

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **City Council Calendar No. 19 Monday, June 21, 1999**

**At 5:30 P.M.**

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Triantafillou relative to an order authorizing the City Manager to transfer appropriations from available balances prior to the close of the books for FY98-99.
2. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to Awaiting Report Number 99-81, relative to a report on traffic calming plans for Channing, Lowell, Sparks, Willard, Hawthorn, Ash, Fayerweather, Hilliard, Appleton, and Brattle Streets, Lexington and Lakeview Avenue and Larch Road and Awaiting Report Number 99-100 regarding a report on permanent landscape improvements to the end of Elmwood Avenue.
3. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Born relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$193,000 from the School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance to the School Department Stabilization Fund to enable the funds budgeted in FY99 for professional development to be expended as planned for the 1999 Professional Development Summer Institute.
4. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Davis relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$65,000 to provide appraisal and data collection services in order to complete the FY99 property valuation, and for professional services in connection with defense of Appellate Tax Board.
5. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to a status report from the Fresh Pond Master Plan Advisory Committee.

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6. 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.
7. 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.
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 which would substitute for City Council approval, approval by the City Manager for the issuance of bonds and bond refunding.
15. Relative to an appropriation of \$146,000 to support the Mayor's Initiative on race and class.
16. Relative to Awaiting Report Fifteen of January 11, 1999 regarding a report on the traffic lights on Monsignor O'Brien Highway and Museum Way.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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**

21. 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.
22. Proposed amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge on the refiled petition of the Planning Board on Yards. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 7, 1999. The deadline for this petition is July 26, 1999.
23. Proposed amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge on a petition filed by Sheila Cook, et al. regarding Yards Protection. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 7, 1999. The deadline for this petition is August 3, 1999.
24. Proposed amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 7, 1999. The deadline for this petition is June 29, 1999.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1999**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Food Policy Committee, for a hearing held on June 2, 1999, for the purpose of discussing childhood hunger in Cambridge.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1999**

1. Communications were received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting the Cambridge School Committee's approved Superintendent's recommendations relative to:
  - o FY '98-99 Financial Report and End of Year Transfer;
  - o Reimbursement Transfer to City Capital Funds for St. Mary's Renovations;
  - o Transfer of One-time FY '98-99 Professional Development Funds to Salary Stabilization Account to allow for expenditure for 1999 Summer Institutes;

- Budget Appropriation for Excess Medicaid Reimbursement Revenues Received in FY '98-99 and not yet appropriated;
- FY '98-99 School Debt Stabilization Fund Transfer.

## **CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1999**

1. Resolution on the retirement of Robert E. Richards from the School Department.  
**Councillor Triantafillou and entire membership**
2. Prepare a resolution on the retirement of Nicki Nichols Gamble from Planned Parenthood.  
**Councillor Born**
3. Work with the owners of Microsoft and Trader Joe's to ensure that cars are not towed away during the Fourth of July Fireworks.  
**Councillor Born**
4. Investigate other crosswalk patterns that may be more eye catching than the traditional crosswalks used and report back to the City Council.  
**Councillor Davis**
5. Address pedestrian safety and speeding on Mount Auburn Street and Sparks Street.  
**Councillor Davis**
6. Congratulations to the CRLS Chess Team and Coach Marsha Duran for winning the state championship.  
**Councillor Davis**
7. Prepare a resolution on the death of Kathleen Nickerson.  
**Councillor Russell and entire membership**
8. Resolution on the death of Emily B. LeBlanc.  
**Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership**
9. Resolution on the death of Joseph Francis Cyr.  
**Councillors Sullivan and entire membership**
10. File Home Rule petition entitled "An Act Relative to the Retirement of Elizabeth Hepner."  
**Councillor Sullivan**
11. Communicate with the owners of Fresh Pond Mall to stress the importance to the City Council of a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks from North Cambridge to the

shopping center.

**Councillor Born**

12. Report on whether the City holds any easements related to the Fresh Pond Shopping Center, include information on the metes and bounds of property owned by the City, the Shopping Center, the railroad and the MDC.

