

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-40, regarding a report on the safety of nuclear reactors in Cambridge.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-43, regarding a report on plans for maintaining service at Lechmere Station through the construction and how long the Green Line will be impacted due to these upgrades.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-46, regarding a report on the creation of a plan to reduce overall pedestrian crossing distance of the highway to the relocated Lechmere Station.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable without power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2011: Kimberly S. Cambria
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-53, regarding a report on way to make the Follen Street/Little Concord Avenue intersection safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-42, regarding a report on visual materials to accompany the Zoning Ordinance.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative a response to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-48, regarding a report on how the City can prepare for heat waves and the opportunities to help low-income resident acquire air conditioners.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-44, regarding a report on increasing lighting in municipal parking lots in Central Square and on whether those lots can be converted to a meter system.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-54, report on the feasibility of allowing businesses to apply for an active loading zone permit that would cover all major shopping holidays.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-05, regarding a report on Enterprise Rental parking cars on the City sidewalk.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-12, regarding a report on any foreseeable tax revenue implications of Vertex's decision to leave Cambridge.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to information regarding Information Technology (IT), which was requested at the Information Technology Department (ITD) Budget Hearing.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-57, regarding the hybrid cab program.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to appropriation of a Clean Air & Mobility Grant for \$150,000 funded through the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to the Grant Fund License Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the hybrid cab conversion program as well as the appropriation of \$30,000 from excess departmental license revenues to the Grant Fund License Other Ordinary Maintenance account to satisfy the required city match for the Grant for a total of \$180,000.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to dedicated funding for GLBT Commission activities.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-02, regarding a report on tax treatment of health benefits for couples in same sex marriages.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Order Number Four of May 16, 2011.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to ask 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. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Davis on Order Number Fourteen of May 16, 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. 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.]
9. 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

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
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 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.

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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. An application was received from HSA Corporation, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 30 JFK Street.
2. An application was received from Evoo Za, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 350 Third Street.
3. An application was received from Taste of Cambridge, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing its celebration on June 23, 2011.
4. An application was received from India Pavilion, requesting permission for five awnings at the premises numbered 17 Central Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy Anniversary wishes to Councillor Craig Kelley and his wife Hope Kelley. Councillor Reeves
2. Resolution on the death of Louis Silva. Councillor Toomey

3. Congratulations to Father Roland on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
4. Retirement of Francis Savard from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
5. Retirement of Silvana Cornelio from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of Frank Tuccinardi. Mayor Maher
7. Retirement of Edward Brady from the Police Department. Mayor Maher
8. Retirement of Robert Dudley from the Water Department. Mayor Maher
9. Congratulations to Dr. David Osler, Dr. Hilary Worthen and Dr. Erika Fellingner on receiving The Art of Healing Award from the Alliance Foundation for Community Health. Vice Mayor Davis
10. Congratulations to the Margaret Fuller House on receiving a \$5,000.00 grant from the Cambridge Savings Bank. Mayor Maher
11. Congratulations to Holly Aldrich, Chris Low, Eva Moseley, Carolyn Turk, Sion Chamber and Ms. Caitlin O'Donnell and the students of the First Grade Classroom 108 of the Fletcher Maynard Academy for winning the Peace and Justice Awards. Mayor Maher, Councillor Simmons
12. Condolences to Joe Dolan on the death of his father. Mayor Maher
13. Congratulations to the North Cambridge Senior Center on their 25 years of service to the seniors of North Cambridge. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Decker
14. Congratulations to Dr. Marian Darlington Hope on being the Keynote Speaker at the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awards on June 12, 2011 at the YWCA. Councillor Simmons
15. Resolution on the death of Martina M. Lavoie. Mayor Maher
16. Resolution on the death of Gerald W. White. Mayor Maher
17. Congratulations to Emma Faulkner Child on receiving her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Vice Mayor Davis
18. Congratulations to Jason and Kjersti Rosen on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for their repair and renovations at 41 Magnolia Avenue. Councillor Decker
19. Congratulations to Larry and Anna Nathanson on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for their overall exterior renovations at 3 Gray Gardens East. Councillor Decker
20. Congratulations to Florence E. Thompson on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for the porch restoration at 14 Leonard Avenue. Councillor Decker
21. Congratulations to MIT on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for their restoration of the former Arthur D. Little headquarters at 30 Memorial Drive and their demonstration of restoration techniques for the 1915 windows of its Main Group. Councillor Decker
22. Congratulations to Martin Hill and Lauren Harder on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for the overall exterior renovations at 298 Harvard Street. Councillor Decker
23. Congratulations to Elizabeth and Philip Loughlin on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for the overall exterior renovations at 157 Brattle Street. Councillor Decker
24. Congratulations to Ryan Guthrie for receiving the Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Anthony C. Platt Award for restoration of an 1891 Queen Anne-style house in the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District. Councillor Decker
25. Congratulations to Homeowner's Rehab on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for the renovation and conversion to affordable housing at 95-97 Pine Street. Councillor Decker
26. Welcome Verastem, Inc. to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
27. Congratulations to Cambridge-based Heading Home for their successful fundraiser on May 5, 2011. Mayor Maher
28. Congratulations and thanks to Abuchi Agu, Michael McKeown, Pasang Lhamo, Sofie Karasek, Robel Phillipos and Cheyenne Jones for their involvement and membership to the Kids' Council Youth Involvement Subcommittee. Mayor Maher
29. Congratulations to Carl Barron on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for storefront improvements to 552-560 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Decker
30. Congratulations to Robert Schlager on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for signage created for Cambridge Discovery Park. Councillor Decker
31. Congratulations to Michael Simon and Mohan Singh on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for storefront improvements at 17-21 Central Square. Councillor Decker
32. Congratulations to JDS Development LLC on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program award for overall exterior renovations at 135 and 137 Fifth Street. Councillor Decker
33. Congratulations to Heidi Feinstein on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for storefront improvements at 765 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Decker
34. Congratulations to Jamme Chantler on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for storefront improvements at 524 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Decker
35. Congratulations to MIT on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for their building 2 window pilot study. Councillor Decker
36. Congratulations to Terry Delancey on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for signage at 20 Sacramento Street. Councillor Decker
37. Congratulations to Robert Schlager on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate

of Merit for interpretive signage at Cambridge Discovery Park. Councillor Decker

38. Congratulations to Jose Mateo on receiving a Cambridge Preservation Recognition Program Certificate of Merit for accessibility improvements to 400 Harvard Street. Councillor Decker
39. Retirement of Mary Ann Cusak from the School Department. Councillor Toomey
40. Retirement of Sharon A. Hester from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Toomey
41. Retirement of Helen Fitts from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Toomey
42. Welcome wishes to the Walt Disney Company on their new office in East Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
43. Congratulations to Father Farrell on the occasion of his first Mass at St. Mary's Church. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested confer with the appropriate staff on the possibility of emulating the San Francisco Yellow Page ban in Cambridge and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, June 13, 2011, be changed to a Roundtable discussion with the Planning Board. Mayor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of allowing a ONE hour off-leash window at Longfellow Park, as a means to regulate what is already happening and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to ensure that Cambridge participates in Global Entrepreneurship Week 2011. Councillor Cheung
5. That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of Jobs with Justice, the Cambridge El-Salvador Sister City Committee and the Salvadoran community in their efforts to persuade TIFF to separate from Pacific Rim and shares their opposition to local shareholders investing their money in a corporation whose practice has led to violations of environmental and human rights. Councillor Decker
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Postmaster and report back to the City Council on the future plans for the East Cambridge Post Office. Councillor Toomey
7. That the Mayor is requested to ask members of the Cambridge Climate Emergency Action Group to report back to the City Council by the end of June 2011 on the activities and findings of Climate Change Week along with any recommendations for future City efforts. Councillor Seidel
8. That the City Manager is requested to ask the Community Development Department to install bicycle racks at One Broadway. Councillor Seidel
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct Public Works, the Pole and Conduit Commission and the Electrical Department to work with the utility companies to remove the unsightly older poles safely and efficiently and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for public hearings held on May 4, 2011, May 11, 2011 and May 12, 2011 relative to the General Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2012 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$439,008,170.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 11, 2011 relative to the Water Fund Budget for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2012 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$14,902,620.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Finance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 11, 2011 relative to the Public Investment Fund for the City of Cambridge for Fiscal Year 2012 and recommending adoption of the budget in the amount of \$11,613,225.
4. 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 hearing on Apr 6, 2011 and a follow-up public meeting on May 17, 2011 to consider a petition to amend the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance filed by Novartis Institute for BioMedical Research, joined by M.I.T. as land owner, to allow for the creation of a new Special District 15 along a portion of Massachusetts Avenue between Albany Street and Windsor Street opposite the location of the Novartis main campus at the former Necco Building.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

