

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,000 donation to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account will be used to improve the Alexander W. Kemp playground.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the Cambridge Health Alliance to the Cambridge Prevention Coalition in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to support the Cambridge Teen Health Survey.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$349,180.00 funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$10,218.00), the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$334,962.00) and the Travel & Training account (\$4,000.00) to continue operating the Low Income Heating Assistance Program serving Cambridge and Somerville.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of additional funds from the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Transition Assistance in the amount of (\$343.36) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to be used for staff salaries for the Carey Men's Transition Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,100 donation from the Cambridge Community Foundation to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support activities at the Frisoli Youth Center.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant for \$2,375,036 to the Grant Fund Human Services Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$86,175) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,288,861) to be used to cover costs associated with serving homeless persons in Cambridge.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of revenues received over the past several years from the Client and Commemorative Tree program for the amount of \$60,233.92 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to augment our street tree planting program, which in a typical year results in approximately 120 newly planted trees, either as replacements for ones removed from the same site, or new planting locations per citizen request.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for \$35,000 to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to assist the City in promoting the recycling of organic materials to businesses.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of rebates received from NSTAR for \$13,695 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used to support energy upgrades and energy advisory services.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$82,200 in tree replacement funds from Harvard University to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used to plant trees in various area of the City.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-17, regarding a report on ensuring that all crosswalks lead to curb cuts.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-03, regarding a report on the feasibility of purchasing the MBTA property in Harvard Square for economic development use.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the City Council Petition to amend the zoning ordinance to change the base zoning designation of the area at the eastern corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Washburn Avenue from Business C-1 to Business A-2.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to relative to a communication from the Planning Board which does not recommend the Zimlicki, et al Zoning Petition modifying provisions of Section 5.28.2 and Section 6.12 (d) relating to the provisions of parking and open space where non-residential buildings are converted to residential use, as filed.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-07, regarding a report on posting various departmental enforcement statistics on the City's website.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$450,000 from the School General Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to the School Debt Stabilization Fund to be used to fund future school capital projects and help offset fluctuations in future debt service revenues and expenses, subject to appropriation.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$1,100,000 from the School General Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the School General Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to support a system wide plan for upgrading district infrastructure and network hardware and software, and school and department level hardware and software.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$944,770 from the School General Fund Salary and Wages account to the School General Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$150,000) and to the School General Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$794,770) to be used to support expenditures for Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA) equipment (\$213,000), custodial cleaning equipment (\$359,000), facility improvements (\$25,000), computer hardware and software (\$97,770) and to support market research and outreach activities (\$250,000).
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from Holiday Investments, LLC for a permanent aerial easement for a black metal fire escape balcony or connected fire escape balconies to be installed, repaired, replaced and maintained over a portion of the public sidewalk on the westerly side of Fayette Street located in front of Holiday's premises at 371 Broadway. - **Charter Right - Kelley**

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Cambridge being selected as the Accessible America 2005 grand prize award winner, and recognizes Cambridge as a national model for its focus on disability issues and for its successful design of programs, services and facilities. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Ten of March 20, 2006.

ON THE TABLE

2. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons on April 11, 2005 on an order adopted relative to a communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, transmitting a recommendation from the License Commission to deny a jitney license application from Nautical Tours, Inc.
3. Vice Mayor Toomey notified the City Clerk of his intention to move reconsideration of the vote taken on March 6, 2006 adopting the recommendations of City Manager Item Number Eight of February 6, 2006 relative to a request from Spaulding & Slye to name fourteen streets at North Point. - **ADOPTED**
4. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on February 27, 2006 on Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of February 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Central Kitchen, requesting permission for twelve tables and thirty-six chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 567 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from the Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Temple Street sponsoring the annual North Cambridge Artists' Open Studio (NoCA).
3. An application was received from Mone Anathan, requesting to widen an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 99 Garden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. Property owner (applicant) will construct and street opening permit must be pulled from Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
4. An application was received from Dream On, requesting permission for a pole sign at the premises numbered 299 Prospect Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
5. An application was received from OM Restaurant & Lounge, requesting permission for six tables and twenty-four chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 92 Winthrop Street.
6. An application was received from the Tavern and Wish, requesting permission for ten tables and thirty chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 730 Massachusetts Avenue.
7. An application was received from the Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Brookline Street sponsoring the Dragon Boat Festival.
8. An application was received from Donald McInnes, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 48 Hawthorn Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. Applicant will hire contractor to install curb cut and vegetation adjacent to driveway must be removed. Approval has been received from the

neighborhood association.

