

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-140, regarding a report on safety policies and procedures in place to monitor the maintenance of natural gas pipelines in Cambridge.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-17, regarding a report on ensuring that public art is taken into consideration during the planning process for Kendall Square and Central Square. [In accordance with City policy, 1% of any City construction budget is allocated for public art. Consistent with this policy, the City will apply 1% of the City financed construction projects in the Kendall Square and Central Square areas to public art. Although not required by law, the City will also encourage private developers and institutions to consider public art as an enhancement to their projects in these areas as well.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-22, regarding a report on SCM funding shortfalls.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-16, regarding a report on having DPW crews identify and report other public works concerns when snowplowing. [Public Works trucks do have a communication device for the driver to communicate with employees in other vehicles, supervisors and administrative staff. Drivers routinely communicate with administrative personnel and supervisors on other public works' concerns, particularly as they impact public safety. This includes tree limbs or tree problems, street or sidewalk obstructions, streets that need salting or plowing, pot holes, accidents that need a response, trash clean ups, malfunctioning traffic signals, and many other items.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-11, regarding a report on the current licensing standards for nail salons.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-187, regarding a report on the appropriateness of private meetings between City Council members and the Superintendent of Schools without informing the School Committee of such meetings.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-19, regarding a report on how communications were handled following the aftermath of the shooting incident on Clifton Street.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-163, regarding a report on questions concerning trees that came out of the Environment Committee meeting of Sept 30, 2010.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-138, regarding a report on the feasibility of adding historical sub-signs to street signs and the possibility of commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 with street sub-signs. [Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department staff have met with the Historic Commission and over the next few weeks will be meeting again to work out a small scale historic signage program that will focus on the streets related to important historic places and dates in the War of 1812.]
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-175, regarding a report on the feasibility of converting certain Inman Square and Cambridge Street parking meters to 2-hours.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-24, regarding a report on ticketing vehicles for being parked more than three feet from the curb due to snow banks.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$11,515 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$8,515), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) and Travel and Training account (\$1,000) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation \$1,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account from the United Way's Youth Venture program and will be used to support the Youth Programs in starting their T-shirt design venture called Redline T's.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$9,804 to the Grant Fund Human Service Department Programs Salary and Wages account which will be used to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) by continuing to fund additional time of a Vocational Case Manager who provides career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment, particularly those residing in public housing.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$85,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (Insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated settlements, medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY11 Shannon Grant for \$19,316 received from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council through the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account which will be used to support additional youth violence prevention and anti-gang initiatives by the Police Department by increasing Police visibility, building enforcement and intervention capacities and supporting gang interdiction activities.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$150,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance)

to the General Fund Police Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for police personnel injured in performance of their duties.

18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-130, regarding a report on the status of installing community gardens at Riverside Press Park. [A recommendation for \$60,000 for this purpose will be included in the submitted FY12 Capital Budget for City Council consideration.]
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 10-170 and 10-172, regarding a report on Blessed Sacrament building project.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$681,970.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$56,000.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$619,970.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$6,000.00) which will allow the Department of Human Service Programs to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$11,872.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$9,216.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,656.00) which will be used to support the City Peace Program which is a violence prevention program through the Youth Centers that engages teens in working with their peers to address issues within the community.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-09, regarding North Massachusetts Avenue development. [In response to neighborhood interest, CDD is developing a revision to the current zoning which would require commercial uses on the ground floor of most new projects, and provide a strong incentive to include ground floor retail. This proposed revision is expected to be the subject of a public discussion at the Planning Board in early spring, and followed by submission to the City Council.]
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-21, regarding a report on the feasibility of instituting a phone book opt-out/opt-in program.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council.

[Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

2. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
4. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. A zoning petition has been received from Zevart M. Hollisian, Trustee of Garabed B. Hollisian Trust and L-Z Realty Trust and Seth D. Alexander, President, MIT Investment Management Company, requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by extending the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District from Green Street out to Massachusetts Avenue in the area adjacent to Blanche Street; said parcel to be developed by Forest City.
2. An application was received from Camies Bakery requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 152 Columbia Street.
3. An application was received from Clover Fast Food, Inc. requesting permission for an A-framed sign in front of the premises numbered 7 Holyoke Street.
4. An application was received from Boston iPhone Repair requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1208 Massachusetts Avenue.

