

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Lesley University zoning petition to extend the boundaries of the Business C zoning district in Porter Square and create a new Lesley Porter Overlay District. [Note: The Planning Board "enthusiastically" favors the petition.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-02, regarding a report on trains idling in the area of Cambridge Street.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,992,800.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$76,150.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,916,650.00) awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and will be used to contract with Homeless Services Providers and will cover the costs related to serving homeless persons in Cambridge.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$12,325 from the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account in order to purchase an Artificial Turf Maintenance Unit which will be used for maintenance of the artificial turf field at Russell Field as well as fields at Danehy Park, the King/Amigos and Graham and Parks playgrounds.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for the Shell Spectacular Sign at 187 Magazine Street at the corner of Memorial Drive.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for the Immaculate Conception Lithuanian Church and Rectory at 430-432 Windsor Street.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-38, regarding a report on methods and policies that are in place to guarantee that all residents have equal access to city information and services.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-17, regarding a report on the possibility of creating a publicly accessible, appropriately confidential database of broad average or median neighborhood rents for retail space.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant (Year I) in the amount of \$62,400 to the Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the purchase of approximately 24 computers which will expand public access to technology throughout the library system.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Maher on City Manager Agenda Number Four of Apr 27, 2009.]

## **ON THE TABLE**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007-Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
5. 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.]
6. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 11, 2009.]
7. 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. The question comes on adoption on or after May 11, 2009.
8. 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, Building, Electrical and Plumbing. (Seven amendments Passed to a Second Reading) The question comes on passing the

proposed seven amendments to be ordained on or after May 11, 2009.

### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from UltraMega Catering, requesting permission to operate a mobile food service cart at the Galaxy Globe Plaza between Broadway and 234 Main Street.
2. An application was received from City Sports, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 44 Brattle Street.
3. An application was received from Doma Liquors, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 57 JFK Street.
4. An application was received from Jamille Bigio, requesting permission for two tables to display merchandise in front of 1667 Cambridge Street.
5. An application was received from Robert Kearney, Gawad Kalinga, requesting permission for fifteen temporary banners to be hung on electrical poles along Broadway, Main and Ames Streets celebrating Philippine Independence day on June 12, 2009. Approval has been received from the Electrical Department.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Senator Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting thanks for the Council resolution supporting An Act Relative to Gender Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes.
2. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution in support of "An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes."
3. A communication was received from Jack Keverian, transmitting thanks on behalf of the Keverian Family for the resolution honoring the memory of George.
4. A communication was received from Bill Healy, transmitting thanks for the kind resolution on the death of William M. Healy.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Agnes Marie (Lopez) Reid. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
2. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2009 City of Cambridge Outstanding Employee Awards. Mayor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Ronald M. Gardner Jr. Councillor Toomey
4. Congratulations and thanks to Steve Swanger who has made the Work Force program such a success. Councillor Maher
5. Resolution on the death of Charles P. Rinaldo Sr. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of Joseph Dove. Councillor Maher
7. Urge all residents to remember and pay tribute to all those who have served and continue to serve our country on Memorial Day. Councillor Kelley
8. Resolution on the death of Margaret Kearns. Councillor Maher
9. Congratulations to Lisseth Flores on being sworn in as a United States citizen. Councillor Toomey

10. Congratulations to Daniel Flores on being sworn in as a United States citizen. Councillor Toomey
11. Congratulations to Mario Flores on being sworn in as a United States citizen. Councillor Toomey
12. Resolution on the death of Gardiner "Gardy" W. Betts. Councillor Ward
13. Congratulations to William Trainor his retirement from the United States Post Office. Councillor Maher
14. Congratulations to Susan Knight on her "Light in the Garden" exhibit. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeremiah P. McCleery. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jake R. Velloza. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant James R. McIlvaine. Councillor Decker.
18. Resolution on the death of Petty Officer Second Class Tyler J. Trahan. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Mark A. Wojciechowski. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Leroy O. Webster. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Command Sergeant Major Benjamin Moore, Jr. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Corporal Brad A. Davis. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Corporal William C. Comstock. Councillor Decker
24. Congratulations to Will Blanchard and his team on their exhibit replicated the distance of the planets from the sun and which was showcased at the Cambridge Science Festival from Apr 25, 2009 through May 2, 2009. Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Seidel
25. Congratulations to the Manuel Rogers Center and the Cambridge Public Library on their 25th Annual Grand Celebration of Portuguese Speaking People and their Cultures. Councillor Toomey
26. Congratulations to Laura Nichols on the occasion of being appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Cambridge Consumers' Council. Councillor Davis
27. Congratulations to the Somerville Climate Action for organizing the Living Green Festival on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Somerville High School at 81 Highland Avenue. Councillor Davis
28. Thanks to the Central Square Restaurant Association participants for their successful Central Square Clean Up on May 3, 2009. Councillor Davis
29. Appreciation to the Cambridge Health Alliance Arts in Healthcare Committee and the family of Margaret Tolksdorf for sharing Margaret Tolksdorf's work and showcasing the art at the Atrium Gallery at the Cambridge Hospital on May 14, 2009 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Councillor Davis
30. Thanks and best wishes to Alan Price and Gina Laroche as they embark on a new endeavor in Hartford, Connecticut. Councillor Davis

### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine whether metered parking spaces in the East Cambridge residential streets can be converted to residential parking due to the decrease in courthouse traffic and increase in residential units. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager survey all city parking lots, and other city properties such as library branches, and plan for tree maintenance around them. Councillor Davis

3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to check the timing of the traffic light at 2 Mount Auburn Street and coordinate with residents to make sure the walk light is long enough for people using walkers and wheelchairs to get across the street. Councillor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to publicize the opening and closing dates for the individual farmers' markets, their locations and hours on the City website, on the cable channel and other appropriate locations. Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to designate appropriate staff to convene an educational presentation for the public to address downsizing or preventing problems arising from excess clutter. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to make recommendations for opportunities for public education and natural resource awareness programs based at watershed lands, taking into account the need to protect water quality. Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City department to install at least one changing table in both the men's and women's bathrooms in all city-owned buildings. Councillor Decker
8. Report from the San Jose Las Flores delegates at the start of the City Council meeting on Mon, May 11, 2009, and urge Cantabrigians to attend the Report-Back event on May 17th at the Senior Center. Councillor Decker
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to increase the cleaning efforts in Carl Barron Plaza, as well as other benches and areas in Central Square where liquor bottles, cigarette butts and other forms of trash are routinely discarded and render benches unclean and unusable. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City council urge the License Commission to consider requiring all licensed establishments to be responsible for cleaning the cigarette butts and packaging in front of their business or risk being fined. Mayor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Police, the Peace Commission and other relevant staff and departments to report back on plans for summer safety in Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Personnel Director regarding the possibility of providing City of Cambridge employees with the option to purchase Long-term Care Insurance. Mayor Simmons
13. That the City Manager is requested to create a position for a Green Streets Coordinator to continue the coordination of the program currently performed by Janie Katz-Christy in recent years which has created a sustainable initiative that is being replicated around the world. Mayor Simmons
14. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider a cost benefit analysis for refurbishing the former bath-house at Corporal Burns Park so that it might draw income for the city and simultaneously provide valuable service to residents and visitors to the park. Mayor Simmons
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Department of Conservation and Recreation officials about providing water fountains along the Charles River and maintaining proper function of those which currently exist. Mayor Simmons
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to direct DPW crews collecting trash to clean out the trash and debris that collects and rots in the metal trash cage the supports the barrel. Mayor Simmons
17. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate city departments to increase the City's responses to a scale proportionate to the emergency and consistent with the city's own Climate Protection goals for 2010 and beyond. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey and Councillor Davis
18. That the City Manager is requested to propose the necessary regulations to allow electric vehicle charging stations, and any other appurtenances, in the city. Councillor Davis
19. Urge the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation to be aware of the need for universal broadband access for all members of the public and the elimination of the digital divide. Councillor Davis
20. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to install barrels outside of City-owned bathrooms to ensure that lavatory users are able to dispose of handtowels used when opening bathroom doors in order to avoid picking up germs after washing hands. Councillor Decker
21. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Purchasing Agent to purchase Purell to all city offices for use by city employees that have interaction with the public and direct the appropriate City department to install Purell dispensers in all city-owned bathrooms. Councillor Decker
22. That the City Manager is requested to provide H1N1 updates and latest protocol information on the City website in order to educate the public. Councillor Decker

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on Apr 1, 2009 to discuss promoting and harvesting fruit trees and the planting, care and maintenance of street trees.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Apr 14, 2009 to consider a petition submitted by Lesley University to amend the Zoning Map and Article 10.000 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding "Section 20.200 Lesley Porter Overlay District."
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on Apr 15, 2009 to discuss plans for a public forum to provide information and support for homeowners or tenants who may be facing displacement because of economic distress.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, May 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, May 12

3:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss information and support for homeowners and tenants who may be facing displacement due to economic distress. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, May 13

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss FY10 School Department Budget. This hearing to be televised. Please note time change. (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 Three Aces Pizza and the layoffs of low paid workers by Harvard and MIT. (Ackermann Room)

### Tues, May 26

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss whether a program similar to the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success could advance the goal of college graduation for all low income students in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, May 27

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of a zoning petition submitted by Lesley University to amend the Zoning Map and Article 20.000 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding "Section 20.200 Lesley Porter Overlay District." (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, June 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, June 3

2:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue to discuss how Cambridge can adapt the Harlem Children's Zone Baby College Program and/or principles to provide parent education for low income families that will provide the tools they need to help their children succeed. (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 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Due to the presence of the Sullivan Courthouse many residential parking spaces were dedicated to metered parking; and

WHEREAS: Vacancies at the Sullivan Courthouse will impact the amount of traffic and need for metered parking; and

WHEREAS: East Cambridge has had an increase in residential units; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine whether metered parking spaces in the East Cambridge residential streets can be converted to residential parking due to the decrease in courthouse traffic and increase in residential units and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to survey City Parking Lot #8 as a location to plant trees in the tree holes and make improvements; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to survey all city parking lots, and other city properties such as library branches, and plan for tree maintenance around them; and be it further

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

O-3 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to check the timing of the traffic light at 2 Mount Auburn Street and coordinate with residents to make sure the walk light is long enough for people using walkers and wheelchairs to get across the street.

O-4 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Starting in May, Cambridge welcomes the farmers' markets back for the season; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize the opening and closing dates for the individual markets, their locations and hours on the City website, on the cable channel and other appropriate locations.

O-5 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Hoarding is a problem that affects people of all ages and income levels and requires the intervention of many of the City departments including Police, Fire, Inspectional Services, Public Health, Council on Aging, Human Services, Housing as well as the Cambridge Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS: On April 23, a film was shown about hoarding followed by a public discussion that indicated the level of concern about this problem; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate appropriate staff to convene an educational presentation for the public to address downsizing or preventing problems arising from excess clutter.

O-6 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make recommendations for opportunities for public education and natural resource awareness programs based at watershed lands, taking into account the need to protect water quality.

O-7 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City department to install at least one changing table in both the men's and women's bathrooms in all city-owned buildings; and

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

O-8 May 11, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

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

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

WHEREAS: A spring delegation of Cambridge CRLS students, teachers and activists represented by Jessie Auger, Cori Baer, Loïc Bruderlein, Betty Burkes, Sandra Cañas, Catherine Hoffman, Alexia Lomon, Shannon Lynch, Deanna Melendez, Ayanna Parris, Kieran Pearson, Isabel Rawson-Stone, Nancy Ryan, and Rachel Wyon traveled to El Salvador from April 17 to 26 to visit our Sister City; and

WHEREAS: The delegation visited a high school and special needs school and met with women organizing sweatshop workers and representatives of youth deported from the US while in the Capital and traveled to San José Las Flores to share with the community through visits to the elementary and high schools, meetings with

youth, tours of newly-formed cooperatives and all aspects of the town; and

WHEREAS: The delegation included five current CRLS students and three CRLS graduates who staff the City's Youth Peace and Justice Corps and continue to have a special focus on the on-going youth-to-youth collaborations between our two communities; and

WHEREAS: There will be a Report-Back from the delegation on Sunday, May 17th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Cambridge Senior Center; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council receives a brief report from delegates at the start of the City Council meeting on Mon. May 11, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council invites the community to the delegation's Report-Back on Sunday, the 17th of May, 2009 at the Cambridge Senior Center; 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 San José Las Flores spring delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 May 11, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to increase the cleaning efforts in Carl Barron Plaza, as well as other benches and areas in Central Square where liquor bottles, cigarette butts and other forms of trash are routinely discarded and render benches unclean and unusable.

O-10 May 11, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The ban against smoking in all indoor public spaces has led to an increase of littered cigarette butts and packaging on city sidewalks, especially in front of establishments that provide outdoor seating; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging the License Commission to consider requiring all licensed establishments to be responsible for cleaning the sidewalk in front of their business or risk being fined.

O-11 May 11, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Police, the Peace Commission and other relevant staff and departments to report back on plans for summer safety in Cambridge.

O-12 May 11, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Personnel Director regarding the possibility of providing City of Cambridge employees with the option to purchase Long-term Care Insurance.

