

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various donations for \$500 to the Grant Fund Human Rights Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the annual Fair Housing Month student poster and essay contest.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$40,000 from the Water Fund Salary and Wages account to the Water Fund Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs and lump sum settlement for the remainder of the fiscal year for personnel injured in the performance of their duties.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Boston Foundation Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support the Area IV Late Night Basketball Program.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Community Transformation Grant in the amount of \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account (\$10,000) and to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$20,000). This grant is funded through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MPDH) to complete a community safety audit project as part of the Community Transformation Grant.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-60, regarding a report on making raffle license information and the process available online.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-62, regarding a report on how the waiting list for community gardens works.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of funds within the Race to the Top Grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$38,158.00 from the School Grant Fund Travel and Training account to the School Grant Fund Salaries and Wages account to cover the higher than anticipated costs for curriculum alignment work and for trainings that were provided in-house rather than through contractors which also increased the need for funds in the Salary and Wages account.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of

Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]

3. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Forest City transmitting expanded shadow studies for the proposed Forest City Project on Massachusetts Avenue.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to Elaine DeRosa on being selected as one of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's Unsung Heroines of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Catherine Zusy on being selected as one of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's Unsung Heroines of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Cheung
3. Happy 83rd Birthday wishes to Helen Murrell. Vice Mayor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Judith J. Melanson. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of John S. "Sonny" Gentile Jr. Councillor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of Helen C. (Lowry) Dwyer. Councillor Decker
7. Happy 96th Birthday wishes to Reverend Monsignor Paul McManus and congratulations on his 70th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to Ricardo Millien on receiving the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America. Mayor Davis
9. Thanks to the Cambridge Public Health Department/Cambridge Health Alliance for sponsoring Hoops 'N' Health on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves
10. Congratulations to The Men's Health League for its supporting role in the Hoops 'N' Health event on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves
11. Thanks to the Harvard University and President Drew Gilpin Faust for its support of the Hoops 'N' Health event on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves

12. Congratulations to the Men of Color Healthy Task Force for its support of the Hoops 'N' Health event on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves
13. Thanks to Richard Harding for his contributions to the 19th Anniversary of the Hoops 'N' Health event on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves
14. Thanks to MIT and President L. Rafael Reif for their support for the Hoops 'N' Health on event on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves
15. Congratulations to Baby U on the occasion of its sixth graduating class on June 9, 2012. Councillor Reeves
16. Congratulations to the Cambridge Department of Human Services for its supporting role in the Hoops 'N' Health event on June 16, 2012. Councillor Reeves
17. Congratulations to the Central Square Business Association and Robin Lapidus on the occasion of the 2012 Taste of Cambridge event. Councillor Reeves
18. Urge all residents to participate in the 2012 Taste of Cambridge event on June 12, 2012 in University Park Common. Councillor Reeves
19. Speedy recovery wishes to Jacqueline Tynes. Vice Mayor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Estelle Disch whose photography is being used for the front cover of a new book being published in India and Australia by Spinifex Press. Vice Mayor Simmons
21. Resolution on the death of Lovell Dyett. Councillor Reeves
22. Resolution on the death of Robert I. Winters. Councillor Maher, Mayor Davis
23. Resolution on the death of Claire E. (Largenton) Conrad. Councillor Maher
24. Congratulations to Mohannad Malak on receiving the Cambridge Taxi Driver of the Year Award. Mayor Davis
25. Congratulations to City Councillor Leland Cheung on the occasion of his graduations from Harvard University and MIT. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Simmons and Councillor vanBeuzekom.
26. Congratulation to Lwin Mateo Lopez who marched and played the trumpet at the City of Cambridge Memorial Parade and Observance. Councillor Reeves
27. Thanks to Avi Chomsky for participating in a panel discussion at the event "The True Cost of Energy: Coal" hosted by Councillor Decker. Councillor Decker
28. Thanks to Drew Grande for participating in a panel discussion at the event "The True Cost of Energy: Coal" hosted by Councillor Decker. Councillor Decker
29. Thanks to Eric Grunebaum for participating in a panel discussion at the event "The True Cost of Energy: Coal" hosted by Councillor Decker. Councillor Decker
30. Thanks to Pat Gozemba for participating in a panel discussion at the event "The True Cost of Energy: Coal" hosted by Councillor Decker. Councillor Decker
31. Congratulations to Lynn Vierra and how2heroes on the opening of their new studio test kitchen. Councillor Toomey
32. Congratulations to All Star Pizza Bar on the opening of their location in Inman Square. Councillor Toomey
33. Thanks to Marilyn Gagalis and the Cambridge Public Library for their effort in making the event "The True Cost of Energy: Coal" hosted by Councillor Decker a great success. Councillor Decker
34. Congratulations to John Palfrey and Urs Gasser on their recent book entitled "Interop." Councillor Reeves
35. Congratulations to the Cambridge Historical Society on their recent spring benefit to celebrate how Cambridge changed America as the center of innovation. Councillor Cheung
36. Congratulations to Peter Gregson and the New England Conservatory Concert organizers for their excellent and success concert. Councillor Cheung
37. Congratulations to Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professional Association New England on their 14th Annual Conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. Councillor Cheung
38. Welcome Reverend Al Sharpton and Reverend Melvin E. Wilson to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with a view in mind of changing the "Traffic Regulations in Appendix D, City of Cambridge - Traffic Department Parking Ticket Violations - Schedule 13 by striking out the penalty fee of \$30.00 and inserting in place thereof the fee of \$5.00 as it relates to Section 16.7 entitled" Street Cleaning. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and discuss increasing patrols aimed at preventing graffiti in the Wellington Harrington and East Cambridge area. Councillor Toomey
3. That the Assistant to the City Council is requested to work with the Cohen Family and designate an appropriate location to mark the site of Lechmere Sales with a commemorative plaque. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to meet with NSTAR company officials to find out what maintenance and replacement plans exist for the transformers and electrical systems that serve the city. Councillor vanBeuzekom and Councillor Toomey
5. The Cambridge City Council go on record committing its support to the peaceful resolution of the conflict and the implementation of a sustainable peace in northern Mali and throughout the region. Councillor Reeves
6. That the City Manager is requested confer with the appropriate departments to apply for grants from the Department of Labor which will provide job training and skills development services. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works on the feasibility of repaving Avon Street and Shepard Street between Walker and Garden Streets. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on the cost, user price, and payback period if Cambridge were to build its own