5. An application was received from Blossom Floral Design requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 337 Cambridge Street.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Bernard Bunner and Elena Chekhova, 131 Magazine Street, regarding night-time snow removal.
2. A communication was received from Maria Shriver transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted in honor of her father.
3. A communication was received from the Corrao family transmitting thanks for the resolution for Vincent Corrao.
4. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger transmitting his support of AN ACT RELATIVE TO THIRD GRADE READING PROFICIENCY.
5. A communication was received from Caroline Hunter, 23 Rockwell Street, regarding dumping of snow by the Department of Public Works resulting in snow and ice violations.
6. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, 172 Magazine Street, regarding problems at the Enterprise Car Rental in Central Square.
7. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, Pearl Street, regarding Environmental Impact Study of the Charles River Estuary.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of John J. August. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth "Betty" (D'Argento) Rossini. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Casimir de Rham Jr. Mayor Maher
4. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Athletic Hall of Fame Committee on the unveiling of the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams' Championship Banners and the 1000 Point Scorers' Banner. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Charles T. Raffi. Councillor Toomey
6. Best wishes to Jack Woker as he closes the doors of Stereo Jack's and thanks for sharing his collection with the residents of Cambridge for the past 29 years. Councillor Toomey
7. Happy 1st birthday wishes to Charles "Charlie" Allen Rossi on his 1st birthday. Mayor Maher
8. Congratulations to Heading Home for being named the 2011 Organization of the Year by Boston/SF News, an online commercial real estate newspaper. Mayor Maher
9. Congratulations to Eve Sullivan on being named the Armita Johnson Parenting Education Professional of the Year by the Texas Association of Parent Educators. Mayor Maher
10. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Madeline Olivia Best on Feb 27, 2011. Mayor Maher
11. Congratulations to CitySprouts on their 10th Anniversary on Mar 10, 2011. Councillor Simmons
12. Resolution on the death of Marie Hart Dottin. Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker

13. Congratulations to Kevin and Kelli Braga on the birth of their daughter Lyla Mary Braga on Feb 16, 2011. Mayor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of George E. Lonergan. Councillor Simmons
15. Resolution on the death of Thelma L. (French) Dottin. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth A. (Waldron) Kelley. Mayor Maher
17. Congratulating the Cambridge Rindge and Latin boys basketball team for clinching the Greater Boston League title. Mayor Maher
18. Thanks to the Department of Public Works employees who have worked hard collecting trash during this difficult winter. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Specialist Lashawn D. Evans. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Airman First Class Christoffer P. Johnson. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Airman First Class Corey C. Owens. Councillor Decker
22. Congratulations to Judy Robinson on the occasion of her lecture at a lunch hosted by the City of Cambridge Employees Committee on Diversity in celebration of Black History Month on Feb 28, 2011. Councillor Simmons
23. Congratulations to Caroline Workman on being cast as a member of the ensemble for the Broadway musical "Billy Elliot." Councillor Cheung
24. Resolution on the death of Mary T. Holmes. Councillor Decker
25. Wishing Mrs. Madeline Mincy a speedy recovery. Councillor Reeves
26. Expressing its sense of loss to the victims of the fires on Western Avenue and Elm Street. Councillor Simmons
27. Urge residents to be cognizant of February being National Children's Dental Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
28. Congratulating Wilfred Labiosa on the occasion of his appointment as Executive Director of CASPAR. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker, Councillor Seidel, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Davis
29. Welcoming Abigail's to Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
30. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ms. Nina da Maia. Councillor Simmons
31. Congratulating Ms. Lee Robbins for being honored at the Cambridge School Volunteers forty-fifth anniversary celebration and fundraiser and thank her for her many years of dedication to the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
32. Congratulating Bob Slate Stationer for seventy-eight years in business. Mayor Maher

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to communicate with the Assessing Department and with the owners of the buildings in Central Square to notify them of Red Ribbon Commission future meetings. Councillor Reeves and Councillor Cheung