9. An application was received from Savenor's, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, a display of merchandise, four tables and eight chairs in front of the premises numbered 92 Kirkland Street.
10. Approval of constable bond surety received from Fred W. MacDonald.
11. An application was received from Joe Sent Me, requesting permission for eight tables and sixteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 2388 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding persons with disabilities.
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding protocol.
3. A communication was received from Lawrence J. Adkins, Riverside Neighborhood Association, regarding process to consider Howard Street as a one way street.
4. A communication was received from Lawrence J. Adkins, Riverside Neighborhood Association, regarding eighty parking spaces in the Riverside Neighborhood - Western Avenue and Blackstone Street.
5. A communication was received from Lawrence J. Adkins, Riverside Neighborhood Association, regarding independently operated buses on Putnam Avenue and in the Riverside Neighborhood.
6. A communication was received from the family of Sergeant Marcus S. Futrell, transmitting thanks for your kind expression of sympathy.
7. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding emergency exits and their location in City Hall.
8. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding an accessible route.
9. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding blocked egress at City Hall.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Kevin M. Sullivan. Councillor Sullivan
2. Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary wishes top Richard and Joann Coffman. Vice Mayor Toomey
3. Congratulations to Kija Kim on the occasion of her recognition as the Massachusetts Small Business Person of the Year. Mayor Reeves
4. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Linda Terry. Councillor Davis
5. Congratulations to GreenFuel on the opening of its new headquarters at 735 Concord Avenue in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
6. Resolution on the death of John W. Kenney Jr. Mayor Reeves, Councillor Sullivan
7. Resolution on the death of Jose F. Jorge. Vice Mayor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Paul T. Barton. Councillor Sullivan
9. Resolution on the death of Vincent "Jim" Mastrullo. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan
10. Resolution on the death of Minnie (Marrone) Citro-Mari. Vice Mayor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Ruby W. (Wong) Chung. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of George C. Kelly. Councillor Sullivan
13. Congratulations to Anthony Ciccarelli on his appointment as Headmaster of Somerville High School. Vice Mayor Toomey
14. Congratulations to Nick Pappas and Sue Cornwall on the establishment of Lizzy's Ice Cream shop on Church Street in

