

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning Apr 1, 2012 and ending Mar 31, 2013. [No change from last year.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2012: Walker C. Farrar (renewal), Canton, MA
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-22, regarding a report on the status of placing a bus shelter at the corner of Brookline and Erie Streets.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-27, regarding a report on the feasibility of using the washing facility at DPW for washing bicycles in the winter.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-17, regarding a report on the feasibility of revising the time restrictions for placing trash and recycling bins at the curb to better accommodate senior citizens or disabled adults.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Mount Auburn Hospital Grant in the amount of \$6,700.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$6,000.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$700.00) and will be used to support two ESOL classes and its related services for employees at the Mount Auburn Hospital provided by the Community Learning Center.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donation to support Cambridge Individuals with Special Needs for \$9,152.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support Cambridge athletes participating in Special Olympics.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-30, regarding a report on examining security vulnerabilities of the City's website.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$50,000 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 medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-07, regarding a report on how the City promotes and enforces the Cambridge Employment Plan. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Item Number Three of Mar 5, 2012.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from Boston Properties Limited Partnership ("Boston Properties") for the modification of two existing open space restriction covenants on buildings located at Four and Five Cambridge Center in connection with the creation of a new 47,000 square foot urban park and new open space restriction covenant for a net gain 28,853 square feet of public open space. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Feb 27, 2011.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Cafe Kafofo requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 594 Cambridge Street.
2. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing MayFair on Sunday May 6th.
3. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing MayFair on Sunday, May 6th.
4. An application was received from Yoki Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, three tables and six chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 485 Massachusetts Avenue.
5. An application was received from Panera Bread and Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a table on the Sheldon Cohen Island next to Out of Town News to hand out bagels and cookies.
6. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Norfolk Street, fifty-seven banners on poles in Harvard Square, ninety-three banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Memorial Drive to Harvard Square, sixteen banners on poles along Broadway from Ellery Street to Felton Street, eighteen banners on poles beginning at Inman Street to Bigelow Street announcing the Cambridge Science Festival Apr 20-29, 2012. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Paul G. Casino, Clerk to the Chelsea City Council transmitting a copy of a resolution passed on Feb 27, 2012 to stop Global Oil From bringing 1,800,000 gallons of ethanol twice a week through Everett, Chelsea, Revere and East Boston,.
2. A communication was received from the Keefe Family transmitting thanks to the City Council for the proclamation in honor of their mother, Elizabeth M. Keefe.
3. A communication was received from Trellis Stepter transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
4. A communication was received from Amy Bebergal transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.



