

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-30, regarding a report on a plan and timeline for the implementation of a curbside composting program.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-35, regarding a report on data regarding demographic and population trends through the year 2025.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$4,500 donation from Central Square LCC in support of an Adopt-A-Park agreement for Carl Barron Plaza to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from the Alexander W. Kemp Foundation to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance received for the Alexander W. Kemp playground at the Cambridge Common.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,118 in tree replacement funds received over the past several years from the Client and Commemorative Tree Program to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to supplement City tree planting efforts.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$13,699 in tree replacement funds received from the Mormon Church to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account which will be used to plant trees in the East Cambridge neighborhood.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$9,700 in revenue received for damages to the Mount Auburn Plaza to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used for public plantings, maintenance and upkeep at City islands and plazas.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents Grant for \$2,375.40 to the Public Works Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow for the training of 60 DPW employees on CPR, choking and first aid.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$350,000 to the Community Development Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account from the revenue sources described below to allow for the hiring of a consultant to work on the future development of Kendall Square and Central Square.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,187 in funds received from the MWRA to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to implement storm water management improvements to promote infiltration and reduce phosphorous from the parking lot runoff at the Morse School.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant for \$125,971 to the Public Investment Fund Water Extraordinary Expenditures account for renovations of the Winter Street Dam at the Hobbs Brook Reservoir.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-38, regarding a report on the feasibility of doing a "deep clean" of the City.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-30, regarding a report on the inspection of warm weather equipment in parks.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the request to re-file a zoning petition to amend Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-24, regarding a further report on ticketing vehicles for being parking more than three feet from the curb due to snow banks, and Awaiting Report Item Number 11-37, regarding a report on the parking ticket appeal process.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-37, regarding a report on coordinating with the MBTA to allow parking within bus stops on the CT2 and 85 routes.

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
3. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

5. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Amelia's Trattoria, requesting permission for ten tables and thirty-six chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 111 Harvard Street.
2. An application was received from Sola, requesting permission for two tables and eight chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 350 Massachusetts.
3. An application was received from The New Brand Sebastians, requesting permission for eight tables and thirty-two chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 415 Main Street (on Ames Street side).

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from United States Senator Scott P. Brown, transmitting thanks for contacting him regarding the proposal for a Veterans Trust Fund.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Welcome Theolonious Monkfish, an Asian fusion restaurant, to Central Square. Councillor Cheung
2. Congratulations to Will Gilson on being a named a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation award for Rising Star Chef of the Year. Councillor Cheung
3. Congratulations to Maura Kilpatrick on being a named a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation award for Outstanding Pastry Chef. Councillor Cheung
4. Congratulations to Joanne Chang on being a named a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation award for Outstanding Pastry Chef. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to Tony Maws on being a named a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation award for Best Chef: North East. Councillor Cheung
6. Best wishes to East End House on their annual Cooking For A Cause event on Apr 1, 2011 in the Plaza Ballroom at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Councillor Toomey
7. Retirement of Robert Curley from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Maher
8. Resolution on the death of Edmund T. Lafferty. Mayor Maher
9. Best wishes to CCTV as they move into their new space at 438 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Reeves
10. Resolution on the death of Senior Airman Michael John Hinkle II. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Brandon S. Hocking. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Mary M. (Kiernan) Freitas. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Adam Carl "ZiD" Aries. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Grace E. (Friel) Brogan. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher

15. Congratulations to Amy Davies on being named the new Director of Harvard Kennedy School's MPA programs. Councillor Cheung
16. Congratulations to the Vinfen Corp on being nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to the Cambridge Fire Department on being nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory on being nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Councillor Cheung
19. Encourage residents to participate in the Area IV Walk on May 21, 2011 from 11:00am- 2:30pm. Councillor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Caroline Hunter on receiving the Massachusetts Teachers Association's Human and Civil Right Award. Councillor Simmons
21. Resolution on the death of Alberta P. Graham. Councillor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Reverend Maurice S. Greaves on being appointed Senior Pastor of the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church. Councillor Simmons
23. Best wishes for a successful fundraiser to Community Labor United (CLU) on May 19, 2011. Councillor Simmons
24. Congratulations to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on the occasion of its 145th anniversary. Councillor Simmons
25. Thanks to Robert McCarthy for his 24 years of service as the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of John E. McCarthy. Councillor Toomey
27. Congratulations to Dr. Ilana Imrani-Cohen on receiving the Dr. Brenner Award from the Community Legal Services and Counseling Center. Councillor Decker
28. Congratulations to Michelle Fine on receiving the Dr. Brenner Award from the Community Legal Services and Counseling Center. Councillor Decker
29. Proclaim Apr 29, 2011-May 8, 2011 as Jazz Week in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher
30. Thanks to the Green Streets Initiative for encouraging Cambridge citizens to use alternative forms of transportation and be part of a healthier community. Vice Mayor Davis
31. Resolution on the death of Harold E. "Buddy" Pearson. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
32. Resolution on the death of Rosario Morales. Councillor Simmons
33. Congratulations to the students and faculty of the Cambridgeport School on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary. Councillor Simmons
34. Happy 91st Birthday to Christina Nardella. Councillor Simmons
35. Congratulations to Damon Smith and Laura Mosman Smith on the birth of their son, Maxwell Benjamin Smith. Councillor Simmons

36. Congratulations and thanks to Cambridge Police Officers William Bates and Michael Cresta for their act of heroism in resuscitating a choking child. Mayor Maher
 37. Declare Apr 29, 2011 as Arbor Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher
 38. Resolution on the death of Joanna (Polidoro) Vesce. Mayor Maher
 39. Speedy recovery wishes to Otavia Reis. Councillor Simmons
 40. Urge residents to participate in the Billion Acts of Green Campaign in celebration of Earth Day 2011 on Apr 22, 2011. Councillor Simmons
 41. Speedy recovery wishes to Mamie E. Barnes. Councillor Simmons
 42. Condolences to the family of Cornelia Wilkins. Councillor Simmons
 43. Appreciation to Kathy Orrick for her service to the citizens of Cambridge in her work at the Multi-Service Center. Mayor Maher
 44. Speedy recovery wishes to Emily Tauro. Councillor Toomey
 45. Resolution on the death of Antonio J. Masci. Councillor Toomey
 46. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Mary Horgan. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
 47. Congratulations to the CRLS students who will be inducted into the National Honor Society on Apr 7, 2011. Mayor Maher
 48. Congratulations to Nicolas Guevara for winning a silver award in the National Scholastic Art Award Competition. Mayor Maher
 49. Welcome Boomerangs to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
 50. Retirement of Timothy Groves from the Cambridge School Department. Vice Mayor Davis
 51. Congratulations to Robin Chase and Roy Russell for their contribution to the eco-mobility of the future. Vice Mayor Davis
 52. Welcome wishes to Michael Eric Dyson as he gives the keynote address at the Haymarket Fund's 35th anniversary celebration in April. Councillor Simmons
 53. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Renae Gray. Councillor Simmons
 54. Proclaim Apr 4-10, 2011 as Cambridge Public Health Week in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher
 55. Honor Charles Sumner on the bicentennial anniversary of his birth. Councillor Reeves
3. That the City Manager is requested to begin filing the necessary paperwork with the Federal Railroad Administration to designate the East Cambridge railroad crossings as an official Quiet Zone. Councillor Cheung and Vice Mayor Davis
 4. That the City Manager is requested to relay opposition to additional train service through East Cambridge until a full environmental impact assessment and a public participation process are completed. Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Cheung
 5. That the City Manager is requested to refer the Seattle Farm Bill Principles to the Food and Fitness Policy Council and ask for a report about how Cambridge should participate in this initiative. Vice Mayor Davis
 6. That the City Manager is requested to commit the necessary staff and resources to explore the possibility of increasing the number of Single Residency Occupancy units or studio apartments in Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
 7. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner regarding increasing police visibility through more foot and bicycle patrols during the summer. Councillor Simmons
 8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and other relevant City staff and report back to the City Council with a detailed and formal legal opinion on the ability of 5.28 conversions to bypass use prohibitions in the Table of Uses. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Cheung
 9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate Massachusetts State Police officials and Harvard University officials regarding the opening of the off-ramps on Soldiers Field Road during Harvard University football games. Mayor Maher
 10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City department heads and members of area university communities regarding the safety of nuclear reactors in Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
 11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of inclusion of visuals in Cambridge zoning documents to aid in the understanding of requirements and regulations. Councillor Seidel
 12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to determine whether the goals of the proposed bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Number 00958 (attached) could be accomplished by home rule petition, and, if so, to draft a home rule petition to be returned to the City Council by the City Council meeting of May 2, 2011. Councillor Seidel

