

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the calendar year 2011 at MICH-LIN transfer station located at 45 Mooney Street, Cambridge: Amanda Noonan and Danielle Racicot
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,515 to the General Fund Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide additional funds required to pay the final invoice on the MWRA's assessment to the City.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$50,000 in the General Fund from the Employee Benefits (salary adjustment) Salary and Wages account to the Veterans' Travel and Training account to cover additional veteran benefits and medical costs through the end of the fiscal year.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$135,511.05 between School Department statutory accounts, which includes (\$59,227.97) from the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account and (\$76,283.08) from School Travel and Training account to the School Salaries and Wages account (\$91,124.22) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$44,386.83) which are related to re-allocations within school department programs.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer between School Department statutory accounts, which includes \$735,000 from the General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the School Travel and Training account (\$75,000) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$660,000) and will be used for the purchase and installation of wireless infrastructure hardware at six elementary schools (\$500,000), the purchase of custodial and plant maintenance equipment (\$160,000) and teacher training (\$75,000).
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocation grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$5,009 to the Grant Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide supplies to support OSE classrooms.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer within the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocation grant from the U.S. Department of Education from the Grant Fund School Department Salary and Wages account (\$77,397) to the Grant Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$22,395) and to Grant Fund School Department Travel and Training account (\$55,002) to allow for additional teacher trainings and for technology supports.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) - Early Childhood Special Education, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$13,054 to Grant Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support additional contracted services of a Behavioral Specialist in inclusive early childhood classrooms.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$2,000 within the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) - Early Childhood Special Education, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant from the U.S. Department of Education from the Grant Fund School Department Salary & Wages account to the Grant Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support additional contracted services of a Behavioral Specialist in inclusive early childhood classrooms.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of the ARRA Title I grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$14,704 to the Grant Fund School Department Salary & Wages account to support a summer literacy camp for eligible Title I students.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a \$1,450 transfer within the federal McKinney-Vento American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allocation grant from the School Department Grant Fund Salary & Wages account to the School Department Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the cost of translating the Homeless Family Resource Guide into seven languages.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-165, regarding a report on ways the City can work with the MAPC on opportunities related to the \$4 million grant award to the MAPC on behalf of the Metro Boston Consortium for Sustainable Communities.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board not to adoption the Chestnut Hill Realty Zoning Petition.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the petition by Novartis Institutes of Biomedical Research to create a new Special District 15 on the site bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Albany Street, Osborn Street, State Street and Windsor Street.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-25, regarding a report on other potential prescription drop off sites around the City.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-50, regarding a report on assisting a disabled resident with paying for parking tickets.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from BMR-325 Vassar Street, LLC, ("BMR"), for an aerial license for a canopy structure with stainless steel framing, stainless steel hardware and tempered glass a sign depicting the building

address, also in stainless steel, suspended below the canopy structure to be installed, repaired, replaced and maintained over portions of the public sidewalk.

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. A petition has been received from Theresa M. Stone, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer, MIT, together with a transmittal letter from Steven C. Marsh, Managing Director, MIT Investment Management Company to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to add a new section 13.80 to the Zoning Ordinances entitled PUD-5 District and to amend the Zoning Map to add a new PUD-5 District in the Kendall Square area; said petition rezones a 26-acre parcel in the Kendall Square area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Applications and Petitions Number Four of May 2, 2011.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Arborist to contact the owner of 94 Howard Street to determine the appropriate response when the roots of the tree begin to grow through the basement wall of a privately-owned residential building. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Order Number Ten of May 2, 2011.]

#### **ON THE TABLE**

3. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
5. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right

exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]

8. An application was received from Merek Franklin, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 136 Fayerweather Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Eight of Apr 25, 2011. Tabled on Motion of Mayor Maher on May 2, 2011.]
9. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011. Tabled on Motion of Councillor Cheung on May 2, 2011.]
10. 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 public meeting held on Apr 14, 2011 to discuss moving to a paperless City Council Agenda, connecting City Council goals and City Department staff and City Council Committees to foster efficient and collaborative results and a proposal to amend the Municipal Code to require posting of the City Manager's contract 96 hours before it is to be voted on by the City Council. [Report Accepted and Placed On File Order Adopted to amend Rule #26 See Order #11 Placed on the Table on May 2, 2011.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,300,000 to provide funds for improvements to Alberico, David Nunes and Fulmore Parks and the establishment of a community garden at Riverside Press Park. The question comes on adoption on or after May 16, 2011.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$33,754,300 to continue sewer projects in the Harvard Square, Agassiz, Western Avenue and Alewife Watershed areas of the City. The question comes on adoption on or after May 16, 2011.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for improvements to several City facilities including the East Cambridge and Inman Square Fire Stations and the Ryan Garage / Simard Building at Public Works. The question comes on adoption on or after May 16, 2011.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for the reconstruction of several streets included in the Complete Streets Initiative as shown in the five year street and sidewalk program. The question comes on adoption on or after May 16, 2011.

15. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Mar 2, 2011 to consider a zoning petition originally filed by Chestnut Hill Realty and re-filed by the City Council to create a new section that would allow for the construction of rental units in the basement levels of existing multifamily buildings in Residence C Districts within 1200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line through a special permit process. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 16, 2011. Planning Board hearing held Mar 29, 2011. Petition expires May 31, 2011.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$2,000,000 to provide funds for the second phase of the reconstruction of the Harvard Square Tunnel (Cambridge Street Underpass). [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on City Manager Agenda Number Eight of May 2, 2011.] The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2011.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$300,000 to provide funds to facilitate coordination among the various consultants working on the design and planning projects for Kendall Square and perform interim repairs in the area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Nine of May 2, 2011.] The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2011.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$3,000,000 to provide funds for the architectural design and construction of an elementary school to be either rebuilt or renovated as part of the multi-year Elementary School Rebuilding Program. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons on City Manager Agenda Number Twelve of May 2, 2011.] The question comes on adoption on or after May 23, 2011.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. Constable bond received from James M. Desrosiers for approval of the surety.
2. An application was received from Central Bottle Wine & Provisions, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 196 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Otto Pizza, requesting permission for two tables and eight chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 1432 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from Eugene Wang and Jie Lu, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Linnaean Street (Humboldt Street side of the property); said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
5. An application was received from Joseph Glenmullen, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 12 Hubbard Park Road; said petition has

received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.

6. An application was received from Clover Fast Food, 7 Holyoke Street, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Holyoke Street.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Daniel C. Steinkrauss Jr. Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Warren J. Sheehan, Jr. Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Thomas J. Fitzgerald Jr. Mayor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Evelina "Nina" (Ghirelli) Gorman. Mayor Maher
5. Speedy recovery wishes to Marjorie Duarte. Councillor Toomey
6. Congratulations to Prince William of Wales and Catherine Middleton, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, on the occasion of their marriage. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Maher
7. Congratulations to Elizabeth Seelman, Case Manager at the Cambridge Council of Aging, on receiving the Jeannie Warren Pain Award from Paine Senior Services of Cambridge. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung, Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Martha Ryder. Mayor Maher
9. Congratulations to the North Cambridge Artist Association poets for their work and urge public to visit the O'Neill Library where their work is on display. Councillor Decker
10. Welcome Relay Rides back to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
11. Welcome Sproxil to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist Andrew Evan Lara. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Robert Michael Friese. Councillor Decker
14. Congratulations to Jaclyn Burke and Filipe DaSilva on the birth of their son, Noah Manuel DaSilva. Councillor Toomey
15. Congratulations to Toni Bee on being chosen Poet Populist. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Seidel, Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Mary Teresa Murphy. Mayor Maher, Councillor Simmons
17. Congratulating Ishrat Aishee for winning first place in the Cambridge Public Library/Cambridge Tree Project Poetry Contest. Mayor Maher
18. Congratulating the winners of the 19th annual Commissioner's Award. Mayor Maher
19. Resolution on the death of Mary Reeves. Mayor Maher
20. Proclaiming May 13-21, 2011 as Climate Change Week in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher

21. Congratulating Craigie on Main chef Tony Maws for winning the James Beard Foundation Award. Mayor Maher
22. Urging all Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day to remember and pay tribute to our nation's defenders for their service and devotion to the country. Councillor Kelley
23. Congratulations to Martha Mosman on being appointed interim Principal of the Tobin Montessori School. Mayor Maher
24. Resolution on the death of Gilda DeFreitas. Councillor Toomey
25. Congratulations to Jason Korb of Winnie Gray LLC on the 2011 preservation awards from the Cambridge Historical Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Councillor Seidel
26. Congratulations to the CRLS Department of Visual and Performing Arts on their presentation of Dance Works. Councillor Decker
27. Congratulations to San Jose Las Flores El Salvador on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Councillor Decker
28. Thanks to all who took part in the 25th CityRun/Walk on Apr 3, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis
29. Encourage residents to participate in the 2011 MassCommuter Challenge from May 14-21, 2011. Councillor Cheung
30. Congratulations to Barbara A. Lenk on being confirmed to the Massachusetts Supreme Court. Mayor Maher
31. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2011 City Scholarship Awards. Mayor Maher
32. Congratulations to D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, on being honored by MassEquality. Mayor Maher
6. That the City Manager consult with Cemusa on how to install a shelter at the bus stops in the vicinity of the Johnson and Burns Senior Apartment Buildings without cutting down a mature tree. Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate person to fill the pot holes and dangerous road imperfections on the stretch of Putnam Avenue between Western and Massachusetts Avenues, especially those that appear near the curbs where bicyclists must ride. Vice Mayor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to notify the Police Department to enforce the weight limits of trucks using River Street. Vice Mayor Davis
9. That the City Council go on record as requesting that the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy maintain the existing State laws governing cable licensing, which adequately protect cities and towns, residents of the Commonwealth, and video service providers. Vice Mayor Davis
10. That the City Manager direct the appropriate department heads to apply for the U.S. Department of Energy grant or to coordinate the City of Cambridge efforts with the MAPC proposal and report back to the City Council on the course of action. Councillor Cheung
11. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to report back to the City Council on how much money was raised for the Hybrid Cab program and a summary of the disbursement of funds. Councillor Cheung
12. That the City Manager direct the appropriate department heads to install a discreet, unobtrusive, drop down projector presentation screen in the Sullivan Chamber and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
13. That the City Manager direct the IT Department to post a link and BridgeStat monthly report in a prominent location on the City website. Councillor Cheung
14. That the City Manager is requested to ask the the City's private law firm to waive any statute of limitations defense regarding potential liability to Cambridge for its actions and advice in the Monteiro case. Councillor Kelley
15. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan on how the City will keep the sidewalk crossings accessible for the entire length of Massachusetts Avenue, Western Avenue, Cambridge Street, Prospect Avenue, Mount Auburn Avenue (from Hilliard Street to Mass Ave), Rindge Ave (from Hollis Street to Mass Ave), Main Street, Broadway, Prospect Street and any other major pedestrian thoroughfare. Councillor Kelley
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City Departments to review painted crosswalk markings throughout the City and promptly repaint faded ones. Councillor Kelley
17. That the City Manager is requested to publicize Climate Change Week and its events on all the city media outlets. Vice Mayor Davis
18. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to meet with community members from the Senior Center to examine

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to institute a general policy with city commissions that they not hold public meetings that coincide with the City Council meeting on Monday evenings. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to look into the feasibility of installing traffic-calming measures at the corner of Russell Street and Massachusetts Avenue and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
3. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to investigate how to make the Follen Street/Little Concord Avenue intersection safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists and report back to the City Council with a course of action. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of developing a website similar to the District of Columbia wherein residents can look up important tree information. Councillor Cheung
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to look into the feasibility of allowing businesses to apply for an active loading zone permit that would cover all of the major shopping holidays and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung

the timing of the lights with a view toward possibly adding additional seconds to accommodate all walkers, regardless of ability. Vice Mayor Davis

19. That the City Manager is requested to evaluate the safety of that intersection and work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and neighbors on any appropriate improvements to increase the safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Councillor Seidel
20. That the City of Cambridge declares Sept 26th - Oct 2nd as "Cambridge Local Economy Week" and that the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with appropriate departments to promote the steps residents can take to contribute to localized economic development during that week, including notification on the billboard in front of City Hall, notification on the City Website, and increased distribution of a locally-owned business directory. Councillor Cheung
21. That the Flight Systems & Services hire the displaced employees of the previous contractor who clean Delta planes at Logan Airport. Councillor Toomey
22. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to report back to the City Council on the percentage of overall canopy coverage that has been set as a goal for the City. Councillor Seidel
23. That the City Manager is requested to direct an appropriate staff person to attend the Electric Vehicle Charging Vendor Fair and Forum and report back to the City Council with thoughts on how the City can support electric, environmentally sustainable vehicles. Councillor Cheung

