

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 April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-116, regarding a report on developing an audit and review program for all water bills which show significant increases within a short time period.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-121, regarding a report on fines for motorists that stop in the middle of intersections.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-118, regarding a report on the status of the School Committee cable television.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-09, regarding a report on the status of expanding the program to post MBTA bus schedules on all routes across the City by April 1, 2005.
6. 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 of January, 2005:
Jean M. Rogers, 2 River Street Place, Lynn, MA 01905
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-124, regarding a report on the "5-2-1 Go Cambridge" campaign.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$54,626.82 in Program Income received through the FY03 Lead-Safe Cambridge (LSC) Grant to the Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Grant Fund that will provide increased funds available to control lead hazards in eligible housing in Cambridge.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer within the FY03 Lead Safe Cambridge (LSC) Grant from the Grant Fund Community Development Salary and Wages account (\$8,113.33) to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used for additional deleading services.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for \$83,467 to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to be used to install and evaluate new emissions technologies on DPW's and MIT's diesel fleets over a two-year period.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Community Forestry grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for

\$24,226 to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Salary and Wages account (\$21,000) and to the Grant Fund Department of Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,226) to be used to develop a comprehensive tree inventory program.

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 05-02, regarding a report on what can be done to keep Central Square clean.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right was exercised by Vice Mayor Decker on Committee Report #1 of March 7, 2005 from the University Relations Committee, for a meeting held on February 8, 2005 to discuss the M.I.T. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

ON THE TABLE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after February 14, 2005.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Dance Complex, requesting permission for a temporary banner at JFK and Mount Auburn Streets.
2. Approval of constable bond surety received from Philip Sciandra.
3. An application was received from Cambridge Market LLC, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 1006 Cambridge Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding bullying.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Club Passim on their 47th Anniversary with a three day celebration, concerts on May 19 and 20 at the Sanders Theatre at 7:00pm, and on May 21 a free music festival on the Cambridge Common at 11:00am. Councillor Murphy
2. Resolution on the death of Mary L. Abreu. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Thomas F. August. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Robert R. Keating. Councillor Maher, Councillor Galluccio
5. Resolution on the death of Mary Fernandes. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey

6. Resolution on the death of Dennis J. Holland.
Councillor Toomey
7. Best wishes to Kwame Dixon as he leaves his position as Coach of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School football team. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
8. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Margy Andrew.
Councillor Toomey
9. Happy 50th Anniversary wishes to a special couple.
Councillor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Joseph E. Baptista.
Mayor Sullivan
11. Resolution on the death of Robert D. Morrison.
Mayor Sullivan
12. Support for the 25th Annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival on Sunday, June 12, 2005. Mayor Sullivan
13. Support for the Miller's River Annual Bazaar on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 10:00am to 7:00pm.
Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Margaret Blair. Mayor Sullivan
15. Resolution on the retirement of Louise d'Entremont.
Mayor Sullivan
16. Resolution on the death of Anna D'Abramo.
Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the retirement of Margaret Giacoppo.
Mayor Sullivan
18. Resolution on the retirement of Susan Tiano. Mayor Sullivan
19. Cambridge Reads Project hosts a reception for author Khaled Hosseini, featuring his book, "The Kite Runner," on April 11, 2005. Councillor Davis
20. Resolution on the retirement of Joseph McSweeney.
Mayor Sullivan
21. Resolution on the retirement of Frank Gutoski.
Mayor Sullivan
22. Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Petner, Principal of the Haggerty School and his staff on being nominated for the 2005 Community Partnership Award, sponsored by the Federation for Children with Special Needs.
Mayor Sullivan
23. Happy 70th Anniversary wishes to C. Brendan Noonan & Company, Inc. Mayor Sullivan
24. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Joshua Torrence. Vice Mayor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Specialist Adriana Salem.
Vice Mayor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Specialist Nicholas Wilson. Vice Mayor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Michael Franklin. Vice Mayor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Specialist Matthew Koch.
Vice Mayor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Andrew Bossert.
Vice Mayor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Specialist Robert Pugh.
Vice Mayor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Corporal Stephen McGowan. Vice Mayor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Specialist Azhar Ali.
Vice Mayor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Seth Garceau.
Vice Mayor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Specialist Wai Lwin.
Vice Mayor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Specialist Wade Twyman.
Vice Mayor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Julio Negron.
Vice Mayor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Danny Anderson. Vice Mayor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Specialist Donald Griffith, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Captain Sean Grimes.
Vice Mayor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Juan Solorio. Vice Mayor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Donald Eacho. Vice Mayor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Joseph H. Cunha.
Councillor Galluccio
43. Congratulations to Michael J. Moran on winning the Democratic State Primary for State Representative for the Suffolk County 18th District. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Reeves
44. Congratulations to Linda Dorcena Forry for winning the Democratic Primary for the State Representative to the Massachusetts Legislature for the 12th Suffolk District. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Reeves
45. Resolution on the death of James Clark Brennan.
Mayor Sullivan
46. Resolution on the retirement of Veronica Neptune.
Mayor Sullivan
47. Resolution on the retirement of Timothy Dugan.
Mayor Sullivan
48. Resolution on the retirement of Mary Colovos.
Mayor Sullivan
49. Resolution on the death of former Red Sox Player Dick Radatz. Mayor Sullivan
50. Resolution on the retirement of Alvin Bacon. Mayor Sullivan
51. Resolution on the retirement of John C. Burns.
Mayor Sullivan
52. Resolution on the retirement of Robert A. Angelo.
Mayor Sullivan
53. Resolution on the retirement of Albert Rowe.
Mayor Sullivan
54. Congratulations to the Multi-Cultural Aids Coalition and Men of Color Against Aids on the opening of the new MOCA space at the Harriet Tubman Building.
Councillor Reeves