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City department about replacing the lights on the Yerxa Road underpass. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to report to the City Council on the feasibility of converting the taxi stand spaces in front of Stellabella Toys in Inman Square back into parking spots or at the very least beginning the taxi stand time frame at 8:00pm. Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Feb 22, 2011 to discuss promoting and sustaining retail in North Cambridge.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee for a public meeting held on Mar 9, 2011 to continue discussing with

the Civic Unity Citizen Advisory Committee the recommendations of the Cambridge Review Committee Report: "Missed Opportunities, Shared Responsibilities," and implementation of these recommendations.

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Mar 10, 2011 to receive as much information as is currently available on major current and prospective employers in Cambridge.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Jan 26, 2011 to consider a report from the Historical Commission recommending that the City Council adopt an order to designate St. James Episcopal Church in Porter Square as a landmark.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 5

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 6

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition originally filed by William A. Fox, et al. and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by rezoning an area accessed via Cottage Park Avenue in North Cambridge from its current designation of Business A-2 to a new designation of Residence B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

Thurs, Apr 7

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

Mon, Apr 11

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting on the City of Cambridge website, with particular attention to what information goes on the website and where on the website it appears. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 12

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

Wed, Apr 13

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

4:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss moving to a

paperless City Council Agenda, connecting City Council goals and City Departments and City Council Committees to foster efficient and collaborative results and a proposed amendment of the Municipal Code to require posting of City Manager's contract 96 hours before it is to be voted on by the City Council. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs, Apr 14

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from MIT and Forest City to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by extending the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District from Green Street out to Massachusetts Avenue in the area adjacent to Blanche Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 20

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

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

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

Thurs, Apr 21

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

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 26

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

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss future of curbside collection of organic waste and decreasing the use of plastic bags. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 28

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

Mon, May 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 3

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 4

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

Thurs, May 5

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a

new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 11

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

Mon, May 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 18

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

Thurs, May 19

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

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City department about replacing the lights on the Yerxa Road underpass.

O-2 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that two parking spots in front of Stellabella Toys in Inman Square, located at 1360 Cambridge St, were recently converted into taxi stands from 6pm-8am, in which any one parked during these times will be towed; and

WHEREAS: There are many small businesses in Inman Square that already suffer from chronic parking shortages. Removing two additional spots will only exacerbate an already serious problem that discourages shoppers from casually shopping and visiting multiple establishments; and

WHEREAS: Although many retail shops in Inman Square close at 6pm, many shoppers linger and do not return directly to their cars, putting them at risk under the new system for parking tickets and being towed; and

WHEREAS: During the holiday season (Thanksgiving to Christmas) many retail stores in Inman Square extend their hours to 8:00pm or 9:00pm; 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 look into the feasibility of converting the taxi stand spaces back into parking spots or at the very least beginning the taxi stand time frame at 8pm rather than 6pm and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that many constituents are concerned about the loud train horns that are blown every night at the Grand Junction Line, Cambridge Street intersection; and

WHEREAS: There is already signage posted on the railroad tracks indicating that this is a "Noise Sensitive Area". However, because this area is not currently designated a "Quiet Zone" by the Federal Railroad Administration, railroad engineers are encouraged to continue to blow their horns loudly and repeatedly when approaching the crossing; and

WHEREAS: There are gates, flashing light and bells already installed at the intersection that provide sufficient indication that a train is approaching; and

WHEREAS: Even if only a partial Quiet Zone was implemented, where train horns were prohibited from 10pm to 7am, many constituents believe that this would greatly improve the quality of life for residents living near the train tracks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin filing the necessary paperwork with the Federal Railroad Administration to designate the East Cambridge railroad crossings as an official Quiet Zone.

