

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2007: Douglas P. Moran
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-21, regarding a report on the closure of Kentucky Fried Chicken on Mass Avenue and the Ground Round on Concord Avenue.
Referred to Econ. Dev. Committee
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-17, regarding a report on whether the increase in wages covered the entire cost of health insurance payments as well as the increase in cost of living.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-11, regarding a report on drafting special permit language that requires a percentage of 3 and 4 bedroom units.
Referred to Ordinance and Housing Committees
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer from the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance (\$7,500) account to the General Fund Human Services Travel and Training (\$7,500) account which will allow the Executive Director and six youth members of the Kids' Council Youth Involvement Committee to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. from Mar 10-14, 2007. **Adopted 9-0**

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), formerly from FEMA, for \$11,667.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the Historical Commission's recommendation for the consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Two of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Mayor Reeves on Jan 22, 2007.]
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the recommendations for changes to the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance and the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Order, submitted by the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Committee and endorsed by the Historical Commission. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Three of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Sullivan on Jan 22, 2007.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on unfinished business.]
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance filed by the City Council to require public review for smaller scaled residential and commercial developments in Business A, Business A-1, and Business A-2 Districts, and to limit the height in Business A-2 districts to 35 feet within 50 feet of residential district with a 35 foot height limit and to require 20 foot side yard setbacks in BA-2 districts for side yards that abut residential lots. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Jan 22, 2007. Petition expires Mar 13, 2007.
Ordained as substituted 9-0

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Falzone's, requesting permission for two tables and six chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 1923 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Oxford Street Realty Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 1644 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from the Dance Complex, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Mount Auburn Street at JFK Street announcing Dance Month.
4. An application was received from Childcare Resource Center, Inc., requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall.
5. An application was received from Dance Complex, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing Dance Month.
6. An application was received from Community Development Department, requesting permission for eight tables and sixteen chairs in front of premises numbered 795 Massachusetts Avenue for the Information fair for GoGreen Month.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the family of Sergeant Thomas Edward Vandling, acknowledging your kind expression of sympathy.
2. A communication was received from Michael H. Turk, regarding 22-24 Prescott Street.
3. A communication was received from Hugh Auchincloss, M.D., regarding the resolution that NIH halt the construction of the National Biocontainment Laboratory at the Boston University Medical Center until the successful completion of all required environmental impact reviews.
4. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding high tech police harassment and more censorship.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations and Happy 35th Anniversary to the Child Care Resource Center, Inc. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves
2. Declare May 1, 2007 as Global Love Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
3. Resolution on the death of Carl W. Holt. Councillor Galluccio
4. Resolution on the death of Joan Shurcliff. Councillor Davis

