

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-04, regarding a report on posting "yield to pedestrian" signs where there are signals that conflict between pedestrian and motorists.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-08, regarding a report on extending work hours for Parking Control Officers until 9:00 pm in the Porter Square area.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-118, regarding a report on coordinating an appropriate recognition for Cambridge native and famed jazz saxophone player Johnny Hodges.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 in medallion equity revenues to the License Commission General Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to continue the Accessible Cambridge Transportation Program that manages and oversees all accessible vehicles in the City and to coordinate and monitor services to seniors and persons with disabilities.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of a FY 2003 Homeland Security Grant through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for \$53,183 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Travel and Training account to allow public safety personnel to plan, exercise with and train with the equipment that was purchased through the grant.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$80,000 from Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Police Travel and Training (Judgement & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for police personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer from the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$4,500) account to the General Fund Human Services Travel and Training (\$4,500) account to allow the Executive Director and five youth members of the Kids' Council Youth Involvement Committee to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. from March 11-15, 2005.

ON THE TABLE

1. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-137 of December 22, 2003, regarding a report on the number of investment managers for the pension fund with the list to reflect the number of women-owned and minority-owned investment managers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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 November 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 February 14, 2005.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Star Variety, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 4 Central Square.
2. A zoning petition was received from Joanne Wilbert Weed, et al., requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to change a Residence C-1 District to a Residence A-2 District, bordered by Willard Street, Foster Street, Sparks Street and Mount Auburn Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Kevin Hill, regarding Mahoney's South Site Abutters.
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding a petition for creation and funding of a City Commission to Oversee Abuse of Vulnerable Citizens (COAVC).
3. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding police.
4. A communication was received from The DesRoches Family, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Rosalie M. (Giacchetto) Papagni. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the death of Mercy Patricia (Stowe) Brown. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
3. Resolution on the death of Frederick F. Miceli. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of William P. Herlihy, Sr. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
5. Resolution on the death of Anthony J. Janunas. Mayor Sullivan
6. Resolution on the death of Anna L. (Murphy) McKinnon. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
7. Resolution on the death of Honorina (Medeiros) Vieira. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Mary L. (Lechiaro) Trasente. Mayor Sullivan
9. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth Krumpe. Councillor Murphy
10. Resolution on the death of Liberal Ferreira. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Ray Rangel. Vice Mayor Decker

12. Resolution on the death of Specialist Robert McNail.
Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Kristopher Shepard. Vice Mayor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant William Robbins. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jessica Housby.
Vice Mayor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeffrey Henthorn. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Richard Perez, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Wishing Henry Seton a Happy 21st Birthday. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Wishing Chester Mitchell a Happy 80th Birthday.
Mayor Sullivan
20. Wishing Tedy Bruschi a speedy recovery. Mayor Sullivan
21. Proclaiming the week of Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2005, as Days of Remembrance.
Mayor Sullivan
22. Congratulations and best wishes to Lesley Phillips and Linda Pinti on the happy occasion of their marriage. Councillor Davis, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Murphy
23. Congratulations to David Villandry on the occasion of his retirement from the School Department and thank him for his thirty-four years of dedicated service.
Mayor Sullivan
24. Resolution on the death of Mary H. (McCann) Norton. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
25. Resolution on the death of Eugenia C. (Palmer) Madigan. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
26. Resolution on the death of Josephine V. Brooks.
Mayor Sullivan
27. Resolution on the retirement of Hilma Unterberger from the Human Services Commission. Mayor Sullivan
28. Resolution on the death of William J. McDonald.
Councillor Toomey
29. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Michael Arciola. Vice Mayor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class David Salie. Vice Mayor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Private First Class David Brangman. Vice Mayor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Specialist Dakotah Gooding. Vice Mayor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Rene Knox, Jr.
Vice Mayor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Chad Lake.
Vice Mayor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Christopher Pusateri. Vice Mayor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Specialist Joseph Rahaim.
Vice Mayor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Adam Plumondore. Vice Mayor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Timothy Osbey.
Vice Mayor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jason Hendrix. Vice Mayor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Specialist Justin Carter.
Vice Mayor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Specialist Katrina Bell-Johnson. Vice Mayor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Frank Hernandez. Vice Mayor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Carlos Gil. Vice Mayor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Specialist Seth Trahan.
Vice Mayor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Adam Malson. Vice Mayor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Specialist Clinton Gerlson.
Vice Mayor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Corporal John Olson.
Vice Mayor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Corporal Kevin Clarke.
Vice Mayor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of William (Bill) Carr.
Councillor Murphy
50. The City Council goes on record for supporting the efforts and enhancing conservation measures of the Alewife Reservation and the flood plain. Councillor Davis
51. Congratulating twins Mike and Mark Davis for their creation of Blokhedz, a supernatural tale. Councillor Reeves
52. Congratulations to Dr. Alvin Poussaint on being honored for his career contributions to Harvard Medical School. Councillor Reeves
53. Thanking Black Aids Institute Executive Director Phil Wilson for his visit to Cambridge and Greater Boston. Councillor Reeves
54. Congratulating Patricia Dance and Donnell Patterson on the very successful 26th Annual Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey "Gospel Jubilee". Councillor Reeves
55. Best wishes to Professor Henry Lewis Gates during the period of his recuperation. Councillor Reeves
56. Extending thanks to Professor Charles Ogletree for the many things he does which benefit the people of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
57. Congratulations to Jimmy Rita on the occasion of his retirement from the School Department and thank him for his many years of dedicated service Mayor Sullivan
58. Resolution on the death of Albert E. Carceo. Mayor Sullivan

