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Tom Menino Ships Up to McGreevy's

Spotted: Mayor **Tom Menino**, ducking into McGreevy's Pub at 12:30 this afternoon. Seeing the notoriously [anti-vice mayor](#) standing on the sidewalk outside a bar must have been quite the shock for passers-by on Boylston Street, but Hizzoner wasn't there to knock back a mid-day pint.



Menino was stopping by to accept a Gold Record award from the Dropkick Murphys for their hit song, "Shipping Up to Boston." Yes, our Italian-American mayor is quite the fan of Irish punk rock.

Dropkick Murphys bassist and McGreevy's owner **Ken Casey** thanked the mayor for his longtime support of the group. Casey also announced the gold record would be displayed at the bar in a case with other political memorabilia.

Menino took the microphone and called the band a group of "great young guys." He then mentioned the song was once the most popular download on "iTune."

Menino's spokeswoman, **Dot Joyce**, leaned over to [remind us](#) that Menino and his wife do own an iPod.

"And you go into the pit," Menino said, showing he's down with the punk rock kids and their moshing. "And you do the dance."

One of the Murphys told Hizzoner it's called a jig.

"Is that what the Irish do?" Menino asked. "A jig?"

Menino then posed for pictures with the Murphys and their gold record. He did his best to dodge the press and their **Dianne Wilkerson** questions, but we managed to ask him if he'd give the lads the same treatment he's given the street performers that [cause a ruckus outside his office window](#).

"If they're on City Hall Plaza, I'd let them play forever," Menino said. But what about outside his office? "No," he said quickly, and made his way for the door.

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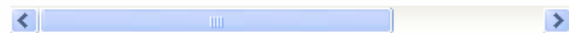
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