

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a member of the Cambridge Historical Commission for a three year term effective Jan 24, 2013: William G. Barry, Jr.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-144, regarding a report on implementing speed control measures at the intersection of Brookline and Erie Streets
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Medical Marijuana Interim Zoning Petition.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a zoning petition received from the Planning Board regarding bicycle parking modifications.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of D. Margaret Drury to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a 5-year term, effective Apr 12, 2013.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 13-10, regarding a report on installing bike racks at the Peabody School.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the transfer between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$113,804 from the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account and \$61,700 from the School Travel and Training account to the School Salaries and Wages account (\$163,622) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$11,882) and are related to re-allocations within school department programs.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$23,756 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the Cambridge Plant and Garden Club in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Public Investment Fund Water Department Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to purchase caliper deciduous trees for planting at Black's Nook, removing and relocating existing granite seating stones in strategic groupings, and topographical alterations to the area around the Concord Avenue entrance of the Reservation.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-148, regarding a report on including information in the solicitation letters that donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-151, regarding a report on installing pedestrian crossing traffic cones on Cambridge Street at the intersections of Windsor, Sciarappa and Fifth Streets.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the appropriate city officials including the City Solicitor and report back to the City Council regarding modification of the ordinance (10.12.030) that links the awarding of a one yearlong Visitor Parking Permit per household to the purchase of a \$25 Cambridge Resident Parking Permit. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eight of Jan 28, 2013.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
3. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]
9. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the members of the Massachusetts Committee on House

Steering, Policy and Scheduling to pass MA House Bill 4165, "An Act Relative to Speed Limits." [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012. Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Dec 3, 2012.]

### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. A constable bond was received from Burton Malkofsky for approval of the surety.
2. An application was received from The Academy at Harvard Square requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 30 JFK Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development, Historical Commission and abutters.
3. An application was received from The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory requesting permission for temporary banners on light poles in and around the Kendall Square area to recognize 2013 as Draper's 80th year as a research institution. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Jay Ash, Chelsea City Manager and Roseann Bongiovanni, Director Chelsea Green Space and Former Chelsea City Councilor regarding another update on Global Companies LLC to transport large volumes of ethanol through communities in Massachusetts.
2. A communication was received from the children of Thomas W. McGee transmitting thanks for the resolution passed by the City Council.
3. A communication was received from Reverend Danny DeGug regarding the seal of Massachusetts.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Barbara M. (Flanagan) Boyle. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Daniel F. Franco. Councillor Maher
3. Retirement of Andrew M. Hepner from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Davis
4. Thanks to Massachusetts State Representative Marty Walz for her many years of service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and congratulations on being named Chief Executive Officer for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung
5. Resolution on the death of Thomas Fitzmaurice Sr. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of Vigilia (Mendonca) Silva. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Teresa (Dias) Camara. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to the 1369 Coffee House on their successful community-oriented celebration of its 20th anniversary. Councillor Cheung
9. Congratulations to Katie Boiteau on receiving the Prospect Hill Academy's Faculty Spotlight Award. Councillor Cheung

10. Congratulations to Ronnie Slager for achieving a career point record of one thousand points for the Matignon Warriors basketball team. Councillor Cheung
11. Congratulations to the CRLS Wrestling team on achieving the title of league champions of the Greater Boston League. Councillor Cheung
12. Congratulations to Maggie Dillier for receiving the Prospect Hill Academy's Faculty Spotlight Award. Councillor Cheung
13. Resolution on the death of Jane Fialkow. Councillor Cheung
14. Congratulations to Sandy Occil for receiving the Prospect Hill Academy's Faculty Spotlight Award. Councillor Cheung
15. Congratulations to Derrick Barker for receiving the Prospect Hill Academy's Faculty Spotlight Award. Councillor Cheung
16. Congratulations to Carol Saulnier for receiving the Prospect Hill Academy's Faculty Spotlight Award. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to Youth Cities on their recent feature on Boston.com's Global Business Hub for its innovative practices in empowering youth to become entrepreneurs. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to Crashlytics on their successes as a Cambridge-based startup. Councillor Cheung
19. Congratulations and Best wishes to Sunil Dhaliwal on the launch on Amplify Partners, a Cambridge-based venture capital firm. Councillor Cheung
20. Congratulations to the LearnLaunchX team on their recent launch. Councillor Cheung
21. Congratulations to Sookbox LLC on being recognized as a Mass High Tech Company to follow by the Boston Business Journal. Councillor Cheung
22. Resolution on the death of Carol J. (Steeves) Scurini. Councillor Toomey
23. Retirement of Nancy Daly from the School Department. Mayor Davis
24. Congratulations to Indie Game Collective for undertaking innovative practices in game development. Councillor Cheung
25. Welcome Belmont Technology Incorporated to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
26. Congratulations to Margery Eagan and Jim Braude on continuing their radio show on WGBH. Vice Mayor Simmons
27. Speedy recovery wishes to Laura Kershner. Vice Mayor Simmons
28. Thanks and congratulations to City departments, the Office of Tourism and the businesses that helped to make Cambridge one of the Top Ten Romantic Cities. Mayor Davis
29. Thanks to Senator John F. Kerry for his many years of service to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mayor Davis, Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung

30. Congratulations to the fifty CRLS students who were recipients of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Mayor Davis
31. Thanks to the Cambridge Fire and Police Departments for their rapid response to the fire on Pearl Street on Feb 2, 2013. Mayor Davis
32. Resolution on the death of David M. Peterson. Mayor Davis
33. Resolution on the death of Andrew Jackson Spears. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Simmons, Mayor Davis
34. Congratulations to the fifteen teams of CRLS students who participated in the 2013 Glocal Challenge. Mayor Davis
35. Congratulations to the Environmental Action Club and EPA: Environmental Paper Assault for winning the 2013 Glocal Challenge. Mayor Davis
36. Thanks to Education First for their sponsorship of the Glocal Challenge. Mayor Davis
37. Congratulations to the CRLS teams of Invasive Rangers, Environmental Action Club, Environmental Awareness, EPA: Environmental Paper Assault and Devolution whose work led them to the finals of the 2013 Glocal Challenge. Mayor Davis
38. Resolution on the death of George Baccus. Councillor Maher
39. Congratulations to Senator Sal DiDomenico on being named Assistant Vice Chair to the Ways and Means Committee. Mayor Davis, Councillor Cheung
40. Congratulations to the Mount Auburn Cemetery for the creation of the mount Auburn African American Heritage Trail. Councillor vanBeuzekom
41. Congratulations to Georgia Hammer and Stewart Won on their marriage. Mayor Davis

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 11, 2013 be and hereby is cancelled so that the City Council may attend the National League of Cities Conference. Councillor Cheung
2. Support for the negotiated terms of a new contract between the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers and Harvard University as detailed by the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that information from the Feb 5, 2013 meeting between the Department of Public Works and D'Allesandro Construction be made available to the public, specifically to property abutters impacted by the construction at Western and Putnam Avenues. Vice Mayor Simmons
4. That the City Council sign on to the letter by Environment Massachusetts to Governor Patrick suggesting improvements to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Mayor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to meet with NSTAR company officials to establish a firm timeline for maintenance and replacement plans for the transformers and electrical systems that serve the city to ensure that local businesses and residential communities are fully serviced Councillor Cheung and Councillor Reeves

6. That the City Council call upon members of the Cambridge Congressional Delegation to reject any proposal that seeks to balance the federal budget at the expense of state and local governments. Councillor Cheung and Mayor Davis
7. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as an ardent supporter of measures that seek to ensure gender pay equity in the workplace, including the Paycheck Fairness Act. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the staff of the License Commission to ensure that taxi drivers are cognizant of the regulation that their identification be clearly displayed in taxicabs at all times for the benefit of the general public. Councillor Reeves
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the License Commission to develop new rules and regulations to facilitate the use of using mobile technology to order a taxi cab. Councillor Reeves
10. That the City Manager is hereby requested to appoint a special task force of real estate and engineering professionals to assess and evaluate the current condition of the Foundry property and projected capital needs as well as anticipated expenses of maintaining the building. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Maher
11. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate city staff to provide a report to the City Council detailing how the City of Cambridge working in conjunction with the DCR will insure that oversize vehicles not be allowed travel along Memorial Drive so that accidents similar to the sad crushing of the tour bus of prospective Harvard Students do not occur again. Councillor vanBeuzekom

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on Nov 20, 2012 to continue discussions on security cameras in the City.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on Jan 16, 2013 to discuss the home improvement program (HIP) and safety concerns of alleged sub-standard work.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a public meeting held on Jan 23, 2013 to continue discussions on security cameras in the City.
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Jan 24, 2013 to discuss a zoning petition by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by creating a new Section 13.80 - Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District, which includes several parcels totaling approximately 26 acres in the area north of Memorial Drive, east of Ames Street and south of Main Street and Broadway, and would also include a parcel at One Broadway. The new Section 13.80 PUD-5 is intended to

allow mixed use developments with increased development densities and heights.

