

## RECONSIDERATION

1. 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 meeting held on Mar 25, 2010 for the purpose of discussing dividing the Health and Environment Committee into two committees, one to focus on health issues and the other on environmental and sustainability issues.

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Ronald DiGiorgio as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2010.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the green building zoning petition. [The Planning Board recommends adoption of the petition as proposed.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-66, regarding a report on semi-permeable paving.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-81, regarding broadening awareness of filing out the census.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$93,954 to the Grant Fund Community Development Salaries and Wages account and will be used to cover a portion of the salaries of existing housing planners and support staff related to the administration of the HOME Program.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Program for \$1,058,942 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to create new affordable housing (\$886,008) and to provide funding to local Community Housing Development Organizations, non-profits, (\$172,934) for program delivery costs for affordable housing projects.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Community Development Block Grant Program Income of \$6,026.81 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to support the development of affordable housing activities.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager for transfer appropriations for available balances prior to the close of the books for FY09-10.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for \$4,000.00 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries & Wages Account (\$2,000) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) to support participation in the Massachusetts Ambulance Task Force Mobilization Plan.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$300,000 Grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to the School Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account and will support the incorporation of renewable energy components into the design of the new Media and Arts Building at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High school as part of the overall renovation project.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$100,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Police Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for police personnel injured in performance of their duties.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Safe and Drug Free School and Communities Act Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security through the US Department of Education for \$49,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$13,000) and to Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$36,000) to support a Community Based Youth Diversion Program.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-65, regarding a report on how the City maintains and enforces the appropriate width of a sidewalk with outdoor restaurant seating for safe access.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-53, regarding a report on the status of the experimental rubber sidewalks. [The Department of Public Works expects to replace the rubber with concrete.]
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-61, regarding a report on the prevalence of Hepatitis B in Cambridge and on the feasibility of partnering with local institutions to conduct an annual HIV and Hepatitis testing day.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the acceptance and approval of the layout of portions of certain street in the North Point area of Cambridge.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-48, regarding a report on the status of initial funds from Lesley University for improvements to Massachusetts Avenue.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$2,600 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Electrical Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for electrical personnel injured in performance of their duties.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-73, regarding a report on whether any action is necessary by the City as it relates to affordable housing commitments at

303 Third Street as a result of the Summary Judgment by the Suffolk Superior Court.

20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Boston Properties Petition to amend the MXD District. [The Planning Board “enthusiastically” supports this zoning change which would facilitate the Broad Institute’s interest in expanding near its headquarters in Cambridge.]

#### **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. 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. City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of the referral of Order Number 15 of Dec 21, 2009, regarding increasing the amount of public information about elections while the election is in progress, to the 2010-2011 City Council. [Communications and Reports from City Officers #1 of Jan 11, 2010 Placed on 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. May 10, 2010 Councillor Kelley made a motion to take from the table motion failed 2-7-0 remains on Table.]

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. Constable bond received from Hisham S. Hegazy for approval of the surety.
2. An application was received from Lewis Beauty Salon, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 44 Prospect Street.
3. An application was received from Crimson Corner, requesting permission for a display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 1394 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from M, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1784 Massachusetts Avenue.
5. An application was received from Kendall Flower Shop, requesting permission for a display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 242 Main Street.
6. An application was received from Lawrence Phillips, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 40 Brattle Street.
7. An application was received from Cafe of India, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 52A Brattle Street.
8. An application was received from Jay Bacramia (Veritas Tutors), requesting permission for a sandwich board sign (blackboard) and a table in front of the premises numbered 1360 Massachusetts Avenue.
9. Revocation of a sign permit for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England, for the premises numbered 906

Massachusetts Avenue, issued June 28, 1982. Inspectional Services inspected property on June 1, 2010 and sign is down.

