

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from the Cambridge Prevention Coalition in the amount of \$3,500.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account from the Cambridge Health Alliance and will be used to support outreach and training for parents of the Cambridge community around the issue of teenage prescription drug abuse.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) from the Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$140,870.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$7,044.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$133,826.00) and will be used by the Department of Human Service Programs to contract with local shelter providers to support operation and rehabilitation costs of shelter facilities as well as for homeless prevention activities and services for the homeless.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant through the Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP) and Citizens Energy Oil Heat Fund for (\$3,660.00) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used for Fuel Assistance eligible oil heat customers who have exhausted their fuel benefits.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Lead-Safe Grant (Round 12) Program Income of \$23,956.69 to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will increase funds available to control lead hazards in eligible housing in Cambridge.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of an Urban and Community Forestry grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for \$26,650 to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to plant shade trees along Prospect Street.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2007: Lisa Dorsey; Berthin Valcourt; Eric Singh
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-57, regarding a report on allowing citizens to carry and use their own hand-held stop signs at City crosswalks.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-56, regarding a report on the policy and requirements for posting and reserving on street parking spaces.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-45, regarding a report on the impact of sub-prime lending in Cambridge. **Referred to Housing Committee**
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Public Art Commission for a three year term, effective May 2, 2007: Margaret Harries; Cynthia Smith
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Commission:  
Name - Term Expires  
Catherine Henn - Apr 1, 2010  
Constantin Von Wentzel - Apr 1, 2010  
Maryann Thompson - Apr 1, 2009
- Salim Valimohamed - Apr 1, 2009  
Bruce Irving (reappointment) - Nov 30, 2008  
Heli Meltsner (reappointment) - Apr 1, 2008
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for \$85,000 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account for the organization of a cultural fair and a Latin American Festival in the City of Cambridge.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$185,000 from an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG-Program Income) to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to be used for neighborhood improvement activities that have been agreed upon by the Area Four Neighborhood Coalition and the Community Development Department.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-46, regarding a report on proposed amendments to the zoning regulations of fences. **Referred to Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for Hearing and Report**
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-20, regarding a report on whether Boston's Site Cleanliness Ordinance could be useful to Cambridge; Awaiting Report Item Number 07-27, regarding a report on broadening the enforcement of the Trash Disposal Ordinance to include the Inspectional Services Department; and Awaiting Report Item Number 07-41, regarding a report on specific plan of action for rodent prevention efforts across all City Departments and develop a task force to develop and promote the City's anti-rodent efforts.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request that the City Council approve an order of taking for the purpose of acquiring two small sliver parcels of land located at 449-452 Broadway for the purposes of curing a defect in title of City-owned property known as the Solomon Building located at 454 Broadway, and to accommodate access to the building as required by the State Building Code.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$5,700,000 to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the War Memorial renovation project. **Passed to 2nd Reading**
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant award from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in the amount of \$9,021,670 to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account which represents their reimbursement for the War Memorial Project.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the FY2007 Firefighting Equipment Grant funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$28,400 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to be used to allow the City to purchase equipment such as hand-held power lights, turn-out gear, lightweight hoses and replacement batteries and chargers for various pieces of equipment.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$20,121.40 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account; the City has received this grant, as additional reimbursement, for training performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).

## ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the Historical Commission's recommendation for the consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Two of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Mayor Reeves on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the recommendations for changes to the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance and the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Order, submitted by the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Committee and endorsed by the Historical Commission. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Three of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Sullivan on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]
5. That the City Council go on record in opposition to House Bill 847 An Act to Streamline Chapter 91 License Applications and Coastal Planning. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Sullivan on Order Number Sixteen of Mar 5, 2007. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Davis on Mar 19, 2007.]
6. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
7. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007.]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. 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.]