O-13 May 11, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create a position for a Green Streets Coordinator to continue the coordination of the program currently performed by Janie Katz-Christy in recent years which has created a sustainable initiative that is being replicated around the world.

O-14 May 11, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The former bath-house which has long sat unused on the site of the Corporal Burns Playground in Corporal Burns Park is an important city property that should be utilized thoughtfully; and

WHEREAS: For many years, different City Council Orders have suggested varied usage opportunities for this building to no avail; and

WHEREAS: Refurbishing this property would allow a multi-use Tourism Center that might include restrooms, water fountains, a concession stand which the city would lease to a vendor for income, and a tourism information kiosk, and might also serve as a seasonal sight to employ Cambridge youth; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider a cost benefit analysis for refurbishing this property so that it might draw income for the city and simultaneously provide valuable service to residents and visitors to the park.

O-15 May 11, 2009  
MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The green-space and pathways along the Charles River are extensively used by residents and visitors to Cambridge and are a major enhancement to the quality of life for those who use this vital resource, as well as the location of large scale city events including the Riverfest and the Regatta, drawing thousands of residents and visitors to locations along the river; and

WHEREAS: This vital resource managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation does not maintain an adequate distribution of water fountains for walkers, runners, and individuals and families enjoying this natural resource or participating in events along the river; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Department of Conservation and Recreation officials about providing water fountains along the Charles River and maintaining proper function of those which currently exist.

O-16 May 11, 2009  
MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to direct DPW crews collecting trash to clean out the trash and debris that collects and rots in the metal trash cage the supports the barrel.

O-17 May 11, 2009  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge on May 24th, 1999, resolved to join the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign which commits the city to be an environmental leader; and

WHEREAS: In December 2002, the City of Cambridge adopted a Climate Protection Plan with the goal of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) city-wide 20% below 1990 levels by 2010; and

WHEREAS: In April 2005, City of Cambridge joined the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) with the goal of leading by example; and

WHEREAS: Through the efforts of city staff and others, the City of Cambridge has successfully implemented much of the Climate Protection Plan, yet total city-wide GHG emissions, as measured by the City's Climate Protection Action Committee increased 27% from 1990-2003; and

WHEREAS: Since GHGs causing global warming accumulate and persist in the atmosphere, sharp reductions in GHG emissions are required immediately for there to be any possibility of forestalling the dangers of climate change; and

WHEREAS: In March 2009, more than 2,500 climate experts from 80 countries, assembled for an emergency meeting in Copenhagen to prepare for the UN Climate Change Conference in December, declared that "the climate system is already moving beyond patterns of natural variability within which our society and economy have developed and thrived;" that "the worst-case IPCC scenario projections (or even worse) are being realized;" that "there is a significant risk that many of the trends will accelerate, leading to a risk of abrupt or irreversible climatic shifts;" and that "there is no excuse for inaction"; and

WHEREAS: The Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Agency on Apr 17, 2009 issued a proposed finding that says in part "the

evidence points ineluctably to the conclusion that climate change is upon us as a result of greenhouse gas emissions, that climatic changes are already occurring that harm our health and welfare, and that the effects will only worsen over time in the absence of regulatory action. The effects of climate change on public health include sickness and death;" and

WHEREAS: As a preeminent center for scientific research with a well-educated population, Cambridge has the obligation to lead in responding to this critical situation; and

WHEREAS: This City Council recognizes that there is a climate emergency; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate city departments to increase the City's responses to a scale proportionate to the emergency and consistent with the city's own Climate Protection goals for 2010 and beyond.

O-18 May 11, 2009  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: In January, 2009 the state passed a law authorizing low-speed vehicles on certain public roads; and

WHEREAS: Electric vehicles are a prominent part of the City's draft Climate Action Protection Plan currently under review; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to propose the necessary regulations to allow electric vehicle charging stations, and any other appurtenances, in the city.

O-19 May 11, 2009  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Broadband access is essential in order for all to participate in our democratic society; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation to be aware of the need for universal broadband access for all members of the public and the elimination of the digital divide; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each member of the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation.

O-20 May 11, 2009  
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to install barrels outside of City-owned bathrooms to ensure that lavatory users are able to dispose of handtowels used when opening bathroom doors in order to avoid picking up germs after washing hands.

O-21 May 11, 2009  
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City department to purchase Purell for all city offices for use by city employees that have interaction with the public; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City department to install Purell dispensers in all city-owned bathrooms.

O-22 May 11, 2009  
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide H1N1 updates and latest protocol information on the City website in order to educate the public.