CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-15, regarding a report on new charges for HP parking at the Cambridge Health Alliance.
- Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-09, regarding a report on any protections provided for solar energy installed by residents.
- 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-08, regarding a report on the status of how long recipients of affordable housing have lived within Cambridge before receiving the housing.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$4,000 from General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Historical Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of transcription services for the Commission's current oral history project "World War II and the Home Front."
- 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation that the City Council accept, pursuant to M.G.L. c44, s53A, the cash distribution in connection with the Attorney General's Compact Disc Litigation Settlement under the terms approved by the Court in the amount of at least \$300.00.
- 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of contributions, totaling \$1,000.00 from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration and from a local liquor store following a 21 Proof training to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to conduct a Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking in April 2008.
- 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation Grant funded by the New England Literacy Resource Center for \$20,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account of (\$18,658.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,342.00) to support the Bridge Transition to College Program at the Community Learning Center.
- 8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation to the Cambridge Housing Authority Computer Grant received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$7,951.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$7,206.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$745.00) which will allow the Community Learning Center to provide additional classes at 119 Windsor Street for Cambridge Housing Authority residents. The original grant award was \$57,678.
- 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations to the

- Multi-Service Center to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,579.40) in support of homeless clients of the Multi Service Center.
- 10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-07, regarding a report on the feasibility of working with the Middlesex County Sheriff for use of inmates in snow shoveling and other civic programs.
- 11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-11, regarding a report on increasing penalties for unshoveled sidewalks at non-owner occupied residential buildings and commercial property, and Awaiting Report Item Number 08-19, regarding the exploration of a pilot "sweep" program
- 12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-01, regarding a report on enforcement of vehicles blocking intersections during snowstorms on Dec 13, 2007 and Dec 16, 2007.
- 13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-16, regarding a report on the status of the Occupancy Permits for the two residential buildings at the North Point development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on unfinished business.]
- 2. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
- 3. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves

- recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
- 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
- 5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Section 5.40 Special Dimensional Requirements of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by adding a new section 5.54 to protect solar energy systems. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 28, 2008. Petition expires Mar 11, 2008.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

 An application was received from Tim Hawk, requesting to modify existing curb cut at the premises numbered 38 R.C. Kelley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. A communication was received from the family of Paul F. Walker, transmitting thanks for the resolution.
- 2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding the pariah speaks.

RESOLUTIONS

- Thanks to Arnold Goldstein as he retires from his position as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Central Square Business Association. Councillor Davis
- 2. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Brandon Meyer. Councillor Decker
- 3. Resolution on the death of Specialist Evan Marshall. Councillor Decker
- 4. Resolution on the death of Joshua Young. Councillor Decker
- 5. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Mikeal Miller. Councillor Decker
- 6. Resolution on the death of Sergeant James Craig. Councillor Decker
- 7. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Robert Wilson. Councillor Decker
- 8. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Gary Jeffries. Councillor Decker
- 9. Resolution on the death of Major Alan Rogers. Councillor Decker
- 10. Congratulations to Luis Pena on becoming an American citizen. Councillor Decker
- Resolution on the death of Frank I. Sclafani. Councillor Toomey
- Resolution on the death of Helen Fennell. Councillor Toomey
- 13. Resolution on the death of John Avakian Sr. Councillor Maher
- 14. Resolution on the death of Mary Lou Crowley. Councillor Maher
- 15. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Mildred Parris. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. Amend Order-4 of Apr 12, 2004, (Dedication of a suitable location in honor of Elva Harrell) to establish Councillor

