

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2007: Leanders Smith (With Power); Thomas O. Moschella (With Power); Frantz Mirthil (Without Power)
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$54,500 in additional municipal access fees to the General Fund Cable Television Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional payments to Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$18,900 from General Fund Historical Salary and Wages 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."
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the authorization to borrow an amount not to exceed \$42,000,000. The purpose is to refinance existing General Obligation Bonds to acquire lower interest rates than those currently being paid. Specifically, this will refinance those portions of the Feb 1998 (Hospital), Aug 1998 (Water), and Nov 1999 (Water) General Obligation bond issues that are eligible to be refinanced. **Passed to 2nd Reading**
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$190,000 in projected FY07 water revenues to the to Water Fund Salary and Wages account (\$150,000) and to the Water Travel and Training (judgments and damages) account (\$40,000) which will cover additional overtime costs for the repair of water main breaks due to the continued cold weather, backfill costs for vacant water treatment plant operators, which are scheduled to be filled by the end of the fiscal year, and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-194, regarding a report on banning fundraising under the "guise" of law enforcement and banning direct fundraising of Public Safety officials.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-06, regarding a report on the status of the "Safe Routes to School" program.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-12, regarding a report on whether the Council has the authority to amend the map of a neighborhood conservation district and if so, what is the process for doing so.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the required approval on the Diminution Order and Order of Disposition for the property taking by eminent domain at 85 Gore Street.

City Manager Order #1, February 12, 2007

ORDERED: Pursuant to Sec. 2.110.010(G) of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the City Council hereby orders that the City Council shall utilize a diminished process for the disposition of the strip of land taken from 83 Gore Street on August 7, 2006 by eminent domain for the purpose of allowing the successful bidder at the 85 Gore Street auction to demolish the severely deteriorated structure on that property and make it a buildable lot as set forth in Robert W. Healy's February 12, 2007 letter to the City Council. View City Manager Order #2, February 12, 2007

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is owner of a strip of land taken from 83 Gore Street by eminent domain on August 7, 2006 for the

purposes of maintaining buildings and other municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is owner of the property located at 85 Gore Street by a judgment of tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS: At a duly advertised public auction that was held on December 13, 2006 the Custodian of Foreclosed Property received a successful bid for the purchase of the property at 85 Gore Street; and

WHEREAS: The building located on 85 Gore Street is in a state of severe deterioration and cannot be safely demolished and rebuilt without ownership of the strip of land taken from 83 Gore Street on August 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS: The City Council of the City of Cambridge has accepted the recommendation that disposing of the strip of land taken from 83 Gore Street on August 7, 2006 does not derogate from the public interest of the public purposes for the area now in question; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council, pursuant to Sec. 2.110.010(G) of the Cambridge Municipal Code, hereby approves and authorizes the City Manager, to grant, on behalf of the City of Cambridge, the strip of land taken from 83 Gore Street on August 7, 2006, to the successful bidder at the public auction of 85 Gore Street in such form and substance as the City Manager determines is necessary or advisable.

TWO ORDERS ADOPTED ROLL CALL 9-0-0

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Support of the workers at the Smithfield processing plant in Tar Heel, North Carolina in their struggle for dignity, fair wages and safe working conditions, and their right to organize into a union to procure these benefits without harassment from their employer. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number One of Feb 5, 2007.] **Placed on file under Rule 19**
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant Director of Human Services and the Affirmative Action Director with the view in mind of directing appropriate staff to work with the Civic Unity Committee to implement a forum on race and class in Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eighteen of Feb 5, 2007.] **Adopted**
3. That the City Manager is requested to appoint additional members to ensure that the Neighborhood Safety Committee will have significant community representation with members from the neighborhoods that have been hit hardest by crime--Riverside, Area 4, and North Cambridge, as well as representation from the immigrant community. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Twenty-two of Feb 5, 2007.] **Adopted**

ON THE TABLE

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on monies expended to needy veterans and their families. [Placed on Table Order Number Seven of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Nov 6, 2006.] **Referred to Veterans' Committee on motion of Councillor Kelley**
7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance

Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the Historical Commission's recommendation for the consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Two of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Mayor Reeves on Jan 22, 2007.]

8. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the recommendations for changes to the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance and the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Order, submitted by the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Committee and endorsed by the Historical Commission. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Three of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Sullivan on Jan 22, 2007.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. 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.]
10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance filed by the City Council to require public review for smaller scaled residential and commercial developments in Business A, Business A-1, and Business A-2 Districts, and to limit the height in Business A-2 districts to 35 feet within 50 feet of residential district with a 35 foot height limit and to require 20 foot side yard setbacks in BA-2 districts for side yards that abut residential lots. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 22, 2007. Petition expires Mar 13, 2007.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from The Druid, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 1357 Cambridge Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Bill Zamparelli, NSTAR Community Relations & Economic Development Representative, transmitting an NSTAR Area Four Status Report, Jan 29, 2007.
2. A communication was received from the Hanlon family, transmitting sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy on behalf of Mary Travaglia Hanlon.
3. A communication was received from Reverend Paul D. Holland, S.J., Rector, Campion Jesuit Community, transmitting deep appreciation of the Jesuit Community on the expression of condolences on the death of Reverend William J. Power, S.J.
4. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding policing by committee.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of John L. "Jack" Foley. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Juliette Kayyem on her new position as Undersecretary of Homeland Security for the State of Massachusetts. Councillor Decker
3. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Myra McCoy. Mayor Reeves

4. Proclaim Feb 13, 2007 as "Be Curious Day in Cambridge Public Schools." Mayor Reeves
5. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Adam Emul. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Private First Class David Toomalatai. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Anthony Melia. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Nathan Fairlie. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alexander Fuller. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Sergeant William Sigua. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Corporal Stephen Shannon. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Corporal Timothy Swanson. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alejandro Carrillo. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Hospitalman Matthew Conte. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Michael Balsley. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Mickel Garrigus. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Darrell Shipp. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jon St. John II. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Corporal Mark Kidd. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Captain Mark Resh. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Gunnery Sergeant Terry Elliott. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Cornell Chao. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Specialist Carla Stewart. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Major Alan Johnson. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Major Michael Mettelle. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Arthur R. Ingersoll. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
27. Resolution on the death of Anne M. Stamas. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
28. Resolution on the death of Phoebe E. (Malmfeldt) Sceery. Councillor Sullivan
29. Congratulations to Sam Lawrence on winning a Gold Key from the Boston Globe Scholastic ART Competition. Mayor Reeves
30. Congratulations to Ayasha Guerin on winning a Gold Key from the Boston Globe Scholastic ART Competition. Mayor Reeves
31. Congratulations to Jasmine Edo on winning a Gold Key from the Boston Globe Scholastic ART Competition. Mayor Reeves
32. Congratulations to Lucina Schell on winning a Silver Key from the Boston Globe Scholastic ART Competition. Mayor Reeves
33. Congratulations to Megan Compaine on winning a Gold Key from the Boston Globe Scholastic ART Competition. Mayor Reeves

