

RECONSIDERATION

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Co-Chairs of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a meeting held on Mar 25, 2010 for the purpose of discussing dividing the Health and Environment Committee into two committees, one to focus on health issues and the other on environmental and sustainability issues.

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 Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2010: William Grenier
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a transfer for \$15,428 within the Social Marketing Pilot grant received through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation (EOT) from the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the Grant Fund Community Development Salary and Wages account that will cover the cost of an intern to perform outreach activities, which was originally budgeted in the Other Ordinary Maintenance category.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Seidel on Resolution Number Five of Apr 12, 2010 on the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ON THE TABLE

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on Table.]

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from FedEx Office, requesting permission to replace the sign face of an existing sign at the premises numbered 600 Technology Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development.
2. An application was received from FedEx Office, requesting permission to replace the sign face of an existing sign at the premises numbered One Mifflin Place. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and Historical Commission.
3. An application was received from Watch Shop at Porter Square, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1925B Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from CCVP Dresscode, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and a

display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 625 Cambridge Street.

5. An application was received from Newbury Comics, Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 36 JFK Street.
6. An application was received from Saints Constantine and Helen Church, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing the Grecian Festival June 18th - June 20th.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, regarding the acquisition of a strip of land in Cambridge and Belmont for conservation and recreation purposes.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Kelly Langan on being nominated as one of the ten semi-finalists for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award. Mayor Maher
2. Thanks to Rounder Records and its founders for their contribution to the American music scene and for the role that Rounder Records has played in making Cambridge a better place to live, work and play. Councillor Seidel
3. Resolution on the death of Edith R. (McCullough) Fiske. Mayor Maher
4. Congratulations to Sal DiDomenico on winning the Democratic Primary for the Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex district state Senate seat. Councillor Simmons
5. Resolution on the death of Elvira Coracao (Brum) Pinho. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Guy Edward Brown. Mayor Maher
7. Congratulations to CASPAR on their 40th anniversary. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung
8. Retirement of Ray McCann from the School Department. Mayor Maher
9. Retirement of Robert McGowan from the School Department. Mayor Maher
10. Congratulations to Alex Chippendale who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
11. Congratulations to Paolo DiPietrantonio who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
12. Congratulations to Robinson Farrar who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
13. Congratulations to Darron Fernandes-Smith who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher

14. Congratulations to Katherine Ford who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
15. Congratulations to Gjon Kukli who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
16. Congratulations to Sanjaya Lamichhane who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
17. Congratulations to Jaime Leiva Cabrera who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
18. Congratulations to Sam Mardell who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
19. Congratulations to Ivy Neff who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
20. Congratulations to Seo Jung Sa who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
21. Congratulations to Colum Smith who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
22. Congratulations to Alex Ptacek Zimmer who will be presenting art work at the Advanced Placement Studio Art Exhibit and reception on Apr 29, 2010 at the University Lutheran Church on 66 Winthrop Street from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Mayor Maher
23. Congratulations to the Brazilian Women's Group on their 15th anniversary. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Anna M. (Guerino) Killion. Mayor Maher
25. Resolution on the death of David Edwardo Jarosiewicz. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of Edith (Moretto) Goss. Councillor Toomey
27. Congratulations to Tracy Shriver and Kerry Coyne Shriver for their successful completion of the 114th Boston Marathon. Councillor Seidel
28. Congratulations to a special person. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Maher, Councillor Seidel
29. Best wishes to Susan Ayers as she leaves her position as Executive Director of the Guidance Center. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of Robert K. Cannon. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Maher
31. Best wishes to Any Stern as he retires from his position as President of the Service Employees International Union. Councillor Decker
32. Congratulations to the MIT students participating in Congressional Visitors Day on Apr 28, 2010. Councillor Cheung
33. Congratulations to the AIDS Action Committee on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of AIDS Walk Boston. Councillor Cheung
34. Congratulations to Angela Ward on receiving first place in the annual Credit Union Student Essay Contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Credit Union League Inc. Mayor Maher
35. Best wishes to the Vineyard Community Offerings as they host "A Walk for Cambridge" to promote social justice on May 15, 2010. Councillor Cheung
36. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kurt E. Kruize. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Robert W. Collins. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Private First Class William A. Blount. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant James R. Patton. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Charlie C. Antonio. Councillor Decker
41. Congratulations to Ross Benson on being awarded the Kenneth S. Neal Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
42. Congratulations to Alison Steward on being a recipient of the Mack Davis Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
43. Congratulations to Rick Flanagan on being a recipient of the Mack Davis Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
44. Congratulations to Eric Ritter on being a recipient of the Mack Davis Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
45. Congratulations to Greg Paris on being a recipient of the Mack Davis Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
46. Congratulations to Jennie Devereaux on being a recipient of the Mack Davis Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
47. Congratulations to Judith Clapp on being a recipient of the Mack Davis Award by the Cambridge School Volunteers. Mayor Maher
48. Congratulations to the Peabody School's Early Bird Singers for performing at the Distinguished Choruses International Concert at Lincoln Center. Mayor Maher
49. Congratulations to the Kuumba Singers of Harvard College on their 40th Anniversary. Councillor Reeves