- Kenneth E. Reeves as its primary sponsor. Councillor Reeves and Councillor Davis
- That the City Council go on record urging the Cambridge legislative delegation to support SB 2423, the Global Warming Solutions Act. Councillor Davis
- 3. That pursuant to MGL c.30b (Purchases of Massachusetts Agricultural Products), it is the stated preference of the City of Cambridge that all governmental bodies, including the city's schools, make every effort to purchase agricultural products, grown or produced as part of a Massachusetts farming operation. Councillor Davis, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
- 4. That the City Manager is requested to review the state and current use of City parks and to declare them, and mark them, off limits to active use as deemed appropriate for their long-term health during the "mud season." Councillor Kelley
- 5. That the City Council go on record asking Just-A-Start to postpone its various hearings until after the City Council has completed its housing discussion that is to commence on Mar 5, 2008 and ask the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals to delay decisions on permit applications until after the City Council has completed its housing discussion. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Toomey
- 6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the method by which the Planning Board communicates its opinions to the Board of Zoning Appeal regarding cases to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeal. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
- 7. That the Chair of the City Council Housing Committee is requested to hold a public hearing at which members of the public, representatives of Harvard University and relevant City staff can explore this issue in order to help ensure that local residents' reasonable expectations of having Harvard mitigate property damage due to its construction projects are met. Councillor Kelley
- 8. That the City Manager is requested to review traffic patterns on Massachusetts Avenue from Porter Square to Arlington to determine if there are any median breaks where U-turns might be safe enough to be made legal. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Decker
- That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the regulations and policies regarding crossing guard duties and placement, along with a list of crossing guard locations. Councillor Kelley
- 10. That the City Manager is requested to contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation and request that they promptly clean up the basin which is visible heading east on Memorial Drive near the Longfellow Bridge. Councillor Maher
- 11. That the Cambridge City Council urge the Cambridge delegation to advocate for the passage of House Bill 1870, An Act to Create a Massachusetts Job Creation Commission. Councillor Seidel
- 12. That the Mayor is requested to refer the 2007

 Neighborhood Safety Task Force Report to the appropriate committee for action on those recommendations in this Council term. Councillor Seidel

- 13. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate City staff to organize an annual Fresh Pond Day to highlight sustainable practices, Fresh Pond's natural resources, and also the City's water treatment operations. Councillor Davis
- 14. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council on the status of the clearing of the underground Miller's River pipes on the Northpoint site. Councillor Toomey
- 15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to update the City Council on the traffic calming options for Pemberton Street. Councillor Toomey
- 16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance to receive a status update on the OB\GYN services at the Windsor Street Clinic, a status update on the Windsor Street Clinic community advisory board, and whether midwives will be brought back to the Windsor Street Clinic, and in this interim period, if Windsor Street Clinic patients have access to midwifery services at other CHA sites. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey and Mayor Simmons
- 17. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on policies and procedures in place to prevent employees from engaging in illegal activities while in the employment of the City of Cambridge. Councillor Seidel

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Chapter 2.76 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Human Rights Commission" to provide enforcement of provisions in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requiring the removal of architectural barriers, where the barriers are readily removable.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 11

5:15pm Special Presentation on behalf of the first statewide White Ribbon Day campaign (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting discussion of City Council goals. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 5

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting for a roundtable discussion with a housing panel on the City's overall housing policy, particularly the issues of density and the impact and compatibility of additional housing in the City's neighborhoods. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon. Apr 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon. June 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That City Council Order O-4 dated Apr 12, 2004 to dedicate a suitable location in honor of Elva Harrell, (a copy of which is attached), be and hereby is amended to establish Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves as its primary sponsor.

O-2 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

- WHEREAS: Global warming is one of the biggest threats facing our commonwealth, and left unchecked, the changes to our climate caused by emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere will have profound negative impacts on Massachusetts, the United States, and all nations of the world; and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts SB 2423, the Global Warming Solutions Act, calls for a science-based cap on greenhouse gas emissions, specifically reductions of 20% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% by 2050; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Cambridge legislative delegation to support SB 2423, the Global Warming Solutions Act; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts, as well as Senate President Murray, Speaker DiMasi, and Governor Patrick.

