

## RECONSIDERATION

1. Reconsideration filed by Councillor Reeves on the adoption of Order Number Thirteen of Apr 13, 2009 requesting the City Council convey its wishes for the continuing publication of The Boston Globe to the publishers of The Boston Globe.

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the FY2010 submitted budget and appropriation orders.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, regarding an overview of residential foreclosures in Cambridge.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to recommendations to address wind turbines in the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, Awaiting Report Item Number 08-141, regarding a report on the possibility of awarding points to affordable housing applicants based on the number of times an applicant has applied for housing.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-28, regarding a report on ensuring that the Summer Food Service Program will be continued this year.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve the jitney license application of Super Duck Tour, LLC & Boston Top Deck Trolley Tours to replace the existing jitney license for route and conditions of Double Decker Tours. This is a company change only - no change to route or conditions.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Lead-Safe Grant (Round 12) Program Income of \$8,734.60 to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will increase funds available to control lead hazards in eligible housing in Cambridge.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$23,400 from Executive Public Investment Extraordinary Expenditures account to the Human Services Public Investment Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the purchase of a replacement 15 passenger van used by the Department of Human Services to transport program participants to various youth center events.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of 21 Proof Training donations in the amount of \$6,375.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$5,375.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,000.00) and will be used by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to support staff salaries and conferences.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation to the Department of Human Service Programs Cambridge Prevention Coalition in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and will be used to

support the youth peer leader program, Teens Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse (TADAA).

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Parent Navigator Grant from the Institute for Community Health for \$5,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's (CPC) work in developing a cadre of parent navigators who know and are aware of the resources available related to substance abuse and mental health.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Driving While Impaired (DWI) Court Training Program Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through a federal grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Center for DWI Courts for \$9,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Travel and Training account and will be used to provide training for developing a DWI Court that offers curriculum that includes Guiding Principles of DWI courts, Developing DWI Court Treatment Continuum, Community Supervision Protocols and Sustainability of the DWI Court Program.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Refuse and Litter" as well as a new proposed ordinance Chapter 8.25 "Dumpster Licenses".
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-109, regarding a report on the progress of addressing rodent complaints.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$14,290,000 to continue sewer projects in the Harvard Square, Agassiz, and Alewife Watershed areas of the City.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,000,000 to fund the remediation of soil contamination and other environmental issues in connection with the Yerxa Road Underpass Construction Project.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-140, regarding a report on the ownership of Fifth Street between Bent and Binney Streets and the ownership of Rogers Street from Fulkerson to Third Streets and ensure maintenance of these roadways.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-25, regarding a report on the installation of black fire hydrants in West Cambridge.

**Manager's Note:** In the City of Cambridge each hydrant is color coded to define its flow capabilities. This designation assists the Fire Department in its fire fighting operations and allows for more effective fire fighting throughout the City. The color designation, quantity of hydrants and flow rate is defined as follows (for Cambridge):

BLUE 891: >1500 gallons per minute (GPM)  
GREEN 277: 1000 to 1499 GPM  
ORANGE 238: 650 to 999 GPM  
RED 203: 450 to 659 GPM  
BLACK 83: < 450 GPM  
Private 156: (MIT, Harvard and Others)  
TOTAL 1848

Black hydrants are different from others in that they are the lowest flowing hydrants in the system, flowing less than 450 gallons per minute. This designation is unique to Cambridge and was developed by both the Fire and Water Departments to assist in fire fighting strategies and in the prioritization of water main rehabilitation projects. It is anticipated that in the upcoming construction season that 5 black hydrants will come off the list.

There are 13 neighborhoods defined for the City of Cambridge and West Cambridge (neighborhood 10) has 14 black hydrants within it.