50. Resolution honoring a great supporter of the Portuguese community. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to investigate an alternative to the orange barrels in front of the public way opposite Trowbridge Street and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Reeves
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department to measure the scope and magnitude of the red light violation problem at the 77 Massachusetts Ave crosswalk and appropriateness and feasibility of a raised sidewalk. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on the feasibility of updating our website to be more ADA accessible. Councillor Cheung
4. That The Cambridge City Council go on record supporting the Massachusetts Bottle Bill (H3515/S1480). Councillor Cheung and Councillor Seidel
5. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the City of Cambridge's current cell phone tower zoning policy as it relates to better cell phone reception and report back to the City Council on potential amendments to the ordinance. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Seidel
6. That the City Manager is request to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of partnering with local institutions to conduct an annual HIV and Hepatitis Testing Day in the spirit of the free testing and counseling day offered in 2005. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate with the IT Department to post information on the MassSAVE program on the Cambridge website. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to inquire of the local electric utility on the feasibility of instituting a similar program in Cambridge and report back to the City Council for the matter to be taken up by the Cable TV, Telecommunications & Public Utilities Committee. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to work towards providing free Wi-Fi in one or two of our city's parks on a trial basis, promoting its availability, and monitoring the impact on park usage as a result. Councillor Cheung
10. That the Cambridge City Council declare Apr 28, 2010 "Cambridge Workers' Memorial Day" and support legislation in the House of Representatives that is awaiting a vote in the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Work Force Protections. Councillor Cheung and Councillor Decker
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate departments to determine whether the city can submit a proposal for use on the Sullivan Courthouse and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how the city maintains and enforces the appropriate width of a sidewalk for safe access. Vice Mayor Davis
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with appropriate city departments and community organizations

and report back to the City Council with an impact assessment and enabling language for an ordinance amendment requiring that all new street-level parking lots make use of such a semi-permeable paving alternative.

Councillor Cheung

14. 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. Councillor Toomey
15. Encourage workers of the Shaw's distribution center and management to return to the bargaining table to arrive at a fair and reasonable contract. Councillor Decker, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Toomey and Councillor Cheung
16. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the property at 74/76 Lexington Street which was destroyed by a fire in 2008 and report back to the City Council thereupon. Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on Apr 7, 2010 to discuss the work plan for the committee, to receive an update on the Google application and the cable franchising process and negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Marilyn Y. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary to the School Committee, transmitting a copy of an order from the School Committee recommending the FY2011 General Fund Budget of the Cambridge Public Schools be adopted in the sum of \$137,492,275.00.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Apr 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Apr 29

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed Zoning Amendment to Section 20.70 Flood Plain Overlay District which meets the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations and adopt the revised Map and Study, as required by FEMA as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 4

10:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on Baby U, continue the discussion on how best to assist Cambridge college students to achieve college graduation, discuss middle school after school programs in relation to middle school in-school time and consider the workplan for this committee this term. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 5

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 6

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the applicability of Section 5.28 Conversion of Non Residential Structures to Residential Use to include structures that may have been built for residential use but have been in Institutional Use for at least ten years. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in accord with the recommendations of the Green Building Zoning Task Force to encourage energy efficient building standards in Cambridge. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 11

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider a petition filed by Boston Properties to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the MXD Zoning District to create a Smart Growth/Underutilized Area in the vicinity of Broadway, Main and Ames Streets and the site of the West parking garage on Ames Street. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 12

