

Note: Most items on the agenda are carried over from the recessed meeting of March 30, 2009.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the City of Cambridge retaining the rare distinction of being one of approximately twenty-four municipalities in the United States with three Triple A ratings from the nation's three major credit rating agencies.
 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Planning Board:
William Tibbs (reappointment)
Term to Expire: 4/30/2014
Planner
Ahmed Nur (associate member)
Term to Expire: 10/31/2011
M.S. Civil Engineering and Construction Manager
 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-19, regarding a report on the change in policy limiting a visitor pass to two blocks of houses they are visiting.
 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-13, regarding a report on the cause of the fire at 923-925 Massachusetts Avenue.
 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the North Cambridge Crime Task Force Grant received from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$28,956.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and will be used to fund a part-time Coordinator to help create and maintain programs of public safety in North Cambridge.
 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will allow the Community Schools to continue programming and cover the costs related to bus transportation and other contractual services.
 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Terrascope Youth Radio Program Grant from MIT through the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$106,400 into the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$66,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$40,400) which will allow teens at the Area IV Youth Center to continue to develop radio programming on environmental science, including researching, writing and producing stories to be broadcast.
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8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. 10, dated Sept 22, 2008, regarding finding a zoning or other solution to the issue of parking car-sharing vehicles in the City
 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Addendum Report and Revised Recommendations.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Peter Sheinfeld as a Cambridge Election Commission for a 4-year term to expire Mar 31, 2013.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-20, regarding a report on the circumstances of the termination of the lease between 3 Aces Pizza and Harvard University.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Library Services & Technology Act Grant received from the Massachusetts Department of early Education and Care in the amount of \$12,000 to the Grant Fund Library Salary and Wages account (\$4,700) and to Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,300) which will support workshops and library materials and staff time to provide on-site services.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various private donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$28,000 to the Grant Fund of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support a variety of services for Cambridge Seniors, including food and entertainment for senior parties, the purchase of fans for low-income seniors, provision of minor home adaptation equipment, support for the food pantry, and transportation for special senior center events and trips.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$50,000 Grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative's (MTC) Clean Energy Choice program to the Public Investment Grant Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account. This grant will provide funding to install two 2 kilowatt PV systems on the roof of the DPW Frazier Administration building and the Frisoli Youth Center.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-24, regarding a report on whether the Health Alliance will be mailing notices of its community meetings directly to consumers.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-18, regarding a report on the status and implications of obtaining payment for delinquent taxes.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Applications and Petitions Number Three of Mar 23, 2009 on an application from Alan L. Johnson, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 135 Western Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. Meeting recessed on Mar 30, 2009.

ON THE TABLE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Sherwin Williams Paint, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 73 First Street.

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2. An application was received from Unique Nails Salon, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 99 Mount Auburn Street.
3. An application was received from Taste of Cambridge, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing its celebration on June 18, 2009.
4. An application was received from Taste of Cambridge, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Temple Street announcing its celebration on June 18, 2009.
5. An application was received from Joe Sent Me, requesting permission for eight tables and sixteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of 2388 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Excalibur Valentine, regarding taking action to stop the destruction of our food supply.

