

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Historical Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Chandra Harrington	6/26/2011
Robert G. Crocker	2/8/2011
Frank Shirley	9/20/2011
Jo M. Solet	9/20/2011
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a License Commission recommendation to approve the jitney application from Deacon Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston for an amendment to their route.
3. 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, 2009 and ending Mar 31, 2010.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Grant for \$1,760,284 to the Public Works Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account for the CAM002 004 project area (Alewife Brook sewer separation and stormwater management project).
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$18,453.84 within a DEP Municipal Recycling Incentive Program Grant from the DPW Grant Fund Salary and Wages account to the DPW Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to allow for the purchase of approximately 350 wheeled recycling totes to be provided to multi-unit buildings, schools and City buildings.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$100,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Fire Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for fire personnel injured in performance of their duties.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$111,000 from the General Fund Fire Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover additional energy costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-14, regarding a report on the status of the City's drinking fountains.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-05, regarding a report on plans for conducting an energy audit of City Hall.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of John P. Mosher, as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years effective the first day of January, 2008.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-156, regarding the feasibility of placing a bus shelter at 2518 Mass Avenue for the #77 MBTA bus
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$348,515.50 to the Public Investment Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures accounts and will be used for street and sidewalk reconstruction.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter right exercised by Councillor Decker on Committee Report Number One of Mar 9, 2009 regarding a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on Feb 4, 2009 to follow up on red light camera enforcement. **Attached Order #20 supporting creation of local option for red-light camera traffic enforcement approved 5-4 after extended discussion. Voting in favor: Davis, Kelley, Maher, Seidel, Toomey; Voting against: Decker, Reeves, Simmons, Ward.** [The civil liberties red-herring was again invoked by Decker.]

ON THE TABLE

2. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 2008.]

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 Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Approval of constable bond surety received from Charles M. Durrah.
2. An application was received from Mass Chicken, requesting permission for five tables and twelve chairs for restaurant seating in front of 736 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Alan L. Johnson, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 135 Western Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
4. An application was received from Susan M. Carter, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 41 Holden **March 23, 2009 Cambridge City Council meeting**

Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

5. An application was received from Cambridge Science Festival requesting permission for one temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets, fifty-seven banners on poles in Harvard Square and one hundred forty-six banners on poles along Massachusetts Avenue and Main Street announcing the Cambridge Science Festival Apr 25-May 3, 2009.
6. An application was received from J. Leu, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Linnaean Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works with conditions. No neighborhood association for that area.
7. An application was received from Verizon Wireless, requesting permission for two awnings at the premises numbered 95 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
8. An application was received from JP Licks Ice Cream Cafe, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 1312 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jim Pruet, Oakland, TN, transmitting thanks for removing cameras.
2. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the letter concerning H5113, An act relative to the operation of low speed vehicles.
3. A communication was received from Ruth A. Ryals, transmitting support for Lesley's zoning petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Oylan Dong, Prudential Spirit of Community Award honoree, for her volunteer service. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Elizabeth Asefa on being chosen as one of sixteen students to be awarded a 2009 Youth Activist Scholarship by the National American Civil Liberties Union. Mayor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Michael W. Shannon, M.D. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Thomas J. Kelley. Councillor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of the Honorable Reginald C. Lindsay. Councillor Reeves
6. Resolution on the death of Lorraine (Gallagher) Howington. Councillor Toomey
7. Retirement of Eileen Monaco from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
8. Retirement of Carol Murphy from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
9. Retirement of Anthony Marchetti, Jr. from the Public Works Department. Mayor Simmons