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting for the purposes of providing a summary to community leaders of the city’s current and proposed budget and an explanation of how state and federal budget cuts have impacted the city’s budget. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 13

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 17

4:00pm 2010 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)
5:30pm Roundtable Meeting on single stream recycling and related trash management issues (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 18

10:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on Baby U, continue the discussion on how best to assist Cambridge college students to achieve college graduation, discuss middle school after school programs in relation to middle school in-school time and consider the workplan for this committee this term. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 19

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss adding more bike racks to Harvard Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 20

9:30am The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY2011 City Budget (if necessary). This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Cambridge Energy Alliance, NSTAR Energy Efficiency Plan and the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 26

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss energy efficiency in city and school buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 16

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss community gardens, Agricultural Fair and other updates. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 23

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

Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the new public library has two orange barrels in front of the public way opposite Trowbridge Street; and

WHEREAS: The neighbors are concerned about the appearance of said barrels; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate an alternative to the orange barrels and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-2 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: There have been numerous complaints submitted by Cambridge residents that the red light at 77 Massachusetts Avenue is often ignored; and

WHEREAS: Red light violations at this intersection are particularly concerning due to the large volume of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists who travel through the area; and

WHEREAS: A recent analysis conducted by the Cambridge Police Department demonstrated that an increase in patrols resulted in an increase of citations, thereby validating residents’ empirical claim that vehicles are running the red light; and

	Per Year Average	2000-2007	2008-Present	% Change
Directed Patrols	7	193	2712%	
Accidents	8	5	-33%	
Citations	11	66	495%	

WHEREAS: While that analysis by the Cambridge Police Department illustrated that increased enforcement of traffic lights led to a 33% decline in motor vehicle crashes, that analysis also suggests that more could be done to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists alike in said location; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department to measure the scope and magnitude of the red light violation problem at the 77 Massachusetts Ave crosswalk and report back to the Cambridge City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the University Relations Committee to evaluate the appropriateness and feasibility of a raised sidewalk in said location as a pedestrian safety measure.

O-3 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: June 26th, 2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disability Act; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes the work left to be done to ensure that disabled Americans are fully able to participate in society; and

WHEREAS: Today many people who are disabled are not receiving the services they need to be healthy and independent; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has always prided itself for being in the forefront of civil rights issues; and

WHEREAS: In its current form, the Cambridge website is not user friendly for disabled Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: Other cities have updated their websites to include an option for larger text and images for people with poor eye sight; underlined (or otherwise differentiated) as well as colored links to ensure color blind users will be able to notice them, made clickable links larger so that people who can not control a mouse with precision can click on them and offered closed captioning for videos so that people deaf or hard of hearing can watch them; and

WHEREAS: There are numerous other improvements that the innovative people of Cambridge can implement to better accommodate our city's disabled residents; now therefore it be

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on the feasibility of updating our website to be more ADA accessible.

O-4 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Bottle Bill of 1983, which placed a 5-cent deposit on beer and soda so that consumers can return empty containers to their local retailers, is the state's most successful recycling and litter prevention program; and

WHEREAS: Since the Bottle Bill's inception over 30 billion containers have been redeemed, contributing to a healthier environment, cleaner and safer communities, and a stronger economy; and

WHEREAS: The Bottle Bill does not currently include "new age" non-carbonated drinks such as bottled water, teas and sport drinks that make up over 30% of the beverages sold in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: More than 400 million of these "new age" drinks are now consumed in Massachusetts each year and, with less than a 20% recycle rate on these beverages, millions of our tax dollars are spent managing them as litter or waste; and

WHEREAS: The cost to manage these discarded containers is currently the responsibility of municipalities through collection of public waste receptacles and household trash and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS: Updating the Bottle Bill by including non-carbonated drinks would dramatically increase recycle rates and reduce needless waste, with The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimating the annual cost savings through avoided waste and recycling collection at approximately \$5 million; and

WHEREAS: Gains in employment have been shown in nearly every state with the new deposit system; and