**Councillor Born**

13. Allocate five million dollars from free cash for the purpose of construction of the North Cambridge Bridge Overpass Project.

**Councillor Triantafillou**

14. Investigate and report the circumstances surrounding the search of 8<sup>th</sup> grade student without the presence or permission of their parents and who authorized such search.

**Councillor Triantafillou**

15. Engage other nuclear nations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, an international treaty, requiring a timetable for phased elimination of nuclear weapons, including effective verification and enforcement measures.

**Councillor Born**

16. The Closing Ceremony for the City Links Program will be held on June 23, 1999 congratulations to the graduating students and students who have completed their first year of the program.

**Mayor Duehay**

17. Resolution on the death of Salvatore C. DiCecca.

**Councillor Toomey and entire membership**

18. Resolution on the death of Arthur Frederick Holmes.

**Councillor Toomey and entire membership**

19. Thank the volunteers of the Massachusetts Money Management Program who help many homebound seniors handle their expenses.

**Councillor Russell**

## **CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY JUNE 21, 1999**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-41**, regarding a report on the impact that the Educational Reform Act has had on educational funding in Cambridge.

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 99-29**, regarding a report on a policy change that would require that a certain percentage of revenue from new construction go directly to the purchase of open space.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant for \$5,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to the Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$2,500) and Travel & Training Account (\$2,500) to provide funds for the development of the First Time Home Buyer classes in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$13,053 from the Grant Fund Police Salary & Wages Account to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance Account for reprogramming funds for the partnership with Meeting Place: Supervised Child Access Service.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$40,000 from the Grant Fund Police Salary & Wages Account to the Grant fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance Account for reprogramming funds to form a partnership with the School Department and the Public Health Commission to implement domestic violence training focusing on interagency collaboration, safety for the victim, and the evaluation of the training.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$6,500 from the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to the Grant Fund Travel & Training Account for reprogramming funds for conference fees and appropriate training opportunities for members of the Domestic Violence Unit as well as selected members of the patrol units for programs conducted by the District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Attorney General.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a Grant for \$7,500 from the State Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to the Grant Fund Police Salary & Wages Account (\$2,500) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$5,000) to provide funds to conduct a mailing to all households as well as provide selective enforcement at specific crosswalks during peak periods.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the transfer of \$4,285 from the Employee Benefits Salary & Wages Account to the Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures Account to provide funds for the replacement of a circuit board in the City's Motorola Trunked Radio System.

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1999**

1. A communication was received from the family of **Mary T. Buono**, transmitting deep appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on her behalf.
2. A communication was received from the Volunteer and Community Involvement Group, Fresh Pond Day Treatment Center, transmitting concern regarding public restrooms in Cambridge and Somerville.
3. An application was received from Community Development Department, requesting permission to hang a temporary banner advertising Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, across Massachusetts Avenue from 850 Massachusetts Avenue to the YWCA, from July 12 through July 23.
4. Communications were received from Craig A. Kelley, Chair, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, relative to:
  - Special Permit for 2443 Massachusetts Avenue, (Modern Continental Mixed-Use Project.)
  - Cook Petition - Backyard Protections
  - Fitzgerald School Rehab Project
  - Upgrade Western Entrance (Route 2)
  - The Mass Ave. Median Strip
  - Railroad Crossing Safety Issues
5. A communication was received from Robert H. Prince, Jr., General Manager, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, transmitting a response relative to THE RIDE Program.
6. A communication was received from Governor Paul Cellucci and Lieutenant Governor Jane Swift, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council.
7. A communication was received from the family of **Josie Muolo**, transmitting grateful appreciation for the dedication of the Park at the Kennedy School in her honor.
8. A communication was received from James M. Williamson, requesting permission to address the City Council on the following topics:
  - development issues
  - bicycles on sidewalks
  - proposed "rules" changes
9. An application was received from **Global Images**, requesting permission to erect one table and one chair in front of the premises numbered 751 Massachusetts Avenue to

display merchandise, four days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

10. A communication was received from Michael Frasca and family, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by City Council on behalf of his brother, **Tony Frasca**.