

**CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning Apr 1, 2008 and ending Mar 31, 2009. Highlights: 2.1% increase in the water rate, 4.8% increase in the sewer rate, and a 3.9% increase in the combined rate. The projections last year were for rates of 2.1%, 7.7% and 5.8%, respectively.

Block	Annual Consumption (CcF)	FY08 Water Rate	FY09 Proposed Water Rate	FY08 Sewer Rate	FY09 Proposed Sewer Rate
Block 1	0–40	\$2.84	\$2.90	\$6.44	\$6.75
Block 2	41–400	\$3.05	\$3.11	\$6.82	\$7.15
Block 3	401–2,000	\$3.23	\$3.30	\$7.32	\$7.67
Block 4	2,001–10,000	\$3.44	\$3.51	\$7.89	\$8.27
Block 5	Over 10,000	\$3.72	\$3.80	\$8.39	\$8.79

\* CcF = 100 cubic ft. (approx. 750 gal.)

The annual combined water/sewer rate is projected to increase by an average of approximately 5.7% each year for FY09-13, primarily due to infrastructure improvements and increases in the MWRA assessment.

- 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2008: James M. Desrosiers
- 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-33, regarding a report on parking enforcement and the acceptance of Museum Way and North Point Boulevard.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-29, regarding a report on how Section 3.32 of the Zoning Code regarding Usable Open Space has been interpreted.

**Referred to Ordinance Committee - Davis**

**CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-17, regarding a report on the Redevelopment Authority's land holdings in the East Cambridge and Kendall Square areas. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Item Number Three of Mar 17, 2008.

**Place on file under Rule 19 - No action taken**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 2. 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.]
- 3. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and

Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]

- 4. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
- 5. 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. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing May Fair.
- 2. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across Mount Auburn Street at JFK announcing May Fair.
- 3. An application was received from Ed Serpe, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 27 Sherman Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
- 4. An application was received from Alfred Harvard Square Salon requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 8 Eliot Street.
- 5. An application was received from MIT Museum requesting permission for six tables and twenty-four chairs in front of premises numbered 265 Massachusetts Avenue.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. A communication was received from Peggy and Charles Whipp and family, transmitting appreciation for the Certification of Honor for Special Agent Thomas Crowell.
- 2. A communication was received from the family of Jean K. Mason and family, transmitting appreciation to the City Council for the honor it extended to Dr. Edward A. Mason.
- 3. A communication was received from Bernice Gostanian, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution passed in honor her husband Vaughn Gostanian.

4. A communication was received from Robert Rapson, Director, Office of Mainland Southeast Asia, regarding the resolution urging tighter sanctions against the Burmese military regime.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations and appreciation to Mary Wong, Executive Director of the Kids' Council, and the youth delegates who gave a presentation at the 2008 National League of Cities Conference. Councillor Reeves, Mayor Simmons
2. Resolution on the death of Specialist Dustin Jackson. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jose Paniagua-Morales. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Specialist Donald Burkett. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Ernesto Cimarrusti. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Corporal Scott McIntosh. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Captain Torre Mallard. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Phillip Anderson. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Juantra Bradley. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Corporal Robert McDavid. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant David Julian. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Shawn Sutch. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Laurent West. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Tenzin Samten. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Isaac Meyers. Councillor Davis
16. Condolences to the family of Dr. Thomas Frank. Councillor Davis
17. Resolution on the death of Stames N. Stiles. Councillor Toomey
18. Urge all residents to visit the Central Square Library during the month of April to view the Vernon Grant Art Show. Mayor Simmons
19. Congratulations to Marty Blatt on being elected Vice President of Boston National Historic Parks. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Mary F. Hassey. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
21. Resolution on the death of Florence E. Goodwin. Councillor Maher
22. Appreciation to the women of Cambridge who have throughout history provided and to those who continue to provide outstanding public service and leadership. Mayor Simmons
23. Congratulations to Elizabeth Phipps-Soeiro and William Soeiro on the birth of their son, Henry Burdock Phipps Soeiro. Councillor Davis
24. Resolution on the death of Sophia (Frias) McElaney. Councillor Toomey
25. Resolution on the death of Paul Dalba Jr. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of Cilla (Pierre) Etienne. Councillor Toomey
27. Resolution on the death of Frank Dziadul. Councillor Toomey
28. Resolution on the death of Albert Jefferson Thompson Sr. Councillor Toomey
29. Resolution on the death of Walter Paul. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of Lillian Hensley. Mayor Simmons

