CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2007: Ronald M. DiGiorgio (With Power); Robert J. Ciampi (Without Power); Alyssa Roderick (Without Power)

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request of the Board of Assessors for a Home Rule Petition for exemption from real estate taxes for the property location at 62 Gore Street. [Note: The property in question is now owned by Cambridge Family & Children’s Services (CFCS), a tax-exempt charitable organization.]

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-31, regarding a review the response to the Feb 14th storm with the intention of determining if the follow-up clearing of streets and sidewalks was done as effectively as possible.

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation on the Planning Board rezoning petition to establish a Prospect Street Zoning Overlay District. [Note: The Planning Board recommends adoption of the petition as filed.]

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Planning Board:
   NAME - TERM EXPIRES
   Amy Finlayson - 8/31/2009
   Barbara Shaw - 3/31/2011
   Pamela Winters - 7/31/2011
   Patricia E. Singer (Associate Member) - 3/31/2012
   H. Theodore Cohen (Associate Member) - 10/31/2011

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Robert C. Haas as the Cambridge Police Commissioner effective Apr 9, 2007.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Ethridge King as an Election Commissioner for a term of four years, effective Apr 1, 2007.

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Paul Robillard as a member of the Cambridge Water Board for a five year term to expire on Apr 3, 2012.

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the Alexander W. Kemp Playground Foundation in the amount of $1,800.00 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to be used for improvements to the Alexander W. Kemp playground at the Cambridge Common in accordance with the plan developed by the City’s Open Space Committee.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of $2,340,792.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account ($85,497.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account ($2,255,295.00) to be used to cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge. Funds will also be used to cover grant administrative costs.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Claude-Alix Jacob as the new Chief Public Health Officer. This appointment was made by CEO of the Cambridge Health Alliance Dennis Keefe.

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-40, regarding a report on the status of the pocket-park at the corner of Lopez and Charles Streets.

13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Planning Board findings with regard to the annual Town Gown reporting.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Nadia Chamblin-Foster, as a member of the Cambridge Retirement Board effective Mar 30, 2007 with a term to expire Dec 31, 2008. This appointment was made by the Cambridge Retirement Board.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to investigate banning trans fats to food offered in the schools and after-school programs. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Ten of Mar 19, 2007. Adopted

2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads to determine both the formal City policy towards employees who have been called to active duty and the actual current practices followed by City departments. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Fourteen of Mar 19, 2007. Adopted

ON THE TABLE

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 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. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]

5. 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 Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the Historical Commission’s recommendation for the consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Two of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Mayor Reeves on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]

6. 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 Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the recommendations for changes to the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance and the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Order, submitted by the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Committee and endorsed by the Historical Commission. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Three of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Sullivan on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]

7. That the matter of the relocation of the Cambridge School Administration and the Cambridge Community Learning Center be referred to the Public Facilities Committee for the purpose of holding a meeting this spring. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Order Number Eleven of Mar 5, 2007. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Davis on Mar 19, 2007. Adopted]

8. That the City Council go on record in opposition to House Bill 847 An Act to Streamline Chapter 91 License Applications and Coastal Planning. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Sullivan on...]
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. 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.]

10. 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 two public hearings held on Dec 13, 2006 and Feb 7, 2007 to consider a proposal for the Inspectional Services Commission to use a more protective affidavit of compliance with the Noise Ordinance as part of the application for building and plumbing permits. Adopted - See Order #40

11. 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 public meeting held on Feb 13, 2007 to consider a petition from the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map by creating a Prospect Street Overlay District and to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Section 20.200-Prospect Street Overlay District along Prospect Street from Bishop Allen Drive to the Somerville boundary line. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Apr 2, 2007. Petition expires May 14, 2007. Ordained 9-0. Ordinance #1305

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cross, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered Zero Brattle Street.

2. An application was received from Hidden Sweets, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and a display of merchandise in front of premises numbered 25 Brattle Street.

3. Approval of constable bond surety received from Douglas P. Moran.

4. An application was received from Mount Auburn Cemetery requesting permission for forty-four temporary banners to be hung on existing streetlight poles along Mount Auburn Street from the cemetery to Harvard Square from Apr 1 to Oct 31, 2007.

5. Approval of constable bond surety received from Louis C. Micciche.

6. A zoning petition has been received from Craig H. Appel, the owner of property at 11-11 1/2 Gerry Street, requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge in Section 4.34 Office and Laboratory Use and Section 4.40 Footnotes. Reconsideration filed by Councillors Sullivan and Murphy on the vote to refer to Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for hearing and report

7. An application was received from Kaplan Test Prep, requesting permission for a table in front of premises numbered Zero Harvard Square.

8. An application was received from Robert and Elizabeth Camacho, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 24-26 Corporal Burns Road; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from neighborhood association.

9. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across Mount Auburn Street at JFK Street announcing May Fair.

10. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing May Fair.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jan Botkin, mother of SSG John Cooper, transmitting thanks for all your kindness.

2. A communication was received from Jean and Eldon Grimm, transmitting thanks for honoring their son Corporal Matthew Grimm at a council meeting.

3. A communication was received from the family of Robert J. Lawler, transmitting thanks to the City Council for extending sympathy to the Lawler family.

4. A communication was received from Drew Gilpin Faust, transmitting thanks for the City Council congratulatory resolution.

5. A communication was received from Lesli P. Johnson, transmitting thanks for the resolution on the death of her mother, Ann L. Stephenson.

6. A communication was received from the Cardillo family, transmitting thanks for the expression of sympathy.

7. A communication was received from Gaylen Morgan and Paul Guglietti, transmitting opposition to prohibiting dogs on grassy areas at Fresh Pond.