10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Feb 13, 2007 to consider proposed amendments to the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance Chapter 6 entitled Animal Control Regulations, to provide rules for off-leash areas. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Apr 23, 2007. **Referred to Policy Order #6 and Committee Report #6**
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a loan order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$600,000 to continue the Harvard Square Enhancements Project. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2007. **Loan Order Adopted 9-0**
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a loan order requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow \$7,910,000 to continue sewer projects in the Harvard Square, Cherry Street/South Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridgeport, and Western Avenue areas of the City. The question comes on adoption on or after May 21, 2007. **Loan Order Adopted 9-0**

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cheapo Records Inc., requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 538 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
2. An application was received from President and Fellows of Harvard College, requesting modifications of an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 6-8 Everett Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from neighborhood association.
3. An application was received from CVS/Pharmacy #240, requesting permission for two tables and two chairs to display merchandise in front of premises numbered 1426 Massachusetts Avenue.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jack Reardon, transmitting thanks for the resolution passed on behalf of his sister Cathy Boyle.
2. A communication was received from Joseph O. Robinson, transmitting deep gratitude to the City Council for the sympathy resolution on the death of his mother.
3. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, regarding the City Council resolution of support for increasing the FY 08 state budget for environmental health services.
4. A communication was received from Barbara Broussard, President, The East Cambridge Planning Team, transmitting support to the Constellation Center proposed zoning ordinance amendment.
5. A communication was received from Horace A. Judson, President, Grambling State University, acknowledging receipt of the City Council resolution sent to the family of the late Eddie G. Robinson.
6. A communication was received from Department of Transportation, transmitting a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement Written Reevaluation and Record of Decision on Airside Improvements Planning Project Centerfield Taxiway at Logan International Airport.

7. A communication was received from Marcus Stern, regarding the Animal Control Ordinance.
8. A communication was received from Phyllis Kutt, regarding Fort Washington Dog Park.
9. A communication was received from Gaylen Morgan and Paul W. Guglietti, transmitting opposition to proposed bans on choke and prong collars in off leash dog areas in Cambridge.
10. A communication was received from Margaret A. Lynch, regarding proposed changes to the Animal Control Ordinance.
11. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding collectivism rules in Mass.
12. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding deja vu all over again.
13. A communication was received from Mark G. Vangel, regarding concerns about the proposed amendments to section 6.04.040 off leash areas.
14. A communication was received from Monica Strauss, regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 6 of the City Ordinances, Rules for off leash areas, specifically c. 04.040.
15. A communication was received from Philip R. Fenstermacher, regarding the student labor movement at Harvard.
16. A communication was received from Jill Geiser, transmitting opposition to the proposed city ordinance that limits the number of dogs a person can have in a Cambridge park to three.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Marc Breslow for his work as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN). Councillor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Ann T. Donahue. Councillor Sullivan
3. Congratulations to the 2007 Cambridge Scholarship Award recipients. Mayor Reeves
4. Resolution on the death of Harold James Travers Sr. Councillor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the death of Marjorie C. (Donovan) Joyce. Vice Mayor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Leo E. Chiasson. Councillor Galluccio
7. Congratulations to Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Charles Ogletree and Clark Abt on receiving the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Cambridge College. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves
8. Resolution on the death of Joseph A. Curtin. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
9. Congratulations to Father Walter Carreiro on his appointment as Pastor of Saint Anthony's Church. Vice Mayor Toomey
10. Congratulations to Lynn Brown, Timothy O'Connor and Joanne Cleary on being selected as the 2007-2008 James B. Conant Fellows. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves
11. Resolution on the death of Alice M. (Smith) Millen. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
12. Thanks to Lynn Landon for her work as Assistant Director at the Agassiz Neighborhood Council and wish her well in her relocation. Councillor Davis
13. Congratulations to Robin Chase, cofounder of Zipcar, on her new venture GoLoco which contributes to "green" efforts in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
14. Congratulations to Bonnie Johnston on receiving the 2007 Massachusetts Public Health Nurse Award on May 10, 2007 from the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses. Councillor Davis
15. Congratulations to Doane Perry on his exhibition of photographs showing at the Greek Institute from May 13-June 8, 2007. Councillor Davis
16. Resolution on the death of Catherine Stainken Horn. Councillor Sullivan
17. Resolution on the death of Theresa Frances (Mazza) Laffey. Councillor Sullivan.
18. Retirement of Mary Diggins from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Simmons
19. Retirement of Grace Darling from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Simmons
20. Retirement of Judith Siemen from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Simmons
21. Retirement of Margaret Materazzo from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Simmons
22. Retirement of Richard F. Shea from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Reeves
23. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Brian Botello. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Corporal Michael Pursel. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Private Katie Soenksen. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Private First Class David Kirkpatrick. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Walter O'Haire. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Specialist Astor Sunsín-Pineda. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jay-D Ornsby-Adkins. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Corporal Matthew Alexander. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Corporal Anthony Bradshaw. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Corporal Willie Celestine Jr. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alexander Funcheon. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Specialist Kelly Grothe. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Nicholas Riehl. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Private Cole Spencer. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Specialist Eddie Tamez. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Larry Guyton. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Sameer Rateb. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Ryan Jones. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Vincenzo Romeo. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Specialist Matthew Bolar. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Christopher Hamlin. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Glenn Hicks Jr. Councillor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Specialist Dan Nguyen. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Corporal Christopher Degiovine. Councillor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jason Harkins. Councillor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Felix Gonzalez-Iraheta. Councillor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Johnathan Kirk. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Coby Schwab. Councillor Decker
51. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Peter Woodall. Councillor Decker
52. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Travis Manion. Councillor Decker
53. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Colby Umbrell. Councillor Decker
54. Resolution on the death of Specialist Robert Dixon. Councillor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Adam Loggins. Councillor Decker
56. Resolution on the death of Sergeant William Callahan. Councillor Decker
57. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Joel Lewis. Councillor Decker
58. Resolution on the death of Specialist Andrew Weiss. Councillor Decker
59. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael Hullender. Councillor Decker
60. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jay Martin. Councillor Decker
61. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Norman Tollett. Councillor Decker
62. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Virgill Martinez. Councillor Decker
63. Resolution on the death of Corporal Charles Palmer II. Councillor Decker
64. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Christopher Kiernan. Councillor Decker
65. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Kenneth Mack. Councillor Decker
66. City Council support of the 4th Annual Golf Classic hosted by the Cambridge Grid Iron Club on June 15, 2007. Vice Mayor Toomey
67. Resolution on the death of Eugene F. Pomfret. Vice Mayor Toomey
68. Resolution on the death of Mary M. (Conlon) Mullen. Councillor Galluccio
69. Resolution on the death of Marion J. (Quirk) Regan. Councillor Galluccio