2. That the City Manager is requested to work with the City's Economic Development staff and License Commission to identify potential minority candidates for future liquor licenses. Councillor Reeves
3. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Budget Department and direct the appropriate department heads to create a program in Cambridge similar to the Boston's Department of Urban Mechanics which will develop and implement new ideas that improve City service delivery and report back to the City Council with a funding and human resource plan to implement such a program. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize the Prescription Drug Disposal Drop Off program which will take place on June 19, 2011 more clearly on the City's web site. Vice Mayor Davis
5. That the City Council go on record encouraging residents interested in joining the Police Force attend the informational open house on Mon Feb 28, 2011 or call 617-349-4332, 617-349-3374 or 617-349-4331 for more information. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with details of the purchase agreement for Northpoint. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager post the opt-out information for delivery of paper phonebooks on the City web site as well as sending the information out through the e-line. Vice Mayor Davis
8. Amendment to Cambridge Municipal Code regarding City Manager's contract being posted 96 hours before it is to be voted on by the City Council. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to review the City's audio/video capability with an eye towards making sure there is ample, well-functioning audio capabilities for all the public and City Council meetings. Councillor Reeves
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department and Inspectional Services Department to inquire of the owners of the 1964 block of Western Avenue what their future plans are for the three vacant storefronts on Western Avenue. Councillor Reeves
11. That the City Council calls on various international stakeholders, including the United States, to advocate for the immediate resignation of Colonel Qaddafi. Councillor Simmons
12. That the City Manager investigate the situation in Boston whereby the city is working with Comcast to increase broadband adoption in low-income homes and to work toward a similar arrangement between Comcast and Cambridge. Vice Mayor Davis
13. That the City of Cambridge go on record thanking Governor Deval Patrick for standing in solidarity with the workers from Wisconsin and all across the country who are being attacked. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
14. That the City of Cambridge go on record thanking Congressman Capuano for standing in solidarity with the workers from Wisconsin and all across the country. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
15. That the City of Cambridge go on record as standing in solidarity with the Massachusetts AFL-CIO in support of all union workers who are being attacked. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
16. That the City of Cambridge go on record as standing in solidarity with the workers from Wisconsin and all across the country. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
17. That the City of Cambridge honors the lives, struggles and accomplishments of women in the United States and women around the world on Women's History Month and on International Women's Day, while urging greater collaboration on issues of common interest among women in the United States and women in other parts of the world. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Decker
18. That Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge should remove the lien on the Prakash home on Leonard Avenue in Cambridge and desist from any further attempts to appropriate the Prakash home. Councillor Simmons
19. That as part of the upcoming budget process, the City Manager is requested to create a capital budget for the development of internet and mobile-based tools and set aside funds for the personnel necessary to enact such development. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker
20. That the City Council go on record seeking information about the nature of a delegation to Israel. Councillor Decker
21. That the City Manager is requested to hire a consultant nationally recognized as an expert to assess the strengths and weaknesses of how Cambridge does economic development and propose actions for improvements. Councillor Cheung, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Decker
22. That the City of Cambridge go on record as standing in solidarity with AFSCME and all public employee union workers. Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Feb 16, 2011 to discuss with Cambridge Local First (CLF) how the City bids out for banks.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Jan 25, 2011 to discuss reviewing ordinances detrimental to community goals.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Dec 16, 2010 to hear from locally-based, world-renowned economic experts on the theories behind economic clusters.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Feb 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Mar 1

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss language in the Noise Ordinance as it relates to enforcement of loud car radios. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Mar 2

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to learn more about Cambridge Health Alliance's patient-centered medical home (PCMH) initiatives. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Mar 3

5:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss how inclusionary zoning could be used to build more entrepreneur space. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Mar 8

6:00pm School Committee Budget Hearing (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Mar 10

8:30am The Economic, Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive as much information as is currently available on major current and prospective employers in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Mar 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Mar 22

3:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment and Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committees will conduct a public meeting to discuss the future of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss community gardens, Urban Agricultural Fair and any other topic related to local agriculture. (Ackermann Room)

### Wed, Mar 23

4:00pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Apr 5

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss safety issues at the intersection of Cedar and Harvey Streets. (Ackermann Room)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Apr 6

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by William A. Fox, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by rezoning an area accessed via Cottage Park Avenue in North Cambridge from its current designation of Business A-2 to a new designation of Residence B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from Novartis to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map to create a new Special District 15 along a portion of Massachusetts Avenue between Albany Street and Windsor Street. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Apr 7

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on proposed improvements to Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard and Porter Squares. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Apr 12

6:00pm Special School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, May 3

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, May 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, June 7

6:00pm School Committee 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 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City Council supports the notion that all building owners in Central Square should have a voice in the future plans for Central Square and in the deliberations of the Mayor's Red Ribbon Commission for the Concerns and Delights of Central Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate with the Assessing Department and with the owners of the buildings to notify them of Red Ribbon Commission future meetings.