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2. A communication was received from Dr. Wallace J. Gardner, transmitting opposition to the Lesley's zoning petition.
3. A communication was received from Norman Hurst, owner/operator of Hurst Gallery, 53 Mount Auburn Street, transmitting opposition to renaming Plympton Street to David Halberstam Way.
4. A communication was received from Ifeanyi A. Menkiti, owner of The Grolier Poetry Book Shop, Inc., 6 Plympton Street, transmitting opposition to the proposal to rename Plympton Street.
5. A communication was received from Robert L. Beal, the Beal Companies, LLP, transmitting notice to withdraw its zoning petition for the One Kendall Square Cinema site.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Norman, Medical Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, on being chosen to be the keynote speaker at the 2009 Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast on May 2, 2009 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
2. Resolution on the death of A. Mary R. (Spadano) Ohanesian. Councillor Maher
3. Proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
4. Commend Origins, a subsidiary of the Estee Lauder company, for its "Return to Origins" recycling campaign and proclaim Apr 2, 2009 as Return to Origins Recycling Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
5. Congratulations to Gloria Franqui on her new position as Executive Director of the Child Care Resource Center. Councillor Decker
6. Welcome to Lesley Stearling as the new interim rector at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Councillor Reeves
7. Thanks and best wishes to Marc Solomon, Director of MassEquality, for his leading role in the fight for marriage equality. Councillor Reeves
8. Congratulations to David Hall on being named the next President of the University of the Virgin Islands. Councillor Reeves
9. Thanks and best wishes to Amy Mello, Director of MassEquality, for her leading role in the fight for marriage equality. Councillor Reeves
10. Best wishes to Reverend LeRoy Attles and Dr. Henrietta S. Evans Attles on their retirement. Councillor Reeves
11. Resolution on the death of Catherine G. Hinds. Councillor Davis, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Cambridge Teachers Association. Councillor Maher
13. Resolution on the death of James L. Ferreira Jr. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jose R. Escobedo Jr. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Specialist Gary L. Moore. Councillor Decker
16. Condolences to the family of Grady Howard. Mayor Simmons
17. Congratulations to the leadership of the Harvard African Students Association for their efforts in community-building, awareness of Africa within the Harvard community and contributing back to Africa. Mayor Simmons
18. Thanks to all City employees who participated in the initial phase of GreenSense which encourages City employees to reduce energy use at work by adopting energy conservation practices. Councillor Davis
19. Congratulations to the City Manager and his fiscal staff for achieving a Triple A bond rating for the City of Cambridge for the tenth consecutive year. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher

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20. Congratulations to Aviv Regev on the occasion of being awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Early Career Award. Mayor Simmons
21. Congratulations to Bradley Bernstein on the occasion of being awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Early Career Award. Mayor Simmons
22. Condolences to Donald Sheehan on the death of his brother, Ed Sheehan. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Dr. LeBaron Mosely, Jr. Councillor Reeves
24. Happy 50th anniversary as a resident of the Cambridge YMCA to Jim Shannon. Councillor Toomey
25. Resolution on the death of Elaine L. (Grace) Correia. Councillor Toomey
26. Speedy recovery wishes to Bea Harvey. Mayor Simmons
27. Congratulations to John Clifford, Billy Bank and Nancy Ostrovsky on their upcoming performance of their act "Basic Training: An Evening of Music, Art and Poetry" on May 25, 2009 at the Highland Kitchen, 150 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Councillor Reeves
28. Congratulations to Paul Elwood and Electric City Cars LLC on their Opening Celebration on Apr 18, 2009 at 774 Pleasant Street, Belmont, MA. Councillor Davis
29. Congratulations to Judge Joyce London Alexander Ford, the first African American Chief United States Magistrate Judge, on the occasion of the celebration in her honor for her thirty years of judicial achievement on Apr 18, 2009. Mayor Simmons
30. Congratulations to Tracy Anne McGrath and John Thomas Bernard on their upcoming marriage. Mayor Simmons
31. Congratulations to Dr. Karen Hacker and the Institute for Community Health on receiving the Sister Jeanette Normandin Award. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services and report back on whether there has been an increase in participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to ensure that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will be continued this year and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
3. That the appropriate committee hold a hearing with all local food bank operators in order to hear their opinion on the current usage of their programs and determine whether or not the City can help identify ways to help the programs serve a greater number of people. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Health to determine if there has been an increase in bed bug and lice problems within the city and to determine if action needs to be taken to find ways to prevent such infestations. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the City Solicitor, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to develop a zoning amendment or other

document or plan that would exempt the occupants of the affordable housing units from the resident parking restriction established in the Riverside rezoning in 2003. Councillor Ward