10. 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.
11. An application was received from Rachael Bankey, requesting permission for a display of merchandise in front of the premises numbered 1704 Massachusetts Avenue.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for sending the City Council resolution adopted May 3, 2010 concerning the need for a post-conviction DNA access law in Massachusetts.
2. A communication was received from Patricia DeFeudis, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution on her father, Mauro adopted at the May 10th meeting.
3. A communication was received from State Representative Alice K. Wolf, transmitting thanks for forwarding a copy of the resolution order pertaining to proposed legislation: Senate Bill 1658 relating to post-conviction DNA access.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Lawrence A. Harris. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Mildred (Horan) Leman. Mayor Maher
3. Happy 65th birthday wishes to Laura Campbell. Councillor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Carmela Falcucci. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Hans F. Loeser. Vice Mayor Davis
6. Congratulations to Jimmy Tingle on receiving his Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government. Councillor Decker
7. Congratulations to Guerline and Esnaider Joseph on the birth of their son Schnaider Joseph on May 18, 2010. Councillor Simmons
8. Speedy recovery wishes to Houllie Moultrie. Councillor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Mary Mallett. Mayor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Chester P. Dusablon. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Mary (Supranovich) Ribeiro. Councillor Toomey
12. Resolution on the death of Theresa F. (Marshall) Cyrus. Councillor Toomey
13. Congratulations to Jennifer Ford on being appointed the Principal of the Peabody School. Mayor Maher
14. Best wishes to the Cambridge Consumers’ Council on their upcoming event to recognize Shredding Day and declare July 31, 2010 as “Shredding Day in the City of Cambridge.” Mayor Maher

15. Resolution on the death of John W. "Jack" Tennis. Mayor Maher
16. Congratulations to the Church of Latter Day Saints on the opening of their Cambridge location. Councillor Toomey
17. Resolution on the death of Denise Clinton. Mayor Maher
18. Thanks to the Cambridge Special Response Team, Cambridge SWAT and the Cambridge Fire Department for their quick actions during a domestic dispute. Councillor Toomey
19. Congratulations to Angela McKensie on receiving the Rose Lipkin Award for her service to the community during the 20th Annual Cambridge Gay Pride Breakfast. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Maher
20. Congratulations to Chris Mason on being honored for his work with the GLBT community at the 20th Annual Cambridge Gay Pride Breakfast. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Maher
21. Congratulations to Reverend Alma Lesley on being honored for her community activism at the 20th Annual Cambridge Gay Pride Breakfast. Councillor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Aviva Agote and Rob Riman on the birth of their son Rafael Elias Riman. Vice Mayor Davis
23. Congratulations to Mohan Singh on his expansion of India Pavilion. Vice Mayor Davis
24. Congratulations to Beth Rubenstein on her new position as Director of Campus Planning and Development at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and thank her for her thirteen years to the City of Cambridge. Mayor Maher, Councillor Decker
25. Congratulations to the Special Olympics and TD Bank on their upcoming relay on June 14, 2010. Mayor Maher
26. Resolution on the death of Lisa Woisen. Mayor Maher
27. Congratulations to Joe Kay on his participation in the Berklee College of Music's annual habitat for Humanity trip to New Orleans. Councillor Cheung
28. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin's Girls Tennis team on its second consecutive berth in the MIAA tournament with a victory over Malden. Councillor Cheung
29. Congratulations to Joyce London Alexander on being honored by Massachusetts Lawyer's Weekly as a Diversity Hero. Councillor Cheung
30. Thanks and best wishes to Kathleen White as she retires from Oona's in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung
31. Congratulations and best wishes to the students from CRLS and members of Fair2Say as they compete for the title of Best High School Band in New England in the First Annual High School Band Brawl at Gillette Stadium. Councillor Cheung
32. Congratulations to NSTAR and MIT on their partnership to support major energy conservation and efficiency investments on the MIT campus. Vice Mayor Davis
33. Thanks to the East Cambridge Business Association and the East Cambridge Families Group on the First Annual East Cambridge Clean Up Day. Councillor Toomey
34. Congratulations to Education First (EF) on their decision to choose Cambridge as the location to expand their North