31. Best wishes and appreciation to Cathy Hoffman as she leaves her position as Director of the Peace Commission. Mayor Simmons

32. Congratulations to Henrietta Attles on receiving the Women of Courage and Conviction Award by the National Council of Negro Women. Mayor Simmons

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how the March 17 accident in Central Square happened and that said report back contain a copy of the relevant police report to the extent that that information may be shared. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads and report back to the City Council with the City's detailed plans to mitigate the adverse traffic impacts of the Rindge Avenue project prior to the renovation project's commencement. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation as to why the bricks removed from the plaza at the junction of Cedar Street and Massachusetts Avenue have not yet been replaced with bricks but instead remains a large asphalt patch. Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's plans to fully implement the tree list in the upcoming planting season. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's policies and regulations concerning the number of unrelated people living in the same dwelling unit and any suggestions to modify that number. Councillor Kelley **Charter Right - Toomey** [This Order was initially adopted by affirmative vote of 6 members with Councillor Toomey voting NO and Reeves and Simmons ABSENT. At the end of the meeting, Councillors Seidel and Maher asked that their votes also be recorded as NO. The changing of votes would have changed the outcome. Mayor Simmons moved suspension of the rules to move Reconsideration and this prevailed. Councillor Decker then moved Reconsideration of the vote. At this point, Councillor Toomey exercised his Charter Right to delay action until the next City Council meeting.]
6. That the Mayor is requested to hold a special combined meeting, to be open to public comment and to be televised as with a normally scheduled meeting, of both the School Committee and the City Council to start a discussion on how to best coordinate various youth services. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Seidel, Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
7. That the Government Operations Committee review City Council policy on Public comment with a view towards making any necessary amendments and report back to the City Council on this matter. Mayor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact an exodus of bio-tech companies from Cambridge may have on the tax base of our city, and further report back on Northpoint and what likelihood there may be for further development. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Reeves and Councillor Toomey

9. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of Caesar and Florence Zani. Councillor Maher
10. That the City Council refer the matter of noise in condominium complexes to the Health and Environment committee for further discussion with the intent of developing a policy that encourages City agencies to enforce the Cambridge Noise Ordinance within condominium complexes to the extent legally possible. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council before the summer break on what public education and traffic enforcement campaigns the City, to all relevant departments, is doing to make bicycling in Cambridge as safe as it possibly can be. Councillor Kelley  
**Amended**
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads to ensure that all bicycles sold at the Police auction for use by children 16 or under are equipped at the time of sale with a white headlight and that the purchaser is given a helmet for the child rider to use. Councillor Kelley
13. That this City Council go on record in support of Senate Bill 1251, An Act to Establish a Board of Midwifery and urge the Massachusetts Senate to pass this bill. Councillor Decker
14. That the City Manager is requested to review and report back on the feasibility of the City establishing mini-grants for seniors and other low-income residents who find their homes are now designated by FEMA as being within the flood plain, thus requiring the purchase of flood insurance. Councillor Maher
15. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate staff to question NSTAR officials about the blackout of electrical service in west Cambridge on March 17, 2008 and to report back to the City Council on the reason for the blackout and whether there will be further occurrences. Councillor Maher
16. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner in an effort to put extra patrols in the area of the Yerxa Road underpass in an effort to fight against graffiti. Councillor Maher
17. That the City Manager is requested to use Cambridge Municipal Television to publicize affordable housing opportunities now available, specifically, rental housing at North Point and homeownership opportunities at the Switch House on Riverside. Councillor Davis

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from the roundtable discussion on housing with the housing panel on Mar 5, 2008. **Report referred to Housing Committee**

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Mar 25

3:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss

the conversion of TV signals from analogue to digital. (Ackermann Room)

7:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the matter of presenting a status report on the Cambridge Energy Alliance. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

##### Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, Apr 2

1:30pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY08-09 budget. (Ackermann Room)

