

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2011: Ralph H. Bibeau, Brendan Fraser, Phillip G. Tyler
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-18, regarding a report on banning the use of plastic shopping bags. [Manager's recommendation: "I suggest that the City consider requiring that all retailers that provide plastic bags to customers, accept bags back from for recycling. This would affect pharmacies and other retailers more, since most supermarkets offer this service. I recommend that the City Council forward this report to the Environment Committee for further discussion."]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-26, regarding a report on the details of the purchase agreement for Northpoint.
4. 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, 2011 and ending Mar 31, 2012.

Agenda Item No. 4A Mar 21, 2011

ORDERED: That the following block rate for water consumption and sewer use in the City of Cambridge be in effect for the period beginning Apr 1, 2011 and ending Mar 31, 2012.

| | Annual Consumption* | FY11 Water Rate | FY12 Proposed Water Rate | FY11 Sewer Rate | FY12 Proposed Sewer Rate |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Block 1 | 0-40 CcF | \$3.02 | \$3.02 | \$7.86 | \$7.86 |
| Block 2 | 41-400 CcF | \$3.24 | \$3.24 | \$8.32 | \$8.32 |
| Block 3 | 401-2,000 CcF | \$3.44 | \$3.44 | \$8.93 | \$8.93 |
| Block 4 | 2,001-10,000 CcF | \$3.65 | \$3.65 | \$9.62 | \$9.62 |
| Block 5 | > 10,000 CcF | \$3.96 | \$3.96 | \$10.23 | \$10.23 |

*All rates are per CcF. CcF is an abbreviation of 100 cubic feet. One CcF is approximately 750 gallons; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Senior Citizens Discount Program as established in FY91 be continued. This program gives either a 15 percent or 30 percent discount on water/sewer bills, depending upon certain qualifications. Any resident who owns and occupies his/her own home and who is 65 or older on July 1 qualifies for the 15 percent discount. This discount may not exceed \$90 for the fiscal year. To qualify for the 30 percent discount, a homeowner must be 70 years of age or older and must have been granted the Clause 41C Elderly Real Estate Exemption, which is based on the demonstrated financial need. This discount may not exceed \$180 for the fiscal year.

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-34, regarding report on how effective the "No Entry" time for entering Whittemore Avenue from Route 16 is.

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-175, regarding a report on the feasibility of converting certain Inman Square parking meters to 2-hours and on the possibility of installing time-weighted parking meters in Inman Square.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000.00 of additional revenue received by the Community School Programs to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will cover the cost of bus transportation and other contractual services for Community School Programming.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,264,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,114,000) and to General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Equipment account (\$150,000) to cover current and anticipated additional snowstorm expenses associated with snow plowing contracts, salt and other material and repair costs. [\$1,264,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,114,000) and to General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Equipment account (\$150,000) to cover current and anticipated additional snowstorm expenses associated with snow plowing contracts, salt and other material and repair costs. In addition, this appropriation will support the purchase of a replacement dump truck which is used for snow plowing and salting operations during the winter season and has reached its useful life. Cambridge has already seen 79 inches of snow this winter. Public Works has responded with 36 snow, salting, pedestrian, bus stop and snow removal events and has purchased close to 7,500 tons of salt. The City is anticipating the reimbursement for a portion snow related costs from FEMA, which will partially offset this supplemental appropriation.]

ON THE TABLE

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on

City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]

4. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing Cambridge Open Studios East on May 7th and 8th.
2. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing Cambridge Open Studios Central on May 14th and 15th.
3. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Cambridge Open Studios North/West on May 21st and 22nd.
4. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing the Cambridge River Festival on June 4th.
5. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing the Dragon Boat Festival on June 10th - June 12th.
6. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Central Square Arts Outdoors Summer Performance Series.
7. An application was received from Sunshine & the Americas Foundation, requesting permission for one or two tables, eight to ten chairs and a 4x3 screen in front of the premises numbered 1350 Massachusetts Avenue.
8. Revocation of a sign permit for Pier 1 Imports for the premises numbered 820 Cambridge Street, issued Feb 14, 2000. Inspectional Services inspected the property on Mar 7, 2011 and the sign is down.