broadband network and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung

9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on the cost analysis of credit card meters and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with MIT and the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of acquiring the abandoned lot at the corner of Watson and Brookline Streets owned by MIT and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ascertain how the potential increase in student loan rates might impact Cambridge students and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
12. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department to ascertain if automated external defibrillators can be utilized in police cars responding to emergencies. Councillor Cheung
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and commissions on the feasibility of expanding the Danehy Park pilot program which allows barbecuing at parks and other public spaces to other parks across Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
14. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority on the issue of scheduling their meetings at the same time as regularly scheduled City Council meetings. Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of an ordinance proposal that will incentivize more developers to create green roofs and a plan for permitting them. Councillor Cheung
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to look into the feasibility of providing a map of long term parking spots for rental on the city website and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung
17. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate city departments regarding one way traffic on Lexington Avenue. Councillor Maher

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Councillor Minka vanBeuzekom, Chair of the Environment Committee for a public meeting held on Apr 24, 2012 to discuss water conservation and energy efficiency as it pertains to the treatment and distribution of Cambridge's water and associated costs.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Patricia A. Berry, Executive Secretary to the School Committee, transmitting a copy of an order from the School Committee requesting clarification from the City on how the City's 5-year financial plan will impact the School District's building renovation plan passed as part of the Innovation Agenda.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, June 4**

- 1:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to consider ideas for the best long term community use of the Foundry Works Building. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, June 5**

- 10:00am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to review the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority's relationship with the city, how the CRA was set up and who is the CRA's governing body. (Ackermann Room)
- 12:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss putting university educational study content on the public access channel. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 2:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss creating a Smarter City using Information and Innovation Technology. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, June 6**

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the petition from the Planning Board to rezone the North Massachusetts Avenue area. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map for an area along North Massachusetts Avenue in the vicinity of Trolley Square and Linear Park from Business A-2 to Residence C-2B. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 11**

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

##### **Tues, June 12**

- 4:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss planning and outreach regarding the digital divide. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 18**

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

##### **Mon, June 25**

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

##### **Tues, June 26**

- 5:00pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss open space throughout the City. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, June 27**

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on the petition of Forest City/MIT to amend the Zoning Ordinance by extending the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District from Green Street out to Massachusetts Avenue in the area adjacent to Blanche Street and further to provide for the potential development of a residential building on Sidney Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Green Street. (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 24**

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

##### **Mon, Oct 1**

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

##### **Mon, Oct 15**

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

**Mon, Oct 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with a view in mind of changing the "Traffic Regulations in Appendix D, City of Cambridge - Traffic Department Parking Ticket Violations - Schedule 13 by striking out the penalty fee of \$30.00 and inserting in place thereof the fee of \$5.00 as it relates to Section 16.7 entitled" Street Cleaning.