O-3 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is promoting eating fresh fruits and vegetables by all its residents and especially its children; and

WHEREAS: The freshest fruits and vegetables are those that are grown locally by Massachusetts farmers; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts state legislature has allowed local municipalities to express a local preference; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to MGL c.30b (Purchases of Massachusetts Agricultural Products), it is the stated preference of the City of Cambridge that all governmental bodies, including the city's schools, make every effort to purchase agricultural products, grown or produced as part of a Massachusetts farming operation. This preference extends to stating such preference when any

governmental body is advertising for bids or contracts for purchases of agricultural products of \$25,000 or more.

O-4 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

- WHEREAS: This winter's weather has resulted in a succession of cold and then warm periods; and
- WHEREAS: Such fluctuating weather makes the ground wet and soft, resulting in what is commonly called "mud season;" and
- WHEREAS: City parks and other grassy areas are particularly vulnerable to long-term damage from active use during mud season and this damage can cost thousands of dollars to repair and result in parks not being available for use during the warmer months while they are fixed; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the state and current use of City parks and to declare them, and mark them, off limits to active use as deemed appropriate for their long-term health.

O-5 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The City Council has scheduled a housing roundtable for Mar 5, 2008; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council has asked the City Manager to investigate housing moratorium options in order to better analyze the City's housing needs and policies without the pressure of impending development; and
- WHEREAS: Just-A-Start Corporation has a Special Permit application to develop 16 units of housing on Windsor Street in Cambridge's Wellington-Harrington area; and
- WHEREAS: Just-A-Start Corporation is applying for a Special Permit to allow construction of 19 units of housing on Cambridge Street in Cambridge's Wellington-Harrington area; and
- WHEREAS: Just-A-Start's mission of providing affordable housing in Cambridge is a valued one and one that requires a true partnership with Cambridge residents; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record asking Just-A-Start to postpone its various hearings until after the City Council has completed its housing discussion that is to commence on Mar 5, 2008; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Council ask the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals to delay decisions on permit applications until after the City Council has completed its housing discussion that is to commence on Mar 5, 2008; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this Order to the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Board and to the Executive Director of Just-A-Start.

O-6 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the method by which the Planning Board communicates its opinions to the Board of Zoning Appeal regarding cases to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeal.

O-7 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

- WHEREAS: Harvard University has carried out a massive construction project adjacent to residential buildings on Banks Street; and
- WHEREAS: There is concern that Harvard's large scale construction project resulted in significant damage to at least one neighboring house: and
- WHEREAS: Neighbors feel that Harvard is not honoring its commitment to mitigate its project's damage to their property; and WHEREAS: Neighbors of large scale construction projects in

WHEREAS: Neighbors of large scale construction projects in Cambridge, whether by Harvard or any other party, reasonably

- expect that the City, as the permitting and oversight body for these projects, will help protect property owners' valid interests, both during a project and after its completion; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Chair of the City Council Housing Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a public hearing at which members of the public, representatives of Harvard University and relevant City staff can explore this issue in order to help ensure that local residents' reasonable expectations of having Harvard mitigate property damage due to its construction projects are met.

O-8 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review traffic patterns on Massachusetts Avenue from Porter Square to Arlington to determine if there are any median breaks where U-turns might be safe enough to be made legal.

O-9 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department is responsible for providing crossing guards at various school crossing during the school year; and
- WHEREAS: There are various crosswalks where parents are concerned over the lack of a crossing guard, to include Massachusetts Avenue at Garfield Street, Kinnaird Street by the Martin Luther King School and Broadway at Prospect Street; and
- WHEREAS: It is difficult to discuss parents' safety concerns without a better understanding of the placement and duties of crossing guards throughout the City; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the regulations and policies regarding crossing guard duties and placement, along with a list of crossing guard locations.

O-10 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation and request that they promptly clean up the basin which is visible heading east on Memorial Drive near the Longfellow Bridge.