70. Congratulations to Rosalie Anders on receiving the 2007 GoGreen Employee Award. Councillor Davis
71. Congratulations to John Bolduc on receiving the 2007 GoGreen City Employee Award. Councillor Davis
72. Retirement of Yvonne Gittens from MIT. Mayor Reeves
73. Commendation to Sandra Salmon for assisting a local teen stranded in New York. Mayor Reeves
74. Congratulations to Cesar Villalobos, Founder/Artistic Director of Inca Son, on being named the 2007 Distinguished Arts Educator of Music by the Massachusetts Alliance for Higher Education. Mayor Reeves
75. Congratulations to the Cambridge Arts Association on their successful 10th Annual national Prize Show which features over 1300 artists from every state in the United States. Mayor Reeves
76. Welcome to Reverend Doctor Marilyn Weekes to the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church. Mayor Reeves
77. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the 28th Annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival on Sunday, June 10, 2007. Mayor Reeves
78. Retirement of Thomas Maynard from the Department of Public Works. Mayor Reeves
79. Speedy recovery wishes to Dick Dooley. Councillor Sullivan
80. Best wishes to Eastern Mountain Sports on the occasion of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new Harvard Square store at One Brattle Square on May 18, 2007. Councillor Sullivan
81. Congratulations to Just-A-Start on the fifteenth graduation of the Cambridge Biomedical Careers Program. Councillor Sullivan
82. Best wishes to Boston City Councillor Jerry McDermott in his future endeavors. Councillor Galluccio
83. Congratulations to Bea Harvey on being recognized by the Women's Heritage Project as a woman who has made Cambridge history. Councillor Sullivan
84. Resolution on the death of Frances Ann (Donagher) Holian. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
85. Retirement of Nancy Ray Wright from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Reeves
86. Retirement of Gloria Shih from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Reeves
87. Retirement of Susan Dias from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Reeves
88. Retirement of William Mantone from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Reeves
89. Resolution on the death of Reginald "Reggie" Souza Jr. Councillor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Toomey
90. Resolution on the death of John Morgan. Councillor Sullivan
91. Declare May 27 as annual Rachel Carson Day in Cambridge. Councillor Davis, Councillor Sullivan
92. Resolution on the death of Josephine Muolo. Vice Mayor Toomey
93. Resolution on the death of Dowe M. Warren. Mayor Reeves
94. Congratulations to Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray and his wife Tammy on the arrival of their second child, Katherine Murray. Councillor Sullivan
95. Congratulations to the Cambridge Office of Workforce Development and the Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA) on their successful Union Apprenticeship Fair on May 9, 2007. Councillor Galluccio
96. Urge residents to pause on Memorial Day to pay tribute to our nation's defenders, living and deceased, for their service to the country. Councillor Decker
97. Congratulations to Cathy Hoffman on receiving an honorary degree from the Episcopal Divinity School. Councillor Decker
98. Happy 85th Birthday wishes to Gertrude Lancer. Councillor Decker
99. Thanks to all who planned Cambridge's involvement and presence in the BIO 2007 Conference on May 6-9, 2007. Mayor Reeves
100. Congratulations to Chris Griffen on his recent emergence as a movie star. Mayor Reeves
101. Thanks to MIT President Susan Hockfield and the planning committee for the 2007 MIT Senior Luncheon. Mayor Reeves
102. Congratulations to the Sons of Allen of St. Paul AME Church on the occasion of their 2007 annual Oratorical Program. Mayor Reeves
103. Congratulations to Ben Greffe on his graduation from Rochester Institute of Technology. Mayor Reeves
104. Congratulations to Bethune Kelley on the purchase of her new home. Mayor Reeves
105. Congratulations to Roxanne Grant and Ben Leff on their upcoming wedding. Mayor Reeves
106. Congratulations to the Cambridge Community Chorus on their performance of Felix Mendelssohn's Oratorical "Elijah." Mayor Reeves
107. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Fazal Chowdry. Mayor Reeves
108. Declare June 2nd Peace Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Reeves, Councillor Decker
109. Congratulations to the Senior Class Officers and members of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Class of 2007. Mayor Reeves
110. Resolution on the death of Carolina C. "Carla" (Petrosillo) Tauro. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan
111. Resolution on the death of Edward Sciarappa. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
112. Resolution on the death of Helen (Lewis) Saunders. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
113. Resolution on the death of Doris M. (Miller) Roberts. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves
114. Resolution on the death of Joseph Patrick Tagliente. Councillor Sullivan
115. Resolution on the death of Violet I. (Green) Jackson. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves
116. Resolution on the death of Joseph L. Devaney. Councillor Sullivan
117. Resolution on the death of Lillian M. (McGowan) Hartigan. Councillor Sullivan
118. Resolution on the death of Joanne (Hill) Monahan. Councillor Sullivan
119. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Sullivan
120. Thanks to Father Tsehai Birhanu for his contributions in sustaining the spiritual and cultural lives of the Ethiopian community in Cambridge. Councillor Galluccio
121. Congratulations to the recipients of the Department of Public Works Commissioner's Awards. Vice Mayor Toomey
122. Congratulations to Noble Laureate Toni Morrison on receiving the Radcliffe Institute medal at the Radcliffe Institute Annual Luncheon. Mayor Reeves
123. Congratulations to Shawn and Emer Murphy on the birth of their daughter Emily Rita Murphy on May 11, 2007. Councillor Galluccio
124. Congratulations to Frederick (Ricky) and Evelyn Kantor on the birth of their son Jai Francisco Kantor on May 8, 2007. Councillor Galluccio
125. Resolution on the death of Kathryn (Kneeland) Furlong. Councillor Galluccio
126. Resolution on the death of William D. O'Leary. Councillor Galluccio
127. Speedy recovery wishes to Larry Clinton. Councillor Sullivan