O-2 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there has been an increase in graffiti in the Wellington Harrington and East Cambridge area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and discuss increasing patrols aimed at preventing this activity.

O-3 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: As Kendall Square currently is making history as a hub of innovation, Lechmere Square has its own history of innovation; and

WHEREAS: Lechmere Sales was a family owned Cambridge business that was truly innovative in its day; and

WHEREAS: The Cohen brothers, Maurice, Norman, and Phillip were true entrepreneurs that change the way consumers bought and were exposed to electronics, appliances, and the latest technology; and

WHEREAS: Lechmere Sales was a cornerstone of the East Cambridge landscape for many decades and through their marketing gimmicks such as 22 cent cherry pies on Washington's Birthday, "Lechmere Night at the Circus", and spring "picnic sales", the Cohen Brothers became a part of the lives of their customers in a way that today's big box retailers cannot achieve; and

WHEREAS: The Cohen Brothers and Lechmere Sales were inducted into Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame in 2009; and

WHEREAS: Lechmere Sales should be recognized for the role they played in the lives of so many Cambridge families; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is requested to work with the Cohen Family and designate an appropriate location to mark the site of Lechmere Sales with a commemorative plaque.

O-4 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In March and May of this year residents, businesses, institutions and public services such as the Boston Fire Department's computerized 911 dispatch system and the MBTA were left without power due to substantial NSTAR electrical equipment failure.; and

WHEREAS: The March power outage resulted in a smoky four alarm-fire when a 115,000 volt 100-ton transformer/substation exploded and the "back-up transformer" also failed; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 20,000 people were without power for 4 days; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has multiple transformers, conduits, and wiring for electrical transfer; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with NSTAR company officials to find out what maintenance and replacement plans exist for the transformers and electrical systems that serve the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as to whether NSTAR is able to ensure to the greatest extent possible the continued and successful flow of the city's electrical power.

O-5 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge acknowledges the escalating conflict in northern Mali; and

WHEREAS: This conflict is endangering both the citizenry and world heritage held in the various libraries of the region; and

WHEREAS: The conflict situation in northern Mali has resulted in large numbers of refugees pouring into neighboring countries; and

WHEREAS: This conflict is having a destabilizing effect on the entire region; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge deplores the violent targeting civilians and in particular, women and girls of the region who have been victims of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge deplores the wanton destruction of ancient manuscripts held in libraries of the region; these manuscripts are a critical part of West Africa's intellectual history and thus, a significant piece of world heritage; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The Cambridge City Council go on record committing its support to the peaceful resolution of the conflict and the implementation of a sustainable peace in northern Mali and throughout the region; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to the West African Research Association, Dr. Habib Sy of the Africa Codicology Institute, and the family of Joh Camara on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been an unparalleled advocate in providing access to key benefits that support veterans who risked everything to protect our country; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Department of Labor is offering applications for approximately \$12 million in grants to provide job training and skills development services that will help an estimated 6,000 veterans move toward employment and independence; and

WHEREAS: As a partner, the Veterans' Workforce Investment Program is offering funds that will go toward skill assessments, individual job counseling, labor market information, classroom or on-the-job training, skills upgrades, placement assistance and crucial follow-up services to provide veterans with the skills they need to be confident members of the workforce; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Labor will award at least ten grants in ten states on a competitive basis to state and local workforce

investment boards, local public agencies, and nonprofit organizations, including faith based and community organizations; and  
WHEREAS: The deadline for grant applications is June 15th 2012; eligible applicants are state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies, and nonprofit organizations, including faith based and community organizations; and  
WHEREAS: Grantees must be familiar with the areas and populations to be served, and must have demonstrated that they can administer effective programs; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested confer with the appropriate departments and apply for this program.