19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Cambridge Women's Commission for a term of three years, effective Apr 13, 2009: Sandy Middleton, Iftekhar Bhatti, Sylvia Brown, Rosaleah Brown, Lisa Mashburn
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-15, regarding a report on the Belmont Uplands Silver Maple Forest.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to recommendations that the City Council accept the following amendments to the Municipal Code relating to the fee schedule for services provided by the City Clerk's Office, the Animal Commission, the Public Works Department, Weights & Measures and the Inspectional Services Commission.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. 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.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]

4. An application from Alan L. Johnson, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 135 Western Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Mar 23, 2009. Meeting recessed on Mar 30, 2009. Referred to Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Ward on Apr 6, 2009.]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Tory Row, requesting permission for seven tables and twenty-eight chairs for restaurant seating in front of 3 Brattle Street.
2. An application was received from Spirit Bar, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 2046 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Newbury Comics, Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 36 JFK Street.
4. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing Cambridge Open Studios Central on May 9th and 10th.
5. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing Cambridge Open Studios East on May 30th and 31st.
6. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Pearl and Norfolk Streets announcing the Boom Town Festival June 1st-12th.
7. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at Temple Street announcing the Dragon Boat Festival June 6th and 7th.
8. An application was received from Cambridge Arts Council, requesting permission for a temporary banner across JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing River Festival on June 13th.
9. An application was received from MIT \$100K, requesting permission for ten temporary banners on electrical poles along Massachusetts Avenue between Vassar Street and the Massachusetts Bridge celebrating 20 Years of Entrepreneurship on May 13th.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for year ended Dec 31, 2008 for NSTAR Gas Company.
2. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a copy of the Condensed Financial Return for year ended Dec 31, 2008 for NSTAR Electric Company.
3. A communication was received from Althea Buckley, Wendell Street, proposing an amendment to Chapter 6.04 (Animal Control Regulations) of the Cambridge Municipal Code.

4. A communication was received from Peter and Diane Sullivan, 49 Garfield Street, transmitting opposition to any relocation of the North Prospect Church, located on Massachusetts Avenue.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Professor John Hope Franklin. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Fenway Health and The Fenway Institute on their new home at the Ansin Building at 1340 Boylston Street in Boston. Mayor Simmons
3. Thanks to the Salvation Army for their community service as they celebrate their Annual Awards Luncheon on May 8, 2009 and congratulate the honorees. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to the Cambridge Brewing Company as they celebrate their twenty year anniversary. Mayor Simmons
5. Proclaim May 4-10, 2009 as Public Service Recognition Week. Mayor Simmons
6. Congratulations to Stephen and Kristen Canessa on the birth of their son Paxton Canessa on Apr 10, 2009. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of William M. Healy. Councillor Maher
8. Congratulations to Graham Moore on being first place in the 2009 Massachusetts History Day Competition on Apr 4, 2009 at Clark University. Councillor Maher, Councillor Davis, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Councillor Ward
9. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Raul Moncada. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael J. Anaya. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Edward W. Forrest Jr. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Private Bryce E. Gautier. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Bryan E. Hall. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jason G. Pautsch. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Gary L. Woods Jr. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Raymond P. Durette. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Winifred (Flanagan) Robinson. Councillor Maher
18. Resolution on the death of Josephine (Conti) Fulginito. Councillor Maher
19. Resolution on the death of John J. "Jack" Martin Jr. Councillor Maher
20. Congratulations to Cambridge Police Superintendent Dave Degou on his recently published book "Cambridge Police Department." Mayor Simmons
21. Congratulations to Mel King on his book "Streets Poem Book." Councillor Reeves
22. Resolution on the death of Myrtle Louise (Brown) Byars. Mayor Simmons
23. Resolution on the death of Michael J. Gannon. Mayor Simmons
24. Condolences to Cecilia Griffin on the death of her son, Carl Griffin. Mayor Simmons
25. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Marion Nelson. Mayor Simmons
26. Congratulations to Susan Pacheco, Director of Client Services for the Cambridge Council on Aging, on receiving