American Headquarters. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher, Councillor Seidel

35. Thanks and best wishes to Ben Hastil on his future endeavors. Councillor Decker
36. Thanks and best wishes to Amy Reniger on her future endeavors. Councillor Decker
37. Thanks to Leslie Sterlings for her dedicated public service and advocacy. Mayor Maher

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to investigate establishing a Cambridge Carbon Offset Fund to receive contributions that may be used for the purpose of reducing Cambridge greenhouse gas emissions, including the possibility of using these funds for building retrofits, planting trees, or other relevant activities. Vice Mayor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on when the traffic light at the corner of Brookline Street and Putnam Avenue will be restored. Councillor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and request that truck restrictions be enforced on Second Street and to report back to the City Council on whether diverting truck traffic to First Street is a better option. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to arrange to have trees planted in the tree holes and make improvements at City Parking Lot #8. Vice Mayor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the Cambridge City Council with the status of the Cambridge bike sharing program and with a timeline of implementation. Councillor Cheung
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and Boston Properties to report back to the Ordinance Committee of the City Council on June 9th, 2010, on whether the ground floor retail proposed by Boston Properties would be of the size and nature suitable for a grocery store, convenience store, or small foodstuffs boutique. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update on the City's tree inventory and establishment of a "volunteer corps" of citizens interested in helping maintain and update the City's tree inventory. Councillor Seidel
8. That this City Council go on record honoring San Jose Las Flores on the occasion of its 24th anniversary, and support the presence of the Sister City/City Links Youth Delegation traveling to San Jose Las Flores to celebrate the June 20th anniversary. Councillor Decker
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from going under the stands from the field of play at Russell Field. Councillor Seidel

11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the rationale of making Paine Park a dual-use park for children and for dogs. Councillor Seidel
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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on May 19, 2010 to discuss adding more bike racks to Harvard Square.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel and Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on May 11, 2010 to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance in Article 14 Mixed Use Development Cambridge Center to create a "Smart Growth Underutilized Area" in the vicinity of Broadway, Main and Ames Streets and the site of the West parking garage on Ames Street.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on May 20, 2010 to discuss the Cambridge Energy Alliance, NSTAR Energy Efficiency Plan and the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE).

### HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Mon, June 7

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a report from Boston Consulting Group on leadership and business strategies to optimize the future of Kendall Square. (Ackermann Room)  
5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, June 9

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of a petition by the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in accord with the recommendations of the Green Building Zoning Task Force to encourage energy efficient building standards in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of a proposed amendment to Section 5.28.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to expand the applicability of Section 5.28 Conversion of Non Residential Structures to Residential Use to include structures that may have been built for residential use but have been in Institutional Use for at least ten years. (Sullivan Chamber)  
6:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of a petition filed by Boston Properties to

amend the Zoning Ordinance in the MXD Zoning District in the vicinity of Broadway, Main and Ames Streets and the site of the West parking garage on Ames Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, June 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, June 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, June 16

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss community gardens, Agricultural Fair and other updates. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, June 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, June 22

5:00pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss buying local. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, June 23

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the digital divide. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, June 24

10:00am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on plans to prevent violence in the city in the summer. (First Floor Community Room, Healy Public Safety Facility, 125 Sixth Street)

#### Mon, June 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Aug 2

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

#### Tues, Aug 3

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

#### Tues, Sept 7

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Sept 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Sept 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Tues, Sept 21

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Sept 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 7, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Many individuals, companies and institutions wish to offset their carbon use (such as that generated by air travel) by contributing to worthwhile local environmental causes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate establishing a Cambridge Carbon Offset Fund to receive contributions that may be used for the purpose of reducing Cambridge greenhouse gas emissions, including the possibility of using these funds for building retrofits, planting trees, or other relevant activities; 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-2 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The traffic light at the corner of Brookline Street and Putnam Avenue was removed as part of the Brookline Street Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS: The absence of this traffic light has resulted in excessive speeding on Brookline Street; and

WHEREAS: One of the goals of the Brookline Street Reconstruction Project was to force motorists to reduce their speed when driving down Brookline Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on when the traffic light at the corner of Brookline Street and Putnam Avenue will be restored.