O-7 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the condition of Avon Street and Shepard Street between Walker and Garden Street has severely deteriorated causing dangerous conditions for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists; and  
WHEREAS: Only dollops of macadam have been applied to the area after repeated CRS inquiries have been made to repave the two roads; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works on the feasibility of repaving the abovementioned roads and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-8 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The need for reliable, affordable high-speed connections to the internet in communities has become increasingly crucial to attract and cultivate jobs; and  
WHEREAS: Cities such as Chattanooga, Tennessee and Lafayette, Louisiana have found success owning and operating their own broadband network at higher connections and lower costs than relying on a single cable phone/DSL company; and  
WHEREAS: In the past, residents have expressed a strong interest in having more broadband network options available at faster speeds and affordable prices; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on the cost, user price, and payback period if Cambridge were to build its own broadband network and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-9 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: Accepting payment at parking meters via credit card was a strong topic of interest during the FY13 budget discussion; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on the cost analysis of credit card meters and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-10 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Community garden plots beautify the cityscape, produce healthy food and unite community members together in a tranquil environment; and  
WHEREAS: Given the many benefits of community gardens, it should come as no surprise that there is a growing demand for more plots in the city; and  
ORDERED: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that there is a an abandoned lot at the corner of Watson and Brookline Streets owned by MIT that could be converted into a community garden or open space; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with MIT and the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of acquiring this plot of land and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-11 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Investing in higher education has never been more important for the next generation of innovators, organizers and entrepreneurs to develop livelihoods and put their talents to use to power America's future; and  
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that interest rates on student loans could double from 3.4% to 6.8% on July 1st, which will saddle students with an additional \$1,000 of debt over the span of paying off a loan if lawmakers do not take immediate action; and  
WHEREAS: As Cambridge is a hub of higher education, the impacts of doubling student loan rates would surely devastate the college and graduate student community; and  
WHEREAS: While there is a bi-partisan consensus in Congress and the Senate that student loan interest rates should not be allowed to increase, lawmakers are at a stalemate on how to prevent this rise from occurring; and  
WHEREAS: In a 52-45 vote, Republican Senators blocked further work on the "Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act of 2012," a Democrat-sponsored bill that would extend low interest rates on federally subsidized student loans for another year and instead propose radical cuts to preventive health funds; and  
WHEREAS: Urging members of our Congressional and Senate delegation to do whatever it takes to keep student loan rates down will send a strong message that Cambridge will stand up for tomorrow's leaders to leave them in the best position possible to transition to a successful future; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City of Cambridge go on record opposing doubling student loan rates; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ascertain how this potential increase might impact Cambridge students and report back to the City Council; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this order to Congressman Michael Capuano, Congressman Ed Markey, Senator John Kerry and Senator Scott Brown on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-12 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Automated external defibrillators are designed to save cardiac arrest victims but new research finds the devices are often too far out of reach during an emergency; and  
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Boston City Council has submitted a policy order for consideration mandating that the Boston Police Department utilize automated external defibrillators in police vehicles responding to 911 calls; and  
WHEREAS: Adopting a similar policy in the City of Cambridge would allow police officers responding to life threatening emergencies the opportunity to begin caring for and treating cardiac arrest victims at critical moments before paramedics arrive; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department to ascertain if automated external defibrillators can be utilized in police cars responding to emergencies and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-13 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to beautiful, spacious parks and outdoor spaces, which allow community members to come together and enjoy the warmer months; and  
WHEREAS: Policy order O-6 (May 10, 2010) called for a proposed ordinance change to allow residents to lawfully barbeque at parks and other public spaces; and

WHEREAS: As a result, Danehy Park was selected as the site for a pilot program; and

WHEREAS: As the barbeque area at Danehy Park has been a welcome addition for family and friends of the Cambridge community, residents are requesting that barbeque pilot programs be expanded in parks across Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and commissions on the feasibility of developing similar pilot programs in parks throughout Cambridge in time for summer and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-14 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Civic participation in City Council meetings and other city-related meetings is essential in keeping local officials in touch with the feedback and concerns of citizens in order to better meet their ever-changing needs; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) holds meetings at the same time as regularly scheduled City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS: In order to encourage the maximum participation at each meeting, it has been suggested that the CRA, adjust the timing of their meetings so as not to coincide with the weekly regularly scheduled City Council meetings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority on the above mentioned issue.

O-15 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Research shows that installing green roofs improves environmental quality and lowers energy use and urban air temperatures, while providing adequate insulation; and

WHEREAS: Residents are requesting that the city look into rewording the ordinance language to allow for the installation of green roofs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department to look into the feasibility of an ordinance proposal that will incentivize more developers to create green roofs and a plan for permitting them.

O-16 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has been suggested that including a map of long term parking spots for non-residents looking to visit family members for extended periods of time on the city website would alleviate frustrations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to look into the feasibility of providing a map of long term parking spots for rental on the city website and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-17 June 4, 2012

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Several residents of Lexington Avenue (between Huron Avenue and Fresh Pond Parkway) have noticed a high volume of vehicles that drive the wrong way on their street; and

WHEREAS: The "Do Not Enter" sign at Fresh Pond Parkway is obscured by tree branches; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the appropriate city departments regarding one way traffic on Lexington Avenue.