128. Resolution honoring the members of Saint Paul AME Church who have achieved 80 years of age. Mayor Reeves

129. Congratulations to the recipients of the Cambridge Historical Commission's Eleventh Annual Preservation Recognition Program. Councillor Sullivan

#### ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate personnel to determine what pedestrians need, possibly clearer signalization, to encourage pedestrians to be more compliant with signals. Councillor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to devise a public information campaign to inform the public of requirements and opportunities for disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs. Councillor Davis
3. That this City Council request that Harvard University work through the Office of the President to work with Boston officials to protect the taxi stand at the Harvard Business School for Cambridge taxis as a matter of fairness. Councillor Galluccio
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on measures being taken to calm traffic on Middlesex Street and make it as safe as possible for residents dealing with the impact of traffic due to the Walden Street bridge construction and report back to the City Council as soon as possible. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Galluccio
5. That the City Manager is requested to take all necessary steps to ensure the removal of the significant debris along the railroad property near Belmont and Holworthy Streets. Councillor Galluccio
6. That the City Council hereby discharge the Ordinance Committee of the proposed amendments to Section 6.04.040 - Leash Exempt Areas - Off-leash Dog Areas and refer it to Committee Report Number Six for discussion in connection with said report and that proposed amendments to Section 6.04.045 Dogs - Leash Exempt Areas - Fresh Pond Reservation shall remain in the Ordinance Committee. Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Murphy
7. That the City Manager is requested to arrange a joint meeting with the School Department and the neighbors, the Police Department, and DPW to assure that the empty Graham & Parks School does not become a source of problems for its neighbors once again this summer. Councillor Davis **Amended**
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to determine whether there is a possible risk factor due to companies within Cambridge that may be storing chemicals similar to or as dangerous as the materials that caused the Danvers explosion and confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council on the procedure and restrictions on delivering such chemicals. Vice Mayor Toomey **Amended**
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Legal Department to compare and contrast Open Space versus Green Space and whether or not Joan Lorentz Park can be changed from Green Space to Open Space. Vice Mayor Toomey
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Parks Department and the Police Department to discuss the vandalism of trees in Danehy Park and report back to the City Council on measures that will be taken to prevent further vandalism. Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Sullivan
11. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of Pat Tauro. Vice Mayor Toomey
12. City Council support of the petition opposing the hanging of commercial banners over Mount Auburn Street and that the City Manager direct the City Solicitor to determine whether amendments to 12.08.050 of the Municipal Code are required to achieve the result desired by the petition, and, if so, to draft a

proposed amendment for the City Council's consideration. Mayor Reeves **Amended**

13. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of John Pasquarello. Councillor Galluccio
14. That the City Manager is requested to contact Greg Russ, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, to request that the Housing Authority consult with the tenant council to arrange a plaque and small ceremony to dedicate the Corcoran Park Community Garden to Lorna Gilmore, longtime guardian spirit, and caretaker of the garden. Councillor Galluccio
15. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how to make Tyler Court clearly defined as it crosses the Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk, to possibly include lowering the grade of Tyler Court so that it is below the sidewalk, thus creating a typical sidewalk, curb cut, street intersection most common when streets and sidewalks intersect. Councillor Kelley
16. That the City Manager is requested to determine who owns the vacant land located next to the Route 1 on ramp adjacent to the Millers River and who is a relevant contact point relative to the possibility of a BMX trail at that location. Councillor Kelley
17. That the City Manager is requested to create a multi-department working group to review the issue of how to visually improve the several entrance portals of the city such as River Street, Boylston Street, Broadway and Third, Massachusetts Avenue, Route 2, etc. The group should also consider expanded signage and whether or not Kendall Square should have significant signage related to biotech. Mayor Reeves
18. That the City Manager is requested to inform the City Council on thoughts to upgrading the current Reverse 911 system to a Web-based system similar to the Connect Ed system that is currently used by the Cambridge Public School system. Mayor Reeves
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assessor's Office on developing a process in which real estate tax payers can get earlier estimated information about their real estate increases and thereby have more ample time to appeal increased assessments about which they do not agree. Mayor Reeves
20. That this City Council go on record asking Harvard University to endorse the demands of the Security Officers employed by Allied Barton at Harvard University and that contractors hired by Harvard University uphold the fair employment standards established for other non-security workers at Harvard University. Councillor Murphy and Councillor Decker
21. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of York Street in honor of Alexander Lowry. Councillor Sullivan
22. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate staff to determine the feasibility of traffic calming modifications for Whittemore Avenue and Columbus Avenue. Councillor Sullivan
23. That the City Manager is requested to contact W.R. Grace to request that the Grace Company request that employees drive courteously, obey speed laws and respect the neighborhood that they are in. Councillor Sullivan
24. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to evaluate the intersection of Route 16 and Whittemore Avenue with the view in mind of extending the hours during which a left turn into Whittemore is prohibited to encompass 3:00pm to 8:00pm and to confer with the Police Commissioner with the view of enforcement of the left turn prohibition at the corner of Whittemore and Route 16, the stop required by the stop sign on the corner of Kimball Street and Columbus Avenue, and more speed limit enforcement on Whittemore Avenue and Columbus Avenue. Councillor Sullivan
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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 14, 2007 relative to the Water Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2008 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$17,898,685. **Approved 9-0**
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 9, 2007 relative to the Public Investment Fund for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2008 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$11,538,660. **Approved 9-0**
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Veterans Committee, for a public hearing held on Mar 6, 2007 to discuss the transition of returning veterans including the discussion of developing a "Welcome Home package."
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a public hearing held on Apr 11, 2007 to discuss the state of workers in Cambridge and an update on organized labor.
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on Apr 26, 2007 to continue discussion on a proposed amendment to Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code, Animal Control Regulations, regarding rules for off-leash areas. **Passed to 2nd Reading**