#### **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 Environment Committee for a public meeting held on Mar 22, 2011 to discuss community gardens, Urban Agricultural Fair and any other topic relating to local agriculture.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a public meeting held on Apr 26, 2011 to conduct a follow-up meeting on outdated city ordinances.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a public meeting held on Apr 20, 2011 to discuss ways to promote ground floor retail.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, May 16**

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

##### **Tues, May 17**

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition from Novartis to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map to create a new Special District 15 along a portion of Massachusetts Avenue between Albany Street and Windsor Street. (Sullivan Chamber)  
6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, May 19**

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

##### **Mon, May 23**

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

##### **Tues, May 24**

- 9:30am The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive information about the number of SRO units in Cambridge, the number of affordable single room/studio units and any other affordable housing suitable for seniors and others in need of SRO housing. (Ackermann Room)  
6:00pm Special Meeting of the School Committee to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, May 25**

- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 5.28.2-Conversion of Nonresidential Structures to Residential Use and Section 4.29 clarifying the allowances of additional uses as permissible under Section 5.28.2. (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:15pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, May 26**

- 5:00pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider claims filed against the city. (Anastos Room)

##### **Mon, June 6**

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

##### **Tues, June 7**

- 6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 13**

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

##### **Mon, June 20**

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

##### **Mon, June 27**

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

##### **Tues, June 28**

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

##### **Mon, Aug 1**

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

##### **Mon, Sept 12**

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

##### **Mon, Sept 19**

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

##### **Mon, Sept 26**

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

##### **Mon, Oct 3**

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

##### **Mon, Oct 17**

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

##### **Mon, Oct 24**

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

##### **Mon, Oct 31**

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

#### **TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to institute a general policy with city commissions that they not hold public meetings that coincide with the City Council meeting on Monday evenings.

O-2 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents are concerned about speeding at the corner of Russell Street and Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that motorists make the turn so quickly that pedestrians and residents living on the street feel unsafe parking their cars near this corner and getting out of their vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Some residents feel that a raised crosswalk, comparable to the one found on Walden Street, would improve the situation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to look into the feasibility of installing traffic-calming measures to rectify the before-mentioned issue and report back to the City Council.

O-3 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there have been reports of near accidents at the intersection of Follen Street and Little Concord Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Dangerous conditions have been created by the addition of a one-way bike lane on the south side of Little Concord Avenue going in the opposite direction of car traffic; and

WHEREAS: The corner of Follen Street and Little Concord Avenue is a blind intersection; cars on Follen Street cannot see bikers coming the opposite way down Little Concord Avenue and bikers coming down Little Concord Avenue cannot see cars approaching the corner of Follen Street; and

WHEREAS: Whilst there is a small stop sign for bikers at the corner of Little Concord Avenue, many choose to ignore it; and

WHEREAS: The combination of a contra-flow bike lane on a narrow street with a blind corner is of serious concern and is a potential safety risk; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to investigate how to make the Follen Street/Little Concord Avenue intersection safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists and report back to the City Council with a course of action.

O-4 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

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

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the District of Columbia has pioneered a new website that allows for residents to look up important tree information; and

WHEREAS: Said website, <http://www.caseytrees.org/geographic/maps-tools/tree-map/index.php>, posts a map of every tree planted by Casey Trees since 2003. Residents can search for the scientific and common names of the trees, where the trees came from, and when each tree was planted. They can also determine the tree canopy, opportunities for planting for any property in the District and calculate the annual carbon, air quality, storm water, energy and property value benefits. Residents can search by street address or place and browse the interactive map of all DC street trees, color coded by genus; and

WHEREAS: Over the last few years, the City of Cambridge has been steadfastly trying to develop a means to make our tree planting and removal policies more transparent but unfortunately there has been a lot of misinformation circulating; and

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of developing a similar website and report back to the City Council.

O-5 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that allowing for an active loading zone on a small number of holidays would greatly benefit local businesses; and

WHEREAS: If the city were to allow for active loading zones on Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Christmas and other "present exchanging" holidays, it would allow freer movement of goods and people during times of traditionally heavy traffic and congestion; and

WHEREAS: Currently, unless a permit is submitted, paid for and approved by the city, businesses risk having someone park for the whole day negatively impacting business; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City departments to look into the feasibility of allowing businesses to apply for an active loading zone permit that would cover all of the major shopping holidays and report back to the City Council.