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)

Wed, June 22

6:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting with the Civic Unity Advisory Committee to receive and discuss information from the Police Commissioner regarding CPD training relative to recommendations from the Cambridge Review Committee. (Ackermann Room)

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 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the City of San Francisco has or is about to ban the delivery of the Yellow Pages to homes where they have not been requested; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has made many requests for allowing residents to opt out of the Yellow Pages; and

WHEREAS: The model in San Francisco seems to have found a means to make the banning a reality over a three year period; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested confer with the appropriate staff on the possibility of emulating the San Francisco Yellow Page ban in Cambridge and to report back to the City Council.

O-2 May 23, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, June 13, 2011, be changed to a Roundtable discussion with the Planning Board.

O-3 May 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Residents in the Harvard Square area have expressed interest in allowing off-leash play for dogs from 4:30-5:30pm at Longfellow Park; and

WHEREAS: The closest off-leash park is in Danehy Park which is a car drive away for residents living near Longfellow; and

WHEREAS: Many residents already allow for their dogs to exercise unleashed, without any reported accidents or incidents although admittedly this action is currently against the law; and

WHEREAS: Most dog owners who use Longfellow Park are respectful to other users, leashing dogs when children are around, picking up after their pets, and reporting any disturbances that might occur; 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 allowing a ONE hour off-leash window at Longfellow Park, as

a means to regulate what is already happening and report back to the City Council.

O-4 May 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Global Entrepreneurship Week 2011 will be held Nov 14-20, spurring new ideas, ingenuity and firm creation through local, national and global activities; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of activities in more than 100 countries will teach the power of entrepreneurship by showcasing creativity and innovative thinking; and

WHEREAS: An initiative of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Global Entrepreneurship Week will connect people through activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters. Students, educators, entrepreneurs, business leaders, employees, non-profit leaders, government officials and others will participate in wide-ranging activities that include virtual and face-to-face events, large-scale competitions and intimate networking events; and

WHEREAS: Global Entrepreneurship Week has grown into a worldwide movement that educates millions about entrepreneurship and the personal and professional fulfillment of starting your own enterprise. Global Entrepreneurship Week promotes innovation, creativity, job creation and economic growth; and

WHEREAS: In the U.S. last year, 1,313 partners hosted 3,286 activities with 445,896 participants. This November, all 50 states are expected to be represented again as plans for local activities continue to unfold in colleges, high schools, government agencies, entrepreneurial support organizations and communities everywhere; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to ensure that Cambridge participates in Global Entrepreneurship Week 2011 and report back to the City Council.

O-5 May 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Cambridge has had a 25 year long sister city relationship with San Jose Las Flores in El Salvador since its repopulation in June of 1986; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has continued its sistering in these years through organizing delegations of teachers, students, health promoters, city officials, clergy; offering technical and material support; sponsoring resolutions to address relevant political concerns, with the participation of the Cambridge Salvadoran community and has received the inspiration and modeling of the people of San Jose Las Flores including education and materials which have made their way into Cambridge classrooms and are the origin of Cambridge curricula about Central America and peacemaking; and

WHEREAS: In the 25 years of its existence as an organized, conscious community, San Jose Las Flores has achieved many successes including collective access to ownership of land and houses of the community, the creation of a series of cooperatives (cattle, weaving, sewing, dairy, baking, tourism, agriculture), a fully operative health clinic which provides prevention and interventive care to every member of the community and the surrounding areas, an educational system K-12 with fully accredited teachers, a thriving church community with a convent and lay leadership and the continued commitment to a consciousness of communal wellbeing for all peoples; and

WHEREAS: One of the great threats to San José las Flores has been the attempt by U.S. and Canadian mining companies to explore for gold in El Salvador, a practice which has wreaked environmental and human disaster in neighboring countries; and

WHEREAS: In 2005, Pacific Rim Mining Corporation was granted an exploratory permit for a potential gold mining project and

began drilling in the department of Cabañas, El Salvador, however, due to pressure from a successful campaign of local environmental and community activists, the Salvadoran government decided not to grant the company a permit to mine in El Salvador; and