6. Urge residents to be cognizant of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) 615's annual remembrance of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Trouble the Water" on Apr 7th, 4:00 p.m. at 26th West 2nd Street, Boston. Councillor Decker
7. That the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the City Manager's Office, is requested to create an oversight process to ensure that Cambridge is aggressive in seeking AARA funding and in demonstrating how well the careful monitoring that Cambridge utilizes will meet the stringent monitoring requirements associated with funding under this law. Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Seidel, Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to report back to the City Council on the circumstances of the termination of Mr. Iacone's Central Barbershop leasing agreement with Harvard University. Mayor Simmons
9. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Washington and Columbia Streets in honor of Reverend Herman L. Green Jr. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the possibility of developing a management system and assigned staff person to serve as a resource liaison to the university and business community. The purpose of this system and staff position is to cultivate and organize the interface between university resources and community needs, with the goal of maximally benefitting the citizens of Cambridge and the Cambridge schools. Mayor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the process that will allow additional cable and internet providers to do business in the City, and to clarify if there are any obstacles in place that may need to be re-evaluated in order to provide competitive options to residents. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Davis
12. Urge all residents to join with the volunteers of the Clean Cambridge Campaign who will gather on May 2nd and 3rd, 2009 in an effort to clean Cambridge sidewalks and neighborhoods. Councillor Maher and Councillor Davis
13. That the City Council formally request that the Beal Companies consider immediately withdrawing their zoning amendment petition and engage in further dialogue with neighborhood leaders and affected neighbors such that a full discussion can be had prior to any refiling. Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
14. Economic stimulus package for Harvard and MIT. Councillor Decker and Councillor Reeves

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15. Congratulations to the City Council of San José Las Flores, El Salvador on the occasion of electing their first President, Mauricio Funes, and support of the mission of the April delegation to El Salvador. Councillor Decker

16. City Council support for “An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes” by attending Transgender Equality Lobby Day on Tues, Apr 7, 2009, from 10:00am-1:00pm on the Grand Staircase in the State House. Mayor Simmons
17. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize the City of Cambridge’s twentieth annual Holocaust Commemoration on Wed, May 6, 2009 at 7:00pm at Temple Beth Shalom, 8 Tremont Street in Cambridge on the City’s cable channel, the City’s web site and other suitable locations. Councillor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David Maher and Councillor Henrietta Davis, Co-Chairs of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a hearing held on Mar 19, 2009 to formalize job descriptions and administrative oversight for assistants to city councillors.

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2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on Mar 10, 2009 to discuss how Cambridge can adapt the Harlem Children’s Zone Baby College Program and/or principles to provide parent education for poor families that will provide the tools they need to help their children succeed.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 6

- 2:00pm The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Cambridge’s participation in the Biotechnology Conference in Atlanta in June, 2009. (Anastos Room)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 13

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

Tues, Apr 14

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

Wed, Apr 15

- 2:30pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss plans for a public forum to provide information and support for homeowners or tenants who may be facing displacement because of economic distress. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs, Apr 16

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

Mon, Apr 27

- 5:15pm Special Presentation - Send off for Cambridge GLBT Commissioner Chris Mason who is Driving Equality across America. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 29

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

Thurs, Apr 30

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

Mon, May 4

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

Wed, May 6

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

Thurs, May 7

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider whether the City Council should petition to amend the zoning law with regard to yard definitions, special permit thresholds and open space requirements in the Business A3 district. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting with regard to require aisle width for parking facilities in certain instances. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 11

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

Wed, May 13

- 3:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 14

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

Mon, May 18

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

Mon, June 1

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

Mon, June 8

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

Mon, June 15

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

Mon, June 22

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

Mon, June 29

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

Mon, July 27

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

Mon, Sept 14

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

Mon, Sept 21

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

Mon, Oct 5

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

Mon, Oct 19

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

Mon, Oct 26

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

Mon, Nov 2

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

Mon, Nov 9

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

Mon, Nov 16

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

Mon, Nov 23

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

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services and report back on whether there has been an increase in participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

O-2 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Human Services to ensure that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will be continued this year and to report back to the City Council.

O-3 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Many local food banks have reported a dramatic increase in usage; and

WHEREAS: There are many resources in the city that may be able to help with the increased need for food donation to these food banks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council adopt this order and refer it to the appropriate committee to hold a committee hearing with all local food bank operators in order to hear their opinion on the current usage of their programs and determine whether or not the City can help identify ways to help the programs serve a greater number of people.

O-4 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Health to determine if there has been an increase in bed bug and lice problems within the city and to determine if action needs to be taken to find ways to prevent such infestations.

O-5 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR WARD

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the City Solicitor, the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to develop a zoning amendment or other document or plan that would exempt the occupants of the affordable housing units from the resident parking restriction established in the Riverside rezoning in 2003.