#### HEARING SCHEDULE

##### Mon, May 21

- 4:00pm 2007 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Tues, May 22

- 4:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss regulations relating to a proposed generator installation on Revere Street, adjacent to housing in a residential area and will receive a follow up on NSTAR outages. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, May 23

- 4:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting for a facilitated discussion to enable the City Council to develop a shared vision

for Cambridge's youth centers and youth programming. (Longfellow Hall, Room 225, 13 Appian Way)

##### Thurs, May 24

- 5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition by the Constellation Charitable Foundation to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge in Section 13.42 and 13.43 under Article 13.000, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 13.40, PUD-3 Development Controls. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 4

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

##### Tues, June 5

- 6:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss citywide neighborhood issues and a presentation on community participation by Marian Darlington-Hope. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Wed, June 6

- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from Craig H. Appel et al., requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge in Section 4.34 Office and Laboratory Use and Section 4.40 Footnotes. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from Felicia Cott et al., requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge by changing the area bounded by the centerlines of Broadway, Hancock Street, Harvard Street and Lee Street from Residence C-1 district to Residence B district. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 6:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code entitled "Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulation, Chapter 5.52 Hotel Worker Retention Ordinance." (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 11

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

##### Wed, June 13

- 5:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities will conduct a public meeting to discuss Building Code revisions on green buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 18

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

##### Wed, June 20

- 9:30am Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee meeting (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:00pm Ordinance Committee meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, June 25

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

##### Tues, June 26

- 2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update from the Cambridge Health Alliance on current projects. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### Mon, July 30

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

##### Mon, Sept 10

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

##### Mon, Sept 17

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

##### Mon, Sept 24

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

#### TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is an excessive and dangerous amount of jaywalking at the Holyoke Street/Center crosswalk; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate personnel to determine what pedestrians need, possibly clearer signalization, to encourage pedestrians to be more compliant with signals.

O-2 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to devise a public information campaign to inform the public of

requirements and opportunities for disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

O-3 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Boston Hackney have begun to eliminate a Cambridge taxi stand at the Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Business School relied on Cambridge taxis for many years because Boston taxis did not travel heavily in this section of Allston with its proximity to Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Now as Allston becomes more active, Boston Hackney drivers, through a Boston regulation, are seeking to take this from Cambridge taxis and punish Cambridge taxis who pick up at this stand; and

WHEREAS: This stand is private and on Harvard property; and

WHEREAS: There is a clear issue of fairness in allowing Cambridge taxis to continue to serve this stand; and

WHEREAS: There will be plenty of work in Allston for Boston taxis over the coming years; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and Boston taxis should respect one another as should their respective policing and regulatory agencies as their is an unavoidable civil interaction that is relied upon by both communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council request that Harvard University, through the Office of the President, work with Boston officials to protect this stand for Cambridge taxis as a matter of fairness.

O-4 May 21, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: There have been numerous concerns regarding speeding traffic on Middlesex Street and a dangerous corner at the intersection of Pemberton and Middlesex Streets; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on measures to calm traffic on Middlesex Street and make it as safe as possible for residents dealing with the impact of traffic due to the Walden Street bridge construction and report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

O-5 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take all necessary steps to ensure the removal of the significant debris along the railroad property near Belmont and Holworthy Streets.