##### Thurs, Apr 3

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to insert a new subsection (10) in Article 2.000, in the section entitled "Gross Floor Area" providing that bicycle parking meeting the dimensional requirements of Article 6.000, whether located in a principal use structure, any parking facility for motor vehicles, or in an accessory structure, shall not be included in the calculation of Gross Floor Area. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, Apr 8

5:30pm The Transportation Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issues involving safe routes to school. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, Apr 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Thurs, May 1

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, May 5

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting. No public comment. Nov votes will be taken. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, May 7

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, May 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, May 13

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, May 14

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY09 City Budget. (if necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, May 19

4:00pm 2008 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, July 28**

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

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: A pedestrian was tragically killed in a traffic accident in Central Square on Monday, March 17; and

WHEREAS: Pedestrian safety is a crucial element in ensuring that our City remains walkable; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council no later than Apr 28, 2008 on how this accident happened and that said report contain a copy of the relevant police report to the extent that that information may be shared, through a non-public communication if necessary, with the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the traffic signal timing and whether changes could increase safety at that location; and be it further

ORDERED: That if the City Manager cannot so report by Apr 28, 2008, then by that date he is requested to report as to when the City Council should expect to receive the requested information.

O-2 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Walden Street Bridge renovation project is not going to be complete when the Rindge Avenue renovation project commences; and

WHEREAS: Traffic on Rindge Avenue appears to have increased as a result of the Walden Street Bridge closure; and

WHEREAS: Closure of Rindge Avenue, which will result in a much-appreciated new streetscape, at the same time as the Walden Street Bridge is closed, is likely to have significant negative traffic implications; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads and report back to the City Council on why the Rindge Avenue project has been scheduled at the same time the Walden Street Bridge is closed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant Department heads and report back to the City Council with the City's detailed plans to mitigate the adverse traffic impacts of the Rindge Avenue project prior to that project's commencement.

O-3 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation as to why the bricks removed from the plaza at the junction of

Cedar Street and Massachusetts Avenue have not yet been replaced with bricks but instead remains a large asphalt patch.

O-4 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's plans to fully implement the tree list in the upcoming planting season.

O-5 Mar 24, 2008 **Charter Right - Toomey**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Boston has recently instituted a housing policy of a maximum of 4 unrelated people per dwelling; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge faces many of the same housing pressures that Boston does; and

WHEREAS: Unrelated students and other young people sharing dwelling units in large numbers per dwelling unit can put extra pressure on housing prices and lead to overcrowding and other neighborhood problems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's policies and regulations concerning the number of unrelated people living in the same dwelling unit and any suggestions to modify that number.

O-6 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The youth of Cambridge are the City's most precious, and at times, vulnerable asset; and

WHEREAS: Both the City and the Cambridge Public School System, along with residents and businesses and housing providers, share responsibility for creating a city-wide climate that encourages academic and other success for our youth from ages 0 to 18; and

WHEREAS: There is a bewildering array of services available to our youth, to include Cambridge School Volunteers, Summerbridge, Cambridge Housing Authority's Workforce, the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, the youth centers, community schools, Cambridge Youth Soccer, the East End House, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA and many, many more; and

WHEREAS: It is not always clear who is responsible for doing what and how effectively that "what" is getting done; and

WHEREAS: A better understanding of these various programs by School and City officials, to include both School Committee and City Council members, would be very useful in ensuring the most efficient delivery of services to our youth; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to hold a special combined meeting, to be open to public comment and to be televised as with a normally scheduled meeting, of both the School Committee and the City Council to start a discussion on how to best coordinate these various youth services; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to request from the City Manager and the Superintendent of the Public School system, that appropriate staff members be

made available at this meeting to discuss what forms of services their various departments offer to our youth; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to extend an invitation to other service providers, such as the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Cambridge Health Alliance, the 0-8 Council and so forth, to attend this meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That this meeting should not be considered as a one-time meeting but should be considered as the basis of creating an on-going committee of both School Committee and City Council members, along with relevant City staff and other personnel, to help better coordinate delivery of youth services across a greater spectrum of needs and opportunities.

