

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$5,990 from the General Fund Library Travel and Training account to the General Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of the installation of a new HVAC compressor unit at the Central Square Library.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$25,190 from 2008 City Run Road Race receipts to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support athletic programs at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School through the Friends of Cambridge Athletics.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 from the Cambridge Public Health Commission to the Grant fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to support the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Healthcare Access Project.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$385,000 in medallion revenues to the License Commission Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide funding for the Accessible Cambridge Taxicabs (ACT) Management Program and to provide \$10,000 each to those medallion owners who convert existing medallions to hybrids or other environmentally efficient vehicles. [Note: This one-time revenue is a result of the City successfully auctioning off one accessible medallion to the highest bidder.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$85,000 from the Water Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$70,000) and from the Water Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$15,000) to the Public Investment Water Extraordinary Expenditures account to fix the 42 water fountains and 32 irrigation controls that have been vandalized.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$58,720 interest earnings to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds for ongoing maintenance and replacement plantings in Lechmere Canal Park and for landscape design consultant services.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$88,800 in tree replacement funds from Harvard University to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used for trees and potentially other streetscape enhancements along Massachusetts Avenue between Wendell and Waterhouse Streets as well as to plant tree trees in empty tree wells in areas which do not currently have 20% tree cover.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the transfer of \$6,493 within the Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant from the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account to the Emergency Communications Travel and Training account (\$2,988), Emergency Communications Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,310) and to the Emergency Communications Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$195) to support training classes for new and existing dispatch personnel in Emergency Communications and to cover the purchase of an additional license for training software.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$65,000 from the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,000), General Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$5,000), Water Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$10,000) and from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,000) to the Public Investment Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$30,000), to Public Investment Water Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$10,000) and to the Public Investment Traffic, Parking and Transportation Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$25,000) to fund the purchase and installation of new fuel pumps and fuel management system at the Department of Public Works at 147 Hampshire Street.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation of a Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the amount of \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Salary and Wages account (\$5,000) and Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) which will support training for fire personnel in the deployment and effective implementation of decontamination units assigned to our district as hospital protection units.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$26,035.10 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account received as additional reimbursement, for training performed in conjunction with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) which will cover the City's costs, which have already been incurred, for either back fill or overtime for public safety personnel who have participated in drills/trainings.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety for \$26,875 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account (\$22,875), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,000) and Travel and Training account (\$2,000) to provide funds to continue the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program that educates students in the dangers of fire and its effect on people, property, and the environment.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-77, regarding the pursuit of foreclosed properties for use as affordable housing. [Highlights: "The Housing Staff searches the legal notices on a weekly basis to track properties in foreclosure." "Cambridge has a much lower rate of petitions to foreclose than communities such as Boston, Somerville and Medford. According to CDD research in May 2007, the foreclosure filing rate in Cambridge was less than 1/5 that of Medford and less than 1/7 that of Boston. In the past 60 days, only eight properties in Cambridge have had notices to foreclose filed against them, compared to 337 in Boston. In the past six months, 39 properties in Cambridge were foreclosed, compared to 1,439 properties in Boston."]
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the authorization to further amend the loan order originally approved by the City Council on May 23, 2005 and amended on July 30, 2007 for \$2,000,000 for renovations and improvements to several City buildings. [The original \$811,000 for HVAC improvements to City Hall, Coffon Building, Senior Center, and Area IV Youth Center is increased to \$1,054,000; the original \$840,000 for Remodeling and Repairs to City Hall remains unchanged; and the original \$349,000 for Masonry Projects at City buildings is decreased to \$106,000.] **Passed to 2nd Reading**
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a reimbursement from the Mt. Auburn VFW for \$193,901 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the remaining portion of costs associated with renovating the new West Cambridge Youth and Community Center to accommodate the VFW.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General

Fund School Salary and Wages account (\$700,000) and General Fund School Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$300,000) to the School Public Investment Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover anticipated relocation costs related to the high school renovation project, which is scheduled to begin in mid-year 2009.