55. Congratulations to the Bayard Rustin Breakfast Committee on the Annual Bayard Rustin Breakfast. Councillor Reeves
56. Congratulations to Omar Bandar on his engagement. Councillor Reeves
57. Congratulations to Darryl Settles and Lisa Owens on the birth of their daughter, Taylor Michelle Settles. Councillor Reeves
58. Congratulations to Joseph Bourne and Joseph Phillips for being named Outstanding Lay Person by the New England Conference of Lay Organization of the A.M.E. Church. Councillor Reeves
59. Resolution on the retirement of Lynn Stuart. Councillor Davis
60. Congratulations to Michael and Ginny O'Neil on the birth of their child. Mayor Sullivan
61. Best wishes and thanks to Paul Hollings for his years of commitment to the Cambridge community. Mayor Sullivan
62. Congratulations to Leah French, a CRLS sophomore, on winning the top regional award at the National History Day competition. Mayor Sullivan
63. Resolution on the death of Joseph Hamel. Councillor Galluccio
64. Resolution on the death of Thomas E. Mahoney. Councillor Galluccio
65. Resolution on the death of Florence M. Powers. Councillor Galluccio
66. Good luck to Janice Byrnes on running in the 2005 Boston Marathon in memory of her brother, Billy Christo. Mayor Sullivan
67. Resolution on the death of John F. Donahue, Jr. Mayor Sullivan
68. Resolution on the death of Ian Oliver Queen, Sr. Councillor Galluccio
69. Resolution on the death of Maria C. DaCosta. Councillor Toomey
70. Resolution on the death of Dominick L. Muolo. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan
71. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Sara Cooper. Mayor Sullivan
72. Resolution on the retirement of Ann Tennis. Mayor Sullivan
73. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Jose DeFreitas. Mayor Sullivan
74. Happy 225th Anniversary wishes to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences as Cambridge proclaims Thursday, April 21, 2005 as Academy of Arts & Sciences Day. Mayor Sullivan
75. Resolution on the death of Richard T. Dever. Councillor Galluccio
76. Recognition of efforts of Just-A-Start to incorporate energy efficiency in the development at Scouting Way. Councillor Davis
77. Support for the 4th Annual Caring for Babies Forum on March 19, 2005 at 8:30am - 2:30pm at the Peabody School. Councillor Davis
78. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Willie Nunez. Mayor Sullivan
79. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Westley Thorpe. Mayor Sullivan
80. Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Petner, Principal of the Haggerty School and his staff for receiving the 2005 Community Partnership Award, sponsored by the Federation for Children with Special Needs. Mayor Sullivan