8. A communication was received from Anita D. McClellan, regarding dogs at Fresh Pond.

9. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the resolution supporting H1295, An Act Enabling Cities and Towns to Preserve Publicly Assisted Affordable Housing.

10. A communication was received from Bill Ferguson, transmitting thanks for the resolution on behalf of his brother Edward H. Ferguson.

11. A communication was received from Carol Collura, transmitting opposition to prohibiting dogs on grassy areas at Fresh Pond.

12. A communication was received from Doug Myers, transmitting support for Councillor Kelley’s order to add public representatives to the CAP Policy Working Group.

13. A communication was received from Elvie Reyes, regarding the order opposing the Urban Ring Bus Route.

14. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding the City Manager making policy.

15. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding institutionalized unlawful bias.

16. A communication was received from Al Hinde, transmitting opposition to prohibiting dogs on grassy areas at Fresh Pond.

17. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding energy efficient city.

18. A communication was received from Monica Strauss, transmitting opposition to prohibiting dogs on grassy areas at Fresh Pond.

19. A communication was received from Mark G. Vangel, transmitting opposition to prohibiting dogs on grassy areas at Fresh Pond.

20. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, regarding policy order on the Urban Ring.

21. A communication was received from Doane Perry, President, Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association, regarding CAP Policy Working Group.

22. A communication was received from Helen Fairman, transmitting concern to proposed changes to Chapter 6 of the city ordinances regarding off-leash dogs.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Theresa Murray on her new position as Senate President. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Simmons
2. Thanks to Senate President Robert E. Travaglini for his service to the citizens of Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
3. Happy 85th Birthday wishes to Marion A. Sullivan. Councillor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the death of Paul A. DePierro. Councillor Sullivan
7. Congratulations to the Central Square Theater on its Ground Breaking Ceremonies on May 1, 2007. Mayor Reeves
9. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Frances Giarratana. Councillor Sullivan
12. Resolution on the death of Paul F. Meier. Councillor Sullivan
15. Congratulations to the Garment District on the occasion of its 21st birthday. Councillor Murphy
17. Urge residents to take part in the kickoff celebration of the Boston Portuguese Festival 2007 on Apr 5, 2007 at Boston University. Vice Mayor Toomey
18. Support of the ReNee Leahy and The Huntington’s Disease Society of America’s “Crawl for A Cure” benefit on May 5, 2007. Vice Mayor Toomey
19. Congratulations to John Leniecheck on his new position as Chief of Staff to Representative Michael Capuano. Vice Mayor Toomey
20. Congratulations to Robert J. McCarthy on being named the new President of North Cambridge Catholic High School. Councillor Sullivan
21. Congratulations to Ethridge King on his appointment as an Election Commissioner of Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
22. Urge residents to be cognizant of the Catholic Charities Spring Celebration on May 10, 2007 at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Councillor Sullivan
23. Congratulations to Sal and Tricia DiDomenico on receiving the Legionnaire Award at the 2007 Renaissance Lodge Black Tie Installation Ball on May 5, 2007. Councillor Galluccio
24. Speedy recovery wishes to Manny Martins. Vice Mayor Toomey
25. Congratulations to CitySprouts and its volunteers for their work with the children of Cambridge. Councillor Davis
26. Resolution on the death of Angelo Raffaele Muraca. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
29. Congratulations to the newly promoted Lieutenants of the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Reeves
30. Congratulations to the newly promoted Captains of the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Reeves
31. Congratulations to City Councillor Marjorie Decker and Bahij Bandar on their recent engagement. Mayor Reeves, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Davis, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Simmons
32. Congratulations to Chuck Colbert on his Bar Mitzvah. Councillor Davis
34. Resolution on the death of Alice J. (Morazzi) Bessone. Councillor Sullivan
35. Resolution on the death of Catherine J. (Reardon) Boyle. Councillor Sullivan
36. Resolution on the death of Maria Angelina (Correia) Carvalho. Vice Mayor Toomey
38. Resolution on the death of Nathaniel F. “Honey” Greenidge. Councillor Galluccio
42. Resolution on the death of Thomas Cram O’Sullivan. Councillor Sullivan
43. Resolution on the death of James E. Rutledge. Councillor Galluccio
44. Resolution on the death of Frances (Carelli) Shimmak. Councillor Sullivan
45. Resolution on the death of Beverly C. “Tina” Sands. Councillor Galluccio
46. Congratulations to the CambridgeSide Galleria on receiving the Special Citizenship Award for their roll in operation Poseidon. Mayor Reeves
47. Congratulations to Cambridge Landscaping on receiving the Special Citizenship Award for assisting the Fire Department with a traffic accident. Mayor Reeves
48. Recognition of Firefighters who have served in the Armed Forces. Mayor Reeves
49. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Raymond Holzhauer. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jonathan Smith. Councillor Decker
51. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Steven Chavez. Councillor Decker
52. Resolution on the death of Private First Class John Landry Jr. Councillor Decker
53. Resolution on the death of Corporal Dustin Lee. Councillor Decker
54. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Harry Timberman. Councillor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Nathaniel Windsor. Councillor Decker
56. Resolution on the death of Private First Class James Arnold. Councillor Decker
57. Resolution on the death of Corporal Henry Bogrette. Councillor Decker
58. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Orlando Gonzalez. Councillor Decker
59. Resolution on the death of Specialist Sean McDonald. Councillor Decker
60. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Trevor Roberts. Councillor Decker
61. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Anthony White. Councillor Decker
63. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Stephen Richardson. Councillor Decker
64. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Alberto Garcia Jr. Councillor Decker
65. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Thomas Latham. Councillor Decker
66. Resolution on the death of Specialist Lance Springer II. Councillor Decker
67. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Ryan Green. Councillor Decker
68. Resolution on the death of Specialist Curtis Glaawson Jr. Councillor Decker
69. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jason Swiger. Councillor Decker
70. Resolution on the death of Sergeant John Allen. Councillor Decker
71. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Terry Prater. Councillor Decker
72. Resolution on the death of Specialist Forrest Waterbury. Councillor Decker
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74. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Dan Woodcock. Councillor Decker
75. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Wayne Cornell. Councillor Decker
76. Resolution on the death of Private First Class William Davis. Councillor Decker
77. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Freeman Gardner Jr. Councillor Decker
78. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Blake Harris. Councillor Decker
79. Resolution on the death of Specialist Adam Rosema. Councillor Decker
80. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Emerson Brand. Councillor Decker
81. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Nicholas Lightner. Councillor Decker
82. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Benjamin Sebben. Councillor Decker
83. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Nimo Tauala. Councillor Decker
84. Resolution on the death of Specialist Joshua Boyd. Councillor Decker
85. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Marcus Golczynski. Councillor Decker
86. Resolution on the death of Specialist Marleo Guerrero. Councillor Decker
87. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Adrian Lewis. Councillor Decker
88. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Greg Riever. Councillor Decker
89. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Christopher Brevard. Councillor Decker
90. Resolution on the death of Specialist Stephen Kowalczyk. Councillor Decker
91. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Sean Thomas. Councillor Decker
92. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Darrell Griffin Jr. Councillor Decker
93. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class John Stephens. Councillor Decker
94. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Douglas Stone. Councillor Decker
95. Best wishes to Charlie Winchester on his retirement. Councillor Sullivan
96. Congratulations to Vincent Piro on being named Acting Chief Probation Officer for Woburn District Court. Councillor Sullivan
97. Happy 77th Birthday wishes to Aldo Tambellini and congratulations on the retrospective of his film which will take place on Apr 19, 2007. Mayor Reeves
98. Proclaim May 6-12, 2007 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
100. Urge all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the Cambridge Performance Project and Morse Community School “Spring Forward 2007” 22nd Annual Showcase on Apr 12, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Morse School Auditorium. Councillor Sullivan
101. Welcome to Robert C. Haas as the new Cambridge Public Superintendent of Parks and Forestry for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan
102. Best wishes to John Morgan. Councillor Sullivan
103. Congratulations to Paul Ryder for his coordination of the 2007 Cambridge Run/Walk on Apr 1, 2007. Councillor Davis
104. Congratulations to City staff for their development of the Cambridge Energy Alliance. Councillor Davis
105. Retirement of Priscilla Beck from the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Reeves
107. Congratulations to Jeff Walker of the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Agathos chapter of the National Honor Society for Secondary Schools. Councillor Decker
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111. Congratulations to Professor Charles Ogletree and the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute on hosting the conference on the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Dred Scott decision. Mayor Reeves
112. Resolution commending the Cambridge Fire Department, the Cambridge Auxiliary Police, the Red Cross and the neighbors for their outstanding response to the fire at 7th and Otis Street. Vice Mayor Toomey
113. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Visual & Performing Arts Department presentation of the Advanced Placement Portfolio Art Exhibit which will take place from Apr 26, 2007 through May 7, 2007 at the University Lutheran Church, 66 Winthrop Street, Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan
114. Resolution on the death of Ruth E. (Smith) Glynn. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
115. Congratulations to Kelly Writer on his promotion to Supervisor of Parks and Forestry for the City of Cambridge. Councillor Sullivan
117. Welcome to Nadje Al-Ali as she comes to Cambridge to speak about “Iraqi Women between Dictatorships, War, Sanctions and Occupation” on Sunday, April 15, 2007 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at MIT. Mayor Reeves
118. Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus, Cambridge Council #74, on the Second Annual Family Communion Breakfast on April 14, 2007. Councillor Sullivan
120. Congratulations to Phil Wilson, Executive Director of the Black AIDS Institute, for being chosen to be the 2007 Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast Speaker on April 28, 2007 at the JFK Library. Councillor Simmons
121. Resolution on the death of William E. Cooke. Mayor Reeves
122. Congratulations to Shirley Jobe on being honored by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women as Cambridge's 2007 Unsung Heroine. Councillor Decker
123. Congratulations to Joyce Hurd, Cambridge Councilwoman, for being chosen to be the 2007 Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast Speaker on April 28, 2007 at the JFK Library. Councillor Simmons
124. Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus, Cambridge Council #74, on the Second Annual Family Communion Breakfast on April 14, 2007. Councillor Galluccio
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ORDERS

1. Support of increasing the FY08 state budget for environmental health services (line item 4510-0600) to $8.3 million to ensure adequate protection of the health and safety of our communities, workplaces and environment. Councillor Sullivan
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner, the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to review the functioning of the traffic redesign at the intersection of Normandy Avenue and Blanchard Road and also to review any available accident statistics for that intersection with the view of determining whether the traffic calming measures instituted there are causing accidents because it has become more difficult to negotiate the intersection. Councillor Simmons
3. Dedication of an appropriate site in the vicinity of Putnam Avenue and River Street in honor of Perry Copitas. Councillor Galluccio

4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to provide the City Council with a report evaluating the traffic and parking burden created by housing development in Cambridge in close proximity to mass transit. Councillor Galluccio

5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools to report back to the City Council on what resources Cambridge Rindge and Latin School offers to CRLS post-graduates for post high school educational programs, placements and transfers. Councillor Galluccio

6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools with the view that the Cambridge School Department arrange for snow removal for Cambridge School Department buildings, sidewalks and walkways regardless of whether school buildings are open. Councillor Galluccio

7. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that all school properties comply with snow removal laws and be ticketed for non-compliance. Councillor Galluccio

8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with a report on the impact of sub-prime lending in Cambridge. Councillor Galluccio Amended

9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Information Technology to improve the directions for searching the Municipal Code on line, as several people have misunderstood the wording and concluded that no search feature exist. Councillor Davis

10. That the proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding fences be referred to the City Solicitor for final language and be returned to the City Council for referral to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board no later than May 7, 2007. Councillor Davis

11. Urge the Massachusetts Legislature, in the strongest possible manner, to oppose any effort to eliminate the municipal consent process for competitive providers of cable television service until, at a minimum, a thorough evaluation is completed of the current system and the effect of any proposed changes on local governments, residents, competitors and incumbents is analyzed. Councillor Davis

12. That the City Manager is requested to contact the MBTA about the electric buses making noise in the early morning hours at the north Massachusetts Avenue station by announcing their route and destination and thereby disturbing the quiet time of the neighborhood. Councillor Sullivan

13. That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to add Michael Sarchioni to the sign on the corner of Plymouth Street and Webster Avenue. Vice Mayor Toomey

14. That the City Manager is requested to arrange for a time for the Executive Director of the Housing Authority appear at a meeting of the Cambridge City Council to provide an update on the settlement of the Cambridge, Boston and Brookline CHA’s lawsuit against the Commonwealth for failure to maintain the state-owned units of public housing. Councillor Galluccio

15. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the park at Sacramento and Oxford Streets, to include how the raised platform needed removal before it was even a year old and how City staff members are monitoring equipment at all City playgrounds to ensure that equipment installation is proper and that damaged equipment is removed and replaced very quickly. Councillor Kelley

16. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that the working group on liquor licenses consist of at least two members of the public who have no financial or bureaucratic interest in the current policy or any changes to it. Councillor Kelley

17. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of putting enforcement statistics on the City’s website. Councillor Kelley

18. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how the Police Department plans to enforce the motorcycle noise ordinance so that Cambridge residents, businesses and visitors can have as quiet a summer as possible. Councillor Kelley

19. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. Councillor Kelley Tabled - Davis

20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads on the feasibility of developing a map of the City or some other method of indicating the safer, less vehicle-dense cross-town routes for cyclists. Councillor Kelley

21. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of the City’s responsibilities, powers and limitations regarding abandoned or neglected properties. Councillor Kelley

22. That issues involving Safe Routes to School be referred to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking subcommittee. Councillor Kelley

23. Dedication of the corner of Lincoln and Elm Streets as Cappucci Square. Councillor Galluccio

24. Support of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and endorsing equality of opportunity, and encouraging governments to be responsive to and inclusive of people with disabilities. Councillor Kelley

25. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the head of the Electrical Department to repair or improve the condition of the lighting in the parking lot on Norfolk Street behind the Department of Public Works to improve safety and deter loitering. Vice Mayor Toomey

26. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the actions of and the status of the leaf blower task force by Apr 23, 2007. Councillor Kelley

27. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that the City provides all possible support for the families who were victims of the Soden Street fire on Apr 4, 2007. Councillor Simmons

28. That the City Council go on record naming the new park in Area Four the “Janet Rose Heritage Park.” Councillor Simmons

29. That the proposed ordinance regarding the structure and function of the Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Commission be referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Murphy, and Councillor Simmons Amended

30. That the City Manager is requested to investigate and recommend remedies regarding rodents at 56 Churchill Avenue and in the walk/driveway between that lot and the Daniel F. Burns Apartments. Councillor Davis

31. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads, housing developers, transportation specialists and other interested parties to help determine what type of programs, if any, that limit parking rights might be feasible and how such programs might impact housing development and confer with relevant City staff to determine the legality of restricting on-street parking permits and visitor passes to residential units based on zoning incentives, special permit requirements or any other transportation and land use tool that may be at the City’s disposal.
Councillor Kelley and Councillor Galluccio  Charter Right - Galluccio

32. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of requiring a renewal fee for building permits when the construction goes on much longer than contemplated at the beginning or than is reasonably necessary in light of inconvenience to city infrastructure and neighborhood. Councillor Decker Amended

33. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department in order to reorganize the signs for the Central Square Branch library so the large sign faces up Pearl Street so people can see it and the additional signs be moved or removed if appropriate. Councillor Davis

34. Dedication an appropriate site on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Linnaean Street in honor of William J. and Catherine A. Walsh. Mayor Reeves

35. That the City Manager is requested to cease all discussions and accommodations with Clear Channel with regard to the advertising boards that Clear Channel owns, including cutting or pruning trees and urge Clear Channel to resume negotiations with Painter’s Union #35 and cancel the contract with out-of-state workers. Councillor Decker, Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Murphy Amended

36. Support of the concept of the proposed Area IV Community Café and Art Gallery. Councillor Decker, Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Reeves and Councillor Simmons37. That the City Manager is requested to aggressively pursue the purchase of 55 Magazine Street or to aggressively pursue a partner that would allow the city the rare opportunity to secure a significant number of affordable units. Councillor Decker and Mayor Reeves

37. City Manager to confer with the Chairman of the License Commission and the Assistant City Manager of Community Development with the view of the Chair of the License Commission and the Director of Economic Development reporting back to the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee with a draft of potential changes to the Cap Policy that would better support the City’s Economic Development goals, as discussed at the January 30, 2007 Committee meeting. Councillor Decker39. City Manager is requested to appoint a committee, as described in the report of the January 30, 2007 Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, to discuss a draft policy revising the current Cap Policy for Liquor Licenses. Councillor Decker

40. City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to utilize the attached revised Noise Affidavit which has been reviewed by City staff. (This order refers to Calendar Item Number Ten adopting the recommendations in the Committee Report.) Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Murphy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on Jan 30, 2007 for the purpose of continuing discussion of the License Commission’s “cap policy” relative to licenses to serve alcoholic beverages.

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Feb 13, 2007 to consider proposed amendments to the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance Chapter 6 entitled Animal Control Regulations, to provide rules for off-leash areas. Passed to 2nd Reading

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and Vice Mayor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chairs of the Public Safety Committee and Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on Mar 8, 2007 to discuss public safety issues regarding the relocation of the Lechmere Station and the benefits of a Lechmere Square underpass.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Marilyn Y. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary to the School Department transmitting a copy of an order from the School Committee that the FY2007-08 General Fund Budget of the Cambridge Public Schools be adopted in the sum or $127,690,960.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 9 5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Apr 11 10:00am  The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a broad policy regarding the state of workers in Cambridge and an update on organized labor. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23 5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 24 5:30pm  The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the topic of a “clean” hybrid cab program as implemented in Boston. (Sullivan Chamber)

Sat, Apr 28 10:00am  The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30 5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 3 6:00pm  The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss youth centers. Time may change. (Location to be announced)

Mon, May 7 5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 9 4:45pm  The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 Capital Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm  The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Sat, May 12 10:00am  The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 14 5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 15 5:30pm  The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issues including speed bumps, raised intersections and other devices intended to slow traffic speeds, and the limits of employing these devices and the criteria for selection of the placement of these devices. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 16 5:00pm  The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY08 City Budget. (IF NECESSARY) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 21 4:00pm  2007 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 4 5:30pm  City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of increasing the FY08 state budget for environmental health services (line item 4510-0600) to $8.3 million to ensure adequate protection of the health and safety of our communities, workplaces and environment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge legislative delegation to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts, Governor Deval Patrick and the Massachusetts Public Health Association.

O-2    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner, the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to review the functioning of the traffic redesign at the intersection of Normandy Avenue and Blanchard Road and also to review any available accident statistics for that intersection with the view of determining whether the traffic calming measures instituted there are causing accidents because it has become more difficult to negotiate the intersection.

O-3    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of Putnam Avenue and River Street in honor of Perry Copitas; 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-4    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to provide the City Council with a report evaluating the recent traffic and parking burden created by housing development in Cambridge in close proximity to mass transit; and be it further

ORDERED: That said report include a recommendation as to what the appropriate parking space requirement should be for housing developments in close proximity to mass transit.

O-5    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools to report back to the City Council on what resources Cambridge Rindge and Latin School offers to CRlS post-

O-6    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
WHEREAS: Snow often falls on the weekend or during school vacation; and
WHEREAS: Residents use the public sidewalks that surround school buildings; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools with the view that the Cambridge School Department arrange for snow removal for Cambridge School Department buildings, sidewalks and walkways regardless of whether school buildings are open.

O-7    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that all school properties comply with snow removal laws and be ticketed for non-compliance.

O-8    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
WHEREAS: It is reported that widespread sub-prime lending could lead to widespread foreclosures; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with a report on the impact of sub-prime lending in Cambridge; and be it further
ORDERED: That the report include information about what other local jurisdictions have done in this area by way of ordinances, regulations, programs, etc; and be it further
ORDERED: That a copy of this order be forwarded to Massachusetts State Senator Jarrett Barrios who is currently working on this issue with a request that he inform the Cambridge City Council and City Manager of any state action in this area.

O-9    Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Information Technology to improve the directions for searching the Municipal Code on line, as several people have misunderstood the wording and concluded that no search feature exist.

O-10   Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
WHEREAS: Several members of the Pedestrian Committee have prepared the attached proposal for further zoning regulation of fences; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance be referred to the City Solicitor with the request that language be finalized for referral to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that final language for the proposed amendment is returned to the City Council for referral no later than the City Council meeting of May 7, 2007.

O-11   Apr 9, 2007  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
WHEREAS: The Commonwealth provides a primary role for local governments to negotiate the terms and conditions under which a wireline cable television company may provide cable television service to its residents pursuant to a municipal consent ordinance, and this requirement of law is consistent with the long-standing principle of ascertaining and addressing community cable-related needs at the local level; and
WHEREAS: The Commonwealth’s wireline cable television companies constructed and now operate cable television systems under municipal consents that address the specific needs of local communities with specific agreed upon terms; and
WHEREAS: Competition in the provision of cable television service is desirable and has the potential for producing consumer benefits through increased choice and the City of Cambridge supports competition; and
WHEREAS: Verizon Communications is seeking state legislation that would exempt it from the municipal consent process to which all cable television companies now operate and, if such legislation were enacted, would be permitted to offer competitive cable services under a state-issued franchise that would bypass municipal authorization and approval; and
WHEREAS: The process for award of such a state-issued franchise would have the effect of eliminating any meaningful opportunity for the City of Cambridge to address the specific cable-related needs that otherwise might be fulfilled by Verizon Communications and deprive the City of Cambridge the ability to ensure competition is offered on equal terms; and
WHEREAS: Municipalities and their residents have a significant and specific interest in the terms and conditions attendant to the award of a cable television franchise; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby urges the Massachusetts Legislature, in the strongest possible manner, to oppose any effort to eliminate the municipal consent process for competitive providers of cable television service until, at a minimum, a thorough evaluation is completed of the current system and the effect of any proposed changes on local governments, residents, competitors and incumbents is analyzed; and be it further
RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Patrick, Lieutenant Governor Murray, Senate President Murray, House Speaker DiMasi and Attorney General Coakley, members of the legislative Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, and the Cambridge delegation to the Great and General Court.

O-12    Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the MBTA about the electric buses making noise at the north Massachusetts Avenue bus station in the early morning hours by announcing their route and destination starting at 5:00am and thereby disturbing the quiet time of the neighborhood.

O-13    Apr 9, 2007
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY
ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to add Michael Sarchioni to the sign on the corner of Plymouth Street and Webster Avenue.

O-14    Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange for a time for the Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority to appear at a meeting of the Cambridge City Council to update the Council on the settlement of the Cambridge, Boston and Brookline CHA’s lawsuit against the Commonwealth for failure to maintain the state-owned units of public housing.

O-15    Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: The Alden playground at the junction of Sacramento and Oxford Street was recently renovated; and
WHEREAS: This playground needed renovations shortly after opening due to children being injured while using the equipment; and
WHEREAS: The City ensured that these safety renovations were carried out; and
WHEREAS: Notwithstanding these safety renovations and the main structure’s comparative youth, the raised platform of the structure recently broke and was removed by the City; and
WHEREAS: The playground’s main structure has been without the raised platform for a considerable time; and
WHEREAS: This playground is the primary recess area for students from the neighboring Baldwin School; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of this park, to include how the raised platform needed removal before it was even a year old; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how City staff members are monitoring equipment at all City playgrounds to ensure that equipment installation is proper and that damaged equipment is removed and replaced very quickly.

O-16    Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: The development and implementation of new liquor license policies are important matters for all residents and businesses in Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: The City Manager has appointed a working group to study various liquor license policy options; and
WHEREAS: It is important that the general public be represented in all decision-making and policy-development processes in the City; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the working group on liquor licenses consist of at least two members of the public who have no financial or bureaucratic interest in the current policy or any changes to it; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-17    Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: It is important for the City Council to have accurate data in order to best review the City Manager’s budget submission and other appropriation requests throughout the year; and
WHEREAS: The City Manager stated that various enforcement statistics, which the City Council could use to determine how effective various expenditures have been, should be posted on the City website in early 2007; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of putting enforcement statistics on the City’s website.

O-18    Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: Loud motorcycles create unnecessary disturbances to the general public; and
WHEREAS: Loud motorcycles tend to be a larger problem in warmer months; and
WHEREAS: The noise emitted by motorcycles is limited by state law that is enforceable by Cambridge Police; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how the Police Department plans to enforce the motorcycle noise ordinance so that Cambridge residents, businesses and visitors can have as quiet a summer as possible.

O-19    Apr 9, 2007  Tabled - Davis
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: The Urban Ring Phase II is a proposed bus/rapid transit project that will pass through a variety of neighborhoods throughout Greater Boston; and
WHEREAS: The Urban Ring Phase II bus routes will pass through parts of Cambridge to include East Cambridge and Cambridgeport, with probable negative impacts on local traffic and air quality while at the same time not providing effective Mass Transit for these neighborhoods; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge is located in an air quality non-attainment zone which is likely to become even worse as a result of the Urban Ring Phase II’s roadway development project; and

WHEREAS: Recent research indicates that smaller particles emitted by engines of new, “clean burning” buses may present much greater danger to human health due to their ability to move deep into the human lung; and

WHEREAS: Much of the Urban Ring Phase II’s route will not be on grade-separated roadway, forcing the buses to mix with already congested general traffic; and

WHEREAS: When buses mix with general traffic, they are no longer rapid, create more pollution due to the stop and start nature of the traffic and become less attractive to would-be commuters; and

WHEREAS: New roadways being built or improved for use by Urban Ring Phase II buses in Cambridge are likely to be used by a variety of other vehicles as well, further increasing local traffic and congestion issues; and

WHEREAS: Scarce mass transit money is being used to fund the Urban Ring Phase II bus routes that could be better spent on extending the green line, assisting with the Red/Blue line connector and improving existing cross-town bus capacity; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as opposing the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record encouraging money that would have been spent on the Urban Ring Phase II to be redirected to improving existing cross-town bus capacity, extending the Green Line, connecting the Red and Blue lines and other similar improvements to existing mass transit programs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this order to Cambridge’s elected officials in the State House, Governor Deval Patrick, the Director of the MBTA and the Director of the Executive Office of Transportation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-20 Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: Bicycling in Cambridge is very dangerous, especially on main routes such as Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street and Prospect Street; and
WHEREAS: Recent accidents on North Mass Avenue indicate the limits of protection offered to cyclists by bike lanes and pavement markings; and
WHEREAS: There are many side streets, campuses and parks via which cyclists could traverse much of Cambridge without exposing themselves to the dangers posed by routes more heavily used by cars; and
WHEREAS: It is difficult for many people to discover these alternative routes on their own; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant Department heads on the feasibility of developing a map of the City or some other method of indicating the safer, less vehicle-dense cross-town routes for cyclists; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue.

O-21 Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: There are abandoned or neglected properties scattered throughout Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: There are limits to the City’s jurisdiction in addressing these abandoned or neglected properties; and
WHEREAS: The general public might be better able to help City staff in redeveloping or otherwise managing these abandoned or neglected properties if the City’s responsibilities, powers and limitations concerning these properties were better understood; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of the City’s responsibilities, powers and limitations regarding abandoned or neglected properties.

O-22 Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
ORDERED: That issues involving Safe Routes to School be referred to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking subcommittee.

O-23 Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Lincoln and Elm Streets as Cappucci Square; 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-24 Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
WHEREAS: Historically, persons with disabilities have been marginalized, stigmatized and deprived of opportunities and freedoms afforded to individual without disabilities; and
WHEREAS: On Dec 13, 2006, the United Nations General Assembly adopted by consensus a landmark treaty, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to promote and protect the rights of the world’s 650 million disabled people; and
WHEREAS: The Convention was the most rapidly negotiated human rights treaty in the history of international law; and
WHEREAS: The Convention is the first human rights treaty of the 21st century; and
WHEREAS: The Convention will require ratifying nations “to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity” and promote awareness of the capabilities of those who are disabled; and
WHEREAS: The Convention also requires governments to fight stereotypes of people with disabilities; and
WHEREAS: The Convention also recognizes that attitudes need to change if disabled people are to achieve equality; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge was one of the first cities in Massachusetts to establish a local commission on persons with disabilities; and
WHEREAS: In March 2006, the National Organization on Disability selected the City of Cambridge as the “Accessible America 2005” grand prize winner, which recognizes Cambridge as a national model for its focus on disability issues; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Cambridge go on record as supporting this Convention, endorsing equality of opportunity, and encouraging governments to be responsive to and inclusive of people with disabilities; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to communicate the City’s support of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and the Acting U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Alejandro D. Wolff and urge ratification of the Convention by the United States; 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 Acting U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Alejandro D. Wolff on behalf of the entire City Council.
WHEREAS: The parking lot on Norfolk Street behind the Department of Public Works is poorly lit, which encourages loitering on the dead end street; and
WHEREAS: Neighbors have concerns about vandalism and safety in this area due to presence of loiterers in the evening hours; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the head of the Electrical Department to repair or improve the condition of the lighting in the parking lot to improve safety and deter loitering.

O-26 Apr 9, 2007 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the actions of and the status of the leaf blower task force by Apr 23, 2007.

O-27 Apr 9, 2007 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the City provides all possible support for the families who were victims of the Soden Street fire on Apr 4, 2007.

O-28 Apr 9, 2007 COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record naming the new park in Area Four the “Janet Rose Heritage Park,” and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this order to the Recreation Department.

O-29 Apr 9, 2007 Amended COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
ORDERED: That the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code (listed below) on the structure and function of the Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Commission, prepared by members of the Commission, be referred to the City Solicitor to prepare appropriate language for a final draft for the Ordinance Committee to consider and to highlight legal issues for the Ordinance Committee to address and that the draft be returned to the City Council for referral to the Ordinance Committee:
Cambridge GLBT Commission Ordinance Draft
Section x.1 Established.
The GLBT Commission was created as a result of a City Council Order that was adopted on Feb 22, 2004 and became operational with regularly scheduled meetings in 2005.
Section x.2 Function and Purpose.
It shall be the function of the Commission to:
A. Advocate for a culture of respect and monitor progress toward equality of all persons with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity;
B. Promote policies and practices that have a positive effect on the health, welfare, and safety of all persons who live, visit or work in the City with respect to sexual orientation and gender identity;
Section x.3 Membership – Appointment – Term.
A. The Commission shall consist of 15 members, each appointed by the City Manager.
B. The term of service is three years. Commissioners may be reappointed for additional three-year terms.
C. Upon the enactment of this ordinance the existing active Commissioners who have been previously appointed by the City Manager shall have the length of their remaining respective terms determined based on a lottery. Five commissioners will have one remaining year on their term, five will have two remaining years, and the remainder if any will have their terms expire. By this means there will be five appointments made each year.
D. If any Commissioner is absent from three unexcused meetings of the Commission during a calendar year, that position of the Commissioner shall be automatically vacated upon certification to the City Manager by the Commission.
E. After the initial appointments, subsequent members of the Commission shall be appointed by the City Manager, recruited by way of any and all means available to the City Manger, including recommendations provided by the Commission. The Commission shall consist of recognized groups working for the equal status and protection of the rights and well-being of GLBT individuals to obtain names of qualified candidates. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled not later than thirty days after the vacancy occurs; and if a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of the member’s term, an appointment shall be made for the remainder of the term.
F. The Commission at all times shall make every effort to be representative of all socio-economic, age, racial and gender-identifying segments of the City as well as different neighborhoods.
Section x.4 Membership – Qualifications.
A. All prospective Commissioners shall have belief in and support the equal status and protection of the rights and well-being of GLBT individuals.
B. Commissioners shall be either residents or individuals whose place of work is in the City at the time of appointment and throughout the term of their appointment.
C. Elected officials in Municipal, State, or Federal government are not eligible to be Commissioners.

Section x.5 Executive Director – Appointment – Term.
A. There shall be an Executive Director of the GLBT Commission whose selection and length of employment shall be determined by the City Manager with the advice of the Commission.
B. The prospective Executive Director of the Commission shall have demonstrated administrative expertise, a background of direct participation in the advancement of GLBT interests as well as the promotion of issues surrounding general concern for issues of social justice, and the ability to work with GLBT individuals of various socio-economic backgrounds, races, national origins, gender identities, and ages.
C. The Executive Director shall have adequate and appropriate staff assistance.
D. The Executive Director shall make every effort to attend all Commission meetings and participate according to meeting by-laws when recognized by the chair. The Executive Director will not serve as a voting member of the Commission’s regularly scheduled meetings.

Section x.6 Election of Chairperson(s) – Adoption of bylaws.
The members of the Commission shall elect two Co-Chairpersons from among its members, and shall adopt operational bylaws for the Commission. Elected Co-Chairpersons shall each serve for a term of one year.

Section x.7 Powers and duties.
The powers and duties of the Commission shall include the following:
A. To hold at least six regular meetings throughout the calendar year and to conduct additional meetings as necessary;
B. To obtain from City departments, divisions and agencies any and all information necessary to carry out the functions, purposes, programs and activities of the Commission;
C. To insure the equal status and protection of the rights and well-being of all GLBT individuals residing or working in the City in educational, economic, political, health, legal, social and public safety spheres;
D. To design and implement programs that promote and sustain equality for all GLBT individuals residing or working in the City;
E. To assist in public awareness of GLBT issues and concerns through participation in public and media events sponsored by the administrative and/or legislative bodies of the City including but not limited to City-sponsored recreational, education and development activities;
F. To develop recommendations and recommend policy to all departments, divisions and agencies of the City, including the City Manager and the City Council;
G. To coordinate activities of all departments and divisions of City government on issues affecting all GLBT individuals residing or working in the City;
H. To initiate, coordinate and monitor the enactment or proposal of legislation which promotes the equal status and protection of rights and well-being of all GLBT individuals on the City, State and Federal levels, and to assure that appropriate regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to such legislation;
I. Such other tasks that may be agreed upon by the City Manager and the Commission.

Section x.8 Amendments.
Amendments to this ordinance may be considered without recreation of this ordinance by way of:
A. A proposed amendment approved by a majority of Commissioners submitted in writing to the City Council, approved by a majority of the City Council by the standard process for amending Ordinances;
B. A proposed amendment initiated by the City Council and submitted to the Commission for comments and advice prior to approval by a majority of the City Council by the standard process for amending Ordinances.

O-30 Apr 9, 2007 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
WHEREAS: Many rats have been sighted at 56 Churchill Avenue Apartments at 50 Churchill Avenue; now therefore be it

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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate and recommend remedies in coordination with the Cambridge Housing Authority.

O-30 Apr 9, 2007 
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
WHEREAS: The signs for the Central Square Branch library are placed in such a way that it is confusing for people to find the library; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department in order to reorganize the signs for the Central Square Branch library so the large sign faces up Pearl Street so people can see it and the additional signs be moved or removed if appropriate.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
WHEREAS: Clear Channel is the world's largest outdoor advertiser with over 800,000 out-of-home displays, including 25 in Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: Recently, twenty-five union members of Sign & Pictorial Local # 391 voted to strike after the company imposed wage and benefit cuts, along with significant changes in hours and working conditions; and
WHEREAS: Members of the union had been working without a contract for 18 months; and
WHEREAS: Out-of-state replacement workers have been brought in to do the union's work; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to cease all discussions and accommodations with Clear Channel with regard to the advertising boards that Clear Channel owns, including cutting or pruning trees; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Inspectional Services Department to inspect the structural integrity of all billboards; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to draft an amendment to the Municipal Code to provide that failure to adequately maintain billboards after notice will result in permanent loss of permits; and be it further
ORDERED: That this City Council go on record urging Clear Channel to resume negotiations with Painter's Union # 35 and cancel the contract with out of state workers; and be it further
ORDERED: That this City Council go on record asking Clear Channel to disclose the names, addresses, and all licenses of any Clear Channel employee, agent, or subcontractor intending to work in Cambridge to ensure that these workers have the proper licenses to do this work; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Inspectional Services Department to investigate that these out of state workers are properly certified due to safety standards; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ensure that Clear Channel provide a paid strike police detail whenever a Clear Channel or subcontractor of Clear Channel truck enters Cambridge to do work or site visits of billboards in order to adequately protect for public access and safety; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Clear Channel and Painter's Local Union # 35 on behalf of the entire City Council; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back its findings to the City Council.

Amended

COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
WHEREAS: On-street parking is a community resource that is in great demand; and
WHEREAS: New residential developments can put extra strain on a resource that is already close to its limit in many places; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge's economic and cultural vitality rest on having a density of residents and visitors that provides enough consumers to keep local businesses and services solvent; and
WHEREAS: Many people in Cambridge do not own a car and could save money by purchasing or renting units that did not have the option of getting an on-street parking sticker; and
WHEREAS: The City’s Transportation Demand Reduction ordinance has not sufficiently reduced parking and traffic problems in Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: The density of residents needed to support Cambridge’s web of businesses and services is not necessarily dependent on every resident having a car that can park on City streets; and
WHEREAS: The ability of developers and land owners to build and market properties might be impacted by parking sticker and visitor pass restrictions; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant Department heads, housing developers, transportation specialists and other interested parties to help determine what type of programs, if any, that limit parking rights might be feasible and how such programs might impact housing development; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff to determine the legality of restricting on-street parking permits and visitor passes to residential units based on zoning incentives, special permit requirements or any other transportation and land use tool that may be at the City’s disposal; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on these issues.

O-32 Apr 9, 2007 Amended
COUNCILLOR DECKER
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of requiring a renewal fee for building permits when the construction goes on much longer than contemplated at the beginning or than is reasonably necessary in light of inconvenience to city infrastructure and neighborhood; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Solicitor report on whether the City Ordinance may contain a charge per day to the developer for the time for completion in excess of the original expected completion date.

O-33 Apr 9, 2007
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
WHEREAS: The signs for the Central Square Branch library are placed in such a way that it is confusing for people to find the library; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department in order to reorganize the signs for the Central Square Branch library so the large sign faces up Pearl Street so people can see it and the additional signs be moved or removed if appropriate.

COUNCILLOR DECKER
O-35 Apr 9, 2007
MAYOR REEVES
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating an appropriate site on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Linnæan Street in honor of William J. and Catherine A. Walsh; 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.

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
ORDERED: That this City Council go on record asking Clear Channel to disclose the names, addresses, and all licenses of any Clear Channel employee, agent, or subcontractor intending to work in Cambridge to ensure that these workers have the proper licenses to do this work; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Inspectonal Services Department to inspect the structural integrity of all billboards; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Law Department to draft an amendment to the Municipal Code to provide that failure to adequately maintain billboards after notice will result in permanent loss of permits; and be it further
ORDERED: That this City Council go on record urging Clear Channel to resume negotiations with Painter's Union # 35 and cancel the contract with out of state workers; and be it further
ORDERED: That this City Council go on record asking Clear Channel to provide a paid strike police detail whenever a Clear Channel or subcontractor of Clear Channel truck enters Cambridge to do work or site visits of billboards in order to adequately protect for public access and safety; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Clear Channel and Painter’s Local Union # 35 on behalf of the entire City Council; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back its findings to the City Council.