5. Resolution on the death of Thomas E. Keefe, Sr. Councillor Sullivan
6. Congratulations to Claude-Alix Jacob on his new position as Chief Public Health Officer for the Cambridge Health Department. Councillor Davis, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Decker
7. Thanks to Dr. David Alden St. Pierre for his work at the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Reeves
8. Resolution on the death of Harold A. Wright. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
9. Resolution on the death of Walter L. Collins Sr. Councillor Galluccio
10. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Vice Mayor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Manuel L. de Medeiros. Vice Mayor Toomey
12. Best wishes to Father Jose Ferreira, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, on his impending retirement. Vice Mayor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Ralph James Lueders Sr. Councillor Davis
14. Resolution on the death of Joao M. Machado. Vice Mayor Toomey
15. Best wishes to the Cambridge Youth Dance Program on its Second Annual Brunch and Silent Auction on Mar 25, 2007 at the Rialto Restaurant from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Councillor Sullivan
16. Resolution on the death of Mary Ann Lungren. Councillor Galluccio
17. Resolution on the death of Angela (Asinari) Para. Councillor Galluccio
18. Speedy recovery wishes to Jean Cantwell Doherty. Councillor Sullivan
19. Speedy recovery wishes to James Lynch. Councillor Sullivan
20. Speedy recovery wishes to Frank Higgins. Councillor Sullivan
21. Appreciation to Danny DeGuglielmo for his work in honoring Native Americans through The Cambridge Sunshine Foundation. Councillor Sullivan
22. Thanks to Dr. Karen Hacker for her dedication to the Cambridge Community as Interim Chief Public Health Officer for the Cambridge Health Department. Councillor Decker
23. Congratulations to The Goodyear Strikers on the occasion of being honored by Jobs with Justice. Councillor Decker
24. Congratulations to the Personal Care Attendants Campaign on being honored by Jobs with Justice. Councillor Decker
25. Congratulations to The Boston Area Justice @ Smithfield Campaign on the occasion of being honored by Jobs with Justice. Councillor Decker
26. Congratulations to The Simmons College Student Labor Action Project on the occasion of being honored by Jobs with Justice. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Matthew Bowe. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Adare Cleveland. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Specialist Louis Kim. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Private Kelly Youngblood. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Blake Howey. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Chad Marsh. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Brett Witteveen. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Specialist Montrel Mcarn. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Specialist Ethan Biggers. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Clinton Ahlquist. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Travis Buford. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Justin Paton. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Pedro Colon. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Shawn Dunkin. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Brian Escalante. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Rowan Walter. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Matthew Apuan. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jeremy Barnett. Councillor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Joshua Hager. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Captain Todd Siebert. Councillor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant David Berry. Councillor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Sergeant 1st Class William Spillers. Councillor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Richard Ford. Councillor Decker
50. Congratulations to Judy Motzkin on the occasion of being selected as the creator of the 2007 Commonwealth Award art object. Councillor Davis
51. Congratulations to Biodiesel@MIT for their present and future contributions to biodiesel development and their concern about energy conservation. Councillor Davis
52. Thanks to the many organizations that helped support the effort to reach the goal of signing up 150 Cambridge households to donate to the New England Wind Fund in order to get a free 2kW solar installation for a Cambridge school or municipal building. Councillor Davis
53. Congratulations to Bonita Ho on receiving the 1st Prize in the Eta Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Talent Hunt on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves, Councillor Davis
54. Urge Cambridge residents to participate in the Kendall Square Community Skating Customer Appreciation Day on March 15, 2007 from 12:00pm through 8:00pm at 300 Athenaeum Street, Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan
55. Retirement of Dana J. Kelly from the Pipefitters' Association. Councillor Galluccio
56. Resolution on the death of Kenneth M. Philbrook. Councillor Sullivan
57. Resolution on the death of Harriet Pladziejewicz. Councillor Sullivan
58. Resolution on the death of Linda Marie Penta. Councillor Sullivan
59. Resolution on the death of Mildred C. (Breedy) Chase. Councillor Sullivan
60. Resolution on the death of Walter Cardillo. Councillor Sullivan
61. Resolution on the death of Christos Daoulas. Councillor Sullivan
62. Resolution on the death of Nicholas Spera. Vice Mayor Toomey
63. Congratulations and best wishes to the Graham and Parks 7th and 8th grade Humanities class on their presentation entitled "Immigrant Monologues" on March 14, 2007. Councillor Sullivan
64. Happy 7th Birthday wishes to Paul Sullivan. Mayor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to determine how the bicycle/car accident in Porter Square occurred and what impact the Porter Square redesign had on this accident. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how City buildings, whether leased or owned by the

- City, detect and guard against system water leaks. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and report back to the City Council with an update on proposed changes to special permits criterion which would require multi-bedroom and family-size housing units. Councillor Galluccio **Withdrawn with unanimous consent**
 4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to review the response to the Feb 14 storm with the intention of determining if the follow-up clearing of both public and private streets and sidewalks was done as effectively as possible. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Galluccio
 5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant City department heads about the feasibility of developing a Cambridge-based program similar to ONEin3Boston. Councillor Kelley
 6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the School Department to improve their snow and ice removal practices. Councillor Galluccio
 7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority to improve their snow and ice removal practices. Councillor Galluccio
 8. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Commissioner of Public Works to install a crosswalk at the corner of Bond and Garden Streets. Councillor Sullivan
 9. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Cambridge Public Library to look into coordinating with Green Decade Cambridge to offer energy efficiency kits in Cambridge libraries. Councillor Davis
 10. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to support the City's goal of encouraging foot and bicycle to school by analyzing the routes at Mount Auburn Street and Fresh Pond Parkway and making them safer and replacement of crossing guard. Councillor Davis
 11. That the matter of the relocation of the Cambridge School Administration and the Cambridge Community Learning Center be referred to the Public Facilities for the purpose of holding a meeting this spring. Councillor Davis and Councillor Simmons **Charter Right - Davis**
 12. That the Mayor request the School Committee to update the City Council on any considered changes to the current school choice plan in Cambridge. Councillor Galluccio
 13. That the City Council go on record filing the attached petition to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance in Ch 20.100 Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District and to create a new Special District 15 in the area along Mount Auburn Street at the Watertown town line, and that said petition be referred to the Planning Board and the City Council Ordinance Committee for hearing and report. Councillor Galluccio **Withdrawn with unanimous consent**
 14. That the City Council go on record opposing the application of Parrot Check Cashing, LLC. Councillor Murphy and Councillor Sullivan **Charter Right - Decker**
 15. That the City Manager is requested to ask the appropriate City departments to monitor the effects of the Feb 12, 2007 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's decision regarding Northpoint, and to monitor the effects of any other changes in DEP regulation that may occur at the site. Vice Mayor Toomey **amended**
 16. That the City Council go on record in opposition to House Bill 847 An Act to Streamline Chapter 91 License Applications and Coastal Planning. Vice Mayor Toomey **Charter Right – Sullivan**