O-2 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge says that it is a diverse city, but with regard to Cambridge establishments with liquor licenses, there are only two establishments that are identified as black ownership in this city and only a handful of Asian, Latino and other minority establishments with liquor licenses owned by minority owners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the City's Economic Development staff and License Commission to identify potential minority candidates for future liquor licenses.

O-3 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a hub of innovation, ideas and action but in order to stay in the forefront, we must continue to adapt and challenge the status quo; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge must find new ways to push the envelope in how we offer services to our constituents and to make our City government work better for the families that live here; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has recently opened the Department of Urban Mechanics that will develop and implement new ideas that improve City service delivery, such as next generation applications for the City's Citizens Connect iPhone suite. The office will also focus on tapping into local sources of innovation including residents, employees, communities and institutions; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, many cities have created mobile apps to make it easier to communicate with City Hall. Some examples include SeeClickFix, CitizensConnect, and DC31. Additional examples of how governments are using new web 2.0 tools can be seen by the thousands of Twitter and Facebook accounts of government officials, allowing them to directly interact with their constituents; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge's greatest resource is its citizens. If we can somehow facilitate greater interaction between our city's entrepreneurs and City staff, the entire region will benefit; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge would greatly benefit from a program similar to that of Boston's that will foster entrepreneurs and innovation and improve communication and delivery of services to our constituents; and

WHEREAS: The hope here is that by making it easier to connect with City Hall more people will be engaged in their community. It is by no means a substitute for interaction in City Council meetings but it can help with collaboration and exchange of ideas. Technology empowers people to interact with government in a way that is more efficient and transparent; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Budget Department and direct the appropriate department heads to create a similar program in Cambridge and report back to the City Council with a funding and human resource plan to implement such a program.

O-4 Feb 28, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Last June the Cambridge Public Health Department, the Cambridge Prevention Coalition and the Cambridge Police Department asked residents to participate in Prescription Drug Collection Day as part of the city's Hazardous Waste Collection Day; and

WHEREAS: Residents can drop off prescription drugs at the Cambridge Police Department, 125 Sixth Street or contact the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to obtain a mailing envelope; and

WHEREAS: The Prevention Coalition intends to encourage prescription drug disposal by participating in all three Hazardous Waste Days, visiting senior centers and tabling at city events; and

WHEREAS: It is difficult to find information about the program on the Police Department web site as it is mentioned in the 'Programs and Initiatives' link in small type at the bottom of the home page; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize the Prescription Drug Disposal Drop Off program more clearly on the web site; and be it further

ORDERED: That City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on other potential drop off sites in other parts of the city, perhaps the Water Department.

O-5 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the City of Cambridge is currently recruiting applicants to take the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Open Competitive Examination for Police Officer; and

WHEREAS: This includes officers for Cities and Towns and MBTA Transit; and

WHEREAS: There will be an informational open house on Mon, Feb 28th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Cambridge Police Department at 125 Sixth Street; and

WHEREAS: The early deadline for applications is Mar 15, 2011 along with a \$100 fee, and the final deadline is Apr 1, 2011 along with a \$150 fee; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record encouraging residents interested in joining the Police Force to attend the informational open house on Mon, Feb 28, 2011 or call 617-349-4332, 617-349-3374 or 617-349-4331 for more information.

O-6 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the purchase of the Northpoint project has been completed; and

WHEREAS: There has been an exchange of land between the State and developer included in the agreement; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with details of the purchase agreement for Northpoint.

O-7 Feb 28, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is a new opt-out program where you can end delivery of paper phonebooks [www.yellowpagesoptout.com](http://www.yellowpagesoptout.com); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to post the opt-out information on the City web site as well as sending the information out through the e-line.

O-8 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been a place of ideas, innovation, and most importantly action; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, in all its departments and facets, has a long history of championing transparency,

accessibility, and responsiveness in its aspiration to be good government; and  
WHEREAS: In that spirit, the City of Cambridge should always aim to improve civic participation through technological or other means; and  
WHEREAS: Constituents have commented that they only recently learned the details of the contract between the City of Cambridge and its City Manager; and  
WHEREAS: Residents of the City of Cambridge are entitled to know how their tax dollars are being spent before they are spent; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That Title 2, Chapter 04, Section 100 - Compensation of the Cambridge Municipal Code, which reads:  
As provided in 1 G.L., c. 43, § 103, the City Manager shall receive such compensation as the City Council shall determine.  
Be amended to include an additional sentence following the prior reading:  
The complete contract with the City Manager including all terms, provisions, amendments, and attachments shall be posted 96 hours before it is to be voted on by the City Council.

O-9 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There are many City of Cambridge public meetings, including City Council, School Committee, various commission and all the Council committee meetings; and  
WHEREAS: Many of these meetings need audio equipment, including an adequate sound system, hand held microphones, large projection screens, and modern lecterns. In addition, many of these meetings need to be recorded and televised; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the City's audio/video capabilities with an eye towards making sure there is ample, well-functioning audio capability for all the public and City Council meetings (including City Hall Chamber Meetings). The City might consider hiring a contractor/consultant to provide services.

O-10 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department and Inspectional Services Department to inquire of the owners of the 1964 block of Western Avenue what their future plans are for the three vacant storefronts on Western Avenue.

O-11 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Over the past week, Libya has been engulfed in pro-democracy rallies against the Qaddafi regime which has ruled Libya since 1969; and  
WHEREAS: The Qaddafi regime has resorted to violence not used by any other governments in the wake of the pro-democracy revolutions that have liberated Egypt and Tunisia from dictators; and  
WHEREAS: It has been difficult to ascertain how intense the protests have been, or how many people have lost their life since the protests began because the Libyan Government refuses to allow foreign journalists to enter the country while simultaneously limiting access to the internet in Libya, but estimates of the dead range from 200 to 1000; and  
WHEREAS: Soldiers from sub-Saharan African states backed by Libya and other foreign fighters are largely to blame for the high casualties according to scant news reports emanating from Libya; and  
WHEREAS: A spate of defections by officer in the Libyan military and resignations from high-ranking officials and former allies of Qaddafi, indicate that despite the bloodshed, Qaddafi has lost the support of Libyans across all sections of society; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council calls on various international stakeholders, including the United States, to advocate for the immediate resignation of Colonel Qaddafi, and an end to the violence perpetrated by troops loyal to Colonel Qaddafi that has resulted in so many casualties; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Embassy of Libya in Washington DC.; the Libyan Mission to the United Nations and the United States Department of State on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 Feb 28, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Boston is working with Comcast to increase broadband adoption in low-income homes; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the situation in Boston and to work toward a similar arrangement between Comcast and Cambridge.

