

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$741,750.14 between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$732,143.53 from the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account and \$9,606.61 from the School Travel and Training account to the School Salaries and Wages account (\$716,062.47) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$25,687.67), which are re-allocations within school department programs and are related to school improvement and professional development plans based on approved detail budget allocations by Principals.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the calendar year 2012, while employed at Boston Sand & Gravel Co., 500 Front Street: Jake Howe, Tony Cordella, William Tweedy, David Thebearge, Scott Prentice, Jody Staples, Joseph Olsen, Ray Broderick and Roland Barris
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the calendar year 2012, while employed at MICH-LIN transfer station, 45 Mooney Street: Amanda Noonan, Kimberly I. Mochi-Vendetti, Jo Ann Del Vecchio, Daniel Pasquarosa, Peter Diorio, Charles J. Mabardy, Joseph Mabardy, Jr., James J. Mabardy, Justine N. Bonitatibus, Michael Guerriero, Anthony Pasquosa and Dana Desharnais
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women for a three year term effective Jan 9, 2012: Audrey Oetomo, Srin Chakravorty
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-01, regarding a report on the use of rodent resistant trash bags.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$102,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account in support of the Cambridge Arlington Belmont High-risk Assessment and Response Team (CAB HART) Program through Dec 31, 2012.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. An application was received from John McQuillan, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 37 Lancaster Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission (Avon Hill NCDC approved ribbon driveway and handicap ramp) and Public Works. Three abutter approvals and three abutter disapprovals received. Neighborhood representative approved personally, not for the organization. Additional design documents on file with the petition. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Two of Jan 9, 2012. Appeal from Avon Hill NCDC also included.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to prepare a home rule petition to delegate the approval of curb cuts and report back to the Council with the necessary legislative language.

[Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Seven of Jan 9, 2012.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. That the matter of the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor be referred to Unfinished Business. Jan 9, 2012 ballot #2 taken (Councillor Cheung three votes; Councillor Davis one vote; Councillor Decker three votes; Councillor Kelley one vote and Councillor Toomey one vote).
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 28, 2011 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on the petition filed by Julia Bishop, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2 located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. Planning Board hearing held Jan 17, 2012. Petition expires Mar 27, 2012.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Kin Lau, AbodeZ, requesting permission to relocate curb cuts at the premises numbered 42 and 45 Bay State Road; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Get in Shape for Women, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1764 Massachusetts Avenue.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from United States Representative Barney Frank, transmitting deep appreciation for the resolution.
2. A communication was received from Whittemore Avenue LLC, 12, 32-32R Whittemore Avenue and Tyler Court Realty Trust, 35 Cottage Park Avenue and 25 Edmunds Street, transmitting written protest to the re-filed Julia Bishop, et al. Zoning Petition.
3. A communication was received from United States Senator Scott P. Brown, transmitting thanks for contacting him about amendment (S.J. Res. 29) to the United States Constitution that would waive the First Amendment for corporations and other businesses.
4. A communication was received from Heather Maguire Hoffman, co-president, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, 213 Hurley Street, regarding MBTA proposals to raise fares and cut services.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Happy 20th Anniversary to Story Space. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Jamey J. Corcoran. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
3. Congratulations to Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on being listed among Boston's top-performing stocks of 2011. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Senator Sal DiDomenico on being awarded "Legislator of the Year" by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association. Councillor Cheung