WHEREAS: The Pacific Rim Mining Corporation is now suing the country of El Salvador for \$177 million under the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), "profit infringement" due to the fact that they were denied a permit to build a mine; and

WHEREAS: A gold mine would have devastating effects on the department of Cabañas, such as harming the local agriculture business and contaminating the community's main water supply with high levels of cyanide, making it both undrinkable for the people and unfit for farming; and

WHEREAS: Three prominent anti-mining activists have been murdered since Pacific Rim Mining Corporation entered El Salvador: Ramiro Rivera, who was gunned down in Cabañas, Marcelo Rivera, whose body was found with clear signs of torture, and Dora Recinos Sorto, who was shot and killed, along with her unborn child; and

WHEREAS: The Pacific Rim Mining Corporation has multiple shareholders from the United States, including three in Boston, which are Credit Suisse, Colombia Management Group, and The Investment Fund for Foundations (TIFF); and

WHEREAS: TIFF, which is located in Cambridge and is a fund which serves non-profits, has been approached by Jobs With Justice to divest from Pacific Rim and so far has refused to do so; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Sister City Project, Centro Presente and the Salvadoran community intend to visit the offices again to press for their divestment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council expresses its gravest concern with the practices of Pacific Rim and the lawsuit that the Pacific Rim Mining Corporation has waged against the people of El Salvador; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of Jobs with Justice, the Cambridge El-Salvador Sister City Committee and the Salvadoran community in their efforts to persuade TIFF to separate from Pacific Rim and shares their opposition to local shareholders investing their money in a corporation whose practice has led to violations of environmental and human rights; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to notify TIFF about their concern and their support for the efforts of community and Cambridge sister cities to achieve an outcome which respects human rights.

O-6 May 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Renovations at the East Cambridge Post Office have caused some confusion over the future of the East Cambridge Post Office branch; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Postmaster and report back to the City Council on the future plans for the East Cambridge Post Office.

O-7 May 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to being a leader on environmental issues; and

WHEREAS: This commitment has been demonstrated through a variety of activities and initiatives, one of which being the Climate Congress sessions held from Dec 2009-Mar 2010; and

WHEREAS: A group of concerned Climate Congress delegates formed the Cambridge Climate Emergency Action Group (CCEAG) to carry on the work of the Climate Congress; and

WHEREAS: The CCEAG most recently organized and sponsored "Climate Change Week," whose events were held May 13-21, 2011 in venues across the City; and

WHEREAS: Climate Change Week included activities focusing on issues of sustainability, energy efficiency, urban gardening, effects of climate change, transportation, green consumption as well as a film festival and concert; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to ask members of the Cambridge Climate Emergency Action Group to report back to the City Council by the end of June 2011 on the activities and findings of Climate Change Week along with any recommendations for future City efforts.

O-8 May 23, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: One Broadway houses the Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC); and

WHEREAS: People who work at CIC often commute by bicycle; and

WHEREAS: The CIC has also sponsored a bike share program; and

WHEREAS: It would be innovative to help support people who commute by bicycle; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: NSTAR and Verizon share responsibility for managing poles throughout the city. Typically, NSTAR electric own the wires that are at the top of the pole, Verizon own the second highest wire and Comcast & fire alarm own the lowest hanging wires on these poles; and

WHEREAS: Poles are typically replaced when the poles themselves begin to rot, or when the various lines need to be elevated or relocated as to avoid tree conflicts. The process associated with replacement is to place the new pole immediately adjacent to the older one, and have the various utilities switch from one pole to the other starting with NSTAR Electric, then moving down the pole to Verizon and finally Comcast and fire alarm; and

WHEREAS: Constituents are concerned about this process, given the additional space occupied by the second pole on the street, the unsightly appearance of the additional pole and the extent of time it typically takes for the utilities to complete this work. In some cases this process can take upwards of two years; and

WHEREAS: There is no reason why the before mentioned process should take longer than a year. The utility companies need to coordinator and stream line their efforts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to direct the appropriate department heads to work with the utility companies to ensure that all pole wire transfers are completed in a quick and efficient manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct Public Works, the Pole and Conduit Commission and the Electrical Department to work with the utility companies to remove the unsightly older poles safely and efficiently and report back to the City Council.