59. Resolution on the death of Mary V. Morin. Mayor Sullivan
60. Resolution on the death of Mary E. Carbone. Mayor Sullivan
61. Resolution on the death of Robert Greenwood. Mayor Sullivan
62. Happy 105th Birthday wish to Russell Buchannon, Cambridge's oldest son and veteran. Mayor Sullivan
63. Happy Birthday wishes for a special person. Councillor Davis
64. Resolution on the death of Andrea Harvey. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Davis
65. Very Happy Birthday wishes to Marion Fay. Councillor Toomey
66. March 2, 2005 proclaimed as Dr. Seuss Day in Cambridge in connection with National Read Across America Day. Mayor Sullivan
67. Happy Wedding Anniversary wishes to Michael and Debra Franks. Mayor Sullivan
68. Resolution on the death of Michael W. Beucler. Councillor Maher
69. Welcome to the visiting Jamaican Delegation to Cambridge. Councillor Reeves

ORDERS

1. Dedicating a suitable location in the vicinity of East Cambridge in honor of Cosmo and Domenic Camelio. Councillor Toomey
2. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments with a view in mind of establishing a shuttle service during certain hours at the Alewife T Station to Rindge Avenue. Councillor Toomey
3. Support for An Act to Promote Stem Cell Research Mayor Sullivan
4. Support of the Community Development Block Grant formula funding of no less than \$4.350 billion in FY06. Mayor Sullivan
5. The City Manager is requested to initiate a joint planning process with the School Department to consider city programs, school uses and community uses in the Longfellow and Graham and Parks Schools. Councillor Davis
6. The City Manager is requested to consult with the Chief Public Health Officer and the Police Commission about the growing trend in abuse of prescription drugs and report back to the City Council with recommendations. Mayor Sullivan
7. The City Manager is requested to direct Public Works Commissioner to look into leveling the sidewalks on Temple and Bishop Allen Drive (between Temple and Inman.) Councillor Simmons
8. The City Manager is requested to direct the housing division of the Community Development Department to forward housing and homeowner opportunity information to the resident coordinator at the YMCA at 7 Temple Street. Councillor Simmons

9. That the committee on Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities conduct a public meeting on NSTAR residential energy efficiency programs particularly as they relate to multi-unit buildings and the ability of tenants to take advantage of energy efficiency programs. Councillor Davis, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Murphy
10. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review the intersection of Sciarappa and Gore Streets with a view in mind of looking at alternative means to make this intersection safe for pedestrians and motorists. Councillor Toomey
11. That Cambridge, and Yuseong District, Korea agree to collaborate with the Sister Cities International Organization to explore the potential of establishing a Sister City relationship with one another. Mayor Sullivan
12. The City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department on what the available resources are to help affected individuals and how we are organizing these resources to reach out to those who will be affected by the Section 8 cuts and report back to the City Council. Vice Mayor Decker
13. The City Manager is requested to confer with the administration of the library services and the School Administration with a goal in mind of merging the library services at CRLS into the new main library. Councillor Galluccio
14. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Managing Director of the Cambridge Water Department with a goal in mind of developing an audit and review program for all water bills which show significant increases within a short time period and that prior notice be given to the tax payer of the significant increase before establishing liability on the part of the tax payer. Councillor Galluccio
15. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools to consider a space analysis of CRLS. Councillor Galluccio
16. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs with a goal in mind of disseminating information on the "Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Program", a program that provides a state income tax deduction for qualified senior home owners. Councillor Galluccio
17. Support for the proposed updated Bottle Bill. Councillor Murphy, Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Decker and Councillor Reeves
18. The Mayor and City Council to set up a Roundtable to discuss community based planning for arts, culture, history and heritage programming. Councillor Reeves
19. The City Manager is requested to direct the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee to schedule a public meeting to discuss pedestrian issues around Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and the Public Library. Councillor Davis