5. Congratulations to Toys-For-Tots for their successful work this year. Councillor Cheung
6. Resolution on the death of Florence G. (Flaherty) Salvato. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Diane D. Hixon. Councillor Maher
8. Resolution on the death of Maria (Andrade) Vicente. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
9. Retirement of James Parris from the School Department. Councillor Reeves
10. Resolution on the death of Holly P. Chute. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Marilyn Tarmy. Councillor Toomey
12. Retirement of Francisco Neris from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Reeves
13. Retirement of Judith Donoghue from the Police Department. Councillor Reeves
14. Retirement of John Gelinas from the Fire Department. Councillor Reeves
15. Resolution on the death of Harold C. Avery. Councillor Maher
16. Resolution on the death of Edith Morton (Robinson) Stokey. Councillor Davis
17. Retirement of Patricia A. Johnson from the Council on Aging. Councillor Davis, Councillor Maher
18. Resolution on the death of Jean (Melnik) Skopetz. Councillor Toomey
19. Resolution on the death of Leonard C. Donnelly. Councillor Toomey
20. Resolution on the death of Theresa Joyce (Sullivan) McSweeney. Councillor Toomey
21. Happy Birthday wishes to Ann Colette. Councillor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Councillor Henrietta Davis on being named Chair of the National League of Cities International Council. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Toomey and Councillor vanBeuzekom.
23. Congratulations to the students who participated in the TTT Mentor Program. Councillor Simmons
24. Thanks to the mentors of the TTT Mentor Program. Councillor Simmons
25. Retirement of Robert Blake from the Fire Department. Councillor Reeves
26. Retirement of John Mingle from the School Department. Councillor Reeves
27. Thanks to Lori Lander and the organizing committee of the Many Helping Hands MLK Day of Service on Jan 16, 2012. Councillor Davis
28. Congratulations to Paul Evenson and Elizabeth Doran on their upcoming marriage. Councillor Maher
29. Best wishes to Seth Diamond on bringing his reality television show "Food Biker" to the airwaves. Councillor Toomey

## **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to urge the Department of Conservation and Recreation and NSTAR to immediately repair all street lights that are not working in Cambridge with a view towards enhancing the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other users of Cambridge roadways. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact of reductions in fuel assistance on Cambridge residents this winter. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to devise and implement a system for annually reporting the energy use of each municipal building, including schools and buildings leased by the city, and to communicate this information to the public by making it available on the city website and through other means such as displays in building lobbies and city publications. Councillor Davis and Councillor vanBeuzekom
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with information regarding the steam pipe rupture on Second Street and the organized response by the city and those involved and to provide information regarding existing infrastructure in the neighborhood that may need future repairs or upgrades to avoid a similar situation. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council on the installation of vending machines which dispense helmets as the City rolls out its bike share program this spring. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on what public outreach has been made to existing customers to notify them about the cost savings of winter parking at the First Street Garage and whether the company operating the garage was made aware of the fee change and how many residents were overcharged for the winter months. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how the City of Cambridge promotes and enforces the Cambridge Employment Plan. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Council go on record urging the Joint Committee on the Judiciary to hasten its consideration of An Act to Establish Mandatory Mediation with Judicial Review, while urging Cambridge's legislative delegation to support this bill. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to designate a committee to include the City's Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, to analyze various scenarios for installation of renewable energy facilities for city buildings. Councillor Davis
10. That the City Manager is requested to revisit instituting a ban on plastic bags from retail institutions. Councillor Decker and Councillor vanBeuzekom
11. That this City Council go on record requesting that Cambridge go "coal-free" in an effort to combat the negative effects such energy has on health, economics and social justice. Councillor Decker and Councillor vanBeuzekom

12. That this City Council go on record strongly suggesting that Equity World only work with companies that do meet community standards and to provide further information regarding why they chose to work with a company that does not. Councillor Decker
13. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the Council on how appropriate information pertaining to parking sticker location (how many parking stickers are issued to a street or address) may be made readily available, free of charge and on the City's website, to the general public or, if that is not possible, what information may be made available and why any limitations on dissemination of such information exists. Councillor Kelley
14. That the City Manager is requested to develop a complete list of all agreements which give continuing benefit to the residents of Cambridge and the mechanism for keeping track of expiration, enforcement or change of ownership. Councillor vanBeuzekom
15. That the City Council hereby schedule a public hearing for the Bishop petition for Wed, Feb 8, 2011 at 4pm in the Sullivan Chamber, to be held either as a Special Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of the hearing or a public hearing of the Ordinance Committee, if a Mayor of the Council has been elected and a Chair of the Ordinance Committee appointed by that date. Councillor Maher

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public meeting held on Aug 18, 2011 for the purpose of an update on the plan of the owner of Chapman Arms to sell the building and the City's option to preserve the affordable units which comprises half of the total units in the Chapman Arms.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Community Health Committee sponsored a public forum on domestic violence held on Oct 11, 2011.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting a communication regarding returning the 9 Wyman Street curb cut to the table.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Jan 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Jan 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Feb 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting. [The City Manager will submit recommendation for water/sewer rates.] (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Jan 23, 2012