17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-54, regarding a report on the feasibility of installing security cameras at the Russell Field Athletic Complex.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-73, regarding a report on DeWolfe Street and traffic calming public input.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-83, regarding the City's plans for repairs, changes, or modernization efforts that may enhance the quality and safety of Clement Morgan Park.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Council meeting of June 30, 2008 be cancelled. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Maher on Order Number Nineteen of June 2, 2008.] **Order adopted 7-2, Kelley and Seidel voted NO**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Peili Patty Chen requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 480 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
2. An application was received from Scott Shuster, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 91-93 Sciarappa Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Disapproval was received from the neighborhood association and applicant's response to the disapproval is also included.
[Note: This was approved 8-1 with Kelley voting NO. The petition was reportedly not opposed by abutters or by the East Cambridge Planning Team, but Barbara Broussard of the East Cambridge Planning Team submitted a disapproval. Ms. Broussard was Councillor Kelley's campaign manager in the 2007 election. This point was not lost on some councillors when they voted 8-1 in favor of the curb cut petition. The mood was similar to a 2007 candidates forum in East Cambridge in which Ms. Broussard, while the campaign manager of one candidate, was the person in charge of most aspects of the event. Several candidates, most notably Councillors Toomey and Decker, were very agitated about this at that event.]

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Susan Glazer, transmitting thanks on behalf of the Michelson family for the resolution in memory of their father, Howard Michelson.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Elon Fyfield on being named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic Volleyball team. Councillor Toomey
2. Congratulations to Liz Walker on graduating from the YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers Class of 2008. Councillor Decker
3. Congratulations to Debra Miller on graduating from the YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers Class of 2008. Councillor Decker
4. Congratulations to Mary Bonauto on graduating from the YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers Class of 2008. Councillor Decker
5. Congratulations to Maureen Curley on graduating from the YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers Class of 2008. Councillor Decker
6. Congratulations to Sarah Abrams on graduating from the YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers Class of 2008. Councillor Decker
7. Congratulations to Father Tom Rafferty on being named Pastor of St. John's Church in Swampscott. Councillor Maher
8. Resolution on the death of Marguerite J. (Gallagher) Cruickshank. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Antonio Gil. Councillor Toomey
10. Resolution on the death of John W. Yearwood. Councillor Toomey
11. Condolences to Patricia Bradshaw and family on the death of Ivy Smith. Councillor Reeves
12. Congratulations to Kevin and Nadia Foster on the birth of their son, Kenneth Alexander Foster. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Corporal Christian Cotner. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Specialist Justin Mixon. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Kyle Norris. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Blake Evans. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Frank Gasper. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Jason Dene. Councillor Decker
19. Congratulations to Lee Pedro on her graduation from Cambridge College and Amanda Pedro on her graduation from Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School. Councillor Decker
20. Congratulations to the Margaret Fuller House on its third annual fundraiser, A Sweet Soul Supper 2008 - A Carnival Celebration. Mayor Simmons
21. Appreciation to the professionals of Gay Officers Action League of New England (GOAL/NE) for their contributions to law enforcement personnel. Mayor Simmons
22. Congratulations to Rose White and Chris Cotter on the birth of their son, Torin Sanford Cotter-White. Councillor Davis
23. Thanks to Abhi Bezbaruah for performing at the benefit concert for the Aasra Gramin Vikas Sansthan (AASRA), a non-profit group whose initiatives promote education for girls and empowerment of women in community and family planning matters in India. Councillor Seidel
24. Declare June 12, 2008 as Keir Dullea Day in the City of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Murphy
25. That the City Council recognize June 14, 2008 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day with a special tribute to Jennifer Chrisler and the Family Equality Council. Mayor Simmons
26. That the City Council recognize June 14, 2008 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day with a special tribute to Sarah S. Brannen. Mayor Simmons
27. That the City Council recognize June 14, 2008 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day with a special tribute to Libby Bouvier. Mayor Simmons