5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Jan 17, 2013 to discuss the zoning petition filed by Zevart M. Hollisian, Trustee of Garabed B. Hollisian Trust and L-Z Realty Trust and Seth D. Alexander, President, MIT Investment Management Company to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by extending the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District from Green Street out to Massachusetts Avenue in the area adjacent to Blanche Street; said petition includes a map and a commitment letter.
6. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Jan 30, 2013 to continue discussions on a zoning petition filed by Zevart M. Hollisian, Trustee of Garabed B. Hollisian Trust and L-Z Realty Trust and Seth D. Alexander, President, MIT Investment Management Company to amend the zoning Ordinance and Map by extending the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District from Green Street out to Massachusetts Avenue in the area adjacent to Blanche Street; said petition includes a map and a commitment letter.

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

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley transmitting copies of letters sent agencies regarding the HIP Program.
2. A communication was received from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair, Ordinance Committee regarding suggested revisions from the Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Jan 30, 2013 on the Forest City Rezoning Petition.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Feb 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, Feb 14**

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a follow up meeting on development in Kendall Square. (Cambridge Innovation Center Conference Room, 1 Broadway)

##### **Mon, Feb 25**

5:00pm Special Presentation from the Sprouts of Hope. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Feb 26**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; specifically to discuss the build form, including FAR, Height, Footplates, Open Space and Parking. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, Feb 27**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions on the petition by MIT to create a new Section 13.80 Planned Unit Development 5 (PUD-5) District; specifically to discuss Uses, Incentive

Zoning, Community Fund, Housing and Sustainability. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Fri, Mar 1**

9:00am The Community Health Committee and the Housing Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss finding a place to provide free meals on Sundays. (Ackermann Room)

##### **Mon, Mar 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Mar 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Apr 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Mar 11, 2013 be and hereby is cancelled so that the City Council may attend the National League of Cities Conference.

O-2 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers and Harvard University have experienced difficulty negotiating the terms of a new contract to replace an existing agreement that expired on June 30, 2012; and WHEREAS: For 24 years, Harvard University and the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers have worked collaboratively to ensure that the needs of both entities are met to the best extent possible. Negotiations that ensure a consistent salary increase program and affordable health care solutions for union employees are essential for the sustenance of Cambridge's local economy, community, and employees therein; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing support for the negotiated terms of a new contract between the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers and Harvard University as detailed by the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Harvard University and the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 Feb 11, 2013

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The construction on Western Avenue at the intersection of Putnam Avenue has been underway for nearly one year, is expected to continue for the next two years, and is causing significant traffic problems, parking problems, construction noise beginning at 7 AM, and excessive airborne dirt and construction vehicle exhaust effecting abutting owners and renters; and

WHEREAS: Owners and residents of the 36 affordable units at the Switchhouse (217-229 Putnam Avenue), as well as other nearby property owners, have made extensive calls to the Department of Public Works (DPW) in attempts to address complaints about reduced on-street parking availability, dangerous construction equipment and supplies surrounding sidewalks where children walk and play, and noise, vibration, and pollution; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works has recently informed residents that they would meet with D'Allesandro Construction to discuss these issues on Tues, Feb 5, but that this meeting would not be made open to the public; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that information from the Feb 5, 2013 meeting between the Department of Public Works and D'Allesandro Construction be made available to the public, specifically to property abutters impacted by the construction, so that it is clear what steps are being taken to address concerns raised by nearby residents, and so that those most affected can participate in an ongoing dialogue that addresses concerns in a timely and efficient manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter, and to disclose information from the DPW's meeting on Feb 5, 2013 that is pertinent to the area abutters, to the City Council at the City Council meeting scheduled for Feb 25, 2013.

O-4 Feb 11, 2013

MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Environment Massachusetts is sending a letter to Governor Deval Patrick urging him to build on his record of leadership to ensure that the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) gets updated and improved in the following ways:

Establish an effective cap that ensures emissions reductions 20% below current levels by 2020, and which puts us on track to reduce emissions by at least 80% by 2050.