#### **COUNCILLOR SIMMONS**

WHEREAS: Public Safety is of paramount importance to residents of Cambridge and to the City Council; and

WHEREAS: Street lights not only deter crime, they enhance the public's sense of personal safety;

WHEREAS: Several street lights at the intersection of Mount Auburn Street, Gerry's Landing, and the Fresh Pond Parkway, an intersection so dangerous it is referred to by MBTA bus drivers as the "Bermuda Triangle" have not been working for several months now; and

WHEREAS: Twenty-seven street lights on Memorial Drive are not working, posing a significant risk to pedestrians, cyclists and other users of Cambridge roadways; and

WHEREAS: This state of affairs is not acceptable given the wave of purse snatchings and assaults that have occurred in Cambridge recently; and

WHEREAS: Functioning street lights are necessary in the winter when sidewalks become slippery and dangerous to walk on; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and NSTAR to immediately repair all street lights that are not working in Cambridge with a view towards enhancing the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other users of Cambridge roadways, and to report back to the City Council

O-2 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact of reductions in fuel assistance on Cambridge residents this winter.

O-3 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Disclosing how much energy buildings use helps to promote energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS: Several US cities are already disclosing municipal building energy consumption and have also enacted regulations to require owners of private buildings to disclose their energy use; and

WHEREAS: Building energy disclosure regulations should be considered for Cambridge, and as a first step the City of Cambridge should show leadership by disclosing the energy consumption of all municipal buildings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to devise and implement a system for annually reporting the energy use of each municipal building, including schools and buildings leased by the city, and to communicate this information to the public by making it available on the city website and through other means such as displays in building lobbies and city publications.

O-4 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On Thurs, Jan 12, a steam pipe owned by Veolia burst underground on Second Street releasing steam and prompting contamination concerns; and

WHEREAS: Further investigation determined there was no health hazard as a result of the burst; and

WHEREAS: Abutting residents received mixed communications regarding the potential hazard and final safety determination; and

WHEREAS: The repair schedule is a concern for abutters because of loud equipment and generators being used in the residential area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with information regarding the steam pipe rupture and the organized response by the city and those involved; and to additionally provide information regarding existing infrastructure in the neighborhood that may need future repairs or upgrades to avoid a similar situation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Veolia on an appropriate repair schedule that will result in a timely and less impactful project.

O-5 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: MIT students have designed a vending machine to dispense helmets for Boston's Hubway bike sharing program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the installation of these devices in Cambridge as the city rolls out its bike share program this spring.

O-6 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The 2012 Cambridge Resident Information booklet that was distributed by the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department states that winter parking is available in the First Street Garage during winter months for \$50 a month; and

WHEREAS: Residents previously paid \$100 for use of the garage and some residents have reported that they have continued to pay \$100 despite the \$50 rate listed in the booklet; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on what public outreach has been made to existing customers to notify them about the cost savings and whether the company operating the First Street Garage was made aware of the change and how many residents were overcharged for the winter months.

O-7 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge continues to be a much desired area for large developments; and

WHEREAS: Development creates a significant amount of employment opportunities from the start of the building construction; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Employment Plan, Chapter 2.66 of the Municipal Code, was developed to ensure that Cambridge residents would benefit from job creation that comes with development; and

WHEREAS: Many Kendall Square developers have committed to use union labor for their projects but it is unclear how the Cambridge Employment Plan is enforced and upheld; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how the City of Cambridge promotes and enforces the Cambridge Employment Plan.