ORDERS

1. The City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate departments to investigate the installation of signs at various locations on Memorial Drive indicating "Geese Crossing." Councillor Toomey
2. The City Manager is requested to arrange to televise all future public hearings of the Ordinance Committee to consider the proposed revisions to the Police Review and Advisory Board currently being considered by the committee. Councillor Reeves and Councillor Toomey
3. Dedication of a site in honor of Robert W. Taylor. Councillor Toomey
4. Recognition of the vital importance of the Community Development Block Grant Program to the community and its lower income neighborhoods. Mayor Sullivan and Councillor Maher
5. The City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to examine the condition of the street and to take action to repair Linnaean Street. Councillor Galluccio
6. The City Manager is requested to appoint a staff member to be the point of contact regarding the proposed legislation to close the Telecommunications property tax loophole with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers. Mayor Sullivan
7. Support for legislation (House Docket 1740) that would close the telecommunications property tax loophole and eliminate the unfair exemption in outdated property tax statutes. Mayor Sullivan
8. The City Manager is requested to work with the School Department and all other relevant City staff to present a plan to the City Council on the possible reuse of municipal buildings, and explore the possibility of creating any revenue to offset the cost of such a project. Councillor Davis
9. The City Manager is requested to report on the City's plans for informing residents about the availability of the new e-line service that will enable residents to receive e-mail updates on issues of particular interest to them. Councillor Maher
10. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to investigate complaints that trash pickup at the Banneker School is taking place in the very early morning hours, as early as 4:30am. Councillor Maher

11. The City Manager is requested to coordinate with all pertinent City departments to facilitate a successful planning effort for the Cambridge Yerevan Sister City Association cultural event in September 2005. Mayor Sullivan
12. The City Manager is requested to coordinate with the Commissioner of Public Works to respond to the City Council on what review occurs following roadway repair completed by utility companies to ensure that said repairs are satisfactory, response should include what actions the city takes if repairs are found to be substandard. Mayor Sullivan
13. The City Manager is requested to install signs posting the speed limit on Scouting Way and look into speed bumps and provide enforcement of the speed limit. Councillor Murphy
14. Support for the policy of the National League of Cities in favoring of granting full voting rights in the House of Representatives for the Delegate from the District of Columbia. Councillor Murphy
15. The City Manager is requested to meet with the Community Development Department and the Library to determine if the City could host a conversation with Richard Florida on his book, The Rise of the Creative Class. Councillor Reeves
16. Urging the out-of-state owned Cambridge Brands to stop violating national labor relations laws and to stop harassing, intimidating, and pressuring workers into not supporting the union. Vice Mayor Decker
17. City Manager is requested to provide enforcement of the laws prohibiting the blocking of intersections at the most problematic intersections, including the intersection of Western and Putnam Avenues. Councillor Davis
18. City Manager is requested to contact the MBTA for a response to posting bus schedules at locations where there is low bus ridership and bus stops on routes where buses run infrequently. Councillor Davis
19. City Manager is requested to forward to the City Council a program to honor people who help sweep the city clean with something such as an "honorary broom" or broom symbol appearing on a pen to kick off the May 21, 2005 day to clean up Central Square. Councillor Davis
20. City Manager is requested to develop a public safety strategic plan for the Area Four community, and to include in the plan suggestions and input from key neighborhood people. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Sullivan
21. Commemoration and celebration of the first anniversary of same sex marriages be referred to the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee. Mayor Sullivan
22. City Council go on record expressing its desire that companies that are invited to City Council meetings to discuss employee working conditions and unionization issues and want to observe the committee meeting send management personnel to observe, not workers. Vice Mayor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on March 8, 2005 to discuss the efforts and experiences of the workers at Cambridge Brands, Inc., 810 Main Street, to organize and unionize.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, announcing Cambridge Reads Project's book for this year is The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.
2. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Marjorie C. Decker, transmitting a letter from Joseph P. Nolan thanking the city for the resolution in honor of his son Joseph M. Nolan and for reading his son's name and the names of all the fallen service members at City Council meetings.
3. A communication was received from Vice Mayor Decker, regarding Cambridge Brands, Inc.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 22