O-6 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Seniors who live in the Lyndon B. Johnson apartments at 150 Erie Street and the Burns apartment building located at 30 - 50 Churchill Avenue, have asked for and are in need of a shelter/enclosure at the bus stops located in the vicinity of these apartment buildings; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been in consultation with Cemusa to put a shelter/enclosure at the bus stops in the immediate vicinity of these locations; and

WHEREAS: Cemusa has opted not to have an enclosed bus stop in these locations because the advertisements it will display on them will be potentially shielded from view by a large tree located next to the bus stop; and

WHEREAS: Cemusa wants this tree to be cut down before it can put a shelter/enclosure at the bus stops in the immediate vicinity of the Johnson and Burns apartment buildings, but it is the city's policy not to wantonly cut down mature trees; and

WHEREAS: The need for a sheltered bus stop in the vicinity of the Lyndon B. Johnson and Burns senior apartment buildings outweighs Cemusa's concerns about the visibility of its advertisements; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with Cemusa on how to install a shelter at the bus stops in the vicinity of the Johnson and Burns Senior Apartment Buildings without cutting down a mature tree; be it further

ORDERED: That the residents of the Johnson and Burns Senior Apartment Building be kept abreast of any developments on this issue through the leaders of their tenant councils.

O-7 May 16, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: It was a hard winter on the roads; and

WHEREAS: Putnam Avenue between Western Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue is narrow and in some places there is no bike lane; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate person to fill the pot holes and dangerous road imperfections on the stretch of Putnam Avenue between Western and Massachusetts Avenues, especially those that appear near the curbs where bicyclists must ride; and be it further

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

O-8 May 16, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the Police Department to enforce the weight limits of trucks using River Street.

O-9 May 16, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Senate Bill No. 1687, An Act Promoting Consumer Choice and Competition for Cable Service, has been filed on behalf of Verizon and will be the subject of a hearing before the Joint Telecommunications Committee on May 18; and

WHEREAS: This bill would limit the negotiation period for cable licensing to 90 days which is much too short given the complexity of the process, and the time limitation would essentially sidestep the community process which would result in a benefit only for Verizon to the detriment of consumers and local governments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as requesting that the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy maintain the existing State laws governing cable licensing, which adequately protect cities and towns, residents of the Commonwealth, and video service providers; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the members of the Cambridge legislative delegation to defeat the final bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to Representative John D. Keenan and Senator Benjamin B. Downing, Chairs of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as well as the Cambridge legislative delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-10 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: President Obama announced that he has a goal to put 1 million electric vehicles on the road in the United States by 2015; and

WHEREAS: In support of this goal and emphasizing electricity as a transportation fuel, the U.S. Department of Energy is offering \$5 million in grant awards for 10-15 applicants throughout the country who demonstrate project proposals for the development of local/regional electric charging infrastructures, including implementation of local policies, procedures, and incentives that facilitate that development; and

WHEREAS: Overall, this effort will help to decrease the nation's dependence on petroleum and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by accelerating the deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE); and

WHEREAS: This initiative will serve as a pilot program to stimulate community based electric vehicle infrastructure readiness planning and implementation activities in anticipation of larger electric vehicle deployment efforts in the future; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to apply for the U.S. Department of Energy grant or to coordinate the City of Cambridge efforts with the MAPC proposal and report back to the City Council on the course of action.

O-11 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In 2007 the City Manager authorized a fund to support the Hybrid Cab program; and

WHEREAS: A fully outfitted regular cab costs 1/3 to 1/2 less than a fully equipped hybrid cab. Although drivers love the savings in

fuel, owners still have to pay the up front cost and many do not have the funds to do so; and

WHEREAS: Through the Hybrid Cab Program, the Cambridge License Commission offers \$10,000 grants to cab owners who switch to hybrid vehicles, to help absorb the initial cost of the investment; and

WHEREAS: In the past, to help fund this program, the Cambridge Licensing Commission has received donations from Whole Foods Market and has auctioned taxicab medallions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to report back to the City Council on how much money was raised for this program and a summary of the disbursement of funds.