- the Jeannie Warren Payne Award on May 4, 2009. Councillor Davis, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
27. Proclaim the week of June 28-July 3, 2009 as Cambridge Camping Week. Mayor Simmons
28. Condolences to Donna Means on the death of her mother. Mayor Simmons
29. Acknowledgment of the work of LeBaron Moseby to improve the plight of persons with AIDS as he is honored posthumously with the 2009 Bayard Rustin Award for Courage. Mayor Simmons
30. Congratulation to Reverend Martin D. McLee on the occasion of receiving the 2009 Belynda A. Dunn Award of Recognition at the Bayard Rustin Community Breakfast. Mayor Simmons
31. Happy birthday wishes to Theresa Tirella. Mayor Simmons
32. Best wishes to Cambridge GLBT Commissioner Christopher Mason for a safe journey as he participates in Driving Equality which raises awareness of discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals. Mayor Simmons
33. Congratulations to Gretchen St. Pierre on her graduation this spring from Lincoln Tech. Mayor Simmons
34. Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the East Cambridge Scholarship. Councillor Toomey
35. Congratulations to Martha Sandler on being appointed Executive Director of On The Rise. Councillor Toomey
36. Congratulations to Michael Delia on being named to the Board of Directors of the United Neighborhood Centers of America. Vice Mayor Seidel
37. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Ray A. Spencer II. Councillor Decker
38. Congratulations to Barbara Lynch on the occasion of being honored at the Crittenton Women's Union 25th Anniversary of the Amelia Earhart Award Luncheon. Councillor Decker
39. Thanks to CASPAR for its service to the Cambridge community. Councillor Decker

## **ORDERS**

1. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Reed and Dudley Streets in honor of Edward Sullivan, whose family resided at 120 Reed Street since the Civil War. Councillor Decker
2. That that City Manager is requested to recommend a process to appoint a Parks and Playgrounds Advisory Board to be in place by Fall 2009. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Council go on record requesting that a suitable site be designated and a dedication ceremony be arranged in accord with the attached Order # 13 of May 21, 2007 honoring John Pasquarello. Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
4. Update on traffic-calming issues at Fairfield and Pemberton Streets. Vice Mayor Seidel
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on what efforts can be done to increase the number of Cambridge businesses and institutions that compost. Vice Mayor Seidel

6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on methods and policies that are in place to guarantee that all residents have equal access to city information and services. Vice Mayor Seidel
7. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council on the status of buildings on Vail Court. Vice Mayor Seidel
8. That the City Council request that the City Manager consider the possibility of establishing multi-sector (public, private, and university) partnership that funds a 24 Hour Drop-In Center to provide a variety of essential services to individuals on the street. Mayor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to provide the Council with exactly what economic stimulus funds are available to the city, what funds have already been applied for, what projects the stimulus funds are to be allocated to, and whether or not there is time for the Council to make recommendations regarding stimulus funds, and what the timeframe is regarding the receipt of any stimulus funds. Councillor Decker
10. That the City Manager is requested to find out the number of Cambridge residents, minorities, women, and OSHA 10 hour certified employees employed by Tucker Library Interiors, LLC. Councillor Decker and Councillor Ward
11. That the City Council go on record asking the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support Representative Alice Wolf's amendment to reinstate funding for the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, line item 0905-0000. Councillor Decker
12. That the City Council go on record as urging the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to work to enact a municipal relief bill that allows local option taxes and closes the telecommunications property tax loopholes that give the telephone company a \$50 million tax break. Councillor Davis

#### **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 FY2010 General Fund Budget of the Cambridge Public Schools be adopted in the sum of \$133,563,880.00.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Apr 27**

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

##### **Wed, Apr 29**

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

##### **Thurs, Apr 30**

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

##### **Mon, May 4**

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

##### **Tues, May 5**

- 5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the creation of partnerships between community or neighborhood groups and a nearby food pantry; a Cambridge Agricultural Fair and any other issues related to growing fruits and vegetables in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, May 6**

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

##### **Thurs, May 7**

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider whether the City Council should petition to amend the zoning law with regard to yard definitions, special permit thresholds and open space requirements in the Business A3 district. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting with regard to require aisle width for parking facilities in certain instances. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance filed by the City Council to facilitate parking for shared vehicles in Cambridge by amending Article 2.000 Definitions, creating a vehicle sharing parking facility use in the Table of Use Regulations, a new Footnote 56 in Article 4.000 Section 4.40, and creating a new Section 11.20-Vehicle Sharing Service Parking Facilities. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, May 11**