Ensure that the revenues from the RGGI programs are invested in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs that will save energy, lower costs, create local jobs and reduce pollution.

Prevent loopholes that will undermine the effectiveness of the program in achieving its emission reduction targets; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council sign on to the letter to Governor Patrick suggesting improvements to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Deval Patrick and Environment Massachusetts on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Small business forms the backbone of our economy and it is important to support and encourage new and existing businesses to sustain their livelihood; and

WHEREAS: In an effort to ensure that existing electrical infrastructure in the City of Cambridge would be sufficient to support anticipated construction in areas such as Central and Kendall Squares, policy order 0-4 (June 4, 2012) called for the City Manager to meet with NSTAR company officials to find out what maintenance and replacement plans exist for the transformers and electrical systems that serve the city; and

WHEREAS: In his response to the City Council dated July 30, 2012, the City Manager report states that, "NSTAR is assured that they have the ability to supply the necessary power to Cambridge now and well into the future. NSTAR gets their energy supply through the Independent Supply Operators of New England (ISO) which provide sources of electric generation from inside and outside the New England areas to assure that all electric distribution companies have adequate supply to meet their demands. NSTAR has reviewed their needs based on future construction anticipated in Cambridge such as areas in Central and Kendall Squares and Northpoint, and are well on their way to make improvements in their distribution system to meet those needs. Areas North of Harvard Square may see some increase in demand but the existing distribution system for this area is adequate;" and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that new businesses arriving to the Central Square area have been unable to obtain additional levels of electrical service that are necessary to fulfill their operational needs; and

WHEREAS: When asked about what processes would be necessary to enhance the electrical service provided to the area, NSTAR officials informed the new entrepreneurs that additional service could not be provided without undertaking a major infrastructure project to replace outdated transformers, a process that they speculated could take over a year to complete; and

WHEREAS: The ability of new business owners to obtain access to the basic resources that they need - including electricity - is crucial to promoting future economic development throughout the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, on Nov 29, 2012, an estimated 17,000 NSTAR customers throughout the City of Cambridge were affected by a power outage that plunged large portions of the city into darkness in the midst of rush

hour as a result of a faulty relay signal experienced during the completion of upgrades to a transmission line; and  
WHEREAS: As NSTAR makes crucial upgrades to existing infrastructure throughout the City of Cambridge, it is necessary that they are able to develop thoughtful and comprehensive emergency plans to ensure that outages of this nature are avoided at all costs, thereby maintaining the safety and well-being of local residents; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with NSTAR company officials to establish a firm timeline for maintenance and replacement plans for the transformers and electrical systems that serve the city to ensure that local businesses and residential communities are fully serviced; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as to what timeline for electrical infrastructure repair and replacement has been proposed to ensure that the City of Cambridge has the electrical power that it needs to grow and thrive.

O-6 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The United States government is currently confronting major decisions regarding our nation's budget and fiscal policies; and  
WHEREAS: As the American economy continues its slow and inadequate recovery from the Great Recession, cities and towns across the Commonwealth and throughout the nation continue to feel the prolonged budgetary constraints of the economic downturn; and  
WHEREAS: Current proposals under consideration by the Federal Government would eliminate current federal government income tax exclusion for municipal bond interests; and  
WHEREAS: Tax-exempt bonds are a critical resource for local governments that allow for investments in infrastructure, housing, public works, and other services that heighten the safety, health, and quality of life of residents; and  
WHEREAS: A repeal of this exemption would immediately heighten borrowing costs for state and local government by as much as two percentage points; and  
WHEREAS: Such an increase would place a huge financial burden on states and municipalities, many of which primarily utilize tax-exempt bonds to complete necessary infrastructure and capital projects; and  
WHEREAS: In response to heightened borrowing costs, states and municipalities will be forced to either reduce infrastructure and capital improvement spending, drastically reduce the scope of existing infrastructure and capital improvement projects, or shift the burden onto taxpayers; and  
WHEREAS: Though the complexity of the federal government's fiscal challenges is not to be ignored, a proposal that would seek to balance the federal budget at the expense of state and local governments would ultimately exacerbate the fiscal crisis at hand while decreasing the quality of life of citizens across the nation; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council call upon members of the Cambridge Congressional Delegation to reject any proposal