O-12 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Numerous committee meetings are held in the Sullivan Chamber every month and many of them utilize Power Point technology, however currently, IT Department staff must lug a cumbersome, projector screen into the chamber every time there is a meeting; and

WHEREAS: The current process and technology is outdated and is often distracting to those trying to participate in a Committee hearing; and

WHEREAS: The Sullivan Chamber is already outfitted with various forms of technology including cameras, lights, and speakers; and

WHEREAS: The City would greatly benefit from improved technology and a streamlined set up process; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to install a discreet, unobtrusive, drop down projector presentation screen in the Sullivan Chamber and report back to the City Council.

O-13 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Last year, the Cambridge Police Department launched the BridgeStat program that is designed to share information with the public and combat crime in the city; and

WHEREAS: BridgeStat is a multilayered dynamic approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvement, and personnel and resource management. Police personnel meet to devise strategies and tactics to solve problems, reduce crime, and ultimately improve quality of life in their community; and

WHEREAS: Through the new BridgeStat program, the Cambridge Police Department produces a monthly public report to the community on current police priorities in terms of crime, traffic, and disorder issues in the city; and

WHEREAS: The monthly report includes information relating to historical trends, a breakdown of crimes by type, strategies the Cambridge Police are deploying to deal with crime patterns that have been identified, and tips on how citizens can better protect themselves and help reduce crime in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Although the BridgeStat program is a huge asset to the community and has contributed greatly to our continued low crime rates, still too few residents know about this fantastic resource; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the IT Department to post a link and BridgeStat monthly report in a prominent location on the City website.

O-14 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: On May 23, 2008, the jury rendered a verdict against the City in the Monteiro case; and

WHEREAS: From the outset of the case in 1998, the City was represented by one of the nation's premier law firms; and

WHEREAS: After the trial, the City's lead counsel allegedly argued to the trial judge that the taxpayers of Cambridge should not be burdened with paying this judgement because all the personnel

actions which the plaintiff claimed were retaliation were taken by City officials with her advice; and  
WHEREAS: The time for making a claim for professional negligence expires on May 22, 2011; and  
WHEREAS: The Appeals Court will probably decide the City's appeal around Labor Day 2011, after the statute of limitations for professional negligence would expire; and  
WHEREAS: An option in such a case, where the client potentially was exposed to harmful legal judgements because of actions allegedly based on the poor advice of professional hired legal counsel, is for the client, in this case the City of Cambridge, to ask the professional counsel involved, in this case the City's outside legal attorney for the Monteiro case, to waive any statute of limitations defense concerning its potential liability to Cambridge regarding the Monteiro case; now be it therefore  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the the City's private law firm to waive any statute of limitations defense regarding potential liability to Cambridge for its actions and advice in the Monteiro case.

O-15 May 16, 2011  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
WHEREAS: Cambridge prides itself on being a walkable City; and  
WHEREAS: During winter months, snow plowed from City streets can create large mounds blocking corner crosswalks; and  
WHEREAS: It is unreasonable to expect anyone without ready access to powerful snow removal equipment to be able to remove the piles of city-plowed snow from these corner crosswalks; and  
WHEREAS: While these crosswalks are blocked with piles of frozen snow, the entire sidewalk system becomes exceptionally difficult and dangerous terrain to navigate as the mounds of snow at street intersections create challenging barriers to pedestrians of all abilities and make the sidewalks virtually impassible to anyone with impaired mobility; and  
WHEREAS: Dangerous pedestrian conditions caused by mounds of snow at crosswalks pose a significant public health hazard in much the same way as streets that are narrowed by plowed snow extending from the curb, but the City seems to have focused more efforts on the latter problem; now be it therefore  
ORDERED: That, prior to the first snowfall of fall/winter 2011, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan on how the City will keep the sidewalk crossings accessible for the entire length of Massachusetts Avenue, Western Avenue, Cambridge Street, Prospect Avenue, Mount Auburn Avenue (from Hilliard Street to Mass Ave), Rindge Ave (from Hollis Street to Mass Ave), Main Street, Broadway, Prospect Street and any other major pedestrian thoroughfare.

O-16 May 16, 2011  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
WHEREAS: Cambridge prides itself on being a walkable City; and  
WHEREAS: Painted crosswalk marking often fade over time, creating a dangerously blurred set of expectations for both drivers and pedestrians; and  
WHEREAS: Clearly marked crosswalks help people understand the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic; now be it therefore  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City Departments to review painted crosswalk markings throughout the City and promptly repaint faded ones.