10. Resolution on the death of Patrick J. Greaney. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey

11. Resolution on the death of Corporal Donte J. Whitworth. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Patrick A. Malone. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Daniel B. Hyde. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jessica Y. Sarandrea. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jeffrey A. Reed. Councillor Decker
16. Condolences to the family of Thomas F. Sullivan. Councillor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Teresa F. (Talarico) Femino. Councillor Maher
18. Proclaim Apr 10, 2009 as Lily Ann Rose Day in Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
19. Thanks to the Cambridge Boat Club on the occasion of its centennial. Mayor Simmons
20. Happy Birthday wishes to Hope Kelley. Mayor Simmons
21. Thanks to all who contributed in the creation of "You Find Your Strength. A guide for women who are homeless by women who are or have been homeless." Mayor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Justine Petrillo, Women's World Champion Four Square player and Runner-up Christina Laverenz. Mayor Simmons
23. Best wishes to Swissnex Boston and the Consulate of Switzerland on the occasion of the opening of the Second Floor Pavilion. Councillor Davis
24. Congratulations to Tara Knight on being named MVP for her U-12 hockey team. Vice Mayor Seidel
25. Resolution on the death of Loretta "Tootie" (Carland) Wilson. Councillor Toomey
26. Congratulations to Juanita Temple of the IBPOE of W on their 100th Anniversary. Mayor Simmons
27. Thanks to Jeremy Shenk for his good work on behalf of the men and women of Cambridge in his role at the Service Employees International Union 615. Councillor Decker
28. Happy 50th Birthday to Richard Colbath-Hess. Vice Mayor Seidel, Mayor Simmons
29. Resolution on the death of Sara "Sally" (McCann) Goduti. Councillor Maher, Mayor Simmons
30. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Leo Ciccolo. Councillor Maher, Mayor Simmons
31. Happy Birthday wishes to Rose Davis. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. Dedication of an appropriate site in the vicinity of Cambridge Street and Maple Avenue in honor of Dr. Charles A. Bruschi. Councillor Maher **Kelley voted NO**
2. Dedication of an appropriate site in the vicinity of Fairfield Street and Rindge Avenue in honor of John D. Lynch. Councillor Maher **Kelley voted NO**
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to discuss the installation of a fence at the park on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Clarendon Avenue to create a safer atmosphere for children and parents using this park. Councillor Toomey
4. Rescheduling of the City Council and School Committee Roundtable meeting to May 4, 2009. Mayor Simmons

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to discuss the creation of a mailing piece to be included in existing mailings that asks driveway owners to be courteous to others by utilizing their driveways as much as possible. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Davis
Kelley and Simmons voted NO
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that dog waste bags will be provided at parks throughout the summer months in order to help keep the parks clean. Councillor Toomey **Amended**
7. That the City Manager provide a copy of the report and recommendations from "A Look at Women in Cambridge Now" to all City department heads and require them to report back by the start of FY10 on the ways in which they can implement the recommendations. Mayor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of doubling the number of solar panels to be installed on the high school using stimulus funds. Councillor Davis and Vice Mayor Seidel
9. That the City Manager is requested to require appropriate City departments and staff to begin collecting data based on gender and to make available to the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women and all other departments the gender based data while securing anonymity and confidentiality as appropriate. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to assign a grant writer to apply for funding that is available through President Obama's Economic Stimulus Proposal Workforce Investment Act and would benefit the youth of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a public meeting in the near future with relevant City staff, local non-profits, tenants' associations and any other resources that may be helpful, with the goal of providing information and support for any homeowner or renter who may be having trouble paying their monthly bill and who may be facing the possibility of eviction from their home. Vice Mayor Seidel
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance to ensure that the Health Alliance will be mailing notices of its community meetings directly to their consumers. Councillor Decker **Amended**
13. That the City Manager is requested to obtain from the Fire Department how many black hydrants are in the West Cambridge area, and whether or not the number of black hydrants in West Cambridge is relatively high in comparison with the rest of the city. Councillor Decker
14. Asking Harvard University and MIT, two of Cambridge's largest employers, to consider making the sacrifice to weather these tough economic times out without resorting to cutting its lowest wage workers for economic relief. Councillor Decker
15. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council with a proposal to label trees at appropriate locations to educate Cambridge residents. Councillor Davis
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant departments such as Inspectional Services and the Community Development Department to address problems with the enforcement of existing regulations to protect light from one property from creating problems on nearby properties. Councillor Davis
17. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Inspectional Services Department to prepare a response to the state's proposed stretch building code to be submitted to the state before the Apr 10, 2009 deadline for submission. Councillor Davis
18. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare a home rule petition to enable the City of Cambridge to establish a program similar to that of Berkeley, California which gives city-backed loans to property owners who install rooftop solar-power systems. Vice Mayor Seidel and Councillor Davis
19. That the City Clerk is requested to recirculate the Public Safety Committee Report for the January 21, 2009 meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss crime trends. Councillor Toomey [Order adopted as a substitution for Councillor Decker's original Order (she had already left when the Late Order came up).]
20. The City Council go on record supporting red light camera enforcement. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Toomey [Voting in favor: Davis, Kelley, Maher, Seidel, Toomey; voting against: Decker, Reeves, Simmons, Ward.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on Feb 24, 2009 to discuss dark sky principles and a variety of issues related to appropriate lighting and light pollution.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David Maher, Co-Chair of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 9, 2008 for the purpose of considering a proposal to rename Plympton Street in honor of David Halberstam.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Mar 23

5:00pm Special Presentation for Women's History Month (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 30

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 1

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss whether a program similar to the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success could advance the goal of college graduation for all low income students in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss promoting and harvesting fruit trees and the planting, care and maintenance of street trees. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 14

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition submitted by Lesley University to amend the Zoning Map and Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding "Section 20.200 Lesley Porter Overlay District." This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 16

6:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the closing of the Riverside Health Clinic by the Cambridge Health Alliance. (Location TBA)

Mon, Apr 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 29

6:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the closing of the North Cambridge Health Clinic by the Cambridge Health Alliance. (Location TBA)

Thurs, Apr 30

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 6

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 7

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider whether the City Council should petition to amend the zoning law with regard to yard definitions. (Sullivan Chamber)
4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting with regard to require aisle width for parking facilities in certain instances. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 12

5:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 14

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 City Budget. (if necessary) This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 18

4:00pm 2009 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 27

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

Mon, Sept 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of Cambridge Street and Maple Avenue in honor of Dr. Charles A. Bruschi; and be it further

ORDERED: That the 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-2 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of Fairfield Street and Rindge Avenue in honor of John D. Lynch; and be it further

ORDERED: That the 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-3 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to discuss the installation of a fence at the park on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Clarendon Avenue to create a safer atmosphere for children and parents using this park; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that the water fountains in this park are in proper working order.

O-4 Mar 23, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The School Department is requesting that the Mar 30, 2009 Roundtable of the School Committee and City Council be rescheduled due to a community forum being scheduled with finalist candidates for the Superintendent of Schools position; and WHEREAS: The School Committee has indicated that May 4, 2009 would be a convenient date for rescheduling this Roundtable; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Roundtable meeting be rescheduled to May 4, 2009.

O-5 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Residents who make use of their driveways help to alleviate the problems of on-street parking for residents who do not have the luxury of off-street parking; and

WHEREAS: Some residents who have driveways and multiple vehicles do not make use of their driveways and occupy street spaces that could otherwise be used by residents who need to park on the street, adding to parking difficulties; and

WHEREAS: There is no way to enforce the use of driveways; and

WHEREAS: A city campaign asking residents with driveways to be courteous to on-street parkers by using their driveway as often as possible could raise awareness and improved the usage of driveways; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to discuss the creation of a mailing piece to be included in existing

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mailings that asks driveway owners to be courteous to others by utilizing their driveways as much as possible.

O-6 Mar 23, 2009 **Amended**
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to ensure that **high quality** dog waste bags will be provided at parks throughout the summer months in order to help keep the parks clean; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Public Works Commissioner install signage to remind dog owners about the proper disposal of dog waste; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Animal Commission with a view in mind to increase the dog license fee to include the cost of the animal waste bags and to further educate the public about the expense of the animal waste bags.

O-7 Mar 23, 2009
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Data from the US Census, the Cambridge Police Department, the Teen Health Survey, and other sources was collected to create the first ever Report on the Status of Women and girls in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Women outnumber males in almost half of the neighborhoods in Cambridge, single women head the majority of households in Cambridge, and more than 20 percent of Cambridge middle school-aged girls witnessed violence in their neighborhoods in a 12 month period; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge community stakeholders, policy analysts, and program directors attended the Women's Data Workshop to interpret and evaluate data from the Report on the Status of Women and Girls in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women partnered with the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Institute for Community Health to put forth recommendations for City departments and organizations to expand programming, policy, and funding opportunities in order to effectively deliver needed services and programs to women and girls in the community; and

WHEREAS: The Recommendations from A Look at Women in Cambridge Now submitted to the City Manager in February, 2009, underlined five key areas for enhancement - Economic Issues, Older Women, Women's Health, Women's Safety, and Young Women/Girls; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women created an online "community conversation" at cambridgewomen.blogspot.com to discuss the recommendations from the workshop, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager provide a copy of the report and recommendations to all City Department Heads and require them to report back by the start of FY10 on the ways in which they can implement the recommendations made in A Look at Women in Cambridge Now.

O-8 Mar 23, 2009
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of doubling the number of solar panels to be installed on the high school using stimulus funds.

O-9 Mar 23, 2009
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The lack of sufficient data on gender in programming, policy, as well as in the economic, social and political spheres, can give rise to costly and misdirected policies, plans and projects; and

WHEREAS: Gender specific data collection creates a more holistic and balanced understanding of a community; and

WHEREAS: Gender differences refer to economic and socio-cultural factors defined by background and community; and

WHEREAS: Understanding and accounting for gender inequalities in accessing resources helps to develop significant changes in intra-communal relations and women's empowerment; and

WHEREAS: Gender specific data collection would be easily administered with very little interruption and change in most procedures by which City Departments do business; and

WHEREAS: The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Commission can identify a professional resource to assist the city in designing ways to collect data that separate gender and also allow for gender identification vs. biological gender; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to require appropriate City departments and staff to begin collecting data based on gender and to make available to the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women and all other departments the gender based data while securing anonymity and confidentiality as appropriate.