65. A communication was received from Sarah Pocock transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
66. A communication was received from Belinda Watt transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
67. A communication was received from Jennifer Ausrotas transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
68. A communication was received from Margaret Carney Myers transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
69. A communication was received from Marcie Shunk transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
70. A communication was received from Emma Weiler transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
71. A communication was received from Wenhao Tien transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
72. A communication was received from Kimberley Reid transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
73. A communication was received from Eileen MacLennan transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
74. A communication was received from Marcio Macedo transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
75. A communication was received from Analia Ivanier transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
76. A communication was received from Stephen Kennedy transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
77. A communication was received from Karina Silvester transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
78. A communication was received from Antonia Foster transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
79. A communication was received from Sally Watermuller transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
80. A communication was received from Mandy Hickling transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
81. A communication was received from Nadia Colburn transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
82. A communication was received from Kimberley Jordan transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
83. A communication was received from Carol Copeland transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
84. A communication was received from Wendy Noblett transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
85. A communication was received from Joyce Majewski transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
86. A communication was received from Maria Capello transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
87. A communication was received from Paul Calamia transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
88. A communication was received from Shep Farmer transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
89. A communication was received from Rachel Henke transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
90. A communication was received from Laura Clarke transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
91. A communication was received from Parth Patwari transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
92. A communication was received from Tim Sullivan transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
93. A communication was received from Deborah Haber transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
94. A communication was received from Jennifer Driscoll transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
95. A communication was received from Jamie Lichtenstein transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
96. A communication was received from Emily Stone transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
97. A communication was received from Gary Mello transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
98. A communication was received from Shoma Aditya transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
99. A communication was received from Renee Pittman transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
100. A communication was received from Deborah Galef transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
101. A communication was received from Adam Morgan transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
102. A communication was received from Beth Wigden transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
103. A communication was received from Susan Mello transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
104. A communication was received from Claire Davies transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
105. A communication was received from Pedro Mateo transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
106. A communication was received from Susan Harrison transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
107. A communication was received from Cathy Cabrera transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
108. A communication was received from Carol Keegan transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
109. A communication was received from Ginna Hall transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
110. A communication was received from Bette Denich transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
111. A communication was received from Cristina Malatesta transmitting a petition addressed to City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding community school program cuts and that the Amigos Program be given a community school in their new home on Upton Street.
112. A communication was received from State Senator William N. Brownsberger transmitting thanks for forwarding the City Council resolution opposing both scenarios proposed by the MBTA.
113. A communication was received from Peter Valentine regarding the way to end all the world's problems is for everyone to become creative instead of average and or despotic.
114. A communication was received from Mary Heffernan, Secretary, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, regarding the City Council's resolution on the proposed changes to the Commonwealth's habitual offender statute.
115. A communication was received from Christopher P. Noun, International Advisor, Hattie Harris Good Spirits Club International transmitting a Proclamation of Appreciation to the Cambridge City Council regarding National Thank You Day for Elected Officials in the United States of America on Apr 25, 2012.
116. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley regarding the problems associated with proposed cuts to the Community School Program.
117. A communication was received from the Thomas Family transmitting thanks to the City Council for your thoughtfulness and condolences on the loss of their sister Louise.
118. A communication was received from Carolyn Mieth and Heather Hoffman, co-presidents, transmitting support for the Community Schools and associated neighborhood councils on behalf of the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods.
119. A communication was received from Carolyn Shipley regarding the City Manager's proposed allocation to the Cambridge Community Center.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Darlene G. Bonislowski from the Election Commission. Mayor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of June C. (Patterson) DeVito. Councillor Toomey
3. Congratulations to the Kendall Square Business Association for their successful and well-attended Annual Meeting on Mar 8, 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
4. Thanks to Bettina Hein, Founder and CEO of Plexibility, Inc. and guest speaker at the Kendall Square Business Association Annual Meeting, for her contributions to Cambridge and inspiration to women. Vice Mayor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Johnny Lane. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to Lula Christopher and the Health First!-the Black Woman's Wellness guide for their work in promoting black women's health. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Beth Kershner and Daniel Alvarez on their recent marriage. Vice Mayor Simmons, Mayor Davis
8. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Marion Sullivan. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Eleanor "Honey" (Higgins) Kennedy. Councillor Toomey
10. Retirement of Thomas Landers from the Emergency Communications Department. Mayor Davis
11. Urge residents to participate in the Walk Boston event on Mar 22, 2012. Councillor Reeves
12. Best wishes to Will Gilson as he opens his new restaurant, Bridgestreet, in Inman Square. Councillor Reeves
13. Thanks to Robin Lapidus and the Central Square Business Association for bringing the Together Festival to Central Square from Apr 2-8, 2012. Councillor Reeves
14. Best wishes to Solomon Chowdhury as he opens his new restaurant and entertainment center, Moksa, in Central Square. Councillor Reeves
15. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Robert and Roger Clifford. Councillor Reeves
16. Resolution on the death of Paul Johnson, Chief of the Harvard University Police. Councillor Reeves
17. Resolution on the death of Paul J. Carceo. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
18. Congratulations to Tim Rowe, Sarah Gallop, Stephen Vintner, Joseph Tulimieri and Sara Spalding on their recent election to the Kendall Square Association. Councillor Decker
19. Best wishes to John O'Brien as he plans to retire from his position as CEO of UMass Memorial Health Care in January of 2013. Councillor Decker
20. Congratulating Laura Powers on receiving the Sontag Price in Urban Education Award. Councillor Cheung

## ORDERS

1. That this City Council urges the Governor and the state legislature to invest in our communities, to strengthen our economy and to improve the quality of life of Massachusetts residents by passing legislation that raises substantial new revenue while holding down increases for

low and middle income individuals and families.  
Councillor Decker and Councillor Cheung

2. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the status of the sidewalks in the Kendall Square area. Councillor Reeves
3. That the City Manager, in conjunction with the Community Development Department, is requested to investigate the improper leases and rental of owned affordable housing units. Councillor Reeves
4. That the City Manager is requested to report on what additional measures could be taken to improve the amount of municipal green purchasing by city government, including at the school department. Mayor Davis and Councillor vanBeuzekom
5. That the City Council go on record urging the City Manager to sign up the City of Cambridge for the Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge on Mar 30, 2012 and encourage city staff to participate. Mayor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of reevaluating the intersections of Coolidge Avenue and Mount Auburn Street and Mount Auburn Street and Fresh Pond/Gerry's Landing and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager's current contract be amended to change the expiration date to June 30, 2013 and that the City Council's Government Operations and Rules Committee, with the assistance of the City Manager, begin the process of developing a comprehensive short-term and long-term succession plans. Councillor Maher, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker, Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Davis and Councillor vanBeuzekom
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Information Technology Department and the Government Operations and Rules Committee to look into the feasibility of recording all roll call votes online and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of developing an off-leash dog park in the Area 4 area and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung
10. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, City Solicitor's Office and Chief of the Cambridge Fire Department to report on how Global Oil LLC's proposal to transport ethanol cross-country to its petroleum storage tanks in Revere will impact Cambridge. Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor vanBeuzekom and Councillor Toomey
11. That the Cambridge City Council go on record opposing S.2061 thus sending a strong message that the City of Cambridge will not support inequality, discrimination and prejudice based on an individual's race. Councillor Cheung
12. That the City of Cambridge go on record urging members of the Massachusetts delegation in the U.S. Senate to

support the Casey-Blunt amendment to preserve and restore local bridges. Councillor Cheung

13. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to monitor the stop signs at Madison Avenue and Columbus Avenue and Columbus Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue areas. Councillor Cheung

14. That the City Council go on record supporting the New Democracy Coalition and MassVote for their efforts to update voting laws in Massachusetts. Councillor Cheung

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, Mar 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting. [City Manager will submit recommendation for water/sewer rates.] (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Mar 20

3:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a report on Cambridge's participation in the BIO 2012 convention. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, Mar 21

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Mar 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Mar 27

5:30pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider claims filed against the city. (Ackermann Room)

##### Mon, Apr 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting. [Proposed budget submission] (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, May 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, May 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, May 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting. [Budget Adoption expected] (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that since the 1990s, annual tax revenues are down by more than \$3 billion as a share of the state's economy, and this ongoing structural shortfall is primarily the result of income tax cuts enacted over the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth has made \$3 billion in cuts to essential programs since the current recession began,

including cuts to K-12 education, higher education, local aid, services for seniors, public safety, human services and other programs; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts continues to face a revenue deficit that will no doubt lead to additional cuts in state and local programs in Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS: Between the FY2009 enacted budget and the FY2012 current budget, spending on general local aid funding as adjusted for inflation was cut by almost half a billion dollars, or 34%; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has lost \$10 million in state aid over the last three years; and

WHEREAS: This aid helps to pay for the critical services on which our community depends, including police and fire departments, garbage collection, road repair, education, playgrounds, libraries, transportation, etc; and

WHEREAS: These services are what make Cambridge a good place to live and they enhance the quality of the life for all MYTOWN residents; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will continue to struggle with these budget cuts year after year until the state's revenue deficit is addressed; and

WHEREAS: In order to address that deficit the state needs to raise significant new revenue; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council urges the Governor and the state legislature to invest in our communities, to strengthen our economy and to improve the quality of life of Massachusetts residents by passing legislation that raises substantial new revenue while holding down increases for low and middle income individuals and families.

O-2 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There are many sidewalks in the Kendall Square area that are in disrepair and dangerous for pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the status of the sidewalks in the Kendall Square area; and be it further

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

O-3 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There are many units of affordable housing purchased under the guidelines set up by the Community Development Department. It has been brought to the City Council's attention that a number of these units are being misused by the original owners; and

WHEREAS: Some of these units are being rented or used without the proper leases or notification to the condo association and/or the Community Development Department; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, in conjunction with the Community Development Department, be and hereby is requested to investigate the improper leases and rental of owned affordable housing units; and be it further

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

O-4 Mar 19, 2012

MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Cambridge has committed to green purchasing for city expenditures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of green purchasing, including what sustainable products are acquired; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on what additional measures could be taken to improve the amount of municipal green purchasing by city government, including at the school department.