- Harvard Square. Councillor Galluccio
15. Appreciation to Doug Sacra for his work on green design and best wishes on his new business, Maple Hill Architects. Councillor Davis
 16. Congratulations to the recipients of the awards presented by the Human Rights Commission in celebration of Fair Housing Month. Councillor Sullivan
 17. Resolution on the death of Catherine V. "Kay" Cremens. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
 18. Congratulations and appreciation to the Boston Women's Fund and their honorees Donna Brazile and Julianne Malveaux for their work in empowering women and on the occasion of their annual celebration "Take A Stand 2006". Councillor Simmons
 19. Congratulations to Jay and Julie Kiely on the birth of their son John Paul Kiely. Vice Mayor Toomey
 20. Resolution on the death of Manuel Andrade. Vice Mayor Toomey
 21. Resolution on the death of Nancy M. Tracy. Vice Mayor Toomey
 22. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Marco Silva. Councillor Decker
 23. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Bryan Lewis. Councillor Decker
 24. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Corey Dan. Councillor Decker
 25. Resolution on the death of Private Angelo Zawaydeh. Councillor Decker
 26. Resolution on the death of Corporal Nate Yates. Councillor Decker
 27. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Amanda Pinson. Councillor Decker
 28. Resolution on the death of Specialist Carlos Gonzalez. Councillor Decker
 29. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Dale Brehm. Councillor Decker
 30. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Ricardo Barraza. Councillor Decker
 31. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Amy Duerkson. Councillor Decker
 32. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Brock Beery. Councillor Decker
 33. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Randy McCaulley. Councillor Decker
 34. Resolution on the death of Specialist Antoine McKinzie. Councillor Decker
 35. Resolution on the death of Specialist Frederick Carlson. Councillor Decker
 36. Welcome to Dr. John Hope Franklin on the occasion of his speaking engagement at Harvard Law School on his book "Mirror to America." Mayor Reeves
 37. Urge all residents to be cognizant that April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mayor Reeves
 38. Resolution on the death of Kathleen P. "Kay" (McAdam) Connolly. Councillor Galluccio
 39. Best wishes to the Dance Complex on the Kickoff Party for Dance Month which will take place on May 6, 2006 at 8:00pm. Mayor Reeves
 40. Resolution on the death of David Gerard Fraser. Councillor Galluccio
 41. Resolution on the death of Corey Davis. Councillor Galluccio
 42. Happy Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Sullivan
 43. Get well wishes to Theresa Carrabino. Councillor Sullivan
 44. Congratulations to the candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from the parishes of St. Peter's, St. Paul's and St. John's churches. Councillor Sullivan
 45. Congratulations to Judge Catherine White on the occasion of being honored by the Cambridge-Arlington-Belmont Bar Association for her distinguished service. Councillor Sullivan
 46. Resolution on the death of John J. Rogers. Vice Mayor Toomey
 47. Speedy recovery wishes to Kate Lynch. Councillor Sullivan
 48. Resolution on the death of Joseph G. Metivier, Sr. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
 49. Resolution on the death of Sophia Mitropoulos. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
 50. Resolution on the death of Pauline B. Agard. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
 51. Resolution on the death of Paul J. Ryan. Councillor Sullivan
 52. Resolution on the death of Francis E. Phinney. Councillor Sullivan
 53. Resolution on the death of Jennie Moscatel. Vice Mayor Toomey
 54. Declare the week of April 9 through April 15, 2006 as National Telecommunications Dispatchers Week in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
 55. Congratulations to the Department of Human Services and all participants in the 20th Annual City Run 5-Mile Road Race and 3-Mile Walk for a successful event. Councillor Davis
 56. Congratulations to the Cambridge Green Streets Initiative for the successful "Walk/Ride Day" held on March 31, 2006. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Sullivan
 57. Speedy recovery wishes to Father Kevin Toomey. Councillor Sullivan
 58. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Transition House Celebrate Spring fundraising event on May 10, 2006. Vice Mayor Toomey
 59. Congratulations to Cubby Ugeletto. Councillor Sullivan
 60. Appreciation for a posthumous award to Lieutenant John W. Kenney Jr. by the Margaret Fuller House. Mayor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to investigate and report back to the City Council on the recently adopted program of the Boston City Council which gives seniors who own their own home \$750.00 off their tax bill if they do volunteer work. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to develop a comprehensive plan to address violent crime in our neighborhoods. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to arrange to have the dates and times of the Kids' Council meetings posted on the City's website. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to look into the possibility of utilizing the technology employed by National Grid to repair and replace gas lines without digging up the entire street. Councillor Murphy
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to research and report back to the City Council on ways to strengthen the public participation and community benefit elements of the special permit process. Councillor Simmons