9. An application was received from Dickson Bros., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 26 Brattle Street.
10. Constable bond received from Douglas P. Moran for approval of the surety.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Derrek L. Shulman, Regional Director and Michael N. Sheetz, Regional Board Chair, New England Region Anti-Defamation League, expressing concern regarding Resolution #20 of Feb 28, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Best wishes to the Cambridge Community of Real Estate Professionals (CCR) on their Spring Fling 2011 on Mar 25, 2011 at the Charles Hotel. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Terence M. "Terry" Landers. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Herbert A. Martin. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
4. Congratulations to SCVNGR on the launch of their new venture Level Up. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Rocco J. Antonelli Sr. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Irene L. Raiche. Mayor Maher
7. Resolution on the death of Mary M. (Russo) Harrigan. Mayor Maher
8. Retirement of George J. Vendetti from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Maher
9. Retirement of Janet Cudmore Boswell from the Community Development Department. Mayor Maher
10. Retirement of Phillip Sciandra from the Water Department. Mayor Maher
11. Resolution on the death of Joseph Cunha. Mayor Maher
12. Thanks to Max Frippe, Metro-Boston Executive Director of Playworks and Microsoft N.E.R.D., for hosting the third annual "Invent-A-Game Showcase" on Apr 1, 2011. Councillor Cheung
13. Congratulations to Professor Patrick H. Winston on being named a 2011 MacVicar Fellow. Councillor Cheung
14. Congratulations to Professor Christopher A. Schuh on being named a 2011 MacVicar Fellow. Councillor Cheung
15. Congratulations to Professor Bishwapriya Sanyal on being named a 2011 MacVicar Fellow. Councillor Cheung
16. Congratulations to George C. Verghese on being named a 2011 MacVicar Fellow. Councillor Cheung
17. Resolution on the death of Catherine A. (Maddox) Phelan. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Robert F. Ameral Jr. Councillor Toomey
19. Congratulations to the Fire Academy Cadets who will graduate on Mar 25, 2011. Councillor Toomey
20. Proclaim May 2011 through May 7, 2011 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
21. Congratulations to Audrey Schulman on her recent novel to be published by Europa Editions. Vice Mayor Davis
22. Congratulating Bob Crane, Jr. on being named the Catholic Central League MVP. Councillor Toomey

23. Resolution on the death of Peter G. Cruickshank.
Councillor Toomey
24. Congratulating the Haymarket People's Fund on its 35th Anniversary. Councillor Simmons
25. The Month of March is National Reading Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
26. Wishing a speedy recovery to Ms. Nelly Eddy.
Councillor Simmons
27. Wishing a speedy recovery to Ms. Shirley Kinch.
Councillor Simmons
28. Recognizing the 44th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination. Councillor Simmons
29. Congratulating the Green Streets Initiatives for being awarded a Federal CLAMP Grant. Mayor Maher
30. Expressing concern and sympathy for the suffering of the people of Japan and Cambridge's Sister City of Tsukuba, Japan. Mayor Maher
31. Congratulating Mr. Michael Muehe, Executive Director of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, for receiving the 2011 Advocate and Activist for Disability Rights Award. Mayor Maher
32. Resolution on the death of Catherine Tackney. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record adopting Chapter 448 of the Acts of Two Thousand and Ten: AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to coordinate with the MBTA to allow parking within bus stops on the CT2 and 85 routes, during inactive hours, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to ensure that parking ticket appeals happen for all residents in a timely manner. Councillor Seidel
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that there is an adequate supply of waste disposal bags in public parks for use by dog owners at all times. Councillor Seidel
5. That the annual CPI-U adjustment for members of the City Council and School Committee as described by City Ordinance be waived until FY13. Mayor Maher
6. That the City Manager is requested to look into the feasibility of doing a "deep clean" of our city, including but not limited to, extra street sweeping if necessary, aggressive removal of graffiti and trash collection on sidewalks and in parks. Councillor Decker
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with MassDOT to add the underpasses in their proposal to rehabilitate the Anderson Bridge and request that MassDOT work with the Cambridge Community Development Department and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to refine and implement this plan. Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Council hereby requests that President Obama and our Congressional delegation does not cut the

Community Services Block Grant funding and to restore any lost funding so that the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee and other community action agencies can continue to do the important work that they do. Mayor Maher

9. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and review the current facade improvement program to target specific squares for greater facade improvement and an expanded budget to accomplish this goal. Councillor Reeves
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Peace Commission and the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women on how their future programming efforts might include public information programs which highlight political unrest around the world, the status of men, women and children in these emerging states, what role America has played previously and should be playing now and in the future in these places. Councillor Reeves
11. That the City Manager is requested to convene a meeting with the Council, Community Development Department, Planning Board, and other relevant stakeholders to inform all about the future planning efforts for Kendall Square, Central Square and other areas of the city. Councillor Reeves
12. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to convene a meeting with representatives of the neighborhood including Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, Community Art Center and Cambridge Boys and Girls Club to determine if there are child safety issues which need to be addressed before the Spring 2011 outdoor play season begins. Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for a public meeting held on Feb 10, 2011 to discuss snow clearance and operations issues.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee for a public meeting held on Feb 17, 2011 to discuss municipal and other renewable energy goals.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Environment Committee for a public meeting held on Feb 17, 2011 to examine the environmental goals of the City Council.
4. 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 public meeting held on Feb 9, 2011 to hear a presentation from the Cambridge Police Department (CPD) on what action has been taken with regard to the recommendations of the Cambridge Review Committee Report: "Missed Opportunities, Shared Responsibilities."