O-13 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Governor Deval Patrick stood up in support of workers and workers rights at the rally on Tues, Feb 22nd in front of the State House in Boston; and  
WHEREAS: The Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker is attempting to bust the unions. He is attacking firefighters, nurses, teachers and other public employees; and  
WHEREAS: The unions have been the backbone of this country; and  
WHEREAS: All over the country, Americans are standing up in support of the workers in Wisconsin and all other hardworking people who keep our communities safe, clean and running smoothly; and  
WHEREAS: Public employees - most of whom earn, on average, \$45,000 per year - pay a significant portion of the costs of their pensions in return for modest benefits. In fact, the average newly retired public employee receives a pension of just \$19,000 per year - a little more than \$400 over the current federal poverty guidelines for a family of three; and  
WHEREAS: Unions didn't bankrupt the states. The recession brought on by Wall Street recklessness and CEO greed caused our financial problems; and  
WHEREAS: It is now very clear that Governor Walker's sole intention, as he stated on his phone conversation on Wed, Feb 23rd, is to bust the union; and  
WHEREAS: Governor Walker is clearly collaborating closely with the billionaire anti-union Koch brothers who contributed heavily to his campaign, and to adds against his opponent in the general election; and  
WHEREAS: We in Cambridge and people across the country support the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain in good faith with their employer; and  
WHEREAS: All human beings, especially workers need to be treated with dignity and respect; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record thanking Governor Deval Patrick for standing in solidarity with the workers from Wisconsin and all across the country who are being attacked by right wing fanatics; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be presented to Governor Patrick on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-14 Feb 28, 2011  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano stood up in support of workers and workers rights at the rally on Tues, Feb 22nd in front of the State House in Boston; and  
WHEREAS: The Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker is attempting to bust the unions. He is attacking firefighters, nurses, teachers and other public employees; and  
WHEREAS: The unions have been the backbone of this country; and  
WHEREAS: All over the country, Americans are standing up in support of the workers in Wisconsin and all other hardworking people who keep our communities safe, clean and running smoothly; and  
WHEREAS: Public employees - most of whom earn, on average, \$45,000 per year - pay a significant portion of the costs of their pensions in return for modest benefits. In fact, the average newly retired public employee receives a pension of just \$19,000 per year - a little more than \$400 over the current federal poverty guidelines for a family of three; and  
WHEREAS: Unions didn't bankrupt the states. The recession brought on by Wall Street recklessness and CEO greed caused our financial problems; and  
WHEREAS: It is now very clear that Governor Walker's sole intention, as he stated on his phone conversation on Wed, Feb 23rd, is to bust the union; and  
WHEREAS: Governor Walker is clearly collaborating closely with the billionaire anti-union Koch brothers who contributed heavily to his campaign, and to adds against his opponent in the general election; and  
WHEREAS: We in Cambridge and people across the country support the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain in good faith with their employer; and  
WHEREAS: All human beings, especially workers need to be treated with dignity and respect; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record thanking Congressman Capuano for standing in solidarity with the workers from Wisconsin and all across the country who are being attacked by right wing fanatics; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be presented to Congressman Michael Capuano on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-15 Feb 28, 2011  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts AFL-CIO organized a rally in support of workers and workers rights on Tues, Feb 22nd in front of the State House in Boston, and  
WHEREAS: The Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker is attempting to bust the unions. He is attacking firefighters, nurses, teachers and other public employees; and  
WHEREAS: The unions have been the backbone of this country; and  
WHEREAS: All over the country, Americans are standing up in support of the workers in Wisconsin and all other hardworking people who keep our communities safe, clean and running smoothly; and  
WHEREAS: Public employees - most of whom earn, on average, \$45,000 per year - pay a significant portion of the costs of their pensions in return for modest benefits. In fact, the average newly retired public employee receives a pension of just \$19,000 per year - a little more than \$400 over the current federal poverty guidelines for a family of three; and  
WHEREAS: Unions didn't bankrupt the states. The recession brought on by Wall Street recklessness and CEO greed caused our financial problems; and

WHEREAS: It is now very clear that Governor Walker's sole intention, as he stated on his phone conversation on Wed, Feb 23rd, is to bust the union; and  
WHEREAS: Governor Walker is clearly collaborating closely with the anti-union billionaire Koch brothers who contributed heavily to his campaign, and to adds against his opponent in the general election; and  
WHEREAS: We in Cambridge and people across the country support the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain in good faith with their employer; and  
WHEREAS: All human beings, especially workers need to be treated with dignity and respect; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge go on record as standing in solidarity with the Massachusetts AFL-CIO in support of all union workers who are being attacked by right wing fanatics; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be presented to the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

O-16 Feb 28, 2011  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Governor of Wisconsin, Scott Walker is attempting to bust the unions. He is attacking firefighters, nurses, teachers and other public employees; and  
WHEREAS: The unions have been the backbone of this country; and  
WHEREAS: All over the country, Americans are standing up in support of the workers in Wisconsin and all other hardworking people who keep our communities safe, clean and running smoothly; and  
WHEREAS: Public employees - most of whom earn, on average, \$45,000 per year - pay a significant portion of the costs of their pensions in return for modest benefits. In fact, the average newly retired public employee receives a pension of just \$19,000 per year - a little more than \$400 over the current federal poverty guidelines for a family of three; and  
WHEREAS: Unions didn't bankrupt the states. The recession brought on by Wall Street recklessness and CEO greed caused our financial problems; and  
WHEREAS: It is now very clear that Governor Walker's sole intention, as he stated on his phone conversation on Wed, Feb 23rd, is to bust the union; and  
WHEREAS: Governor Walker is clearly collaborating closely with the billionaire anti-union Koch brothers who contributed heavily to his campaign, and to adds against his opponent in the general election; and  
WHEREAS: We in Cambridge and people across the country support the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain in good faith with their employer; and  
WHEREAS: All human beings, especially workers need to be treated with dignity and respect; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record as standing in solidarity with the workers from Wisconsin and all across the country who are being attacked by right wing fanatics; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be presented to AFSCME, the public employee union in Wisconsin on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-17 Feb 28, 2011  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The month of March is Women's History Month and March 8 is International Women's Day, a day designated by the United Nations to honor the lives, the work, accomplishments and shared interests of women across the globe, without regard to



national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political divisions; and