O-10 Mar 23, 2009
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge youth between the ages of 16-24 would greatly benefit from grant funds available through President Obama's Economic Stimulus Proposal Workforce Investment Act; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assign a grant writer to apply for funding (proposals for which are due in approximately 30 days) that would benefit the youth of Cambridge.

O-11 Mar 23, 2009
VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The economic downturn has meant that people are losing jobs and having trouble paying the rent or the monthly mortgage bill; and

WHEREAS: There are community resources available to help residents plan and manage during difficult economic times; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to convene a public meeting in the near future with relevant City staff, local non-profits, tenants' associations and any other resources that may be helpful, with the goal of providing information and support for any homeowner or renter who may be having trouble paying their monthly bill and who may be facing the possibility of eviction from their home.

O-12 Mar 23, 2009 **Amended**
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance has only had one community meeting, for which the City Council was only given one weeks notice, and notice of the meeting was not mailed to Health Alliance consumers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance to ensure that the Health Alliance will be mailing notices of its community meetings directly to their consumers as they are the primary ones that will be impacted by Health Alliance changes; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on whether or not the Health Alliance will be mailing notices of its community meetings directly to their consumers **and said report to include copies of the notices of the community meeting to the City Council.**

O-13 Mar 23, 2009
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: There is concern from the residents of West Cambridge regarding the black colored fire hydrants in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: It is understood that the color of the hydrant reflects the capability of the hydrant in gallons per minute or GPM, (Red hydrants pump 500 GPM, Orange hydrants pump 1,000 GPM, Green hydrants pump over 1,500 GPM, Blue hydrants pump 2,000 GPM); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to obtain from the Fire Department how black colored hydrants are different from other hydrants in the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to obtain from the Fire Department how many black hydrants are in the West Cambridge area, and whether or not the number of black hydrants in West Cambridge is relatively high in comparison with the rest of the city; and be it further

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

O-14 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are making employee cuts; and

WHEREAS: Government support services have also diminished as a result of these tough economic times; and

WHEREAS: Other organizations have turned to their employees and viewed them as partners and collaborators in efforts to reduce cost and find budgetary savings, as opposed to layoffs; and

WHEREAS: When universities lay off employees, particularly employees in the lowest economic bracket, this not only has a devastating effect on the individual and their family, but also it has a cost to local and state governments who see an increase in social service needs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City Council go on record asking two of its largest employers to consider making the sacrifice to weather these tough economic times out without resorting to cutting its lowest wage workers for economic relief; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-15 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council with a proposal to label trees at appropriate locations to educate Cambridge residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee meeting about trees scheduled for Apr 1, 2009.

O-16 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: At a Health and Environment meeting on Feb 24, 2009, dark sky principles and a variety of issues related to light pollution and appropriate lighting were discussed; and

WHEREAS: Also discussed was the enforcement of existing ordinances and the potential need for additional zoning language, particularly in Article 19 relative to special permits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council about potential amendments that can be made to the zoning ordinance to bring city lighting more in line with dark sky principles; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant departments such as Inspectional Services and the Community Development Department to address problems with the enforcement of existing regulations to protect light from one property from creating problems on nearby properties; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by July 1, 2009 on this matter.

O-17 Mar 23, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Inspectional Services Department to prepare a response to the state's proposed stretch building code to be submitted to the state before the Apr 10, 2009 deadline for submission.

O-18 Mar 23, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The City of Berkeley, California has recently adopted an innovative new program to give city-backed loans to property owners who install rooftop solar-power systems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare a home rule petition to enable the City of Cambridge to establish a similar program.

O-19 Mar 23, 2009 [Substitute Order]

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to recirculate the Public Safety Committee Report for the Jan 21, 2009 meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss crime trends.

O-19 Mar 23, 2009 [Original Late Order]

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Communities should always be vigilant in taking precautions to help create a safe and secure neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: There may be types of crimes that are correlated with a downturn in the economy, for example, a number of cars in Neighborhood 9 have had their tires stripped and stolen, and it may be helpful to residents to know of other crimes to be on heightened alert for; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Cambridge Police Commissioner to submit to the City Council a list of crimes that have been on the rise that could be reasonably correlated with a downturn in the economy; and be it further

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

[Note: This Order was replaced by Councillor Toomey's Order after it was pointed out that the Public Safety Committee had already taken up the issue at its Jan 21, 2009 meeting. Councillor Decker had already left when the Late Order came up. It pays to actually READ the City Council meeting materials, including the Committee Reports.]

O-20 Mar 23, 2009 Amended

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting local option legislation on red light camera enforcement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation.

[Voting in favor: Davis, Kelley, Maher, Seidel, Toomey; voting against: Decker, Reeves, Simmons, Ward.