businesses on Fulkerson Street from Spring Street to Binney Street that deliveries not be made during the hours of 7:15 to 8:30 AM to allow the school buses to drop off the children on time for school.
Councillor Toomey
ORDER ADOPTED.
3. Urge Congress to negotiate a residency preference into all new expiring use contracts or contract amendments or extensions.
Vice Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED.

4. Applaud the United Nations for endorsing the project on the history of slavery and Cambridge to designate an appropriate location for a memorial.

Vice Mayor Galluccio

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU.

5. Congratulations to Kaileigh Callendar, Jen Dowd and Sabrina Mahmood the winners of the Bicycle Safety Bumper Sticker Contest with the Award Ceremony to take place on the steps of City Hall on May 26th at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Duehay

ORDER ADOPTED.

6. Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Thomas F. and Phyllis Burke.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED.

7. Assist the Riverside Neighborhood with their annual planting on June 5, 1999.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED.

8. Commend Officers Angela Pereira and Kathy Sullivan on their excellent police work at the scene of an automobile collision on March 2, 1999.

Councillors Triantafillou, Davis and Vice Mayor Galluccio

ORDER ADOPTED.

9. Get well wishes to Michael Petrillo.

Councillor Toomey

ORDER ADOPTED.

10. Thanks to Patrick Ewing, Rumeal Robinson, Mike Jarvis, Rayon Thomas, Coach Dottin and the other alumni and friends who made the Alumni Benefit Basketball game with the W.I.L.D. all-stars and Cambridge Rindge Alumni a success.

Vice Mayor Galluccio

ORDER ADOPTED.

11. Congratulations to Laura Sheffield and Jonathan Austin on the birth of their daughter, Winifred.

Councillor Davis

ORDER ADOPTED.

12. Contact Harvard University to arrange for a meeting with the members of the City Council regarding counter productive actions toward its workforce and the violation of many rights of its employees.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED.

13. Resolution on the death of William J. Vizard.
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED.
14. Resolution on the death of Jean Serino.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED.
15. Resolution on the death of Albert M. Addonizio.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED.
16. Resolution on the death of Manuel Rebello.
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED.
17. Resolution on the death of Gene Meyer.
Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED.
18. Happy 90th Birthday to John McMorrow.
Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED.
19. The new location and opening of the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Massachusetts at 36 Cameron Avenue on June 15, 1999.
Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED.
20. Congratulations to the five music groups from CRLS who brought back three gold medals and two silver medals from the Great Music Festival competition held on Saturday, May 15, 1999 in Agawam, Massachusetts.
Mayor Duehay
ORDER ADOPTED.
21. Enforce the Residents Only Parking for the Norfolk Street Parking Lot.
Councillor Toomey
ORDER ADOPTED.
22. The Central Square World's Fair will take place on June 6th
and also proclaim June 6th as "Central Square World's Fair Day" in Cambridge.
Vice Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Reeves
ORDER ADOPTED.
23. Thanks to Roseanne Kraus and the members of the Dance Community for the celebration of Dance Month in Cambridge.

Councillor Reeves
ORDER ADOPTED.

24. Thank Area IV residents for their commitment to affordable housing for potential use at the Squirrel Brand site.

Councillor Reeves
ORDER ADOPTED.

25. Congratulations to the CRLS Class of 1999 recipients of the Community Scholarships to be presented on May 27, 1999.

Councillor Reeves
ORDER ADOPTED.

26. Repair the brick sidewalk in front of 19 Bigelow Street.

Councillor Reeves
ORDER ADOPTED.

27. Congratulations to Professor Charles Willie of the Harvard Graduate School of Education on his appointment to the Charles William Eliot Professorship and on his retirement.

Councillor Reeves
ORDER ADOPTED.

28. Report regularly to the public, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committees the number of fatalities and personal injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Councillor Davis
ORDER ADOPTED.

29. Dedicate a suitable location near Kerry Corner in honor of Judge John J. Burns, the youngest and first Catholic to be appointed a judge and the first Catholic appointed to Superior Court.

Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED.

30. Proclaim June as Cambridge Community Development Month in Cambridge and hold celebrations of both CDBG and HOME-funded projects.

Mayor Duehay
ORDER ADOPTED.

31. The Seventh Annual Cambridge First Day at MIT will be held on June 8, 1999 at 11:00 AM saluting extraordinary contributions to architecture in Cambridge.

Councillor Born
ORDER ADOPTED.

32. Congratulations to Dean Isaac "Ike" Colbert on his promotion to Dean of Graduate Students at MIT.

Councillor Reeves

ORDER ADOPTED.

33. Cancel the City Council meeting of June 7, 1999 and schedule a special roundtable meeting for June 7, 1999 at 5:30 PM in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of receiving a progress report on the efforts of the Citizens Growth Management Advisory Committee.

Councillors Triantafillou and Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED.

34. Provide funding for the renovation and maintenance of the Corporal Burns Shelter.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

35. Congratulations to the recipients of the 15th Annual Awards Ceremony for the Work Force Program will be held on June 3, 1999.

Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

36. Enforce the Noise Ordinance in regard to nighttime construction on the courthouse.

Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

37. Develop a policy eradicating the drug activity in the area of Columbia and Harvard Streets.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

38. The Cambridge Public Literacy Project will honor the volunteer tutors and students who participated in the 1998-1999 session on May 27, 1999.

Mayor Duehay and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

39. Extend deep appreciation to Jim Field for all programs, exhibits and events he has brought to the Cambridge community as he ends his tenure as the Executive Director of the Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center.

Mayor Duehay and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

40. Congratulations to Daniel C. Crane on being named Bar Counsel of the Board of Bar overseers.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

41. Congratulations to John and Ann DiGiovanni on the birth of their daughter Eavon.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

42. Happy 13th Birthday to Christopher Barretta.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

43. Congratulations to the Cambridge Water Department on receiving a Massachusetts Public Water System Award on May 5, 1999 at Worcester City Hall.

Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

44. Welcome to Cambridge Monica McWilliams, a delegate of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition who received an honorary degree from Leslie College.

Councillor Triantafillou and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

45. Issue a permit for a sandwich board sign at Carl Barron Plaza for "Arts in the Park" to be held on June 5th at Dana Park.

Councillor Born and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

46. Designate the corner of Sixth and Thorndike Street in honor of Reverend Michael F. Costello.

Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

47. Resolution on the death of William Alfred.

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Duehay and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

48. Resolution on the death of Peter G. Piro.

Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Triantafillou and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

49. Resolution on the death of Emily West.

Councillor Born, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

50. Resolution on the death of Ellen Quigley.

Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

51. Resolution on the death of Muriel E. Robichaud.

Vice Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED.

**Resolution on the death of Anthony M. Csiti.
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY
MAY 24, 1999**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a draft resolution regarding Cambridge's participation in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$520 in the General Fund from the Women's Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Travel & Training Account to be used to cover registration costs for the National Association of Commissions for women Convention in Boston.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$85,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Election Commission Extraordinary Expenditures Account to provide funds to microfilm all permanent records of the Election Commission and purchase of equipment needed to store and read them prior to its move to the first floor of the Coffon Building.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Squirrel Brands properties.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-96**, regarding a report on the situation at 326 Harvard Street.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-76**, regarding a report on an evaluation and plan for future uses of stanchions in crosswalks.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-82**, regarding a report on the installation of a loading zone in front of a Watertown business.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-93**, regarding a report on the rules of the Planning Board governing hearings and decisions.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-89**, regarding a report on the placement of bus schedules on

signage for bus stops.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-80**, regarding a report on the condition of the lacrosse field at MIT.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-94**, regarding a report on DTE proposed rules on utilities restoring street excavations.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-97**, regarding a report on an update on the proposal to move Lechmere Station to the Somerville side of O'Brien Highway.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting transfer of \$240,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary & Wages Account to the Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to supplement the budget for snow removal expenses.

52. ORDER ADOPTED.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999

1. A petition was received from Linda Savenor et al., relative to a change in the Zoning status from residential to business for the "Dunkin Donuts" new facility at 222-228 Broadway.
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR HEARING AND REPORT.
2. A communication was received from W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn., transmitting notification of a meeting on Thursday, June 3, 1999 to present the results of the Evaluation of Asbestos in Soil conducted at the Grace site in December, 1998.
REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER.
3. A communication was received from John Robertson, Tax Relief for Senior Citizens, transmitting a legislative update on the senate's initial approval to tax relief bill for senior citizens, Senate Bill 1750.
PLACED ON FILE.
4. A communication was received from Harold Cox, Chief Public Health Officer and Sherry Riva, Project Coordinator, transmitting thanks for the generous support of their "1999 *Help the Feet that Walk the Streets: Sock Drive for the Homeless.*"
PLACED ON FILE.

5. A petition was received from the residents of 10 Roger Street, transmitting support for the passing of the Toomey/Born Petition.
REFERRED TO THE PETITION.
6. An application was received from Gino Segre, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 40 Hawthorn Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works Department. Response has been received from neighborhood association and abutters.
ORDER ADOPTED.
7. A petition was received from Nancy E. Lippincott, et al., to rezone the area of the Sumner Road Block along Kirkland Street and Quincy Street on which the Swendenborg Chapel and the 34 Kirkland Street Greek Revival House are situated, which are currently is zoned Residence C-3, to Residence C-1
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR HEARING AND REPORT.
8. A communication was received from Elie Yarden, Co-Chair, Cambridgeport Neighborhood Initiative (CNI), relative to changes in the City Council Rules.
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE REPORT #6.
9. A communication was received from Skip Schloming, Small Property Owners Association, regarding the City Council's opposition to mandatory rent escrowing.
PLACED ON FILE.
10. A petition was received from **KaBloom, Ltd.**, requesting permission to display floral merchandise in front of the premises numbered 1668 Massachusetts Avenue, Monday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER WITH POWER.