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

Wed, Mar 23

2:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on using public events and celebrations to further economic development, including discussion of an annual funding mechanism. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 28

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

Tues, Mar 29

4:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public hearing to review the current status of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan for the W.R. Grace Alewife site on file with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, in particular W.R. Grace's proposed exit strategy and the community response to that proposal. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 5

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

Wed, Apr 6

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition filed by Joan E. O'Connor, et al., requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to clarify the applicability of the Mount Auburn Hospital Institutional District to the whole of the site of the Mount Auburn Hospital, having an address of 330 Mount Auburn Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition filed by Joanne Wilbert Weed, et al., requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances and Zoning Map to change a Residence C-1 District to Residence A-2 District, bordered by Willard Street, Foster Street, Sparks Street and the C-2 District along Mount Auburn Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 7

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Police Review and Advisory Board ("PRAB") Ordinance. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 11

5:00pm *Special Presentation* - Cambridge Reads with author Khaled Hosseini (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 12

10:00am The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss establishing the Cambridge Charles River Challenge, which would include a run-bike-kayak along the Charles River and through Cambridge. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Apr 13

1:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting on what challenges residents face in receiving healthy and affordable food. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 28

6:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting with the Pedestrian Committee to discuss pedestrian priorities and any and all matters that may properly come before the committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 2

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

Tues, May 3

10:00am The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on the subject of NSTAR and renewable energy requirements. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, May 4

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY06 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 5

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY06 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 11

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY06 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY06 City Budget (if necessary). (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

1:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to evaluate the needs of the Cambridge homeless, particularly the Harvard Square population. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the appropriate departments to investigate the installation of signs at various locations on Memorial Avenue indicating "Geese Crossing."

O-2 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange to televise all future public hearings of the Ordinance Committee to consider the proposed revisions to the Police Review and Advisory Board currently being considered by the committee.

O-3 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Robert W. Taylor; and be it further

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

O-4 March 21, 2005
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The week of March 28-April 3, 2005 has been designated as National Community Development Week, City USA is a participant in the Community Development Block Grant program which funds a myriad of social service, economic development, and housing programs in this community; and

WHEREAS: In this community and in communities throughout the nation, twenty-four years of Community Development Block Grant program funding has developed a strong network of relationships between this local government, residents and the many non-profit agencies that provide services and help make possible our commitment to those neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: This community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant program is a partnership of Federal, state, and local government, business, non-profit and community efforts, and that the services funded by the Federal CDBG program, administered by the local government and often delivered by local non-profit organizations, relies heavily on the dedication of and good will of our combined efforts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council, during National Community Development Week 2005, give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhood and their low- and moderate-income residents help insure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council hereby petitions the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, H.U.D. Secretary Alphonso Jackson, and that Cambridge, and the names of its non-profit service providers, be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

O-5 March 21, 2005
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to examine the condition of the street and to take action to repair Linnaean Street.

O-6 March 21, 2005
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a staff member to be the point of contact regarding the proposed legislation (H 1740) to

close the telecommunications property tax loophole with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers.

O-7 March 21, 2005
MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and all cities and towns in Massachusetts rely heavily on the property tax to fund police and fire services, schools, road maintenance and other vital local government services; and

WHEREAS: Deep local aid cuts since fiscal 2002 have focused greater reliance on the property tax to fund local services and have increased the burden on homeowners and other local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: Exemption of real and personal property from the local tax base reduces local revenues and increases the burden on other local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: Telecommunications companies are taking advantage of obsolete provisions in the state's property tax laws to avoid paying local property taxes and thereby reducing local revenues and increasing the burden on homeowners and other businesses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of legislation (House Docket 1740) that would close the telecommunications property tax loophole and eliminate the unfair exemption in out-dated property tax statutes, and hereby calls upon the members of the state Legislature and the Governor to enact this necessary proposal to law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to members of the Cambridge Legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-8 March 21, 2005
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The School Department has two buildings for which different uses are under consideration; and

WHEREAS: This City Council may have a vacant police headquarters if a new police station is built at another location; and

WHEREAS: The Community Learning Center needs a permanent home; and

WHEREAS: The Central Square branch library is housed in space that could be improved or reused; and

WHEREAS: The creation of housing is a city council goal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the School Department and all other relevant City staff to present a comprehensive plan to the City Council which would include the possibility of creating more housing, accommodating the above mentioned City needs in City owned space, the reuse of municipal buildings, and explore the possibility of creating any revenue to offset the cost of this project.