WHEREAS: International Women's Day is an occasion to look back on past struggles and accomplishments, to reflect on progress made and what more is to be done, to call for change where necessary, and to celebrate unheralded acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities; and

WHEREAS: The theme of this year's International Women's Day is Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women; and

WHEREAS: Women in the US have made some progress in securing equal rights, and professional success; the reality remains that across the globe women and girls are held back by institutionalized patriarchy, which is reinforced by cultural and religious values; and

WHEREAS: The UN Millennium Development Goals, an integrated set of eight goals and 18 time-bound targets for extending the benefits of globalization to the world's poorest citizens, seeks to empower girls by eliminating gender disparity in education at all levels by 2015, a goal which, sadly, will not be attained but to which the international community must continue to aspire; and

WHEREAS: In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created the United Nations newest agency, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and in doing so, UN Member States affirmed their obligation to accelerate the UN's goals on gender equality and the empowerment of women; and

WHEREAS: The important work of empowering women across the world should not be the sole responsibility of the United Nations, non-profit organizations, national, state or municipal governments, but should be the obligation of every woman and every man; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge honors the lives, struggles and accomplishments of women in the United States and women around the world during Women's History Month and on International Women's Day, while urging greater collaboration on issues of common interest among women in the United States and women in other parts of the world; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-18 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: One of the defining qualities of our city is that we are a caring, compassionate community with a deep distaste for what is not fair; and

WHEREAS: We are all susceptible to illness, but our affliction ought not to determine whether we have a roof over our head or are cast unto the streets. In the case of Mr. Kanti Prakash of 2 Leonard Avenue in Cambridge, this seems to be the case; and

WHEREAS: In January 2008 Mr. Prakash was rushed to Cambridge Hospital because of difficulty breathing. In February 2008, Mr. Prakash was moved to Youville Hospital, from which he was released two and a half years later on June 15, 2010 in poorer health; and

WHEREAS: Medicare covered the first 100 days of medical expenses related to Mr. Prakash's hospitalization, and Mr. Prakash's private insurance covered medical bills until June 2009, an amount Mr. Prakash's family estimates to be over \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS: During Mr. Prakash's hospitalization, Youville Hospital was bought by Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Now Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital wants to recuperate the sum of \$648,592.95 from the Prakash family, most of it the result of an exorbitant daily room charge of \$4,400 per day; and

WHEREAS: Many questions exist about the quality of the care Mr. Prakash received while at Spaulding, the duration of his stay there, and the degree to which his family was consulted about Mr. Prakash's treatments. For instance, Mr. Prakash was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, but his family was not informed of the diagnosis until much later. Mr. Prakash was also put on medications without informing his family; and

WHEREAS: During the course of his hospitalization at Youville and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Mr. Prakash contracted many infections which prolonged the duration of his stay in the hospital; and

WHEREAS: The Prakash family made several attempts to move Mr. Prakash from Youville Hospital to MGH or Beth Israel, but time and again, they were told that Mr. Prakash was too sick to make the short trips to MGH or to Beth Israel; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge should remove the lien on the Prakash home on Leonard Avenue in Cambridge and desist from any further attempts to appropriate the Prakash home; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Cambridge should assemble an independent team of medical doctors to examine Mr. Prakash's medical records in order to determine if his extremely long stay in the hospital was medically warranted and to determine if the spate of infections Mr. Prakash suffered while in the hospital, which contributed to his long stay there, could have been avoided; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Cambridge and to the Prakash family on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-19 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been a place of ideas, innovation, and most importantly action; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, in all its departments and facets, has a long history of championing transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness in its aspiration to be good government; and

WHEREAS: In that spirit, the City of Cambridge should always aim to improve civic participation through technological or other means; and