6. Dedication of an appropriate site in honor of Joseph Leonard. Vice Mayor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to review the EPA's Green Power Partnership program which is voluntary use of green power to reduce the risk of climate change; participants in the program benefit from the use of green power while supporting the development of new, renewable energy in the United States. Councillor Murphy
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to investigate the possibility of having trash can lids available for purchase. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation to investigate the possibility of having additional community members on the Urban Ring CAC. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Affordable Housing Trust to prepare an annual report so that the general public can learn about the work of the trust. Councillor Davis
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ascertain which bus services are using which routes in Cambridge and what enforcement actions are used to ensure that buses only travel on their approved routes. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to ascertain the City's policies and plans to minimize bothersome vehicular noise as the warm weather approaches. Councillor Kelley and Vice Mayor Toomey
13. Gathering of relevant data as it relates to traffic enforcement, violations issued, accident information and jurisdiction of the Cambridge Police with the view in mind of evaluating safety of Cambridge streets. Councillor Kelley
14. That the City Manager is requested to prepare a detailed response that clarifies the city's curb cut policy. Councillor Kelley
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant department directors and other appropriate agencies to determine the status of the City's existing infrastructure and its capacity to absorb additional burdens. Councillor Kelley and Vice Mayor Toomey
16. That the Cambridge City Council go on record in opposition to proposed House Bill 4741 which would change the legislation guaranteeing public access to the waterfront in new developments at or abutting the ocean, rivers, wetlands, filled tidelands and other waterways. Councillor Kelley
17. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools about the reuse of the Police Station for School Administration or other use. Councillor Davis
18. Support for comprehensive immigration reform that combines a path to permanent status for immigrants already here and wider legal channels for those coming in the future with humane and effective enforcement at our borders. Councillor Decker
19. Formation of a partnership with Global Community Initiatives in our efforts to develop and implement a long-term vision for community development. Councillor Decker
20. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to support wireless service for the public for City Council consideration. Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Sullivan
21. That in addition to conveying the City Council's congratulations on the 20th Annual City Run, the City Manager is requested to encourage the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to have the City Run staff consult with the Department of Public Health Healthy Living Cambridge program on the 3-mile walk competition that is part of this event. Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Sullivan
22. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to investigate whether School Street, in particular the vicinity of 95 School Street, needs to be repaired due to complaints received that the street is sinking and drainage problems exist. Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey
23. Reaffirming support for the Massachusetts Municipal Campaign's proposed bill to uncap the State Lottery and end the diversion of funds from local cities and towns. Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey
24. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Law Department to provide clarifying language for possible amendment to the Cambridge Responsible Employer Ordinance to insure that the original intent regarding medical coverage is stated clearly and concisely to avoid any misinterpretation. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey, Mayor Reeves, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Galluccio
25. That the matter of tree trimming by public utility companies be referred to the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee. Councillor Davis, Councillor Sullivan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on March 7, 2006 to discuss the city's targeted emission reduction by 2010 and the renewal energy goals.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on March 15, 2006 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to change the zoning for the remaining area north Massachusetts Avenue zoned Business C-1 to Business A-2.
- **Passed to 2nd Reading**
3. 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 meeting held on March 8, 2006 for the purpose of continuing the discussion of the City's affirmative action and diversity training policies.
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 meeting held on March 22, 2006 for the purpose of continuing the discussion of the City's affirmative action and diversity training for employees.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 4

3:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss youth programming for youth centers. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Thurs, Apr 6

11:30am The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to discuss the Storrow Drive Tunnel Reconstruction Project. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Finance and the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committees will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss Cambridge owning and operating its own municipal power company. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 12

9:30am Special City Council Roundtable Meeting – A facilitated workshop on housing policy. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 19

8:30am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relating to the senior population as it relates to neighborhoods. (Sullivan Chamber)

11:00am The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss plans for a citywide conversation on race and class, and to received additional information on affirmative action. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 25

9:00am The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to received an update on Harvard Square’s economic and cultural development. (Ackermann Room)

3:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the 2006 Public Health Assessment, and to review information on youth diabetes in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 26

8:30am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion as they relate to neighborhoods, specifically to received information about Transit Realty and the Bennett Street project, to received information about demographics available from Election Commission, Inspectional Services and School Department and information about space available for community meetings. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on re-filed proposal by the Planning Board to rezone the Concord Alewife area. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 2

10:00am The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on Trolley Square and other affordable housing projects in the pipeline; to discuss the selection process for residents for affordable housing and to discuss any other matters that may come before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss wind turbines and energy conservation. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 3

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 9

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 10

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the proposal for WIFI. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 11

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 17

5:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on and amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to change the language “useable open space” to “private open space.” (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from Eileen Woodford et al. (Tobin-Danehy Zoning Petition) requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone an area currently zoned Res. C-1A, Res. B, and Industry A-1 to Residence C in the area bounded by Bay State Road, Fern, Field, New Streets and Concord Avenue. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 18

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 City Budget. (IF NECESSARY) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 22

4:00pm 2006 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 23

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting regarding youth diabetes in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 7

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate and report back to the City Council on the recently adopted program of the Boston City Council which gives seniors who own their own home \$750.00 off their tax bill if they do volunteer work.

O-2 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a comprehensive plan to address violent crime in our neighborhoods in light of the recent killing in Cambridgeport and in the best interest of community safety.

O-3 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to arrange to have the dates and times of the Kids’ Council meetings posted on the City’s website.

O-4 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to look into the possibility of utilizing the technology employed by National Grid to repair and replace gas lines without digging up the entire street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to research and report back to the City Council on ways to strengthen the public participation and community benefit elements of the special permit process. Staff is requested to

investigate how localities involve the public in their land permitting processes and to consider whether adding/strengthening criteria for (1) evaluating the extent to which public participation has been fostered by the developer and (2) evaluating and measuring public benefit more concretely could advance these goals.