20. City Council go on record expressing its disappointment with the MBTA's decision to go forward with a contract to allow liquor advertisement on MBTA property and equipment and urge the MBTA to provide equal access to free advertising and additional resources to prevention groups that are going to have to work harder to counter this increase in advertising urging consumption of alcohol. Vice Mayor Decker, Councillor Galluccio

21. The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate personnel to report to the City Council on the status of the School Committee cable television. Councillor Davis, Mayor Sullivan

22. Cambridge City Council go on record opposing any attempt to direct Community Preservation Act Trust Fund monies to any cities and towns that have not first imposed the commitment of a surtax for matching funds upon themselves by vote of the electorate. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Decker, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on January 19, 2005 for the purpose of receiving an update on the Cambridge Community Mobilizing for Change Around Alcohol program.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a letter from Timothy F. Hult, Chairman, Carlisle Board of Selectmen, regarding MAPC position on Community Preservation Trust Fund.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 28

5:00pm Special Presentation - Barron Center for Men's Health (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 1

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on using public events and celebrations to further economic development, including discussion of an annual funding mechanism. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 8

12:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting on the subject of NSTAR and renewable energy. (Ackermann Room)

3:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relative to the efforts of employees of the Cambridge Brands Plant to improve their working conditions. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Mar 9

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on an amendment prepared in response to City Council Order #6 of November 22, 2004. The amendment would change Article 6 of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that adequate parking is provided when new uses are accommodated in an existing building. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Police Review and Advisory Board ("PRAB") Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 16

3:30pm The Human Services and the Public Safety Committees will conduct a joint meeting with the Violence Prevention Task Force to plan a city-wide conversation around the issue of developing a city-wide anti-bullying policy. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 22

3:00pm The Veterans Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating programs for veterans coming home from the war. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Meeting with Planning Board. No public comment. No votes will be taken Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 5

10:00am The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating an advisory board for a "Healthy Living Campaign" that promotes physical activity as well as healthy eating. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 2

5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Topic to be announced. No public comment. No votes will be taken Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of East Cambridge in honor of Cosmo and Domenic Camelio; and be it further

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

O-2 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments with a view in mind of establishing a shuttle service during certain hours at the Alewife T Station to Rindge Avenue.

O-3 February 28, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of An Act to Promote Stem Cell Research currently under consideration by the Joint Committee of the Massachusetts State Legislature on Economic Development and Emerging Technology (see attached proposed 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 Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology, as well as the Cambridge Legislative Delegation, and the Governor of the Commonwealth.

O-4 February 28, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the Bush Administration has proposed an elimination of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, a recipient of the CDBG, received \$3,878,000 in funding in FY 2004; and

WHEREAS: 95 percent of these funds were expended on activities benefiting low and moderate income households/persons; and

WHEREAS: These funds aided the City of Cambridge in leveraging a staggering \$37,199,072 in private, local, and state funds; and

WHEREAS: These already stretched funds were used for critical affordable housing programs, economic development and employment training, and programming for senior citizens and Cambridge youth; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of the CDBG formula funding of no less than \$4.350 billion in FY06; 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 Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Commerce, and the President of the United States on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to initiate a joint planning process with the School Department to consider city programs, school uses and community uses in the Longfellow and Graham and Parks Schools.

O-6 February 28, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Chief Public Health Officer and the Police Commission about the growing trend in abuse of prescription drugs and report back to the City Council with recommendations.

O-7 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct Public Works Commissioner to look into leveling the sidewalks on Temple and Bishop Allen Drive (between Temple and Inman.)

O-8 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the housing division of the Community Development Department to forward housing and homeowner opportunity information to the resident coordinator at the YMCA at 7 Temple Street.

O-9 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the committee on Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities conduct a public meeting on NSTAR residential energy efficiency programs particularly as they relate to multi-unit buildings and the ability of tenants to take advantage of energy efficiency programs.

O-10 February 28, 2005
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review the intersection of Sciarappa and Gore Streets with a view in mind of looking at alternative means to make this intersection safe for pedestrians and motorists.