O-6 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that as part of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) 615's annual remembrance of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the SEIU 615 is holding a screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Trouble the Water" on Apr 7th, 4:00pm at 26th West 2nd Street, Boston; and

WHEREAS: Suggested donation proceeds will go towards the SEIU Justice Fund which was created to make it possible for immigrant members, their families and others who are not members of our local to support their interests through civic participation,

citizenship, literacy, legal defense, legislation and other means; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record encouraging Cambridge residents to attend the SEIU 615's screening and thank the SEIU for their continued good work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Service Employee International Union 615 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Mar 30, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: AARA, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will offer many opportunities for Cambridge to improve the local and national economy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Chairman of the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the City Manager's Office, be and hereby is requested to create an oversight process to ensure that Cambridge is aggressive in seeking funding and in demonstrating how well the careful monitoring that Cambridge utilizes will meet the stringent monitoring requirements associated with funding under this law; and be it further

ORDERED: That, in particular, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore opportunities for historic preservation energy efficiency funds, funding for a revolving loan fund (possibly through new green municipal bonds) to stimulate building retrofits, and COP program funding for crime prevention.

O-8 Mar 30, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Harvard has terminated the lease of Central Barbershop, owned by Mr. Fred Iacone; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Iacone has been doing business at the same location since 1962; and

WHEREAS: The loss of any thriving, small business in Cambridge is of great concern; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University has made presentations to the neighborhood and to the City about its expansion plans; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to report back to the City Council on the circumstances of the termination of Mr. Iacone's leasing agreement with Harvard University.

O-9 Mar 30, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Washington and Columbia Streets in honor of Reverend Herman L. Green Jr.; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is 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 30, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of developing a management system and assigned staff person to serve as a resource liaison to the university and business community. The purpose of this system and staff position is to cultivate and organize the interface between university resources and community needs, with the goal of maximally benefiting the citizens of Cambridge and the Cambridge schools.

O-11 Mar 30, 2009
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Many residents have expressed the desire for alternative cable television and internet providers within the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the process that will allow additional cable and internet providers to do business in the City, and to clarify if there are any obstacles in place that may need to be re-evaluated in order to provide competitive options to residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back on whether or not the City can actively solicit cable and internet providers to come to Cambridge to do business.

O-12 Mar 30, 2009
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Clean Cambridge Campaign community volunteers will gather together on May 2nd and 3rd, 2009, in an effort to clean Cambridge sidewalks and neighborhoods; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record endorsing this effort and thanking its organizers for their hard work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make every effort to publicize this volunteer effort using the cable website and cable television.

O-13 Mar 30, 2009
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Beal Companies have recently filed a zoning petition seeking to amend the current Zoning Ordinance allowing for certain modifications of the One Kendall Square Cinema site; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors have overwhelmingly expressed concerns about the proposal and its various elements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council formally request that the Beal Companies consider immediately withdrawing the petition and engage in further dialogue with neighborhood leaders and affected neighbors such that a full discussion can be had prior to any re-filing.

O-14 Mar 30, 2009
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Industries throughout the city, educational institutions, and families are experiencing hardships in this economic downturn; and

WHEREAS: People around the city are being laid off, losing their jobs, health care, and homes; and

WHEREAS: Loss of a job leads to the destabilization of family security; and

WHEREAS: Families without economic security eventually are unable to provide for their basic needs such as shelter, food, and education; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that two of the city's largest employers, Harvard and MIT, have had significant losses in their endowments; and

WHEREAS: To address the loss of their savings accounts they have begun the process of reducing hours and laying off workers, including their lowest wage workers; and

WHEREAS: Harvard has laid off nine cleaners, and has plans to lay off ten more; and

WHEREAS: MIT has, to date, laid off two cleaners; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council recognizes that when Cambridge workers lose their job the cost savings of the employer comes at the expense of the workers' families and the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council will introduce its own economic stimulus package for Harvard and MIT; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council will give the university a one-time pass on partial payment of its pilot to the City of Cambridge in order to help save these jobs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City will forgive \$398,372.00 of Harvard University's pilot, which would cover the cost of the nineteen cleaners who would lose their jobs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City will forgive \$70,688.00 of MIT's pilot in order for then to retain the two laid off cleaners.