17. That the City Council stand in support with the Cambridge United for Justice and Peace, Area Four Neighborhood Coalition, and Cambridge Peace Commission, as they stand together in peace at the Central Square Peace Vigil on Mar 7, 2007, to remember all who have died, as well as those who continue to suffer as a result of this war. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Davis, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Decker
18. That the City Clerk forward a copy of Policy Order 12 adopted Feb 5, 2007, supporting the completion of a pedestrian bridge adjacent to a property owned by Mirant Kendall LLC and forward this order along with the Council's opposition to a variance application by Mirant to be heard Thurs, Mar 8, 2007 at the Board of Zoning Appeal in which Mirant is requesting relief from its obligation to construct this walkway. Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Sullivan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on Feb 7, 2007 for the purpose of receiving an update on the "Healthy Living Cambridge" program.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on Jan 31, 2007 for the purpose of planning a 2007 Race and Class Forum.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting draft language Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Murphy for possible substitution for the Business A petition currently on the City Council Calendar as Unfinished Business Number Six.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 6

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

Wed, Mar 7

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

Thurs, Mar 8

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

Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Mar 21

5:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss City Council travel policies, City Council standing committees and the Cambridge Request System (CRS). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting (Location to be announced)

Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Sat, Apr 28

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

Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 9

4:45pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 Capital Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

Sat, May 12

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

Mon, May 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 16

5:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21

4:00pm *Special Presentation - 2007 Scholarship Award Ceremony* (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 30

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Porter Square section of Massachusetts Avenue was recently redesigned; and

WHEREAS: The redesign was in part intended to improve bicycle safety in the area; and

WHEREAS: A bicycle/car accident occurred in the southbound lane of Massachusetts Avenue the week of Feb 19, 2007 that resulted in the cyclist being taken off-site via an ambulance; and

WHEREAS: Ensuring that cycling in Cambridge is safe is essential to making bicycling an integral part of the City's transportation options; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to determine how this accident occurred and what impact the Porter Square redesign had on this accident; and be it further

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

O-2 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: At least two public buildings have been extensively flooded recently as water-based heating systems have leaked; and

WHEREAS: Flooding of public buildings causes a variety of hardships on City employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS: Responding to, cleaning up after and repairing the damage resulting from such leaks can be very expensive and disruptive to City work; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how City buildings, whether

leased or owned by the City, detect and guard against system water leaks.

O-3 Mar 5, 2007 **Withdrawn**

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and report back to the City Council with an update on proposed changes to special permits criterion which would require multi-bedroom and family-size housing units.

O-4 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Thirteen days after the Feb 14 snowstorm, many streets and sidewalks in Cambridge were not cleared, making walking and bicycling exceptionally dangerous; and

WHEREAS: Snow and ice remaining on Cambridge's streets and sidewalks resulted in a variety of injuries and forced many people to stay inside their homes for days after the storm; and

WHEREAS: Thirteen days after the Feb 14 snowstorm, many MBTA bus stops were not cleared, forcing MBTA buses to stop in the traffic lane to pick up and drop off passengers, tying up traffic, making it more difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to get on and off buses and making cycling more dangerous; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to review the response to the Feb 14 storm with the intention of determining if the follow-up clearing of both public and private streets and sidewalks was done as effectively as possible; and be it further

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

O-5 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge has been noted for the quality of life it offers its young people; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2000 US Census as noted in the Community Development Department's Dec 2006 Demographics and Socioeconomics Profile, the single largest population age group in Cambridge was between ages 20 and 30 and the second largest was between ages 30 and 40; and

WHEREAS: Developing a sense of community among these age groups could play an important role in helping these citizens become more involved in their local communities and thus strengthen and stabilize Cambridge's residential core; and

WHEREAS: Boston has developed a program called ONEin3Boston that is designed to connect young adults in Boston with resources, with City government and with each other; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant City department heads about the feasibility of developing a Cambridge-based program similar to ONEin3Boston; and be it further

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

O-6 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the School Department to improve their snow and ice removal practices.