WHEREAS: Providing the best service possible to its residents required the City of Cambridge to meet residents where they are, share data, and engage them via the technologies of the day; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents could benefit from a multitude of such tools, including but not limited to:

- \* Internet based tools to pay all fees and charges via the web or smartphone, and

- \* Infrastructure enabling residents to scan QR codes posted on the back of city signage to learn more,

- \* Tools to take pictures of problems around the city, transfer that data to the appropriate department in the city, and track the status of any resolution all from their phone, and

- \* Infrastructure enabling residents to watch both City Council meetings and committee hearings from web-enabled devices such as iPads, and etc;

now therefore be it

ORDERED: That as part of the upcoming budget process, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create a capital budget for the development of internet and mobile-based tools, such as the above, and set aside funds for the personnel necessary to enact such development.

O-20 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Cambridge Chronicle recently reported on a trip to Israel of sixteen law enforcement officials which included public officials from Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This is the second trip of this nature; and

WHEREAS: When asked about the first trip to Israel at a Civic Unity Committee hearing on Jan 22, 2009, Police Commissioner Haas said that "...the trip was sponsored by the American Defamation league. It was interesting, but in the end, not particularly useful. The Israel government does a number of things that he would never do in this country;" and

WHEREAS: This trip was designed to observe Israel's "counter-terrorism strategies and tactics", tactics which are associated with indefinite detention, illegal occupation, torture, lacking any constitutional guidance; and

WHEREAS: This trip was funded by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL); and

WHEREAS: The City Council was not informed of the trip, nor offered a briefing; and

WHEREAS: A local businessman sponsored a follow-up "law enforcement summit"; and

WHEREAS: The role of public officials in Cambridge is to be guided by the oversight of local values and practices determined by Cambridge citizens and elected officials; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to seek information and to report to the City Council as to the nature of this and the previous delegation, including the funding for the delegation, the authorization and the relationship of the delegates and city officials to the funding agencies, the rationale for the trip and the substance of it, the role of private business in public policy, and whether any part of this trip was undertaken on public time.

O-21 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been a place of ideas, innovation, and most importantly action; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, in all its department and facets, has a long history of championing transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness in its aspiration to be good government; and

WHEREAS: In that spirit, the City of Cambridge should always aim to provide an environment conducive to creating opportunity for its residents; and

WHEREAS: Competing in the new fiscally flat world requires investing in the maintenance and upkeep of the economic engine of the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to hire a consultant nationally recognized as an expert to assess the strengths and weaknesses of how Cambridge does economic development and propose actions for improvements; and be it further

ORDERED: That as part of the upcoming budget process, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create a budget for an increased scale of economic development activity, including programs for the recruitment of job-creating companies to the city, support services for growing companies, and any other recommendations the aforementioned consultant may offer.

O-22 Feb 28, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is leading a protest against Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's attempt to bust the union. Governor Walker is attacking firefighters, nurses, teachers and other public employees; and

WHEREAS: The unions have been the backbone of this country; and

WHEREAS: All over the country, Americans are standing up in support of the AFSCME workers in Wisconsin and all other hardworking people who keep our communities safe, clean and running smoothly; and

WHEREAS: Public employees - most of whom earn, on average, \$45,000 per year - pay a significant portion of the costs of their pensions in return for modest benefits. In fact, the average newly retired public employee receives a pension of just \$19,000 per year - a little more than \$400 over the current federal poverty guidelines for a family of three; and

WHEREAS: Unions didn't bankrupt the states. The recession brought on by Wall Street recklessness and CEO greed caused our financial problems; and

WHEREAS: It is now very clear that Governor Walker's sole intention, as he stated on his phone conversation on Wed, Feb 23rd, is to bust the union; and

WHEREAS: Governor Walker is in bed with the billionaire Koch brothers who contributed heavily to his campaign, and to adds against his opponent in the general election; and

WHEREAS: We in Cambridge and people across the country support the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain in good faith with their employer. We understand that attacks on unions and the freedom of working people are an assault on the values that enoble humanity and strengthen democracy; and

WHEREAS: We in Cambridge and people across the country support the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain in good faith with their employer. We understand that attacks on unions and the freedom of working people are an assault on the values that enoble humanity and strengthen democracy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge go on record as standing in solidarity with AFSCME and all public employee union workers who are being attacked by right wing fanatics; and be it further

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