O-8 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: While Cambridge is emerging relatively unscathed from the home foreclosure crisis, the crisis has ruined lives, destroyed communities, and hampered economic recovery in towns and cities across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: While data from various sources point to a slow recovery in the housing market in Massachusetts, home foreclosures continue to the detriment of many homeowners; and

WHEREAS: While banks and other financial lending institutions contributed to the home foreclosure crisis, their efforts to resolve this crisis have not been commensurate with their role in fomenting the crisis; and

WHEREAS: Banks have used fraudulent paperwork and other illegal methods to evict people from their homes and many banks have been unwilling to work with home owners through mediation to prevent foreclosures; and

WHEREAS: An Act To Establish Mandatory Mediation with Judicial Review will require banks and other lending institutions to mediate in good faith with homeowners to

identify alternative resolutions before commencing foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS: The bill will also establish the Massachusetts Mediation Foreclosure Program (MFMP), which will be overseen by the Attorney General, and will train neutral, third party mediators in foreclosure alternatives, and ensure all borrowers have the option to participate in mediation; and

WHEREAS: A public hearing for the bill occurred on Jan 11, 2012, after which the bill was sent to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary for further review; and

WHEREAS: Time is of the essence with this bill and it is imperative for the Joint Committee on the Judiciary to move fast so that this bill can become law as soon as possible; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Joint Committee on the Judiciary to hasten its consideration of An Act to Establish Mandatory Mediation with Judicial Review, while urging Cambridge's legislative delegation to support this bill; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the House and Senate Sponsors of this legislation Senator Harriet L. Chandler and Representatives Mahoney, O'Day and Pedone as well to the co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary Senator Cynthia Stone Creem and Representative Eugene O'Flaherty on behalf of the entire Council.

O-9 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The city has a goal to increase its use of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS: The implementation of that goal will require a significant amount of financial analysis to determine the most cost effective methods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate a committee to include the City's Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, to analyze various scenarios for installation of renewable energy facilities for city buildings.

O-10 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that plastic bags are either restricted or banned in over a quarter of the world's countries. In the United States, bans have been imposed at the local level, starting with Nantucket over 20 years ago. San Francisco imposed a ban in 2007, later followed by Westport, Connecticut, Edmonds, Washington, Los Angeles County, CA, Brownsville, Texas; Bethel, Alaska, North Carolina's Outerbanks Region, Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington, San Jose, California, 30 rural villages in Alaska, and many cities throughout Canada. Countries that have banned or restricted them include: China, Israel, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Thailand, several states in India, three states and territories of Australia, Paris, Mexico City, Rajasthan (India), Sikkim (India), Taiwan, Singapore, Bangladesh, Malawi, Germany, Sweden, Paris, Mexico

City, and three states/territories of Australia. These cities, states, and nations have had great success in curbing the use of disposable plastic bags from retailers; and

WHEREAS: Plastic bags contribute to litter and landfill loads and find their way into our waterways, parks, beaches, and streets. Many animals ingest plastic bags, mistaking them for food, and therefore die. Also, plastic bags are non-biodegradable. These bags don't decompose, they photodegrade, slowly breaking up into smaller and smaller toxic bits. This process takes about 200-400 years; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations estimates that plastic bags kill 1 billion animals per year. These animals suffer a painful death as the plastic wraps around their intestines or they choke to death; and

WHEREAS: In 2007 San Francisco became the first major city in the U.S. to ban single-use plastic bags in chain grocery stores and pharmacies. Dozens of other cities have followed suit and rising concern about the paltry recyclability of plastic bags has emphasized the benefit of such bans and the idea of reusable totes. It is estimated that close to 100 million fewer plastic bags were handed out over the last year in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS: The recycling of plastic bags is approximately 5.2%. Even if the recycling rate of plastic bags were to double - triple - or more, the remaining bags would still present an unacceptable danger to the world's wildlife; and

WHEREAS: The Council has requested that the City Manager look into the elimination of plastic bags from retail institutions in the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to revisit instituting a ban similar to that of the cities mentioned above; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-11 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: This City Council believes that Cambridge should serve as a model and stand with communities who are committed to alternative energy sources that are "coal-free"; and

WHEREAS: Mined coal comes at a social, economic and health cost to poor communities that both are mined for coal and process it; and

WHEREAS: Jon Levy, Professor of Environmental Health at the Boston University School of Public Health has documented in his research that more than \$300 million per year in public health damages (on the order of 50 deaths per year) are inflicted on residents by our coal plants; and

WHEREAS: The issue of coal as an energy source should be seen in the context of struggle for human rights, aiming to protect communities that typically do not have the political clout or a strong voice to be heard; and