28. That the City Council recognize June 14, 2008 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day with a special tribute to Richard M. Juang. Mayor Simmons
29. That the City Council recognize June 14, 2008 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day with a special tribute to Joanne Shapiro. Mayor Simmons
30. That the Cambridge City Council honors the memory of Robert Francis Kennedy, for his work, for his courage, for his words and for his sacrifice. Councillor Seidel
31. Resolution on the death of Catherine McGowan. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
32. Resolution on the death of Dora Athanas. Councillor Maher
33. Thanking Claire Spinner for her service to Cambridge in the Finance Department and wishing her well in her new position. Councillor Davis
34. That the City Council extend a warm welcome to the participants and applaud the initiative of the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association and its many volunteers for developing this program. Mayor Simmons
35. Resolution on the death of Maria (Rodrigues) Vidinha. Councillor Toomey
36. Congratulations to Robin Brown on his graduation from School C, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on the City's policy for obtaining a replacement resident parking sticker when a resident changes cars mid-year. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Council vote during the regular meeting on June 9, 2008 to go into Executive Session to discuss Monteiro vs. City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
3. That the Cambridge City Council does hereby urge Congressional delegates to express the will of the people of Cambridge in opposing any U.S. attack on Iran. Vice Mayor Murphy and Councillor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to investigate whether Cambridge should join the Carbon Disclosure Project. Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools to advise the City Council of the appropriate section or feature for dedication in honor of William Gurry. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to urge City departments to transmit to those running outdoor summer events that they be sensitive to neighbors when setting their sound systems. Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to report on community gardens in Cambridge (how many, the number of people participating, the number of those on the waiting list) and on the opportunities for adding to the number of community gardens through the use of CPA funds and other means. Councillor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to ask the appropriate City department to clean and improve the condition of the tree holes on Pearl Street outside the Central Square Library, adding mulch or doing whatever is necessary to make them look presentable. Councillor Davis
9. That the City Manager is requested to notify the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) about the dangerous situation at the corner of Ash Street and Memorial Drive and request that the DCR post signs indicating "No Parking Here to Corner" several car lengths from Ash Street on Memorial Drive to prevent vehicles from such obstruction. Councillor Davis

10. That the City Council is requested to examine, with the purpose of developing a better understanding, the public health approach to gun violence prevention. Councillor Seidel
11. That the City Manager is requested to determine whether a residential unit can have a deed restriction placed upon it preventing that unit from ever being able to receive a Cambridge parking permit. Councillor Seidel
12. That the City Manager is requested to consider a suitable department or commission to be assigned the ongoing oversight and coordination of Sister City agreements with the support of each Mayoral Administration so as to provide a consistent and appropriate level of attention to Sister City agreements. Mayor Simmons
13. That the City Manager report to the Health and Environment Committee whether the City has become engaged in negotiations vis-a-vis water or sewer connections related to the Silver Maple Forest in Belmont and further, take no action on this matter prior to the summer meeting of the City Council. Councillor Davis, Councillor Toomey and Vice Mayor Murphy
14. That the City Manager is requested to further investigate this information and to find appropriate ways to distribute and educate the affected homeowners so they can purchase insurance before the January 2009 deadline. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher and Vice Mayor Murphy
15. That the City Manager is requested to refer to the Green Building/Zoning Task Force the issue of the urban heat island effect (the process by which asphalt and other materials retain heat) and the possibility of promoting green roofs and area plantings, among other things, to mitigate this effect. Councillor Davis
16. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the effects of the proposal to place a helipad in Boston on Cambridge. Councillor Davis
17. That the City Council go on record as supporting H.R. 6003. Councillor Davis
18. That the City Manager is requested to convene City Departments who are responsible for commercial recycling compliance, including but not limited to the License Commission, Inspectional Services Department, Department of Public Works and any other appropriate departments for the purpose of increasing said compliance. Councillor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on May 8, 2008 to conduct a preliminary discussion on the waste stream.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 10

- 1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the committee's discussion of services in Cambridge for children and their families during early childhood. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to boundaries of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District and to allow by special permit, lots within the overlay district that are zoned BC and have a contiguous portion of the lot in the adjacent residential district, underground parking and increased allowable FAR of 1.60 for hotels, to be calculated using the entire lot area. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 18

4:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss long-term open space protection for Joan Lorentz Park. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 19

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relative to housing for larger families in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 24

2:00pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on present and future plans for the arts in Harvard Square and to discuss how Harvard Square Arts organizations can be further enhanced. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 25

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition submitted by Alexandria Real Estate Equities proposing amendments in the PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD-4B Districts to the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in eastern Cambridge. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, July 1

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the committee's discussion of services in Cambridge for children and their families during early childhood. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 28

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

Mon, Sept 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 15

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting to discuss matters relevant to School Committee and City Council communication strategies. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on the City's policy for obtaining a replacement resident parking sticker when a resident changes cars mid-year.

O-2 June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A timely response to Council Order 4, dated June 2, 2008, would be the inclusion of an Executive Session discussion of Monteiro vs. City of Cambridge at the June 9, 2008 City Council meeting; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council vote during the regular meeting of the Cambridge City Council on June 9, 2008 to go into Executive Session for a discussion of Monteiro vs. City of Cambridge.

O-3 June 9, 2008

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Bush Administration and its Congressional allies are engaging in a systematic campaign to convince the American people that the Islamic republic of Iran poses an imminent threat to the American nation, American troops in the Middle East and U.S. allies; and

WHEREAS: This campaign bears a strong resemblance to that waged during the lead-up to the Iraq war and occupation, with the use of unreliable sources, exaggerated threat assessments, the selective use of information, unsubstantiated accusations about Iran's nuclear program and its supply of weapons to Iraqi forces as centerpieces of their case to the American people for aggressive action against Iran; and

WHEREAS: Iran has not threatened to attack the United States, and no compelling evidence has been presented that Iran poses a real and imminent threat to the security and safety of the United States that would justify an unprovoked unilateral pre-emptive military attack; and

WHEREAS: We support the people of Iran who are struggling for freedom and democracy, and nothing herein should be construed as supportive of their government, the Islamic Republic of Iran, but a unilateral, pre-emptive U.S. military attack on Iran could well prove counter productive to the cause of promoting freedom and democracy in that country; and

WHEREAS: A 2007 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), representing the consensus view of 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, concluded that Iran froze its nuclear weapons program in 2003, and an earlier NIE concluded that Iran's involvement in Iraq "is not likely to be a major driver of violence" there; and

WHEREAS: An attack on Iran is likely to cause untold thousands of American and Iranian casualties, lead to major economic dislocations, and threaten a much wider and more disastrous war in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS: A pre-emptive U.S. military attack on Iran would violate international law and our commitments under the U.N. Charter and further isolate the U.S. from the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS: An attack on Iran is likely to inflame hatred for the U.S. in the Middle East and elsewhere, inspire terrorism, and lessen the security of Americans locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS: The Iraq war and occupation has already cost the lives of over 4,000 American soldiers, the maiming and wounding of over 38,000 American soldiers, the death and maiming of over one million Iraqi civilians; and

WHEREAS: According to the nonpartisan National Priorities Project, the Iraq war and occupation has cost American taxpayers more than \$500 billion, and the citizens of Cambridge more than \$225 million; and

WHEREAS: Any conflict with Iran is likely to incur far greater costs and divert more precious national resources away from critical human needs in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council does hereby urge Congressional delegates to express the will of the people of Cambridge in opposing any U.S. attack on Iran, and urging the Bush administration to pursue diplomatic engagement with that nation; and
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Senator Edward Kennedy, Senator John Kerry and Representative Michael Capuano on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate whether Cambridge should join the Carbon Disclosure Project; and be it further

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

O-5 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: On Feb 14, 2000, the City Council adopted an order expressing its desire that an appropriate section of the War Memorial renovated swimming facility be dedicated in honor of William Gurry; and

WHEREAS: The renovation of the War Memorial building is expected to be completed in the fall of 2008; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Superintendent of Schools to advise the City Council of the appropriate section or feature for dedication in honor of William Gurry; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange a suitable Dedication Ceremony, after consultation with the family.