5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Jan 19, 2011 on proposed amendments to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, "Conversion of Non Residential Structures to Residential Use, a subdivision of Section 5.28 "Special Dimensional Standards Applicable to Dwellings."
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing held on Jan 19, 2011 on proposed amendments to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, "Conversion of Non Residential Structures to Residential Use, a subdivision of Section 5.28 "Special Dimensional Standards Applicable to Dwellings."
7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Community Health Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 7, 2010 to receive an update on community health issues and programs from the Cambridge Chief Public Health Officer.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 22

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

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

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

Mon, Mar 28

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with the Election Commission. No public Comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Mar 29

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting for a presentation on form-based zoning by Ana Gelabert. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Mar 31

11:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a presentation by the Cambridge health Alliance on their patient-centered medical home initiatives. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 5

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 6

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by William A. Fox, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by rezoning an area accessed

via Cottage Park Avenue in North Cambridge from its current designation of Business A-2 to a new designation of Residence B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

Thurs, Apr 7

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

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting. No public Comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 12

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

Wed, Apr 13

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating city goals under the banner of economic development. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss moving to a paperless City Council Agenda, connecting City Council goals and City Departments and City Council Committees to foster efficient and collaborative results. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs, Apr 14

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 20

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating a program in Cambridge similar to Boston's Department of Urban Mechanics to improve city service delivery. (Sullivan Chamber)

10:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating a capital budget for the development of internet and mobile based tools. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss ways to promote ground floor retail. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 21

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the footbridge at Magazine Beach. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 26

3:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a follow up public meeting on detrimental city ordinances for businesses in the city. (Ackermann Room)

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss organic waste. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 28

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting regarding traffic concerns about the East Cambridge roadways and the Lechmere Station. (Anastos Room)

Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 3

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 4

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 5

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

5:30pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 11

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 18

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 19

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 City Budget. (if necessary) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 21, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record adopting the attached Chapter 448 of the Acts of Two Thousand and Ten: AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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Chapter 448

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, upon acceptance of this act by the legislative body of the City of Cambridge, Mary Ellen Galante and Valerie Osofsky, members of the Cambridge retirement system, shall be entitled to credit for the period that each of them performed services as nurse midwives for the Cambridge Hospital Professional Services Corporation and the Somerville hospital; provided, however, that such service shall not be credited until the member has paid into the annuity savings fund of such system, in 1 sum or in installments upon such terms and conditions as the state board of retirement may prescribe, the amount of contributions, together with interest thereon, that would have been withheld from regular compensation during the period from when the member left membership after June 30, 1995, and then became employed by the Cambridge Hospital Professional Services Corporation, and later the Somerville hospital, to the time when the member reentered membership in the Cambridge retirement system as an employee of the "Cambridge public health commission.

SECTION 2. A member in service of the retirement system eligible for the creditable service under this act may make application for the creditable service within 180 days of the acceptance of this act by the legislative body of the City of Cambridge.

SECTION 3. Terms used in this act shall have the same meaning as those terms defined in section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

House of Representatives, Jan 3, 2011.

O-2 Mar 21, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The CT2 and 85 MBTA bus routes that use Windsor and Hampshire Streets on the way to Kendall Square do not operate on Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS: In areas where parking is at a premium, these bus stops prohibit parking during non-operating hours; and

WHEREAS: By allowing parking during hours of non-operation, a substantial amount of parking can be added to the neighborhoods for a period of time starting with the end of the route on Friday evening until Monday morning; and

WHEREAS: Both residents and businesses could benefit from this additional parking; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to coordinate with the MBTA to allow parking within bus stops on the CT2 and 85 routes, during inactive hours, and to report back to the City Council on the progress.

O-3 Mar 21, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the parking ticket appeals process; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to ensure that parking ticket appeals happen for all residents in a timely manner.

O-4 Mar 21, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that there is an adequate supply of waste disposal bags in public parks for use by dog owners at all times.

O-5 Mar 21, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Employees of the City of Cambridge who are represented by a variety of collective bargaining agreements have responded to the current economic climate by accepting a zero percent (0%) increase for FY12 which begins on July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS: This action has proven an essential component of placing our city in a stronger fiscal position than most other cities in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to acknowledge this selfless action; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the annual CPI-U adjustment for members of the City Council and School Committee as described by City Ordinance be waived until FY13.