O-3 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and request that truck restrictions be enforced on Second Street and to report back to the City Council on whether diverting truck traffic to First Street is a better option.

O-4 June 7, 2010

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Parking Lot #8 in Central Square is very bleak and could benefit from having a few trees to provide shade and improve its appearance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to arrange to have trees planted in the tree holes and make improvements at City Parking Lot #8; 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-5 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Bicycles are a critical part of a cleaner, greener future in American transportation; and

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle emissions represent 31 percent of total carbon dioxide, 81 percent of carbon monoxide, and 49 percent of nitrogen oxides released in the U.S; and

WHEREAS: A Rodale Press survey found that Americans want to have the opportunity to bike instead of driving, with 40 percent of those surveyed saying they would commute by bike if safe facilities were available; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Boston bike sharing program that was suppose to begin in May 2010 has been postponed due to contractual issues with BIXI; and

WHEREAS: This program was supposed to eventually expand to Cambridge but now the future of said program is uncertain; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the Cambridge City Council with the status of the Cambridge bike sharing program and with a timeline of implementation.

O-6 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Before the Ordinance Committee of the City Council is a petition submitted by Boston Properties for a change in the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance that would allow them to enlarge the previously agreed upon size of a commercial building they are currently developing, at a site which was previously proposed for housing; and

WHEREAS: During the June 1st, 2010 Planning Board hearing on the proposed change to the zoning ordinance, several concerns raised by the public were described by members of the Board as 'Policy Issues' for the Council to take up; and

WHEREAS: In the past, the City has asked developers who petition to amend the zoning ordinance to provide concessions to the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Community Development Department and report back to the Ordinance Committee of the City Council on June 9th, 2010, with:

\* a draft amendment to the zoning petition which would accomplish the goals of Boston Properties, but also require Boston Properties to build housing in the vicinity, in the quantity originally proposed for the location in question; and

\* a draft amendment to the zoning petition which would require a non-binding review of the Broad expansion at the Planning Board at the appropriate juncture; and

\* a draft letter of agreement which can be set forth as a proposal to the landlord and anticipated tenant, designating a portion of the building to hosting an 'incubator' of low-cost lab space for upstart local entrepreneurs to work from, and setting aside an investment in public art at the location; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the Community Development Department and Boston Properties and to report back to the Ordinance Committee of the City Council on June 9th, 2010, on whether the ground floor retail proposed by Boston Properties would be of the size and nature suitable for a grocery store, convenience store, or small foodstuffs boutique.

O-7 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Urban Forestry Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been engaged in a tree inventory in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update on the City's tree inventory; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the DPW on establishing a "volunteer corps" of citizens interested in helping maintain and update the City's tree inventory at regular intervals under the direction of the City's arborist; and be it further

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

O-8 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: For much of the 1980's El Salvador was ravaged by a war funded by the United States and waged against poor farmers, labor organizers, priests and nuns, students, women, teachers and all who sought human rights and equity; and

WHEREAS: One of the centers for this courageous organizing was the rural department of Chalatenango and the town of San Jose Las Flores; and

WHEREAS: As a result of military incursions and bombings to carry out a policy of depopulation, residents of the area were subject to forced evacuations and conditions of life which included the burning of crops, destruction of homes and deaths of many family members; and

WHEREAS: In 1983 the Salvadoran Armed Forces destroyed San José Las Flores forcing the community's survivors to seek refuge in the hills or in refugee camps and in a camp for displaced people outside San Salvador; and