O-6 April 3, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Joseph Leonard; 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-7 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the EPA's Green Power Partnership program which is voluntary use of green power to reduce the risk of climate change; participants in the program benefit from the use of green power while supporting the development of new, renewable energy in the United States.

O-8 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to investigate the possibility of having trash can lids available for purchase.

O-9 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for for Community Development and the Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation to investigate the possibility of having additional community members on the Urban Ring CAC.

O-10 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Affordable Housing Trust to prepare an annual report so that the general public can learn about the work of the trust.

O-11 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Bus traffic on Cambridge streets subjects nearby residents to noise and unhealthy diesel fumes; and

WHEREAS: Bus traffic is limited to approved streets and routes in Cambridge in order to minimize the negative impacts on air quality, noise and traffic flow; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ascertain which bus services are using which routes in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ascertain what enforcement actions are used to ensure that buses only travel on their approved routes; 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-12 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Warmer weather is approaching when more residents will be enjoying time outside their homes and in their homes with their windows open; and

WHEREAS: The noise from loud motorcycles, other vehicle mufflers and loud car radios can be very disturbing to residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to ascertain the City's policies and plans to minimize bothersome vehicular noise; 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-13 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge's streets and traffic patterns can be discomforting and even dangerous; and

WHEREAS: Effective policy making involving traffic requires accurate and relevant data; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the appropriate department heads to gather the following information:

*Cambridge Police Department's enforcement statistics for 2005 and thus far into 2006, broken down to the extent that it is possible by violation, location and type of enforcement action (i.e. warning versus citation, truck versus automobile versus bicycle versus jaywalkers)

*Accident information for 2005 and thus far into 2006, to include location and type of accident (i.e. cars failing to yield right of way, running red lights, etc.)

*Limits of Cambridge Police Department's jurisdiction and what agencies fill in those gaps and to what extent Cambridge can influence these agencies to make our streets safer (i.e. - who enforces traffic laws on Route 2 and on route 16; do Harvard and MIT Police make traffic stops and, if so, under what conditions); 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-14 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Curb cuts can have a significant impact on neighborhood on-street parking availability and neighborhood traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS: The enforcement of the City's curb cut policy is not entirely clear; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to prepare a detailed response that clarifies the city's curb cut policy to include:

* The adequacy of abutter notification procedures;

* The timing of related building permits; and

* The criteria for requiring related traffic studies, traffic calming measures and public planning;

and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the legal opinion that was unanimously requested by City Council Policy Order #29 of December 20, 2004 (Attached); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on these matters in a timely fashion.

O-15 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a very densely developed City with heavy traffic and extensive use of various mass transit modes; and

WHEREAS: New development in Cambridge is expected to add thousands of residential units and millions of square feet of development in coming years; and

WHEREAS: New development in Cambridge will put additional strains on existing infrastructure systems; and

WHEREAS: Existing infrastructure, to include roads, intersections, on-street parking, subway stops, parking lots and stormwater management systems, are frequently near, at, or even above capacity; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant department directors and other appropriate agencies to determine the status of the City's existing infrastructure and its capacity to absorb additional burdens; 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-16 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts House of Representatives is now considering a bill (House 4741) that would change the legislation guaranteeing public access to the waterfront in new developments at or abutting the ocean, rivers, wetlands, filled tidelands, and other waterways; and

WHEREAS: This bill would simultaneously eliminate the ten-citizen appeal, and override the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s own administrative review which currently dismisses frivolous appeals; and

WHEREAS: This bill would also make it more difficult for local zoning authorities to determine their own needs with respect to new research and development (R&D) projects, and otherwise weaken local zoning authority vis a vis the state's powers and authority to override local zoning ordinances; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in opposition to this proposed House Bill 4741; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to the Speaker of the House, Senate President and Cambridge's State Representatives and Senators.

O-17 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools about the reuse of the Police Station for School Administration or other use; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on this matter.