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O-15 Apr 6, 2009
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cambridge has been a sister city with San José Las Flores in El Salvador for 22 years; and

WHEREAS: On Mar 15, 2009, the people of El Salvador elected their first president, Mauricio Funes, representing the FMLN party; and

WHEREAS: Cantabrigians Emily Achtenberg, Mario Davila, Phyllis Ewen, Catherine Hoffman, and Judy Somberg participated in the election as observers; and

WHEREAS: The people of San José Las Flores celebrated this victory with words of gratitude to the people of Cambridge for their advocacy in eliciting a statement of neutrality from the US State Department and for their accompaniment in the decades of war and suffering; and

WHEREAS: A spring delegation of Cambridge CRLS students, teachers and activists represented by Jessie Auger, Cori Baer, Loïc Bruderlein, Betty Burkes, Sandra Cañas, Catherine Hoffman, Alexia Lomon, Shannon Lynch, Deanna Melendez, Ayanna Parris, Kieran Pearson, Isabel Rawson-Stone, Nancy Ryan, Rachel Wyon will be traveling to El Salvador in April; and

WHEREAS: The delegation will be visiting schools and meeting with maquila workers in the capitol and traveling to San José Las Flores to share with the community through visits to the schools, meetings with youth and all aspects of the town; and

WHEREAS: There will be a joint Report-Back from the momentous elections and Send-Off for the April delegation with images, information, light dinner and live music from the multicultural jazz sounds of Misty Blue Saturday Apr 11, 6:00-9:00pm at the Cambridge Senior Center; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council extend its congratulations on the elections to the City Council of San José Las Flores; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council welcomes the returning election observers from El Salvador; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the mission of the April delegation to promote contact between youth in Cambridge and El Salvador and to foster ties between the municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council joins in inviting the community to the Report-Back and Send-Off on the 11th of April at the Cambridge Senior Center.

O-16 Apr 6, 2009
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is a national civil rights leader, providing its citizens expansive non-discrimination protection for all people on the basis of race, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, military service, age, ancestry, and disability; and

WHEREAS: "An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes" has been re-introduced for the 2009 legislative session in the House by Representative Carl Sciortino and Representative Byron Rushing and in the Senate by Senator Benjamin Downing; and

WHEREAS: “An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes” will make explicit the Commonwealth’s commitment to providing people of diverse gender identities and expressions, including transgender people, equal protection under the law and providing protection against hate crimes; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge expressly provides equal protection for people on the basis of gender identity and gender expression in its municipal code since Feb 24, 1997, as unanimously ordained by the City Council; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is a diverse community with a long-standing commitment to the inherent dignity and worth of all people. Cambridge contains many educational institutions, businesses, community organizations, and governmental bodies that affirm the equality of people regardless of gender identity or expression, and has many transgender individuals who live and work within the city; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department has affirmed the importance of equal treatment for transgender people and protection against hate crimes for persons of all gender identities or gender expressions through police trainings and policy review; and

WHEREAS: All residents of Cambridge and elected officials are encouraged to show their support for “An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes” by attending Transgender Equality Lobby Day on Tues Apr 7, 2009, from 10:00am-1:00pm on the Grand Staircase in the State House; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council goes on record displaying their support for the passage of “An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes;” and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council continues to uphold its municipal non-discrimination ordinance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge GLBT Commission and to the Cambridge legislative delegation to the Massachusetts State House on behalf of the entire City Council.

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COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge’s twentieth annual Holocaust Commemoration is being held on Wed, May 6, 2009 at 7:00pm at Temple Beth Shalom, 8 Tremont Street in Cambridge and is open to the public; and

WHEREAS: The keynote speaker will be Dr. Anna Ornstein, child psychiatrist author of “My Mother’s Eyes, a Holocaust memoir of a Young Girl”; and

WHEREAS: Music will be provided by the Cambridge Community Chorus and A Besere Velt (A Better World): Yiddish Community Chorus of the Workmen’s Circle; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize this event on the City cable channel, the City web site and other suitable locations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Cambridge Public Library to make the book available at as many locations as possible before the event.