O-5 Mar 19, 2012

MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Green Streets Initiative was founded in

Cambridge to promote the use of healthy, sustainable transportation for commuting to work or school; and

WHEREAS: The last Friday of every month is now celebrated as Walk/Ride Day in many Cambridge schools, businesses, and city government. Students and employees are encouraged to walk or ride bicycles or take buses, trains or public transportation on those days; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge workplaces and schools actively promote Walk/Ride Days and have found that doing so has resulted in some individuals using more sustainable, active commuting methods on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS: Since its founding Green Streets has provided information and outreach to thousands of residents of Cambridge, all of the Cambridge schools, and many Cambridge businesses on the opportunities available to actively and sustainably commute in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Green Streets has expanded to work in other Massachusetts communities, including Boston, Medford, Everett, and Somerville and the Walk/Ride Day model has been replicated in other communities in the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS: Green Streets has announced a Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge encouraging Cambridge employers, large and small, to compete to increase participation in Walk/Ride Days for seven months, from March through September, 2012; and

WHEREAS: The kick-off date for the Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge is March Walk/Ride Day, Friday, Mar 30, 2012; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on the record congratulating Green Streets for building awareness about sustainable, healthy means of transportation and helping to improve Cambridge's environment, public health and the safety of Cambridge streets by reducing the number of people driving alone in automobiles; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council encourage all Cambridge businesses and institutions to join the Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging the City Manager to sign up the City of Cambridge for the Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge and encourage city staff to participate; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the

staff of the Cambridge School Department and the Cambridge Health Alliance with a letter from the Mayor encouraging those organizations to participate in the Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge.

O-6 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents remain concerned about pedestrian safety around the two intersections surrounding Coolidge Hill; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that multiple near-accidents and a death during the fall 2011 season have occurred at the t-shaped intersection where Coolidge Avenue meets Mount Auburn Street and the x-shaped intersection where Mount Auburn crosses Fresh Pond/ Gerry's Landing; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that the city should reevaluate the flow of traffic to make conditions safer for neighbors and pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of reevaluating the above-mentioned intersections and report back to the City Council.

O-7 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR DECKER

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: City Manager Robert Healy's current employment contract with the City of Cambridge expires on Sept 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS: The contract contains a notification provision which needs action by the City Council or Mr. Healy on or before Mar 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS: As a result of Mr. Healy's long tenure as City Manager, the City of Cambridge has not undertaken a search for a new City Manager for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative to the overall stability of the City of Cambridge that the City Council develop both a comprehensive short-term and long-term succession plan that will assist the City Council in their ongoing goal of providing fiscal stability and thoughtful strategic planning and any short-term plan should be in place before the FY 2014 budget process begins; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council amends the expiration date of the City Manager's current employment contract to June 30, 2013 which coincides with the fiscal FY 2013 year-end; and be it further

ORDERED: That all other provisions of the employment contract remain unchanged; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council's Government Operations and Rules Committee, with the assistance of the City Manager, begin the process of developing a comprehensive short-term and long-term succession plans. Such plans shall include timelines and outline opportunities for input from the community including residents, businesses, institutions

and City staff. Once developed, such plans shall be presented to the full City Council for final consideration.

O-8 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Transparency is a key component in keeping government open and accessible to citizens; and

WHEREAS: Residents are requesting that all roll call votes be recorded by name, online when voting is not unanimous at City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that recording this information online will better inform residents where city councillors stand on certain issues, encourage an honest and democratic process and foster civic participation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Information Technology Department and the Government Operations and Rules Committee to look into the feasibility of recording all roll call votes online and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-9 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that there is a demand for an off-leash dog park in or nearby Area 4; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of developing an off-leash dog park in the above-mentioned area and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-10 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Global Companies LLC is proposing to transport ethanol cross-country to its petroleum storage tanks in Revere, MA; and

WHEREAS: Ethanol is a hazardous material that is highly volatile, extremely flammable and a threat to public safety, public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS: The ethanol is expected to travel through fifteen communities including Cambridge before reaching Revere; and

WHEREAS: This will result in 187,200,000 gallons per year of ethanol in 60-car railroad trains nearly 1 mile in length that will make deliveries two times each week; every year and will travel through the North Cambridge, Alewife and Highland neighborhoods of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Chelsea has already filed a resolution and gone on record opposing the proposal put forth by Global Oil LLC; and

WHEREAS: Opposing this proposal will send a strong message that Cambridge does not support public safety threats, public health or environmental damage that could result from transporting ethanol through our neighborhoods; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City of Cambridge stand with the City of Chelsea and go on record opposing the proposal put forth by Global Oil LLC; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, City Solicitor's Office and the Fire Chief to report on how the proposal put forward by Global Oil LLC will impact Cambridge and report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the order to Governor Deval Patrick, Revere City Council, Chelsea City Council, Boston City Council, Somerville Board of Alderman, Congressman Michael Capuano, Congressman Ed Markey, Senator DiDomenico, Representative Wolf, Senator Jehlen, Senator Brownsberger, Representative Hecht and Representative Walz on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-11 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Senator Richard Moore has sponsored S.2061 "An Act to Enhance Community Safety", a title that deceptively masks the bill's underlying purpose and will divide our communities; and