WHEREAS: In June 1986, with the support of international solidarity and church support, 120 former residents of San José Las Flores challenged the government's depopulation strategy by leaving the camp for displaced people and returning to repopulate their village, their "land of origin"; and

WHEREAS: The newly repopulated community with the leadership of the directiva set about to rebuild homes, community buildings and the church, plant crops, foster literacy through popular education, provide basic health care through health promoters and try to ensure its safety against further attacks on its citizens all in the context of military maneuvers and isolation from the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS: The residents of San Jose Las Flores (through the organizations of the church, international solidarity and CRIPDES) reached out to the city of Cambridge to support its renewed existence with the hope that international attention might

offer protection from on-going military violence (which it did, when three months after the repopulation, the Army "captured" eleven members of the community and pressure from Cambridge, in the form of telephone calls and telegrams to the Salvadoran President and a delegation, comprised mostly of lawyers, secured their release); and

WHEREAS: This relationship of a sister city between Cambridge and San Jose Las Flores, was formalized in March of 1987 to offer protection, material aid and solidarity with a concerned municipal government and community; and

WHEREAS: With the end of the war in 1992, the tasks of San Jose Las Flores turned to securing land ownership, building an infrastructure of roads, communication and basic sanitation, developing education and health, creating the means of sustainable livelihood and tackling the new challenges facing the country as a whole of unequal distribution of land, violence, diminished political/electoral access, educational inequities, and the rise of sweat shops and free trade policies which threaten agricultural life and Salvadoran self-sufficiency; 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 24 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 both preventative and intervention 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 well-being for all peoples; and

WHEREAS: San Jose Las Flores is a beacon of self-determination and the power of organizing for neighboring communities and the country; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record honoring San Jose Las Flores on the occasion of its 24th anniversary, and support the presence of the Sister City/City Links Youth Delegation traveling to Las Flores to celebrate the June 20th anniversary; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the June 2010 delegates to El Salvador on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee met on June 2, 2010 to discuss the corridor on Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard and Porter Squares; and

WHEREAS: At this meeting City departments enumerated a list of projects along this corridor; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to compile a comprehensive list of projects being undertaken by City departments, Harvard and Lesley Universities and any other organizations along the section of Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard and Porter Squares; and be it further

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

O-10 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Russell Field is used for soccer, but is designed for football; and

WHEREAS: Soccer balls sometimes go under the stands during practice and at games, forcing children to retrieve them in small and often unsafe spaces; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of erecting some form of barrier to prevent balls from going under the stands from the field of play at Russell Field.

O-11 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Paine Park is open space enjoyed by many residents in Mid-Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The neighborhood also includes many dog owners who are looking for open space to enjoy with their pets; and

WHEREAS: It is important to establish clear guidelines about use of such park spaces so that all may enjoy without risk to health or sense of safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the rationale of making Paine Park a dual-use park for children and for dogs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that appropriate signage is in place to convey current regulations regarding usage of the park by both people and by dogs.

O-12 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: In recent months a number of temporary housing structures, namely tents, have been set up in Flagstaff Park; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the ownership and oversight of the parcel of land upon which Flagstaff Park is located; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update as to the status of the tents currently set up in Flagstaff Park, including the number of such structures allowed on the site, who is residing in them, and the length of time these structures are allowed to remain on the site.

O-13 June 7, 2010

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

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

WHEREAS: Currently this fund only provides funding to those cab drivers wanting to buy new hybrid vehicles; and

WHEREAS: It is cheaper to convert a standard vehicle into a hybrid than it is to purchase a brand new one; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council with answers to the following questions:

\* 1) How much, if any is left in said fund and where is the revenue coming from?

\* 2) Has this fund been successful and what are its shortcomings?; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of extending the Hybrid Cab program to include funding for the "hybridization" of cabs, as well as continuing to provide assistance to those taxi drivers who want to purchase new hybrid vehicles.