WHEREAS: Legislation updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill is currently up for debate in the Massachusetts House Telecommunications, Utilities, & Energy Committee; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: The City Council has a long history of supporting the Bottle Bill in the past, both in May 2003 and June 2009, and now that it has come so close to a vote, the City Council wishes to add its voice to the community's call for the passage of this legislation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That The Cambridge City Council go on record supporting said legislation (H3515/S1480); and be in further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to the Cambridge delegation and the Massachusetts House Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: It is not an uncommon occurrence for Cambridge residents to have experienced shaky cell phone reception, dropped calls, and dead zones inside buildings; and

WHEREAS: Lack of cell phone coverage is an inconvenience that diminishes the value of money spent on phones and service; and

WHEREAS: The lack of coverage is potentially dangerous because it hinders the owner's ability to contact emergency services (Police, Fire, EMT) if they are not near a landline; and

WHEREAS: In a previous meeting of The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee the Deputy City Manager mentioned that the zoning guidelines for the siting of cell phone towers could be rationalized; now therefore it be

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the City of Cambridge's current cell phone tower zoning policy as it relates to better cell phone reception and report back to the City Council on potential amendments to the ordinance.

O-6 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Despite the fact that chronic viral hepatitis is the most common blood borne infection in the United States, there is currently no routine and universal screening in place for early detection; and

WHEREAS: Hepatitis B is a serious infection of the liver caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV) which can lead to premature death from liver failure or liver cancer, with an estimated 46,000 new infections domestically each year; and

WHEREAS: HBV is dubbed a "silent killer" because it often infects people without symptoms, and when symptoms do appear, it is often too late for treatment to be effective; and

WHEREAS: A simple 3-shot hepatitis B vaccine can provide lifelong protection against HBV; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has already declared the week of May 16-22 "Hepatitis B Awareness Week" with the goal of recognizing the need for a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign designed to help infected patients and their physicians identify and manage the secondary prevention of the disease; now therefore it be

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire of the Cambridge Public Health Department for statistics on the prevalence of Hepatitis B in Cambridge and suggestions on action the City of Cambridge can undertake to better manage the spread of chronic viral hepatitis and report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of partnering with local institutions to conduct an annual HIV and Hepatitis Testing Day in the spirit of the free testing and counseling day offered in 2005.

O-7 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is always looking for new ways to green its economy and stimulate job growth; and

WHEREAS: By making smart choices we can manage our energy costs, enhance the value and comfort of our homes and businesses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts utilities, energy efficiency service providers, and state organizations have teamed up to provide a wide range of services, incentives, trainings, and information designed to promote energy efficiency through the MassSAVE

program, available to both home owners and businesses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging all residents and businesses in Cambridge to participate in this program insofar as it applies to them; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate with the IT Department to post information on the MassSAVE program on the Cambridge website.

O-8 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a hub of innovation, ideas and most importantly action; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is always looking for proven ways to green our economy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Seattle, Washington has experimented recently with government-business partnerships to tackle the environmental crisis; and

WHEREAS: One program former Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels touted at a Cambridge event promoting clean electricity was the on-bill financing of business and residential building improvements; and

WHEREAS: Through the program, the local utility funds the upfront costs and facilitates the repayment of loans for efficiency upgrades through utility bills. Upgrades can be selected by the building owner (in coordination with the City) such that the efficiency savings would pay for the investment over a fixed period of time. Customers "share" monthly energy efficiency savings with the utility until the loan is paid back, at which point all savings would be reflected in lower monthly bills; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire of the local electric utility on the feasibility of instituting a similar program in Cambridge and report back to the City Council for the matter to be taken up by the Cable TV, Telecommunications & Public Utilities Committee.

O-9 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has always prided itself for being on the forefront of innovation and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS: The Internet is a critical tool for effective learning and civic participation in today's world; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has assets and infrastructure at its disposal which could be readily and cost-effectively deployed to provide access to high speed internet in public parks to residents with Wi-Fi enabled devices such as iPads and Netbooks; and

WHEREAS: The availability of Wi-Fi in public parks could also benefit the community as a whole by promoting park usage and encouraging residents, if they are going to be stuck behind a computer screen, to at least get out and enjoy Cambridge's beautiful weather at the same time; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to work towards providing free Wi-Fi in one or two of our city's parks on a trial basis, promoting its availability, and monitoring the impact on park usage as a result.