WHEREAS: It is important for the citizens of Cambridge to know that our energy comes from coal plants that inflict harm on communities in Massachusetts, such as Somerset, as well as from origin plants which range from Appalachia to Columbia; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to obtain from NSTAR the following information: How much of the electricity serving the municipal needs of

Cambridge is attributable to burning coal? How much of the coal burned to generate the city's electricity comes from Columbia and how much from West Virginia? If there are other sources of coal, please specify. Please identify the mines that the Columbian coal originates from. Please identify the mines that the West Virginia coal comes from and in each case whether they are strip-mines (a.k.a. surface mines). What is the number of residential, commercial and government customers who have chosen the NSTAR Green option? This would include 50% or 100% wind generated energy options; and be it further

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record requesting that Cambridge go "coal-free" in an effort to combat the negative effects such energy has on health, economics and social justice; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-12 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that Equity World has hired P.H. Mechanical Corporation for an extensive pipefitting job; and

WHEREAS: The building at 303 Third Street had been built completely by companies that adhere to community standards, ensuring prevailing wage, healthcare coverage, certified apprenticeship programs and pension benefits; and

WHEREAS: The exception to the rule is the hiring of P.H. Mechanical Corporation, a company that does not meet said community standards; and

WHEREAS: In the past, P.H. Mechanical Corporation has also been accused of fraud, asbestos violations, debarments, apprenticeship issues and DOL issues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record strongly suggesting that Equity World only work with companies that do meet community standards and to provide further information regarding why they chose to work with a company that does not; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Equity World on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Discussions at neighborhood meetings, Planning Board meetings, Board of Zoning Appeals meetings and numerous other planning meetings in Cambridge often involved a discussion of potential parking impacts of a proposed project; and

WHEREAS: Without ready access to parking information for their neighborhood, local residents often have difficulty quantifying parking constraints and concerns in their immediate neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Without ready access to parking information, especially the number of parking stickers issued to local households, neighbors often have difficulty engaging in a useful and detailed discussion about parking impacts of a proposed project; and

WHEREAS: Current discussions of the Special Permit requested for Whittemore Avenue and the associated Special District 2 rezoning are greatly influenced by people's concerns about parking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on how appropriate information pertaining to parking sticker location (how many parking stickers are issued to a street or address) may be made readily available, free of charge and on the City's website, to the general public or, if that is not possible, what information may be made available and why any limitations on dissemination of such information exists; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is to provide to the City Council in the agenda for its Jan 30, 2012 meeting the parking sticker information for the streets and addresses requested in the attached note or to explain why such information is not readily available.

O-14 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Over the many years the City of Cambridge has been developing and building its residential, commercial and educational institutions, concessions may have been given to benefit the residents of the city; and

WHEREAS: Some of the agreements which govern

concessions are recorded with the Registry of Deeds; and WHEREAS: Some agreements which govern concessions may be legally enforceable documents; and

WHEREAS: Some of the agreements may be unenforceable guidelines for property owners; and

WHEREAS: Some of the agreements may have limited terms or not apply to subsequent owners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a complete list of all agreements which give continuing benefit to the residents of Cambridge and the mechanism for keeping track of expiration, enforcement or change of ownership.

O-15 Jan 23, 2012

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: By order of the City Council the petition by Julia Bishop et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the area of Linear Park, North Cambridge was re-filed effective Dec 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS: A public hearing on the petition was advertised in the Cambridge Chronicle and an abbreviated hearing held on Dec 28, 2011 for the purpose of referring the petition to the 2012 City Council and the petition was so referred; and

WHEREAS: In light of the City Council's February and March schedule, In order to enable the City Council to ordain the amendment if it so desires, the proposed amendment would have to be passed to a second reading no later than Mar 5th, 2012, which means that a public hearing must be scheduled for no later than Feb 15th; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby schedule a public hearing for the Bishop petition for Wed, Feb 8, 2011 at 4pm in the Sullivan Chamber, to be held either as a Special Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of the hearing or a public hearing of the Ordinance Committee, if a Mayor of the Council has been elected and a Chair of the Ordinance Committee appointed by that date.