O-7 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Housing Authority to improve their snow and ice removal practices.

O-8 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Commissioner of Public Works to install a crosswalk at the corner of Bond and Garden Streets.

O-9 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Cape Light Compact has been successful in placing Home Energy Detective kits in 23 town libraries and several schools on the Cape; and

WHEREAS: Information about this program can be found at www.capelightcompact.org/doc.ccm!157; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Cambridge Public Library to look into coordinating with Green Decade Cambridge to offer energy efficiency kits in Cambridge libraries.

O-10 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Shady Hill School is committed to reducing car traffic in its compact neighborhood and is encouraging students to walk and ride bikes to school; and

WHEREAS: The pedestrian and bicycle crossing where Mount Auburn and Fresh Pond Parkway intersect is dangerous as there are three lanes of traffic to cross and the median strips between lanes are very narrow, thus creating a disincentive to walk or ride to both the Shady Hill and Buckingham Brown and Nichols Schools; and

WHEREAS: A crossing guard was posted at the intersection at one time but has not been replaced; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to support the City's goal of encouraging foot and bicycle to school by analyzing those routes and making them safer; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assure that a crossing guard at the Mount Auburn Street crossing is reinstated.

O-11 Mar 5, 2007 **Charter Right - Davis**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The School Department Administration building flooded this week; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Community Learning Center is still in a tight and inadequate space; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the matter of the relocation of the Cambridge School Administration and the Cambridge Community Learning Center be referred to the Public Facilities for the purpose of holding a meeting this spring.

O-12 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the Mayor request the School Committee to update the City Council on any considered changes to the current school choice plan in Cambridge.

O-13 Mar 5, 2007 **Withdrawn**

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record filing the attached petition which would:

* Amend the Zoning Ordinance in Ch 20.100 Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District to change the dimensional requirements of BA-2 within the Overlay District

* Amend the Zoning Ordinance and map to create a new Special District 15 to require a Project Review Special Permit for the development of 20,000 square feet or more in an area currently zoned Business A-1 along Mount Auburn Street at the Watertown town line;

and be it further

ORDERED: That said petition be referred to the Planning Board and the City Council Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

O-14 Mar 5, 2007 **Charter Right - Decker**

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The proposed locale of Parrot Check Cashing, LLC. is on a dead-end residential street, where additional traffic would adversely affect the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: There is already a large concentration of banks on Massachusetts Avenue in North Cambridge, eliminating the need for such a service; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record opposing the application of Parrot Check Cashing, LLC.; and be it further

ORDERED: That a copy of the Council's opposition be sent to the Division of Banks; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council on any additional approvals that would be required from the City, such as a zoning variance.

O-15 Mar 5, 2007 **amended**

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the appropriate City departments to monitor the effects of the Feb 12, 2007 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's decision regarding Northpoint, and to monitor the effects of any other changes in DEP regulation that may occur at the site, **and report back to the City Council before the next meeting if circumstances so require.**

O-16 Mar 5, 2007 **Charter Right - Sullivan**

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: As large developments continue to take over areas of Cambridge, open space and commitments by the developers for public amenities becomes increasingly important to uphold; and

ORDERED: These commitments to the public are important for both the developer and the citizens as it connects the development itself with the community and it allows an opportunity to bring unique public benefits such as the skating rink in Kendall Square and the central park feature at Northpoint; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to House Bill 847 An Act to Streamline Chapter 91 License Applications and Coastal Planning.

O-17 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR DECKER

RESOLVED: That the City Council stand in support with the Cambridge United for Justice and Peace, Area Four Neighborhood Coalition, and Cambridge Peace Commission, as they stand together in peace at the Central Square Peace Vigil on March 7, 2007, to remember all who have died, as well as those who continue to suffer as a result of this war.

O-18 Mar 5, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Clerk forward a copy of Policy Order 12 (attached), adopted February 5, 2007, supporting the completion of a pedestrian bridge adjacent to a property owned by Mirant Kendall LLC and forward this order along with the Council's opposition to a variance application by Mirant to be heard Thursday, March 8, 2007 at the Board of Zoning Appeal in which Mirant is requesting relief from its obligation to construct this walkway.