O-11 February 28, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The Sister City Program, administered by Sister Cities International, was initiated by the President of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS: In order to foster such goals, the people of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Yuseong District, Korea, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate with the Sister Cities International Organization to explore the potential of establishing a Sister City relationship with one another; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Consul General Won Sun Choi of the Korean Consulate General in Boston on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 February 28, 2005

VICE MAYOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Section 8 Housing Voucher Program has been critical in providing affordable housing opportunities to low income families and seniors; and

WHEREAS: Due to federal cuts to the Section 8 program, the Cambridge Housing Authority will be reducing Section 8 subsidies paid to owners receiving more than 100% of the published Fair Market Rents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department on what the available resources are to help affected individuals and how we are organizing these resources to reach out to those who will be affected by the Section 8 cuts and report back to the City Council.

O-13 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: One of the major benefits of the proposed new main library is its proximity to CRLS; and

WHEREAS: The new main library should be welcoming and integrated in every way possible with CRLS; and

WHEREAS: Such merger could free up additional space for administrative space needs at CRLS; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the administration of the library services and the School Administration with a goal in mind of merging the library services at CRLS into the new main library.

O-14 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Residential water consumers as well as commercial water consumers are sometimes faced with significant water bill increases; and

WHEREAS: These sharp increases can place a severe financial burden on those tax payers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Managing Director of the Cambridge Water Department with a goal in mind of developing an audit and review program for all water bills which show significant increases within a short time period and that prior notice be given to the rate payer of the significant increase before establishing liability on the part of the rate payer.

O-15 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The school system has many programs that are looking for permanent spaces; and

WHEREAS: The CRLS population has declined dramatically since the facility was opened in early 1980's; and

WHEREAS: It would be prudent for the city administration to take a hard look at space opportunities at CRLS prior to making more costly space related decisions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools to consider a space analysis of CRLS; and be it further

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

O-16 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs with a goal in mind of disseminating information on the "Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Program", a program that provides a state income tax deduction for qualified senior home owners.

O-17 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

VICE MAYOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Bottle Bill, enacted in 1982, has allowed Cambridge residents to enjoy a cleaner environment for over 20 years, by creating an incentive for users of certain beverage containers to recycle those used containers; and

WHEREAS: States with deposit laws have higher participation rate in residential recycling than those of non-deposit states; and

WHEREAS: Litter decrease in states with Bottle Bills averages 70-85%; and

WHEREAS: Through the Massachusetts Bottle Bill, we recycle close to 90% of beverage containers compared to only 30% in states without similar legislation; and
WHEREAS: The Governor of the Commonwealth, and members of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives have recognized that the original bottle bill does not take into account those beverages such as bottled water, juices, and teas; and

WHEREAS: The vast majority of these water and juice containers are made of PET plastic, which takes up excessive amounts of space in our rapidly disappearing landfills, is comprised of over 99% petroleum, and is completely non-biodegradable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council recognizes the overwhelming success of the Massachusetts Bottle Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City go on record supporting of the Massachusetts Beverage Container Deposit Law and encouraging its strengthening through the update being considered by the 2005-06 State Legislature in the bill entitled An Act to Improve Recycling Rates in the Commonwealth; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting programs that encourage residents and visitors to return or recycle all beverage containers and all other recyclable materials to fully utilize the currently available recycling programs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to have the Department of Public Works and its Recycling Division express the City's support for the bottle bill by informing the public as to the benefits of an updated Bottle Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City request our state representatives and state senators, and our governor to support and vote in favor of Updating the Massachusetts Container Beverage Law by supporting An Act to Improve Recycling Rates in the Commonwealth.

O-18 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: It is clear from the writings of Richard Florida in "Creative Economy" that the quality of life, arts and culture are important ingredients in economically successful cities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge should consider a consensus planning initiative that would inventory current assets and expand our vision for the future: The City can choose to determine economic activity generated by arts and culture, survey public opinion and determine a vehicle to take its arts and culture agenda forward; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor and City Council to set up a Roundtable to discuss community based planning for arts, culture, history and heritage programming.

O-19 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee to schedule a public meeting to discuss pedestrian issues around Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and the Public Library.

O-20 February 28, 2005

VICE MAYOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing its disappointment with the MBTA's decision to go forward with a contract to allow liquor advertisement on MBTA property and equipment; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council urges the MBTA to provide equal access to free advertising and additional resources to prevention groups that are going to have to work harder to counter this increase in advertising urging consumption of alcohol; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the MBTA, the Governor and the Cambridge legislative delegation.

O-21 February 28, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: The City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate personnel to report to the City Council on the status of the School Committee cable television.

O-22 February 28, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR MAHER

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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record opposing any attempt to direct Community Preservation Act Trust Fund monies to any cities and towns that have not first imposed the commitment of a surtax for matching funds upon themselves by vote of the electorate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a copy of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation to the Massachusetts General Court, the Governor, MAPC and CPA communities.