O-18 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cambridge recognizes the dignity of all our immigrant residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognizes the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious, cultural and economic life of the City; and

WHEREAS: The difficulties faced by those seeking political asylum and the children born in Cambridge to parents given Temporary Protected Status who now face possible deportation, shed light on current policies that can lead to the unjustified loss of highly-valued Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge opposed any efforts to transfer federal immigration responsibility to state and local officials, since these proposals might damage relationships with immigrant communities. Asking local law enforcement to check immigration status would tax our already overburdened police department and might also make immigrants more fearful of cooperating with law enforcement and reporting crimes; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge believes that criminalizing U.S. citizens, those who work with and for immigrants, and immigrants themselves is not a viable long-term solution to concerns over immigration and will continue separating families while preventing civic participation by all community members; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge believes there is no inherent conflict between national security and the preservation of liberty, and affirms its strong support for all U.S. military personnel service at home or abroad, condemns all terrorist acts wherever occurring and recognizes the important of ensuring homeland security; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has played a leading role in the protection of

immigrant rights and has consistently promoted tolerance and respect for all residents, including immigrants, United States Citizens and their families; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its strong support for comprehensive immigration reform that combines a path to permanent status for immigrants already here and wider legal channels for those coming in the future with humane and effective enforcement at our borders.

O-19 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: There are several key issues facing the citizens of Cambridge today including; a new "urban ring" proposed for rapid transit throughout the greater Boston area, a need for more affordable housing, significant development projects throughout our residential neighborhoods, a large new development proposed for East Cambridge, a loss of families and children in the schools, and increasing development pressure to build high end luxury housing, the need for protecting and creating more open space; and

WHEREAS: The City needs additional resources to address education, housing and economic development; a stronger voice for underrepresented citizens, a more effective policy framework for decision making, and fewer internal conflicts among the goals of sound environmental policy and a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS: Global Community Initiatives (GCI) would help Cambridge create a shared vision using a multi-stakeholder community mobilization process and then help create specific goals, targets, strategies, and indicators to implement a plan for sustainable development; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, GCI's planning system would be used by the City Council to set annual goals for community leadership and to engage the whole community in a long-term comprehensive action plan that looks at least 30 years into the future to develop strategies to meet current and future needs; and

WHEREAS: By using longer term planning, the City can work to anticipate changing environmental and economic trends that could have a substantial impact on future generations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its desire to form a partnership with GCI in our efforts to develop and implement a long-term vision for community development; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to GCI and the Ford Foundation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-20 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to support wireless service for the public for City Council consideration.

O-21 April 3, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That in addition to conveying the City Council's congratulations on the 20th Annual City Run, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to encourage the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to have the City Run staff consult with the Department of Public Health Healthy Living Cambridge program on the 3-mile walk competition that is part of this event.

O-22 April 3, 2006
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to investigate whether School Street, in particular the vicinity of 95 School Street, needs to be repaired due to complaints received that the street is sinking and drainage problems exist.

O-23 April 3, 2006
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has gone on record supporting the Massachusetts Municipal Association's proposed bill to end diversion of State Lottery funds from local cities and towns, for which it was intended; and

WHEREAS: The House is scheduled to debate the budget during the week of April 24, 2006, with the Senate to follow in mid-May; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record reaffirming its support for the Massachusetts Municipal Campaign's proposed bill to uncap the State Lottery and end the diversion of funds from local cities and towns; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to the many State Legislators who have voiced their support for this proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation and the Massachusetts Great and General Court on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-24 April 3, 2006
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY
MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Responsible Employer Ordinance (hereinafter CREO), was adopted by the City Council in 1995; and

WHEREAS: One of the objectives of CREO is "to ensure that local resources are wisely invested in those applicable areas where there is maximum promise that the benefits that accrue, including employment opportunities, will be made available to City residents: [Ch. 2.66.303A]; and

WHEREAS: The City Council at the time of passage of CREO likewise took into consideration a benefit package, which included medical plan coverage; and

WHEREAS: As part of current debates both locally and nationally has included discussion about employers that avoid providing medical coverage, which has driven up costs in free care pools in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: CREO Subsection 080A4 requires, "The bidder and all subcontractors under the bidder must furnish at their expense, hospitalization and medical benefits for all their employees employed on the project and/or coverage at least comparable in value to the hospitalization and medical benefits provided by the health and welfare plans in the applicable craft..."; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that interpretation has been issued and followed that is inconsistent with the original intent of CREO Subsection 080A4 (see attached); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Law Department to provide clarifying language for possible amendment to the CREO to insure that the original intent is stated clearly and concisely to avoid any misinterpretation.

O-25 April 3, 2006
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the matter of tree trimming by public utility companies be referred to the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee.