

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the FY2011 submitted budget and appropriation orders.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2011: James Desrosiers
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-39, regarding a report on removing the taxi stand in front of Stellabella Toys in Inman Square.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-29, regarding a report on a review of the traffic calming project at the intersection of Fifth & Gore Streets.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve the application of Don Quijote Tours to amend their exiting route.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an increase in the appropriation of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$2,610.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,110.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$500.00) and will support organizational membership in the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education and program supplies.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an increase in the appropriation of the Cambridge Housing Authority Computer grant received from the Cambridge Housing Authority in the amount of \$2,699.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$2,640.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$59.00).
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$184,930.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$13,000.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$171,930.00).
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an increase in the appropriation of the Pathways grant in the amount of \$1,100.00 received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$1,100.00).
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an increase in the appropriation of the Cambridge Prevention Coalition Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) grant received from the U.S. Department of Public

Health and Human Services in the amount of \$75,094.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$15,000.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$60,094.00).

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to begin filing the necessary paperwork with the Federal Railroad Administration to designate the East Cambridge railroad crossings as an official Quiet Zone. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Three of Apr 4, 2011.
2. That the City Manager is requested to relay opposition to additional train service through East Cambridge until a full environmental impact assessment and a public participation process are completed. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Four of Apr 4, 2011.
3. That the City Manager is requested to refer the Seattle Farm Bill Principles to the Food and Fitness Policy Council and ask for a report about how Cambridge should participate in this initiative. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Apr 4, 2011.
4. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Police Commissioner regarding increasing police visibility through more foot and bicycle patrols during the summer. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Seven of Apr 4, 2011.
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and other relevant City staff and report back to the City Council with a detailed and formal legal opinion on the ability of 5.28 conversions to bypass use prohibitions in the Table of Uses. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Eight of Apr 4, 2011.
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of inclusion of visuals in Cambridge zoning documents to aid in the understanding of requirements and regulations. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Eleven of Apr 4, 2011.
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to determine whether the goals of the proposed bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Number 00958 (attached) could be accomplished by home rule petition, and, if so, to draft a home rule petition to be returned to the City Council by the City Council meeting of May 2, 2011. Charter Right exercised on Order Number Twelve of Apr 4, 2011.

ON THE TABLE

8. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on April 25, 2011 Cambridge City Council meeting

City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]

10. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
12. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Life Alive Urban Oasis & Organic Cafe, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, seven tables and eighteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 765 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Au Bon Pain, requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 1360 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development, Historical Commission and abutters.
3. An application was received from Ralph Barone, Assistant Property Manager, First Cambridge Realty Corporation, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 13-23 Suffolk Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
4. An application was received from George Katsiaficas, requesting permission to realign a curb cut only at the premises numbered 151 Dudley Street (on Jackson Street side); said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
5. An application was received from Stuart Moss, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 17 Madison Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
6. An application was received from George Davos, requesting permission to relocate an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 71-73 Normandy Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works.

Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.

7. An application was received from Cafe Barada, requesting permission for ten-twelve tables and thirty chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 2269 Massachusetts Avenue.
8. An application was received from Merek Franklin, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 136 Fayerweather Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Carl F. Barron, transmitting thanks for the resolution on his speedy recovery.
2. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2010 for NSTAR Gas Company.
3. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for the year ended Dec 31, 2010 for NSTAR Electric Company.
4. A communication was received from the family of Robbie Ameral, acknowledging your kind expression of sympathy.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Helen M. Clark. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Richard Carl Anderson. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Joseph B. Furtak. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
4. Congratulations to the staff of Forty Winks on the occasion of the store's one year anniversary. Councillor Cheung
5. Congratulations to David Beisel for his work and investing with early Internet startups and best wishes in future endeavors. Councillor Cheung
6. Resolution on the death of Phyllis M. Norton. Mayor Maher
7. Resolution on the death of Rita J. (Pelletier) Gautreau. Mayor Maher
8. Congratulations to the Central Square Theater on the occasion of 12th Night (of April) celebrating Willful Women on Apr 12, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis
9. Resolution on the death of Timothy F. "Frank" McCusker Sr. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Mary R. (Campbell) Sheehan. Mayor Maher
11. Thanks to the outgoing officers of the Cambridge Democratic City Committee for their service. Councillor Seidel
12. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Cambridge Democratic City Committee. Councillor Seidel, Councillor Simmons
13. Welcome Gather Here, a fabric, yarn and fibers store, to Cambridge. Councillor Seidel

14. Resolution on the death of Teresa A. (Rynne) McCusker. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Kathleen Mary Cuff. Councillor Toomey
16. Resolution on the death of William A. Edes. Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Judy Colovos. Mayor Maher
18. Resolution on the death of Cecile Cyr. Mayor Maher
19. Resolution on the death of Lillian "Dolly" (Coleman) Cabral. Councillor Toomey
20. Resolution on the death of Truearia "Trudi" (Weston) Bonislawski. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Davis
21. Resolution on the death of Margaret M. (Cusack) Norton. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
22. Retirement of Virginia M. Kelley from the Assessor's Department. Mayor Maher
23. Congratulations to Jennifer Dever and Geoff Wood on their recent engagement. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Robert J. Cabral. Mayor Maher
25. Resolution on the death of Dr. William N. Lipscomb. Vice Mayor Davis
26. Thanks to the Cambridge businesses for their generosity and commitment in sponsoring Young Kim's Walk for Hunger. Councillor Cheung
27. Congratulations and best wishes to Alan M. Garber on being named the new Provost of Harvard. Councillor Cheung
28. Best wishes to the Cambridge Athletic Club on the opening of their third location in Tech Square on June 1, 2011. Councillor Cheung
29. Thanks to Henri Termeer, President and CEO of Genzyme Corporation, for his contributions to the City of Cambridge and for his role in making Kendall Square the most innovative square mile on the planet. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of David M. Carvalho. Councillor Toomey
31. Resolution on the death of Joao S. da Silva. Councillor Toomey
32. Congratulations to the Cambridge Housing Authority and the graduates of the Tenth Work Force class who will be graduating on May 12, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis
33. City Council support of the YWCA's Stand Against Racism Campaign. Councillor Simmons
34. Urge residents to be cognizant that April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Councillor Simmons
35. Encourage residents to take part in the Cambridge Open Studios events which will be taking place in May at various locations throughout the city. Councillor Simmons
36. Condolences to the family of Mamie E. Barnes. Councillor Simmons
37. Resolution on the death of Linwood Elliott. Councillor Simmons
38. Acknowledge the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Councillor Simmons
39. Acknowledge the week of Apr 23-30, 2011 as National Child Immunization Week. Councillor Simmons
40. Condolences to the family of Professor Manning Marable. Councillor Simmons
41. Acknowledge the 64th anniversary of Jackie R. Robinson's integration of Major League Baseball. Councillor Simmons
42. Congratulations to Deborah Jackson on her appointment as the new President of Cambridge College. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
43. Best wishes to the participants and organizers of the 25th Annual Cambridge Rindge and Latin School photography exhibit on May 12, 2011. Councillor Simmons
44. Congratulations to Sergeant Kathleen M. Murphy, Officer Brian A. Mushlin, Officer Douglas Murrell, Officer Christopher Samuel, Sergeant Larry K. Clarke, Office Daniel P. Burroso, Officer Marlon H. Rivera, Officer Stephen E. Bikofsky, Officer Philip P. McDavitt, Officer Peter A. Vellucci, Jr., Officer Brendan Pasco, Officer Nicholas J. Mochi, Detective Daniel McNeill and Detective Beth C. Halloran on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's William J. Carroll Letter of Commendation. Councillor Simmons
45. Congratulations to Lieutenant Stephen P. Ahern, Detective Lieutenant Francis T. Boyle, Sergeant Maureen B. Ford, Officer Timothy F. O'Brien and Detective Stephen K, Edwards on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's 25 Years of Service Award. Councillor Simmons
46. Congratulations to Erric Richard, James E. Maybury, Nick Maceus and Jimmy Tingle on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Allen T. McPherson Service Award. Councillor Simmons
47. Congratulations to Detective Daniel McNeil on being awarded the Detective of the Year Award by the Cambridge Police Department. Councillor Simmons
48. Congratulations to Officer Bukowe Yam, Officer Craig Labastie, Officer Stephen E. Bikofsky, Officer Steven S. Allen, Officer Raymond R. Pina Jr., Officer Jarred Cabral, Officer Paul Callinan, Officer Christopher Ahern, Officer Andrew Topozoglou and Lieutenant Leonard DiPietro on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Herbert Halliday Lifesaving Ribbon. Councillor Simmons
49. Congratulations to Lieutenant Leonard J. DiPietro, Sergeant John M. Lopes, Officer Michael Daniliuk, Officer David J. Fimiani, Officer John J. Jones, Officer Christine M. Levesque, Officer Nicole A. Pacheco, Officer Christopher M. Ponte, Officer Simon Valentin, Detective Steven B. Magalhaes and Detective Charlotte E. Morris on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Larry Burke Community Services Award. Councillor Simmons
50. Congratulations to Sergeant Kevin P. McGoldrick on the occasion of receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Law Enforcement Award. Councillor Simmons
51. Congratulations to the Officer Timothy P. Lawton on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's William Loughrey Medal of Valor. Councillor Simmons
52. Congratulations to Gladys Martinez on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Non-sworn Employee of the Year Award. Councillor Simmons

53. Congratulations to Officer Stephen E. Bikofsky on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Patrol Officer of the Year Award. Councillor Simmons
54. Congratulations to Deputy Superintendent Lester J. Sullivan and Deputy Superintendent J. Michael Walsh on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Retirement Award. Councillor Simmons
55. Congratulations to Officer Oswaldo R. Ortiz on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Specialist Officer of the Year Award. Councillor Simmons
56. Congratulations to Lieutenant Chris D. Bertolino on receiving the Cambridge Police Department's Superior Officer of the Year Award. Councillor Simmons
57. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Budget Director David Kale. Councillor Toomey
58. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Quadi Shareem Hudgins. Councillor Decker
59. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Christian Anthony Saracho Garcia. Councillor Decker
60. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jorge Antonio Scatliffe. Councillor Decker
61. Resolution on the death of Major Wesley James Hinkley. Councillor Decker
62. Resolution on the death of Specialist Gary Lee Nelson III. Councillor Decker
63. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Vorasack Thomas Xaysana. Councillor Decker
64. Resolution on the death of Petty Officer 3rd Class Micah Aaron Hill. Councillor Decker
65. Resolution on the death of Sion K. Chambers. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Decker, Councillor Seidel, Mayor Maher
66. Congratulations to Assistant City Manager for Human Services Ellen Semonoff on being appointed by President Obama as a member of the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion and Integrative and Public Health. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Maher
67. Congratulations to Fred and Irene Ireton on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Decker
68. Congratulations to Timothy and Catherine Decker on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Decker
69. Acknowledge May 22, 2011 as Harvey Milk Day. Councillor Simmons
70. Best wishes to Cambridge Family and Children's Service on their 18th Annual Circle of Friends Gala and Auction on May 11, 2011. Councillor Simmons
71. Resolution on the death of Paul O'Connor. Mayor Maher
72. Congratulations to the Harvard Square Business Association on their centennial year. Councillor Decker
73. Congratulations to Cambridge Fire Department Lieutenant David House, Firefighter Vinroy Paul, Firefighter Joseph Hallissey and Firefighter Gary Plunkett on being awarded the 2010 Heroism and Community Service Award by Firehouse Magazine. Mayor Maher
74. Congratulations to Cambridge Firefighter and Paramedic Reneau Cherant on being awarded the 2010 Heroism and

Community Service Award by Firehouse Magazine. Mayor Maher

75. Retirement of William Johnson from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation with the plan for maintaining service at Lechmere Station through the construction at Science Park and how long the Green Line will be impacted due to these upgrades. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City department heads to investigate whether it is feasible to install additional lighting in all of the municipal parking lots located in Central Square. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Executive Director of the Arts Council and the Executive Director of the Historical Commission with the view of submitting a proposal for the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Cultural Districts Initiative. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of allowing property owners to get separate sewerage and water meters so that people are not charged sewerage rates for water used outside the home. Councillor Kelley
5. That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, May 9, 2011 be changed to a Round Table for the purpose of discussing the planning process for Kendall and Central Squares with the Community Development Department and the consulting firm Goody Clancy. Mayor Maher
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works about putting trash barrels on Pearl Street, particularly around bus stops and intersections, to deal with littering. Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to create a plan which would reduce the overall pedestrian crossing distance of the highway to the relocated Lechmere Station by reducing the proposed number of traffic lanes, either through lanes or dedicated turn lanes, and to work with the MassDOT to implement the plan and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to examine the opportunities for putting white roofs on municipal buildings, including schools buildings. Vice Mayor Davis
9. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council on how the city can prepare for heat waves and the opportunities to help low-income residents acquire air conditioners through the help of the public utility and also how the public can turn in the inefficient devices. Vice Mayor Davis
10. That the City Manager is requested to improve the appearance of the ground floor of the First Street Garage by removing the boards and repairing the windows and making other facade improvements as necessary that will enhance the appearance of the streetscape. Councillor Toomey

11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval.
Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Mar 3, 2011 to discuss how inclusionary zoning could be used to build additional space for entrepreneurs in the City that does not compete or hinder the options we have currently.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a joint public meeting held on Mar 22, 2011 to discuss the future of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from City Councillor E. Denise Simmons, transmitting her withdrawal from the Transportation, Traffic and Parking, Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Human Services, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations and University Relations Committees.

The Honorable David P. Maher Mayor of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue,
Cambridge, MA, 02139

Mar 10, 2011

Dear Mayor Maher,

I am writing to inform you that I would like to withdraw my participation from the following committees of the City Council: Transportation, Traffic and Parking; Neighborhood and Long Term Planning; Human Services; Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations and the Committee on University Relations. A strong commitment to public service is the foundation of my political career, but while I strongly believe in public service, I have come to realize that the number of committees that I sit on has become an impediment to my effectiveness as a City Councillor. And so with much sadness, I kindly request that I be withdrawn from the committees listed above.

Councillor E. Denise Simmons

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Apr 26

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

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

Thurs, Apr 28

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

Mon, May 2

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

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

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 3

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion with the Civic Community Advisory Committee of the recommendations of the Cambridge Review Committee report and implementation of these recommendations. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, May 4

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

Thurs, May 5

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 5.28.2-Conversion of Nonresidential Structures to Residential Use and Section 4.29 clarifying the allowances of additional uses as permissible under Section 5.28.2. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 9

9:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a follow-up public meeting on the current and prospective employers in the city and to discuss the employers that the Chamber of Commerce has contacted. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting to receive an update from the Goody Clancy consultants and Community Development Department on the planning process for Central/Kendall Square area. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 10

6:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss (1) update on marijuana use in Cambridge and whether an amendment to the Municipal Code to prohibit smoking marijuana in public places is needed and (2) Cambridge Police Department's plans for maintaining and enhancing public safety during the upcoming summer months. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 11

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

Thurs, May 12

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2012 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 16

4:00pm 2011 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 19

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

Mon, May 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 25

5:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 28

3:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating the city's economic development goals. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 1

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the MBTA is planning improvements to the elevator system at Science Park and the construction will impact service at Lechmere Station; and

WHEREAS: Shuttle buses may be used to continue service at Lechmere during this time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and report back to the City Council with the plan for maintaining service at Lechmere Station through the construction and how long the Green Line will be impacted due to these upgrades; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to include the Lechmere Station service information on the City website during the time that services are impacted.

O-2 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Currently, municipal parking lots located in Central Square require payment until 10pm; and

WHEREAS: Central Square suffers from a lack of lighting, putting evening parking lot patrons, who have to get out of their cars and walk a long distance in a secluded area to buy a parking ticket, at risk for being robbed and/or assaulted; and

WHEREAS: Many of the Central Square municipal parking lots can be perceived as dangerous; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City department heads to investigate whether it is feasible to install additional lighting in all of the municipal parking lots located in Central Square or whether these before mentioned parking lots can be converted to a meter system, in which patrons don't have to wander around a deserted parking lot to pay for a parking ticket and report back to the City Council with the best course of action.

O-3 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In July 2010, Massachusetts passed legislation to establish state-designated cultural districts in cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. The legislation calls for the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to carry out this mandate by establishing criteria and guidelines for cities and towns to apply for state-designated cultural districts; and

WHEREAS: The statute that created cultural districts has specific goals: to attract artists and cultural enterprises; encourage business and job development; establish the district as a tourist destination; preserve and reuse historic buildings; enhance property values; and foster local cultural development; and

WHEREAS: Any city or town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is eligible to apply for a cultural district designation. Applications with a strong management plan; well-defined strategic goals; a plan to fully utilize local cultural assets through creative programming and marketing; and that include the community's unique history and topography, are likely to be the most successful; and

WHEREAS: The current legislation includes no new funds for grants or other financial rewards to communities - at least in its first year. It does, however, call for the MCC to work with other state agencies to identify any services and programs that would support cultural districts throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of the City of Cambridge to constantly look for new ways to reinvigorate and grow our local economy and the areas of Kendall, Central, Harvard, Lechmere, Inman and Porter Squares would all benefit from the MCC's attention; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Executive Director of the Arts Council and the Executive Director of the Historical Commission with the view of submitting a proposal for the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Cultural Districts Initiative and report back to the City Council.

O-4 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Water use in Cambridge is equated to sewerage use with the result that water used for irrigation or other outside purposes gets charged towards a bill payer's sewerage bill even if it did not wind up in the sewer; and

WHEREAS: Such extra billing may discourage people from using water from their homes to irrigate public trees or for similar outdoor functions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of allowing property owners to get separate sewerage and water meters so that people are not charged sewerage rates for water used outside the home.

O-5 Apr 25, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, May 9, 2011 be changed to a Round Table for the purpose of discussing the planning process for Kendall and Central Squares with the Community Development Department and the consulting firm Goody Clancy.

O-6 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The appropriate disposal of trash is a public health imperative; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works about putting trash barrels on Pearl Street, particularly around bus stops and intersections, to deal with littering.

O-7 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Craigie Drawbridge will be reopening to traffic on Apr 26, 2011 at 7:00am; and

WHEREAS: During repairs of the bridge, traffic in the area decreased as a result of commuters finding alternative ways to deal with the closure either through public transportation or alternative routes; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT) plan for the O'Brien Highway calls for an increase in lanes to handle additional traffic; and

WHEREAS: The bridge closure has proven that, with proper design, traffic in the area can be reduced to more manageable levels; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to create a plan which would reduce the overall pedestrian crossing distance of the highway to the relocated Lechmere Station by reducing the proposed number of traffic lanes, either through lanes or dedicated turn lanes, and to work with the MassDOT to implement the plan and report back to the City Council.

O-8 Apr 25, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: White roofs decrease the need for air conditioning in the summer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to examine the opportunities for putting white roofs on municipal buildings, including schools buildings; and be it further

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

O-9 Apr 25, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The very young and the very old are most vulnerable to extremely high temperatures over a period of many days; and

WHEREAS: One of the most dangerous aspects of climate change is extreme weather such as heat waves; and

WHEREAS: Not all households have adequate air conditioning and many old air conditioners are not energy efficient, raising the electrical load and threatening outages; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on how the city can prepare for heat waves and the opportunities to help low-income residents acquire air conditioners through the help of the public utility, NSTAR and other sources, and also how the public can turn in the inefficient devices.

O-10 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The ground floor retail space at the First Street Garage continues to be an eyesore along the First Street corridor; and

WHEREAS: The City has recently invested in a First Street reconstruction which will add metered parking along the street; and

WHEREAS: Efforts to make the storefronts more attractive will help to compliment the work the city has already completed and improve the atmosphere at that block for pedestrians and other nearby businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to improve the appearance of the ground floor of the First Street Garage by removing the boards and repairing the windows and making other facade improvements as necessary that will enhance the appearance of the streetscape.

O-11 Apr 25, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, in all departments and facets, has a long history of championing transparency, accessibility and responsiveness in aspiration of good governance; and

WHEREAS: In that spirit, the City of Cambridge should always aim to improve civic participation through access to information and a continued dialog with the public sector; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council and developers have a long history of working together to achieve community goals and preserve the area's unique charm; and

WHEREAS: Many developers in Cambridge deserve applause for having forfeited some of their goals, adopted city goals, and not pursued pure profit maximization in an effort to support the community; however, this information is not well publicized, acknowledged, or available; and

WHEREAS: Residents should be allowed access to the most up to date development plans for the City. Access to this information would allow them the ability to formulate more knowledgeable opinions on upcoming proposals; and

WHEREAS: Similarly, residents should have access to the most up to date details of community benefits packages associated with any given development; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. Such a listing should include the name of the party making said promise, a description of the development and the concession made to the City, and the current status; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to develop a process and procedures to monitor and oversee future concessions made to the City as a result of zoning or other projects, etc. Said list should be regularly maintained and posted on-line for residents to see what benefits are obtained from development and these institutions.