O-11 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

- WHEREAS: Massachusetts has been ranked 49th in job creation nationally; and
- WHEREAS: As of July 2007 Massachusetts is still 100,000 jobs below the peak employment level and has trailed its 10 economic competitor states and each of the New England states in job creation; and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts suffered the deepest job losses in the nation after the bust of the tech boom in 2001, losing 6% of jobs compared with 2% nationally; and
- WHEREAS: Job losses since 2001 have also taken a substantial toll on less educated and lower income adults and families; and
- WHEREAS: The Private Industry Council has publicly testified that there is a major job crisis in terms of a lack of entry level jobs for young people, including those who have graduated from high school; and
- WHEREAS: The changing economy will offer employment opportunities at all income levels in newly developing fields such as "green jobs;" now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urge the Cambridge delegation to advocate for the passage of House Bill 1870, An Act to Create a Massachusetts Job Creation Commission; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-12 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

- WHEREAS: The City Council requested in August 2006 that the Mayor and City Manager to "convene a special task force on neighborhood safety;" and
- WHEREAS: That task force, named the Cambridge Neighborhood Safety Task Force, convened in calendar year 2007 and issued a report in that same year; and
- WHEREAS: That report offers a series of recommendations around employment, policing and community response; and
- WHEREAS: Issues around crime, violent crime, and youth crime have not changed substantially since the issuance of that report; now therefore let it be
- ORDERED: That the Mayor is hereby requested to refer the 2007 Cambridge Neighborhood Safety Task Force Report to the appropriate committee for action on those recommendations in this Council term.

O-13 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

- WHEREAS: Springtime is a good time to celebrate the natural and water resources at Fresh Pond; and
- WHEREAS: Springtime is also the time we celebrate Rachel Carson's birthday; and
- WHEREAS: People from other parts of the city may never have visited Fresh Pond or learned about the City's water treatment plant; now therefore be it
- WHEREAS: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate City staff to organize an annual Fresh Pond Day to highlight sustainable practices, Fresh Pond's natural resources, and also the City's water treatment operations; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the organizers of Fresh Pond Day include school children and people of all ages and provide transportation citywide to Fresh Pond.

O-14 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the status of the clearing of the underground Miller's River pipes on the Northpoint site.

O-15 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to update the City Council on the traffic calming options for Pemberton Street.

O-16 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: In July of 2007, the Cambridge Health Alliance eliminated OB\GYN services at the Windsor Street Clinic; and
- WHEREAS: In January 2008, the Cambridge Health Alliance has taken steps by adding one session a week of a family medicine physician who specializes in women's health at the Windsor Street Clinic; and
- WHEREAS: In 2007, 120 births originated at the Windsor Street Clinic under the care of a mid-wife due to the elimination of OB/GYN doctors at the Clinic; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance has made a policy decision to replace OB/GYN doctors with Family Medicine physicians; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance has adopted a policy to only allow mid-wives to provide services under the supervision of onsite OB/GYN doctors; and

- WHEREAS: In other health care facilities and hospitals, mid-wives do provide care to pregnant women under the supervision of medical doctors who are not OB/GYN doctors; and
- WHEREAS: Due to the CHA's policy and the shortage of OB/GYN doctors in the Health Alliance and the policy decision to not hire or transfer OB/GYN doctors to the Windsor Street Clinic, there will not be Midwifery services available on site; and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts, like the rest of the nation, demonstrates significant health disparities; and
- WHEREAS: In 1999, about 67% of black and Hispanic women receive adequate prenatal care compared to 83% of white women; and
- WHEREAS: It is of vital importance that all residents of the Cambridge community have equal access to adequate prenatal care; and
- WHEREAS: The Windsor Street Clinic currently does not have midwives available to their patients; and
- WHEREAS: According to the American College of Nurse Midwives, 90% of visits to midwives are now for primary, preventive care, including gynecology; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance to receive a status update on the OB\GYN services at the Windsor Street Clinic, a status update on the Windsor Street Clinic community advisory board, and whether midwives will be brought back to the Windsor Street Clinic, and in this interim period, if Windsor Street Clinic patients have access to midwifery services at other CHA sites.

O-17 Feb 11, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

- WHEREAS: Recent arrests for drug dealing by City employees during work hours using city-owned vehicles has heightened concerns over criminal activity in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on policies and procedures in place to prevent employees from engaging in illegal activities while in the employment of the City of Cambridge.