O-6 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby discharge the Ordinance Committee of the proposed amendments to Section 6.04.040 - Leash Exempt Areas - Off-leash Dog Areas and refer said petition to Committee Report Number Six for discussion in connection with said report; and be it further

ORDERED: That proposed amendments to Section 6.04.045 Dogs - Leash Exempt Areas - Fresh Pond Reservation shall remain in the Ordinance Committee.

O-7 May 21, 2007 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Graham & Parks School on Upton Street is not now in use and the grounds around the school need to be maintained, especially the playground; and

WHEREAS: Last summer there were many complaints to the Police Department about activities in, around and behind the school; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange a joint meeting with the School Department and the

neighbors, the Police Department, and DPW to assure that the empty Graham & Parks School does not become a source of problems for its neighbors once again this summer; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to implement a clean-up and interim landscape upgrade around the school as soon as possible; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council with a timeline for determining the future use of the building, after consultation with the School Committee and on the activities above; and be it further

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is directed to forward this order to the Police Department.**

O-8 May 21, 2007 **Amended**

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There has been recent concern over the license to store chemicals in populated areas of the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to determine whether there is a possible risk factor due to companies within Cambridge that may be storing chemicals similar to or as dangerous as the materials that caused the Danvers explosion, and to report back to the City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council on the procedure and restrictions on delivering such chemicals; and be it further

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the level of information that can be made available to the general public on chemicals transported, used and stored in our City; and be it further**

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on whether the Fire Department can issue a permit in advance of the License Commission's granting a license for hazardous material storage and, if so, what effect the permit has in advance of the license's being granted.**

O-9 May 21, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There are legal and technical differences in designating an area Green Space versus designating an area Open Space; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Legal Department to compare and contrast Open Space versus Green Space and whether or not Joan Lorentz Park can be changed from Green Space to Open Space.

O-10 May 21, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Trees have recently been destroyed by late night vandals at Danehy Park; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Parks Department and the Police Department to discuss the vandalism of trees in Danehy Park and report back to the City Council on measures that will be taken to prevent further vandalism.

O-11 May 21, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location to be named in honor of Pat Tauro; and be it further

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

O-12 May 21, 2007 **Amended**

MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City Council is in receipt of an attached petition signed by registered voters in opposition to commercial banners along Mount Auburn Street; and

WHEREAS: The City Council go on record supporting the petition opposing the hanging of commercial banners over Mount Auburn Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to determine whether amendments to 12.08.050 of the Municipal Code are required to achieve the result desired by the petition, and, if so, to draft a proposed amendment for the City Council's consideration **or to recommend another method of meeting the desired end of no banners posted in the Mount Auburn neighborhood and its environs; and be it further**

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the process by which banners are installed in non-commercial areas.**

O-13 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in honor of John Pasquarello; and be it further

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

O-14 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact Greg Russ, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, to request that the Housing Authority consult with the tenant council to arrange a plaque and small ceremony to dedicate the Corcoran Park Community Garden to Lorna Gilmore, longtime guardian spirit, and caretaker of the garden.

O-15 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Recent development along Tyler Court in North Cambridge is likely to increase vehicular traffic over that city street; and

WHEREAS: Tyler Court crosses the sidewalk along Massachusetts Avenue with no differentiation between sidewalk and street; and

WHEREAS: The buildings bordering the sidewalk and Tyler Court dramatically limit visibility both for motorists coming from Tyler Court onto Massachusetts Avenue and for pedestrians crossing Tyler Court; and

WHEREAS: The sidewalk as it crosses Tyler Court as currently planned will be indistinguishable from the rest of the sidewalk as it fronts Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: This portion of the Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk is heavily utilized by both pedestrians and young cyclists; and

WHEREAS: The combination of a lack of clear sight lines both into and out of Tyler Court, an increase in vehicular traffic along Tyler Court and the lack of a clear delineation of where the sidewalk stops and Tyler Court begins, is likely to result in more motorist/pedestrian and motorist/cyclist conflicts; and

WHEREAS: These conflicts would be less likely if the delineation between the sidewalk and Tyler Court were made clearer so that pedestrians would better understand that they were crossing a city street and motorists would better understand that Tyler Court intersects with a busy sidewalk at this location; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how to make Tyler Court clearly defined as it crosses the Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk, to possibly include lowering the grade of Tyler Court so that it is below the sidewalk, thus creating a typical sidewalk, curb cut, street intersection most common when streets and sidewalks intersect; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine if the work at the Tyler Court, to include improvements at the Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk in this area, could properly be expected to be paid for by the developer of the adjacent condominium complex that will generate most of the new traffic.