that seeks to balance the federal budget at the expense of state and local governments; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to a suitably engrossed copy of this order to members of the Cambridge Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a champion of fairness, gender equality and socially-responsible business practices; and  
WHEREAS: According to the United States Census Bureau and the National Women's Law Center, women in Massachusetts who work full time earn only about 81 cents for every dollar earned by men, a figure that is persistent across occupations and at all levels of education; and  
WHEREAS: Throughout the current economic crisis, women in Massachusetts have experienced higher rates of economic insecurity than men, and are more likely to live in poverty and rely on public benefits; and  
WHEREAS: Fair pay in the workplace would drastically improve the financial situations of women throughout the Commonwealth; and  
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Paycheck Fairness Act was introduced on Jan 23, 2013 in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate; and  
WHEREAS: If passed, the Paycheck Fairness Act would prohibit employers from retaliation against workers who have inquired about employers' wage practices or have disclosed their wages to another; and  
WHEREAS: If passed, the Paycheck Fairness Act would clarify acceptable reasons for differences in pay by requiring employers to show that gaps have a business justification and are not made on a basis of sex; and  
WHEREAS: If passed, the Paycheck Fairness Act would improve the Labor Department's collection of pay information, establish salary negotiation skills training, and improve equal pay remedies; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in ardent support of measures that seek to ensure gender pay equity in the workplace, including the Paycheck Fairness Act; 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 Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The License Commission has the authority to create Hackney regulations that require that the identification of the taxi driver be clearly displayed in the taxicab; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the staff of the License Commission to ensure that taxi drivers are cognizant of the regulation that their identification be clearly displayed in taxicabs at all times for the benefit of the general public.

O-9 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: With the burst of new technology including iPhones and smart phones there have been many new ways developed to order a taxicab through applications applied to smart phones or iPhones. These new applications such as goCatch, HAILO, Taximagic and Taxi PRO can be downloaded onto smart phones and iPhones; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the License Commission to develop new rules and regulations to facilitate the use of this new technology that exists today.

O-10 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: There has been a great deal of interest expressed about future plans for the Foundry building which was deeded to the City of Cambridge as part of community mitigation; and

WHEREAS: The City Council would greatly benefit from an independent assessment of the property prior to making a decision regarding whether to retain ownership of the asset or consider an outright sale of the property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a special task force of real estate and engineering professionals to assess and evaluate the current condition of the property and projected capital needs as well as anticipated expenses of maintaining the Foundry building; and be it further

ORDERED: That such a task force present a detailed report of their findings to the City Council within three months; and be it further

ORDERED: That such an assessment should include but not be limited to ADA compliance, structural integrity including roof, foundation and masonry, HVAC, plumbing, electrical and other operating needs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report should include estimated revenue projections that the city could expect to collect if the building is held as well as an appraisal that a potential sale would net taking into account a possible deed restriction that would require that a new owner to meet the requirement that a minimum of 10,000 square feet of the building be used for community use; and be it further

ORDERED: That the committee should advise and consider possible best uses of the building and their potential impact on capital renovations.

O-11 Feb 11, 2013

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: On Feb 2, 2013, a 12-foot tall chartered tour bus from Pennsylvania carrying prospective Harvard University students crashed into the Western Avenue Bridge while traveling along a portion of Soldiers Field Road which then flows into Storrow Drive; and

WHEREAS: There was significant damage to the crushed bus, possibly the bridge, and most seriously many injuries to the dozens of individuals riding within the tour bus; and

WHEREAS: The main reason for this accident is that the maximum 10-foot vehicle height of bridges that overpass

the scenic drives along both sides of the Charles River are less than the height of many modern buses and trucks; and  
WHEREAS: For a variety of reasons drivers consistently fail to observe and heed signs warning of a 10-foot height limit along the Storrow Drive and Memorial Drives. For example, a Jan 4, 2013 Boston Herald article reported police responded to the Mass Ave Bridge overpass around 6:30am, to find a too-tall Ryder rental truck in the eastbound lanes wedged under the overpass and with smoke pouring onto to Memorial Drive; and

WHEREAS: It is understood that the scenic drives along both sides of the Charles River are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and that the Cambridge side scenic drive - Memorial Drive - is within the boundaries of the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate city staff to provide a report to the City Council detailing how the City of Cambridge working in conjunction with the DCR will insure that oversize vehicles not be allowed travel along Memorial Drive so that accidents similar to the sad crushing of the tour bus of prospective Harvard Students do not occur again.