WHEREAS: S.2061 is currently under review at the Massachusetts State House and seeks to criminalize immigrant families in the Commonwealth and deny fundamental services to hardworking, taxpaying families; and

WHEREAS: Section 12 of S.2061 seeks to ban immigrant families from accessing public housing by barring families with any member whose immigration status is undocumented or unconfirmed from accessing public housing, despite citizen or legal resident family members; and

WHEREAS: Section 21 of S.2061 restricts college access by limiting in-state tuition rates to US citizens and green card holders/applicants, thereby cutting off many categories of legal immigrants, as well as undocumented immigrants, from affordable higher education; and

WHEREAS: Section 8 and 18 will further harm police-community relations and undermine safety by requiring the verification of immigration status for any person detained by law enforcement for any period of time, and the transmission of this information to ICE and will enhance the Attorney General's role in enforcing immigration law, thereby discouraging undocumented people from reporting crimes like domestic violence; and

WHEREAS: Section 13 will allow the reporting of suspected violations to the Attorney General's office using a public complaint form; and

WHEREAS: Section 19 creates a "Secure Communities Liaison" position in the state government to facilitate the implementation of Secure Communities; and

WHEREAS: Section 7 will enhance criminal penalties for ID-related infractions by increasing fines and allowing jail time for first, second, and third offenses of driving without a license; and

WHEREAS: Section 10 permits seizure of vehicles belonging to those convicted of driving without a license; and

WHEREAS: Section 15 increases fines and jail sentences for use of a false ID to obtain employment; and will destroy the tight fabric of our communities and encourage racial profiling; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record opposing S.2061 thus sending a strong message that the City of Cambridge will not support inequality, discrimination and prejudice based on an individual's race; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-12 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the U.S. Senate is considering amendments to a two-year, \$109 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill, S.1813; and

WHEREAS: Many lawmakers at all levels of government urge passage of a bipartisan surface transportation reauthorization bill before the current program expires on Mar 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS: The Casey-Blunt amendment to the transportation reauthorization bill provides a 15 percent set aside for off-system bridges that support the maintenance of bridges not on the federal interstate system; and

WHEREAS: S. 1813, which will allow local governments to take advantage of financing alternatives to address the longer-term challenge of funding for transportation; and

WHEREAS: Passing this bill in time for the spring construction season will create jobs and help keep local economies like Cambridge growing throughout America; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge would surely benefit from the above-mentioned amendment as many local bridges are off-system; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge go on record urging members of the Massachusetts delegation in the U.S. Senate to support the Casey-Blunt amendment to preserve and restore local bridges; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the order to Senator John Kerry and Senator Scott Brown on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-13 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that motorists are not heeding the stop signs at Madison and Columbus and Columbus and Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Residents and pedestrians feel that increasing the presence of law enforcement will deter motorists from speeding and prevent fatal accidents from occurring; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to monitor the above-mentioned areas.

O-14 Mar 19, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Voting is an essential component of our nation's democratic process as well as a fundamental expression of personal beliefs that should be exercised by all Americans; and

WHEREAS: A recent report ranked Massachusetts 48th in the country for voting access and participation; and

WHEREAS: 2.5 million eligible adults missed voting in Massachusetts in 2010, mainly young adults, low-income people and people of color; and

WHEREAS: MassVote and the new Democracy Coalition have led efforts to advocate for reform and are currently circulating a petition to create change and encourage voter participation among young people, minorities and low-income citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Joint Committee on Election Laws is currently drafting an omnibus bill to update election laws; and

WHEREAS: Among the changes MassVote and the New Democracy Coalition calls for is a proposal to permit 16- and-17-year-olds to "pre-register" to vote by filling out forms that would enter into effect when they turn 18 as well as a proposal to permit 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS: A proposal to provide voter registration forms in public libraries, plan to enhance poll worker training and plan to make polling places more accessible to residents with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: An idea to conduct public audits of voting machines to ensure that all votes are counted accurately; and

WHEREAS: The changes also call for automatic voter registration, arguing that 200,000 eligible Massachusetts residents - including a disproportionate number of black, Latino and low-income citizens - are unregistered, diminishing their participation; and

WHEREAS: Advocating for updating voting laws in Massachusetts will send a strong message that Cambridge supports an inclusive voting process that is representative of all Massachusetts citizens at all stages and walks of life; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the New Democracy Coalition and MassVote for their efforts to update voting laws in Massachusetts; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the order to the Joint Committee on Election Laws, MassVote and the New Democracy Coalition on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.