O-6 Mar 21, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This winter has been particularly harsh on our city; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the feasibility of doing a "deep clean" of our city, including but not limited to, extra street sweeping if necessary, aggressive removal of graffiti and trash collection on sidewalks and in parks; 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-7 Mar 21, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City Council passed a resolution on Feb 28, 2011 urging The Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office to ask Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to incorporate underpasses in their proposal for the rehabilitation of the Anderson Bridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with MassDOT to add the underpasses in their proposal to rehabilitate the Anderson Bridge and request

that MassDOT work with the Cambridge Community Development Department and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to refine and implement this plan.

O-8 Mar 21, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has submitted his Fiscal Year 2012 federal budget that cuts fifty percent of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and proposes to reorganize the funding process for the remaining fifty percent; and

WHEREAS: The United States House of Representatives Continuing Resolution eliminates all Community Services Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS: Community Services Block Grant Funding is the main source of funding for community action agencies (CAA) nationally and locally the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc., (CEOC) which will close with this level of cuts and reorganization; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee was established in April 1965 as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War On Poverty, and is Cambridge's designated anti-poverty community action agency; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee operates direct services that benefit over 9,800 households including: preschool child care; food pantry; comprehensive family planning; Know Your Body Sexuality Education in the public schools; eviction prevention and affordable housing stabilization; Get What's Coming To You!! the one stop shopping participant centered model to take full advantage of state and federal public benefits, especially food stamps, health care; free tax preparation to maximize earned income and child tax credit refunds and avoid for-profit fees and scams; FAFSA application assistance; financial education and coaching to help build asset opportunities; and public policy advocacy; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee is active in local and state public policy advocacy initiatives to eliminate hunger, maintain and preserve affordable housing and access to affordable health care, establish policies that are supportive and not sanctioning for those individuals and families who are working to establish economic security for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee coordinates other community initiatives like the Cambridge Food Pantry Network by managing the city food fund and maintaining the food inventory for the other twelve members of the Network; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee houses the Food For Free administrative office and their storage cooler; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee provides tenants and Tenant Associations with education, advocacy and organizing to prevent evictions and homelessness to maintain and preserve the stability of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's closing would have a negative impact on its participants and the city as a whole with the loss of:

The Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee Food Pantry which serves 500 households monthly and the loss of coordination of the Cambridge Food Pantry Network city food fund inventory storage and distribution and put Food For Free in jeopardy with the loss of its administrative office and outside cooler storage space;

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's free tax preparation, which will put 2,500 filers at risk for high fees and refund anticipation loan scams;

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's housing advocacy and stabilization will result in increased evictions, homelessness and destabilization;

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's public benefit advocacy and enrollment, especially for food stamps and health care, further reducing cash assistance to individuals and households who are already struggling to make ends meet;

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's organizing and advocacy assistance for tenants and tenant associations;

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's financial education and coaching for people who are trying to balance their limited and diminishing income during this economic recession;

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee's open door that is always available to anyone who doesn't know where to go or which way to turn will be permanently closed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby requests that President Obama and our Congressional delegation not cut the Community Services Block Grant funding and restore any lost funding so that the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee and other community action agencies can continue to do the important work that they do; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to President Obama, Congressman Michael Capuano, Senator Scott Brown and Senator John Kerry on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Mar 21, 2011
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge established a facade improvement program some years ago; and

WHEREAS: The initial facade improvement program focused on Central Square and then was expanded to include other areas of the city; and

WHEREAS: The facade improvement program is an excellent program which supports an enhanced street environment for citizens and business owners alike; and

WHEREAS: Current efforts to review the Delights and Concerns of Central Square (Mayor's Red Ribbon Commission), indicate that a significant number of historic facades have been removed or seriously altered; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and review the current facade improvement program to target specific squares for greater facade improvement and an expanded budget to accomplish this goal.

O-10 Mar 21, 2011
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Recent events in the Middle East and North Africa, where people in many countries, (Egypt, Bahrain, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, etc.), have raised awareness that they want an end to their current conditions and to have a more responsive and more effective and representative government; and

WHEREAS: Many Americans, even those in Cambridge, Massachusetts have very little knowledge about the lives and political systems of countries outside Western Europe and the British Isles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Peace Commission and the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women on how their future programming efforts might include public information programs which highlight political unrest around the world, the status of men, women and children in these emerging states, what role America has played previously and should be playing now and in the future in these places. An informed citizenry is good for democracy.

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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a meeting with the Council, Community Development Department, Planning Board, and other relevant stakeholders to inform all about the future planning efforts for Kendall Square, Central Square and other areas of the city.

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WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has recently fully renovated Clement Morgan Park on Columbia Street; and

WHEREAS: The reconfigured park contains a play area with various playground equipment; and

WHEREAS: Concern has been expressed regarding the safety and age appropriateness of certain pieces of the new playground equipment; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to convene a meeting with representatives of the neighborhood including Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, Community Art Center and Cambridge Boys and Girls Club to determine if there are child safety issues which need to be addressed before the Spring 2011 outdoor play season begins.