O-6 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge City departments to transmit to those running outdoor summer events that they be sensitive to neighbors when setting their sound systems.

O-7 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on community gardens in Cambridge (how many, the number of people participating, the number of those on the waiting list) and on the opportunities for adding to the number of community gardens through the use of CPA funds and other means; and be it further

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

O-8 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the appropriate City department to clean and improve the condition of the tree holes on Pearl Street outside the Central Square Library, adding mulch or doing whatever is necessary to make them look presentable.

O-9 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Vehicles parked on Memorial Drive at the corner of Ash Street obstruct the view for vehicles exiting Ash Street onto Memorial Drive; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) about the dangerous situation at the corner of Ash Street and

Memorial Drive and request that the DCR post signs indicating "No Parking Here to Corner" several car lengths from Ash Street on Memorial Drive to prevent vehicles from such obstruction.

O-10 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to examine, with the purpose of developing a better understanding, the public health approach to gun violence prevention; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council discuss appropriate venues for continued examination, which might include the Healthy Children's Task Force; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee for further consideration.

O-11 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine whether a residential unit can have a deed restriction placed upon it preventing that unit from ever being able to receive a Cambridge parking permit; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider both the case of ownership and of rental units; and be it further

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

O-12 June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a long history of developing and maintaining what are commonly known as "Sister City" agreements; and

WHEREAS: It has been incumbent on each Mayoral Administration to honor the pre-existing Sister City agreements and fund activities related to these agreements - generally without a historical context for optimal coordination; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider a suitable department or commission to be assigned the ongoing oversight and coordination of Sister City agreements with the support of each Mayoral Administration so as to provide a consistent and appropriate level of attention to Sister City agreements.

O-13 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The City Council adopted the following order on Jan 8, 2007:

"That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reconfirm Order #24 from the May 22, 2006 City Council meeting that the City Manager notify the City Council if the City becomes engaged in negotiations vis-a-vis water or sewer connections related to the area known as the Silver Maple Forest in Belmont and further consult with the Council prior to taking any action with regard to development in this area"; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the Health and Environment Committee at a meeting prior to the City Council's summer meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the subject of the City Manager's report should be development in the Silver Maple Forest and negotiations to tie into the Cambridge sewer system; and be it further

ORDERED: That no action should be taken on this matter until it can be considered at the summer meeting of the City Council.

O-14 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR MAHER

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The new FEMA flood map will affect many new households in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Home Insurance on these added homes will be dramatically changed; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that homeowners who have been added to the list can be grandfathered in to a flood insurance rate if they begin their coverage before January 2009 when the maps take effect; and

WHEREAS: The attached NFIP MAP & ZONE GRANDFATHER RULES and flow chart provide a brief description; and

WHEREAS: Only certain insurance providers participate in this program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to further investigate this information and to find appropriate ways to distribute and educate the affected homeowners so they can purchase insurance before the January 2009 deadline; and be it further

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

O-15 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to refer to the Green Building/Zoning Task Force the issue of the urban heat island effect (the process by which asphalt and other materials retain heat) and the possibility of promoting green roofs and area plantings, among other things, to mitigate this effect.

O-16 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents are sensitive to increased airplane noise; and

WHEREAS: There is a proposal to place a helipad in Boston; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the effects of this proposal on Cambridge.

O-17 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Rail transportation has the lowest carbon emissions of any mode of transportation per mile traveled for both people and freight; and

WHEREAS: H.R. 6003, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 that would reauthorize Amtrak for five years, is now before the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS: The reauthorization would provide \$14.4 billion for the rail system over the next five years, giving the system stability and allowing Amtrak to focus on long-term planning; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as supporting H.R. 6003; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts congressional delegation as soon as possible.

O-18 June 9, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene City Departments who are responsible for commercial recycling compliance, including but not limited to the License Commission, Inspectional Services Department, Department of Public Works and any other appropriate departments for the purpose of increasing said compliance.