O-17 May 16, 2011  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
WHEREAS: Cambridge Climate Change Week is May 13-21, 2011; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize Climate Change Week and its events on all the city media outlets.

O-18 May 16, 2011  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
WHEREAS: There are many elders who walk with the assistance of canes or walkers who cross Massachusetts Avenue using the crosswalk at Inman Street; and  
WHEREAS: There was concern raised at the Senior Town Meeting about timing of the light being sufficient to allow for crossing Massachusetts Avenue; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to meet with community members from the Senior Center to examine the timing of the lights with a view toward possibly adding additional seconds to accomodate all walkers, regardless of ability.

O-19 May 16, 2011  
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL  
WHEREAS: Multiple accidents have taken place at the intersection of Broadway and Ellery Street over the past eighteen months, involving both cars and bicycles; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to evaluate the safety of that intersection and work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and neighbors on any appropriate improvements to increase the safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

O-20 May 16, 2011  
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a hub of innovation, ideas and most importantly action; and  
WHEREAS: The most readily available action any city can take to diminish the effect of the national economic crisis on its residents is to help strengthen its local economy; and  
WHEREAS: Examples abound of cities where a grassroots movement committed to leveraging the 'multiplier effect', wherein money spent at locally-owned businesses contributes 57% more to the local economy than does money spent at non-locally owned businesses, has helped give residents more healthy, vibrant, and sustainable communities; and  
WHEREAS: Cambridge is fortunate to have hundreds of unique and popular locally owned and independent businesses that are critical components to a strong local economy; however, In these hard economic times owning a business has become even more difficult; and  
WHEREAS: That hardship necessitates a more pro-active approach by municipal governments to support local economic development in order to realize a positive impact for residents in the local economy; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge declares itself a "Local Economy Community" welcoming and supportive of local entrepreneurship; and  
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge declares Sept 26th - Oct 2nd as "Cambridge Local Economy Week" and that the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with appropriate departments to promote the steps residents can take to contribute to localized economic development during that week, including notification on the billboard in front of City Hall, notification on the City Website, and increased distribution of a locally-owned business directory; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Economic Development Department to look into the feasibility of creating a program for residents who are interested in starting a new business in Cambridge but do not know the best steps to proceed, that would also instruct said residents on the logistics and best practices of new business owners and report back to the City Council' and be it further  
ORDERED: That the Economic Development Committee's Local Economy Taskforce continue to identify and develop policies that



directly support the growth and development of locally owned and independent businesses in Cambridge.

O-21 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Delta recently hired Flight Systems & Services (FSS) to clean its planes at Logan; and

WHEREAS: While is it the norm in the subcontracted aviation cleaning industry for new contractors to hire the displaced employees of the predecessor contractor, FSS has not offered employment to the workers that have cleaned Delta's airplanes at Logan for many years; and

WHEREAS: These workers will be losing their jobs and the livelihoods of their families if FSS does not do the right thing; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging FSS to hire these contracted janitors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Flight Systems & Services and SEIU Local 615 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-22 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Tree canopy coverage is an important measure of sustainability for an urban environment, and reduces the heat island effect; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has taken many steps to increase its tree canopy coverage, including setting annual goals for planting of trees; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to report back to the City Council on the percentage of overall canopy coverage that has been set as a goal for the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Commissioner of Public Works report back on the percentage of tree canopy coverage currently; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Commissioner of Public Works determine how many more individual trees need to be planted to reach the percentage goal; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Commissioner of Public Works report back to the City Council with a plan for reaching the goal.

O-23 May 16, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that on May 20th the Electric Vehicle Charging Vendor Fair and Forum is taking place at Boston's Seaport Hotel; and

WHEREAS: Through the EVboston Initiative, the City of Boston has begun to take steps to initiate dialogue and the development of electric vehicle infrastructure. The purpose of this event is to educate garage and property owners about the electric vehicles and the charging equipment it requires; and

WHEREAS: This event includes: Expert panels to discuss electric vehicles and the latest information regarding the EV market, what to know before & after you buy a charger, and how to install, utility professionals to discuss what's to come and pricing, charging industry professionals & their products, what's next in the City of Boston & who is already on board with EV; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct an appropriate staff person to attend the before mentioned event and report back to the City Council with thoughts on how the City can support electric, environmentally sustainable vehicles.