O-10 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Decades of struggle by workers and their unions have resulted in significant improvements in working conditions; and

WHEREAS: Nonetheless, each year more than 5,500 workers are killed due to workplace-related injuries in the United States, or on average 16 people per day; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 4,000,000 occupational injuries and illnesses in the United States annually; and

WHEREAS: The economy is turning around but more than 14 million workers are unemployed and can't find work, pressuring workers to make sub-optimal decisions that compromise their personal safety in exchange for a wage; and

WHEREAS: In order to better our country, we must invest in the creation of new jobs that provide a decent wage, healthcare, retirement security, and a safe working environment; and

WHEREAS: Apr 28th, 2010 marks the 21st anniversary of Workers' Memorial Day, a day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council declare Apr 28th "Cambridge Workers' Memorial Day"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting similar legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, H. Res. 375 that is currently awaiting a vote in the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Work Force Protections.

O-11 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAM) has sent notification on the offering of the Sullivan Courthouse for sale; and

WHEREAS: DCAM is currently looking for proposals for direct public use, due by May 14, 2010; and

WHEREAS: Proposals for public use must include a description of the use, expected costs and benefits, and the availability of capital and operating funds to implement said public uses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate departments to determine whether the city can submit a proposal for use and to report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to monitor the proceedings of the sale of the Sullivan Courthouse.

O-12 Apr 26, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: While sidewalk seating at restaurants enlivens the street life of the city, the sidewalks must be wide enough so they are safe for pedestrians, people using a mobility device, and those with strollers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how the city maintains and enforces the appropriate width of a sidewalk for safe access.

O-13 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has a history of supporting innovative options to beautify Cambridge and enhance the look and feel of our city; and

WHEREAS: Residents of Cambridge often express the desire for more 'Open Space'; and

WHEREAS: New construction techniques of semi-permeable paving provide the possibility turn otherwise drab looking parking lots into plots of land that look like grass covered lawns, while maintaining the structural integrity necessary for business and parking use; and

WHEREAS: The use of these paving alternatives could enhance the look and feel of our space-constrained city, as can be imagined from the attached pictures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate city departments and community organizations and report back to the City Council with an impact assessment and enabling language for an ordinance amendment requiring that all new street-level parking lots make use of such a semi-permeable paving alternative.

O-14 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The School Department has made the decision to restructure the clerical staff within the Public Schools; and
WHEREAS: This restructuring has resulted in numerous layoffs; and
WHEREAS: Many of these layoffs affected many residents and long time CPSD employees nearing retirement; and
WHEREAS: The decision making process remains unclear to those directly affected by the layoffs; and; and
WHEREAS: The City Council prides itself on advocating for every laid off worker within the city limits and beyond, and should concern ourselves with out own employees' rights and welfare; and
WHEREAS: Most, if not all, affected employees are women; now therefore be
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record opposing the layoff decisions and encourage the Superintendent to reinstate the many long time CPSD employees whose jobs were restructured or eliminated; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to restore funding for these 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.

O-15 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Over three hundred workers at the Shaw's distribution center in Methuen, Massachusetts have been on strike for six weeks; and
WHEREAS: Striking workers and their families lost their health benefits on April First; and
WHEREAS: In these difficult economic times, loss of pay and health benefits puts a particularly immense strain on working families; and
WHEREAS: Workers are already struggling under the weight of rising health care costs; and
WHEREAS: The State of Massachusetts has a longstanding commitment to assuring affordable healthcare for our citizens; and
WHEREAS: The Methuen workers have been loyal employees for many years; and
WHEREAS: The workers are an integral part of the Methuen community; and
WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Massachusetts to strive to keep good jobs in our state; and
WHEREAS: Collective bargaining is a time-tested method for resolving labor conflicts; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record encouraging both parties to return to the bargaining table and arrive at a fair and reasonable contract in an expedient manner; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. Russell Regan, President, United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Local 791 and Mr. Craig Herkert, CEOP of SUPERVALU on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-16 Apr 26, 2010

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The property at 74/76 Lexington Street was destroyed by a fire in 2008; and
WHEREAS: The neighbors are concerned about the eyesore and a possible hazardous building; and
WHEREAS: The owners should either restore the property or raze it; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate this matter and report back to the City Council thereupon.