O-7 Mar 24, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: There has been a growing need to revisit the policy on Public Comment at City Council meetings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Government Operations Committee review City Council policy on Public comment with a view towards making any necessary amendments and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-8 Mar 24, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: A Boston Globe article dated Mar 2, 2008 described the exodus of bio-tech companies from Cambridge to outlying suburbs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact an exodus may have on the tax base of our city, and further report back on Northpoint and what likelihood there may be for further development.

O-9 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedication a suitable location in honor of Caesar and Florence Zani; 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-10 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a City where many people own and live in condominiums; and

WHEREAS: Noise issues within the boundaries of a condominium have traditionally been viewed by the City as a matter to be handled by the relevant condominium trustees; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Noise Ordinance does not distinguish between condominium dwellers and other residents of Cambridge when stating that noise will be measured at the property line; and

WHEREAS: Other public health and safety issues are enforced by the City regardless of the ownership status of the relevant properties; now be it

ORDERED: That the City Council refer the matter of noise in condominium complexes to the Health and Environment committee for further discussion with the intent of developing a policy that encourages City agencies to enforce the Cambridge Noise Ordinance within condominium complexes to the extent legally possible.

O-11 Mar 24, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

~~WHEREAS: Bicycling is very dangerous in Cambridge; and~~

**WHEREAS: Bicycling in Cambridge needs attention to be made safer; and**

**WHEREAS: The City Council greatly appreciates the Bicycle Committee and the bike advocates for all their hard work to make cycling in Cambridge safer; and ~~be it further~~**

WHEREAS: Hazards to cyclists include inattentive drivers and people, both passengers and drivers, opening their car doors in front of cyclists, as well as cyclists not using lights at night or riding without helmets; and

WHEREAS: As long as cycling remains so hazardous, it will be difficult to get people, especially parents transporting their children, to bicycle in Cambridge rather than drive; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has started a public education campaign about bike safety based at least partly on informing people about the importance of keeping bike lanes free, of checking the mirror before opening car doors and of the need for cyclists to "be bright at night" and to wear a helmet; and

WHEREAS: This public information campaign, while a start, has not been as effective as is necessary to make Cambridge's streets sufficiently safe for cyclists; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council before the summer break on what public education and traffic enforcement campaigns the City, through all relevant departments, is doing to make bicycling in Cambridge as safe as it possibly can be.

O-12 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Children 16 and under are required, by law, to wear helmets when bicycling; and

WHEREAS: Head injuries are a significant risk to cyclists who ride without helmets; and

WHEREAS: A white light is required on the front of a bicycle to legally ride during darkness; and

WHEREAS: Large numbers of children 16 and under ride in Cambridge without either lights at night or helmets; and

WHEREAS: The Police auction is coming up, during which bicycles will be sold; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant Department heads to ensure that all bicycles sold at the Police auction for use by children 16 or under are equipped at the time of sale with a white headlight and that the purchaser is given a helmet for the child rider to use.

O-13 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is only one of five states that does not have a Board of Midwifery; and

WHEREAS: Midwifery services play an important role in women's health; and

WHEREAS: In the Massachusetts Senate, Senate Bill 1251: An Act to Establish a Board of Midwifery, is currently in the 3rd reading in the Senate; and

WHEREAS: This bill would promulgate regulations and adopt such rules that are necessary to regulate the field and practice of midwifery and midwives; and

WHEREAS: The bill would also allow the Board of Midwifery to receive, review, approve or disapprove applications for licensing and to issue licenses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of Senate Bill 1251 and respectfully urge the Massachusetts Senate to pass the bill; and be it further

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

O-14 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review and report back on the feasibility of the City establishing mini-grants for seniors and other low-income residents who find their homes are now designated by FEMA as being within the flood plain, thus requiring the purchase of flood insurance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to complete this review in time for consideration as part of the upcoming budget.

O-15 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate staff to question NSTAR officials about the blackout of electrical service in west Cambridge on Mar 17, 2008 and to report back to the City Council on the reason for the blackout and whether there will be further occurrences.

O-16 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner in an effort to put extra patrols in the area of the Yerxa Road underpass in an effort to fight against graffiti.

O-17 Mar 24, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to use Cambridge Municipal Television to publicize affordable housing opportunities now available, specifically, rental housing at North Point and homeownership opportunities at the Switch House on Riverside; and be it further

ORDERED: That notices be provided to all the members of the clergy.