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

##### **Wed, May 13**

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

##### **Thurs, May 14**

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

##### **Mon, May 18**

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

##### **Wed, May 20**

- 2:00pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the committee's agenda for the remainder of the term and to discuss Harvard's termination of the lease with 3 Aces Pizza and the layoffs of low paid workers by Harvard and MIT. (Ackermann Room)

##### **Mon, June 1**

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

##### **Mon, June 8**

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

**Mon, June 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, July 21**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, July 27**

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

**Tues, Sept 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Sept 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Sept 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 6**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 20**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Nov 3**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Nov 17**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Reed and Dudley Streets in honor of Edward Sullivan, whose family resided at 120 Reed Street since the Civil War; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-2 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the progress of the Healthy Parks and Playgrounds Initiative Task Force; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to recommend a process to appoint a Parks and Playgrounds Advisory Board to be in place by Fall 2009; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report and recommendation be presented to the City Council on or before June 1, 2009.

O-3 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting that a suitable site be designated and a dedication ceremony be arranged in accord with the attached Order # 13 of May 21, 2007 honoring John Pasquarello.

O-4 Apr 27, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Residents continue to express concerns over the proposed traffic-calming at Fairfield and Pemberton Streets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the outcome of his discussions with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation on discontinuing this work as requested in O-5 from Feb 9, 2009.

O-5 Apr 27, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Cambridge has food waste recycling services for businesses and institutions through Save That Stuff (STS), the City's business recycling hauler; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 45 businesses and institutions in the City currently participate in the City's recycling and composting programs; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many restaurants, specialty food stores, markets and other retail establishments that could be composting their organic food waste; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what efforts can be made to increase the number of Cambridge businesses and institutions that compost.

O-6 Apr 27, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The World Wide Web has enhanced communication between city government and residents; and

WHEREAS: Information is now readily accessible to Cambridge residents via city websites; and

WHEREAS: There are residents in the city who either cannot or choose not to use computers and the Web to communicate with, and access information from the city, but are committed to participating in the civic life of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge commits to ensuring that all residents can equally participate and have equal access to the work of city government; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on methods and policies that are in place to guarantee that all residents have equal access to city information and services.

O-7 Apr 27, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the status of buildings on Vail Court.

O-8 Apr 27, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: During these tough economic times, the numbers of unemployed and homeless individuals are increasing, while funds to support shelters, detox facilities, and other programming that supports these individuals is decreasing; and

WHEREAS: The business and residential community of Cambridge is seeking the city's support in keeping Central Square and other locations around Cambridge safe and accessible to all; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council request that the City Manager consider the possibility of establishing multi-sector (public, private, and university) partnership that funds a 24 Hour Drop-In Center to provide a variety of essential services to individuals on the street.

O-9 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It is understood that there are economic stimulus funds available to Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the Council with exactly what economic stimulus funds are available to the city, what funds have already been applied for, what projects the stimulus funds are to be allocated to, and whether or not there is time for the Council to make recommendations regarding stimulus funds, and what the timeframe is regarding the receipt of any stimulus funds; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-10 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR WARD

WHEREAS: Concern has been raised that the contractor engaged in the Cambridge Public Library Main Branch renovations, Tucker Library Interiors, LLC, does not employ a significant amount of Cambridge residents, minorities, women, nor OSHA 10 hour certified employees; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to find out the number of Cambridge residents, minorities,

women, and OSHA 10 hour certified employees employed by Tucker Library Interiors, LLC; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-11 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is at risk of losing its funding; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record asking the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support Representative Alice Wolf's amendment to reinstate funding for the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, line item 0905-0000; 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 Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and to the entire Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-12 Apr 27, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts House of Representatives fiscal 2010 state budget plan will be up for debate beginning on Mon, Apr 27; and

WHEREAS: The House Ways and Means proposal would inflict extraordinarily deep and harmful local aid cuts that would cause immediate and lasting damage to cities and towns in Massachusetts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as urging the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to reverse these cuts and restore local aid using state stabilization funds, federal stimulus funds, and increasing the state sales tax; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as urging the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to work to enact a municipal relief bill that allows local option taxes and closes the telecommunications property tax loopholes that give the telephone company a \$50 million tax break; 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 members of the Cambridge legislative delegation as soon as possible on behalf of the entire City Council.