34. Congratulations to Alanna Prince on winning an Honorable mention from the Boston Globe Scholastic ART Competition. Mayor Reeves
35. Urge all residents to support the fundraising event of the Buskaid Soweto String Project on Mar 30, 2007 at St. Paul's Church. Mayor Reeves
36. Resolution on the death of Catherine F. (Nichols) Donovan. Councillor Sullivan
37. Congratulations to the Ni Hao Program at the Martin Luther King, Jr. School and wish them well on their Chinese New Year celebration. Councillor Davis
38. Congratulations to the Porter Square Neighbors Association on the production of their resource guide entitled "Shop & Eat on Mass Ave 2006/07." Councillor Davis
39. Urge residents to be cognizant of the City Links Program's Open House on Tues, Feb 13, 2007. Councillor Sullivan
40. Best wishes to the Charles Stark Draper laboratory, Inc. on the occasion of the opening of their new site at One Hampshire at Kendall Square. Councillor Sullivan
41. Retirement of Maureen Santoro from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Sullivan
42. Congratulations to Kristen Franks and Frank Perullo on their recent engagement. Councillor Decker
43. Congratulations to the Cambridge Police Department on its fifth annual awards ceremony which will take place on May 31, 2007 in the MIT Kresge Auditorium. Councillor Sullivan
44. Congratulations to the Cambridge Arts Council on its 9th Annual Grant Award Celebration on Mar 29, 2007. Councillor Sullivan
45. Congratulations to the new graduates of the Salvation Army's "Bridging the Gap Program." Councillor Sullivan
46. Congratulations to Massachusetts Jobs with Justice on the occasion of its 2007 Annual Dinner in celebration of fifteen years of supporting workers rights. Councillor Sullivan
47. Retirement of Walter Brutley from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Reeves
48. Resolution on the death of Barbara L. (Olson) Foss. Councillor Sullivan
49. Happy Birthday wishes to Mayor Kenneth Reeves. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Margaret "Margie" Judd. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio
51. Resolution on the death of Marjorie C. Phillips. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
52. Resolution on the death of K. Esther Murphy. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
53. Resolution on the death of Lena (Lechiaro) Leone. Councillor Sullivan
54. Congratulations and appreciation to all nurses on the occasion of National Nurses Week from May 6-12, 2007. Mayor Reeves
55. Urge all resident to be cognizant of the Pricing Strategies Workshop on April 24, 2007 from 8:00am-10:00am at City Hall Annex. Mayor Reeves
56. Condolences to Patricia Bradshaw on the death of her grandmother. [Duplicate of Resolution #51] Councillor Simmons
57. Congratulation to Drew Gilpin Faust on being chosen as the new President of Harvard University. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Decker
58. Congratulations to Nonnie S. Burnes on the occasion of being appointed the new state insurance commissioner. Councillor Sullivan
59. Resolution on the death of Walker Stuart. Vice Mayor Toomey

60. Congratulations to Charles Ogletree on announcing a Race and Class Forum. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Sullivan
61. Resolution on the death of Barbara Jean Freeman. Councillor Galluccio

ORDERS

1. Reappoint D. Margaret Drury as Cambridge City Clerk for a term beginning June 1, 2007. Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey
2. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of former City Councillor Thomas Coates. Councillor Galluccio and Mayor Reeves [**Previously adopted on January 8, 2007 - Order #5**]
3. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the effectiveness of the maintenance of the City's trash receptacles in public places such as parks and open space with the view in mind of making all necessary improvements to increase cleanliness and decrease rodents. Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Toomey
4. That the City Council reappoint James Monagle as Cambridge Auditor for a term beginning June 1, 2007. Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review parking behind the Collins Branch library to ensure that users of the library are allowed to park when using the library. Councillor Sullivan
6. That the City Manager is requested to report whether the Kentucky Fried Chicken located at the corner of Walden Street and Massachusetts Avenue has closed down due to the Walden Street bridge closure and what could possibly replace it. Councillor Decker **Amended**
7. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of the Coppola family, owners of Royal Pastry Bakery. Vice Mayor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the director of the Arts Council, the Veterans' Services Department and any other relevant City agency to determine how best to capture Cambridge's wartime experiences in film, pictures, words or any other medium. Councillor Kelley **Amended**
9. Written opinion as to whether the Green Room constitutes part of the Council Chamber known as the Sullivan Chamber. Councillor Kelley
Failed as amended on a Roll Call vote 2-6-0-1
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the legality of spending Community Preservation Act funds to maintain units and upgrade amenities at Cambridge Housing Authority developments and any limits or prohibitions on the uses of CPA funds by the Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Kelley
Failed on a Roll Call vote 3-4-0-2
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ensure that the City is preparing for the 2010 Census with regards to possible re-districting. Councillor Decker
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss placing more bicycle racks in Central Square, particularly near the police station. Councillor Decker
13. That the City Council go on record favoring the filing of the attached Home Rule Petition entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM". Vice Mayor Toomey
14. That the Home Rule Petition "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO PLACE MUNICIPAL CHARGE LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR NON PAYMENT OF ANY LOCAL CHARGES, FEES, OR FINES" be again submitted to the General Court for a special law relating to the City of Cambridge to be filed with an attested copy of this order which is hereby approved under Clause 1 of Section 9 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the

Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only. Vice Mayor Toomey

15. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to install a "No Parking" sign at the corner of Elm and Davenport Streets in an effort to make this area safer. Councillor Sullivan
16. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Economic Development Department to work with businesses on Church Street who have been negatively impacted due to construction on the street. Councillor Decker and Councillor Sullivan
17. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible on the ramifications of the decisions by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts regarding Northpoint and the Mayor to convene a meeting with the Cambridge/Somerville delegation to the State House. Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Sullivan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the University Relations Committee, for a meeting held on Jan 18, 2007 for the purpose of discussing the creation of a partnership of the City of Cambridge and universities, colleges and institutions, businesses and neighbors to develop a plan to enable Massachusetts Avenue to reach its full potential.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Feb 13

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 6 entitled: Animal Control Regulations, to provide rules for off-leash areas. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on a Petition from the Planning Board on the Prospect Street Rezoning. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed order for the City Manager to require utilization of a more protective noise affidavit in building/construction permit applications and a proposal to strengthen penalties. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Feb 28

1:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the feasibility of banning trans fat in Cambridge restaurants. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 1

5:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue planning for a forum on race and class in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 6

10:00am The Veterans Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss the transition of returning veterans, including the discussion of developing a "Welcome Home" package. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 7

5:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a follow up meeting on individuals charged with the most dangerous crimes in the city and funding for youth transportation outreach programs. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 8

6:00pm The Public Safety and Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss public safety issues regarding the relocation of the Lechmere Station and the benefits of a Lechmere Square underpass. Meeting to be held in auditorium. (Kennedy-Longfellow, 158 Spring St)

Mon, Mar 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Sat, Apr 28

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 9

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Sat, May 12

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 16

5:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (if necessary) (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 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council reappoint D. Margaret Drury as Cambridge City Clerk for a term beginning June 1, 2007.

O-2 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record designating a suitable location in honor of former City Councillor Thomas Coates; and be it further

ORDERED: That Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-3 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the effectiveness of the maintenance of the City's trash receptacles in public places such as parks and open space with the view in mind of making all necessary improvements to increase cleanliness and decrease rodents.

O-4 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council reappoint James Monagle as Cambridge Auditor for a term beginning June 1, 2007.

O-5 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review parking behind the Collins Branch library to ensure that users of the library are allowed to park when using the library.

O-6 Feb 12, 2007 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report whether the Kentucky Fried Chicken located at the corner of Walden Street and Massachusetts Avenue has closed down due to the Walden Street bridge closure and what could possibly replace it; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this ~~matter~~ **on the status of the Ground Round on Concord Avenue and whether there will continue to be a restaurant at this location.**

O-7 Feb 12, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location in honor of the Coppola family, owners of Royal Pastry Bakery; and be it further

ORDERED: That Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-8 Feb 12, 2007 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The current Iraq War is proving to be controversial and costly for the American public and Iraqi citizens; and

WHEREAS: Numerous Cambridge citizens have served in the current Iraq War; and

WHEREAS: Many residents of and workers in Cambridge have strong feelings about the current Iraq War; and

WHEREAS: The volatile and confusing nature of this military conflict, both within the Armed Forces and the general civilian populace, may be best reflected in the arts; and

WHEREAS: The National Endowment for the Arts has helped produce "Operation Homecoming," a book about returning Iraq War veterans and;

WHEREAS: Cambridge has its own Arts Council that could help develop a multi-media exploration of the wartime experiences of Cambridge residents and workers who are either service members or civilians; now be it;

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the director of the Arts Council, the Veterans' Services Department and any other relevant City agency to determine how best to capture Cambridge's wartime experiences in film, pictures, words or any other medium; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Veterans' Committee; and be it further

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

O-9 Feb 12, 2007 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The public has a reasonable expectation that City Council meetings be held according to the Massachusetts rules and laws about Open Meetings; and

WHEREAS: The transparency of City Council proceedings is vital to the public's having confidence that the City Council is providing proper governance; and

WHEREAS: At some meetings of the City Council, only three Councilors have been in the Council Chamber at some points; and

WHEREAS: A number of City Councilors may at any time be present in the Green Room adjoining the Sullivan Chamber; and

WHEREAS: The Green Room is not open to the general public during Council meetings; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to ask the ~~District Attorney~~ **City Solicitor** for a written opinion as to whether the Green Room constitutes part of the Council Chamber known as the Sullivan Chamber; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with copies of this opinions.