O-16 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: BMX bicycle riding is a sport that is uniquely suited to relative small urban fringe areas; and

WHEREAS: BMX bicycle riding is a popular sport that could bring people to Cambridge from throughout the Boston area; and

WHEREAS: There are few places to ride BMX trails in the greater-Boston area; and

WHEREAS: There is a piece of vacant land located next to the Route 1 on-ramp adjacent to the Millers River that may be well-suited to creating a BMX ride park; and

WHEREAS: With the permission of the land owner, a BMX ride park could be created on this land with little help from Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine who owns the vacant land located next to the Route 1 on ramp adjacent to the Millers River and who a relevant contact point is; and be it further

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

O-17 May 21, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create a multi-department working group to review the issue of how to visually improve the several entrance portals of the city such as River Street, Boylston Street, Broadway and Third, Massachusetts Avenue, Route 2, etc. The group should also consider expanded signage and whether or not Kendall Square should have significant signage related to biotech.

O-18 May 21, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council on thoughts to upgrading the current Reverse 911 system to a Web-based system similar to the Connect Ed system that is currently used by the Cambridge Public School system.

O-19 May 21, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assessor's Office on developing a process in which real estate tax payers can get earlier estimated information about their real estate increases and thereby have more ample time to appeal increased assessments about which they do not agree.

O-20 May 21, 2007

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long prided itself on its commitment to fair labor standards and the welfare of all who live and work here; and

WHEREAS: Security Officers employed by Allied Barton provide an essential service to Harvard University and the community at large during these uncertain and violent times on university campuses; and

WHEREAS: These same Security Officers are struggling to make ends meet while living in the poorest communities in Cambridge and the surrounding area, availing themselves of public services to subsidize the inadequate wages and inconsistent work schedules provided by Allied Barton; and

WHEREAS: Other service workers on the Harvard University campus, such as janitors and dining hall workers who are employed both directly by Harvard University and through



contractors, enjoy fair wages, fair grievance procedures, consistent work schedules and safe, sanitary workplaces afforded them by collective bargaining agreements negotiated with Harvard University and its contractors; and

WHEREAS: The demands of the newly formed union remain modest, asking for only fair wages, steady full-time work, fair procedures, and recognition of union membership for all non-management workers; and

WHEREAS: Security Officers are a valued part of the workforce and are no less essential to Harvard University than other service workers; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University students independently demonstrated their support of security officers' efforts to achieve parity with other service workers by placing their health at risk during a hunger strike that lasted nine days; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University has recognized its responsibility to ensure fair compensation through its own Committee on Employment and Contracting Policies and through the standards set in recent negotiations with other service workers on campus; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University has the power and legal standing to intervene in the negotiations of its contractors in order to ensure fair employment standards for all workers employed at Harvard University; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record asking Harvard University to endorse the demands of the Security Officers employed by Allied Barton at Harvard University; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record asking that contractors hired by Harvard University uphold the fair employment standards established for other non-security workers at Harvard University; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Harvard University, Allied Barton Security, and SEIU 615 on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-21 May 21, 2007  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of York Street in honor of Alexander Lowry; and be it further

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

O-22 May 21, 2007  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate staff to determine the feasibility of traffic calming modifications for Whittemore Avenue and Columbus Avenue.

O-23 May 21, 2007  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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O-25 May 21, 2007  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record thanking Senator Tolman for his leadership in supporting CASPAR in the Senate budget; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-26 May 21, 2007  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Highway Department has not been responsive in returning City phone calls for a meeting regarding abutters concerns of the Walden Street Bridge construction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts Highway Department to work with the City on scheduling a meeting with abutters regarding their concerns of the Walden Street Bridge construction; 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 Highway Department on behalf of the entire City Council.

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VICE MAYOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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