O-9 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the City's plans for informing residents about the availability of the new e-line service that will enable residents to receive e-mail updates on issues of particular interest to them.

O-10 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to investigate complaints that trash pickup at the Banneker School is taking place in the very early morning hours, as early as 4:30am.

O-11 March 21, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: This City Council has established that all City policies and their implementation must reflect and integrate our community's value for cultural and socioeconomic diversity, among other community values; and

WHEREAS: This City Council has set a goal around fostering community with specific focus on support for celebrations, both neighborhood and citywide, as important opportunities for people to be together; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has established several Sister City relationships with communities from various parts of the globe, including the community of Yerevan, Armenia; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the Cambridge Yerevan Sister City Association is planning for a special community cultural event in September 2005 to stage a re-enactment of a traditional Armenian village wedding; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with all pertinent City departments to facilitate a successful planning effort for the Cambridge Yerevan Sister City Association cultural event in September 2005.

O-12 March 21, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the Commissioner of Public Works to provide response to the City Council on what review occurs following roadway repair completed by utility companies to ensure that said repairs are satisfactory, response should include what actions the city takes if repairs are found to be substandard.

O-13 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to install signs posting the speed limit on Scouting Way, and look into speed bumps and provide enforcement of the speed limit; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is

requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to provide enforcement of the speed limit on Scouting Way.

O-14 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the policy of the National League of Cities favoring granting full voting rights in the House of Representatives for the Delegate from the District of Columbia; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation and to Washington D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-15 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with the Community Development Department and the Library to determine if the City could host a conversation with Richard Florida on his book, The Rise of the Creative Class.

O-16 March 21, 2005

VICE MAYOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cambridge Brands, a subsidiary of Tootsie Inc., employs approximately 160 people, including management; and

WHEREAS: Five years ago, Cambridge Brands sold the company to an out-of-state company and is no longer locally owned; and

WHEREAS: Local 3 represents two small bargaining units within the out of state owned Cambridge Brands consisting of building maintenance workers and janitors; and

WHEREAS: Local 3 filed for an election with the National Labor Relations Board in October 2004 seeking to represent the 92 production workers at the out of state owned Cambridge Brands; and

WHEREAS: The Company responded by showing anti-union videotapes and conducted a vigorous anti-union campaign; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the out of state owned Cambridge Brands to stop violating national labor relations laws and to stop harassing, intimidating, and pressuring workers into not supporting the union; and

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the Company to officially send a Company representative to the next Health and Environment Committee hearing; and

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging Cambridge Brands to write a letter to its workers stating that it will remain neutral and abide by federal law as it applies to unionizing efforts by its workers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Cambridge Brands and its workers on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-17 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide enforcement of the laws prohibiting the blocking of intersections at the most problematic intersections, including the intersection of Western and Putnam Avenues.

O-18 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the MBTA for a response to posting bus schedules at locations where there is low bus ridership and bus stops on routes where buses run infrequently.

O-19 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward to the City Council a program to honor people who help sweep the city clean with something such as an "honorary broom" or broom symbol appearing on a pin to kick off the May 21, 2005 day to clean up Central Square.

O-20 March 21, 2005

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: In the wake of the Area Four shooting on Sunday, March 20th, that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a public safety strategic plan for the Area Four community and to include in the plan suggestions and input from key neighborhood people.

O-21 March 21, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The first year anniversary of the historic occasion of same sex marriages will occur on May 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS: This historic event and Cambridge's historic role will be commemorated and celebrated; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the commemoration of the anniversary of same sex marriage be referred to the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee.

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VICE MAYOR DECKER

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its desire that companies that are invited to City Council meetings to discuss employee working conditions and unionization issues and want to observe the committee meeting send management personnel to observe, not workers.