Failed as amended on a Roll Call vote 2-6-0-1

O-10 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Housing Authority has a list of maintenance and rehabilitation projects totaling in the tens of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS: Lack of funding for maintenance and rehabilitation projects at Cambridge Housing Authority properties has led to some units being uninhabitable, various amenities as elevators not working properly and a feeling of insecurity among some inhabitants; and

WHEREAS: Uninhabitable units, poorly operating amenities and a feeling of insecurity may lead to a less positive experience for remaining residents of Cambridge Housing Authority complexes; and

WHEREAS: It is not certain that state or federal agencies will provide the Cambridge Housing Authority with sufficient funds to remedy existing defects in Housing Authority complexes; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge expects to have several million dollars available through its Community Preservation Act fund to spend on affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager is currently developing Cambridge's FY08 budget; now be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the legality of spending Community Preservation Act funds to maintain units and upgrade amenities at Cambridge Housing Authority developments; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any limits or prohibitions on the uses of CPA funds by the Cambridge Housing Authority, and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this report to the City Council prior to his submitting the FY08 budget to the Council.

Failed on a Roll Call vote 3-4-0-2

O-11 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ensure that the City is preparing for the 2010 Census with regards to possible re-districting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back a proposed action plan to the City Council.

O-12 Feb 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: There has been an ongoing effort to encourage bicycling and walking in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Many bicycles are frequently locked on poles, meters, and fences due to the lack of bicycle racks; and

WHEREAS: There is a particular problem with regards to lack of bicycle racks in the Central Square area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss placing more bicycle racks in Central Square, particularly near the police station.

O-13 Feb 12, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record favoring the filing of the attached Home Rule Petition entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM".

O-14 Feb 12, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Owners of real estate within the City of Cambridge are responsible at all times to maintain the habitability of structures and keep the sidewalks, alleys, streets, and adjoining places free of garbage and snow; and

WHEREAS: Building codes and ordinances are designed to protect the public safety and public health of the City's residents, workers, visitors, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Noncompliance with these codes and ordinances can result in the issuance of violations which have monetary penalties; and

WHEREAS: Currently, the City may impose a lien on real property located within the City for certain local charges or fees that have not been paid by the due date, as a "municipal charges lien,"; and

WHEREAS: Other state legislatures are attempting to implement methods to make fines more enforceable by including unpaid fines on property tax bills (similar to local charges and fees) and, if necessary, as liens on the subject real estate; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: in 2005, the Cambridge city council adopted a home rule petition entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO PLACE MUNICIPAL CHARGE LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR NON PAYMENT OF ANY LOCAL CHARGES, FEES, OR FINES"; and

WHEREAS: That petition was submitted to the Massachusetts Legislature and was not acted upon during that term; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Home Rule Petition "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO PLACE MUNICIPAL CHARGE LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FOR NON PAYMENT OF ANY LOCAL CHARGES, FEES, OR FINES" be again submitted to the General Court for a special law relating to the City of Cambridge to be filed with an attested copy of this order which is hereby approved under Clause 1 of Section 9 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only.

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COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to install a "No Parking" sign at the corner of Elm and Davenport Streets in an effort to make this area safer.

O-16 February 12, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Economic Development Department to work with businesses on Church Street who have been negatively impacted due to construction on the street.

O-17 February 12, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible on the ramifications of the decisions by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts regarding Northpoint and the Mayor to convene a meeting with the Cambridge/Somerville delegation to the State House.