O-4 Apr 4, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to relay opposition to additional train service through East Cambridge until a full environmental impact assessment and a public participation process are completed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate department or departments to organize a series of public meetings and invite MassDOT, MBTA, MBCR, and CSX to hear resident concerns about additional service, particularly focusing on the disturbance caused by train horns.

O-5 Apr 4, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to refer the Seattle Farm Bill Principles to the Food and Fitness Policy Council and ask for a report about how Cambridge should participate in this initiative.

O-6 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Affordable housing is a necessity; and
WHEREAS: The City Council, through policy orders, resolutions and City Council goals, has made affordable housing a priority; and
WHEREAS: The need for affordable housing varies from individual to individual and from family to family; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, through the office of the Community Development Department, has made changes to the city's housing practices that have increased the number of larger units to accommodate the housing needs of larger families; and
WHEREAS: Single Room Occupancy buildings and studios are in very short supply; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to commit the necessary staff and resources to explore the possibility of increasing the number of Single Residency Occupancy units or studio apartments in Cambridge.

O-7 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Public safety is an important concern of Cambridge residents and Cambridge elected officials; and
WHEREAS: Although the crime rate in Cambridge is very low, over the past month there have been several shootings in the city resulting in one fatality; and
WHEREAS: Crime tends to increase in summer months; and
WHEREAS: High police visibility is always a deterrent of crime; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner regarding increasing police visibility through more foot and bicycle patrols during the summer.

O-8 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: On Apr 7, 2008, the City Council passed an Order asking that the City Manager "report back to the City Council as to whether land-use planning and zoning could be used and/or modified to provide for more positive transitions for former church properties and other similar re-use issues"; and
WHEREAS: The Manager's response of Apr 28, 2008, offered to "prepare for discussion some options of how the regulation [Section 5.28.2 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance] might be altered to reduce neighborhood impact"; and
WHEREAS: It's not clear how far these discussions progressed; and
WHEREAS: Multifamily use in Residential B areas is specifically disallowed in the existing Table of Uses; and
WHEREAS: The City Council was never given a formal and detailed legal opinion on how 5.28 conversions are capable of bypassing clearly delineated use prohibitions in the Table of Uses; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be, and hereby is, requested to confer with the City Solicitor and other relevant City staff and report back to the City Council with a detailed and formal legal opinion on the ability of 5.28

conversions to bypass use prohibitions in the Table of Uses; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a detailed report back to the City Council describing the extent and outcome of Community Development Department's discussions as noted in the Apr 28, 2008 City Manager Letter, as well as an updated analysis of projects that have obtained Special Permits under 5.28.2.

O-9 Apr 4, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Closures of off-ramps on Soldiers Field Road leading into Harvard Square during Harvard University football games make it difficult for residents and visitors to gain access to Harvard Square; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate Massachusetts State Police officials and Harvard University officials regarding the opening of the off-ramps on Soldiers Field Road during Harvard University football games.

O-10 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Given the recent earthquake in northeastern Japan and resulting tsunami which caused damage to the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini nuclear plants; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City department heads and members of area university communities regarding the safety of nuclear reactors in Cambridge; 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-11 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: At a meeting of the Ordinance Committee on Mar 29, 2011, a presentation was made regarding the City of Miami's work on form-based zoning; and
WHEREAS: In the "Miami 21" Initiative, an overhaul of that city's zoning regulations, Miami city staff worked to create better documentation in order to provide clear and specific guidelines to planners and developers, create a more efficient permitting process and provide a stable environment for investment; and
WHEREAS: Improvements to Miami zoning regulations included providing photographs, diagrams, drawings and other visual aids along with the text of the zoning regulations; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of inclusion of visuals in Cambridge zoning documents to aid in the understanding of requirements and regulations.

O-12 Apr 4, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to determine whether the goals of the proposed bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Number 00958 (attached) could be accomplished by home rule petition, and, if so, to draft a home rule petition to be returned to the City Council by the City Council meeting of May 2, 2011.