#### CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-33, regarding a report on a plan for implementing separate trash or recycling curbside pickup for small businesses along existing curbside pickup routes. [Please be advised that I am not recommending the implementation of such a program given the cost impacts to the City.]
- 2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-66, regarding a report on monitoring designated disability parking spaces.
- 3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-37, regarding a report on installing traffic calming on Norfolk Street between Broadway and Hampshire Street.
- 4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-50, regarding a report on possibility banning the use of imidacloprid insecticide.
- 5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Agenda for Children grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from the Cambridge Agassiz Harvard Fund to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the Agenda for Children Middle School Network.
- 6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$57,270.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$4,333.33) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$52,936.67) and will be subcontracted to the Cambridge YWCA to use the funds to operate its family shelter and pay a staff person to provide housing search and stabilization services to families at the shelter.
- 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by the Cambridge Community Foundation in the amount of \$13,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$12,159) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$841) and will be used for various programs at the Community Learning Center.
- 8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center Bridge to College Program grant in the amount of \$30,617.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$25,201.00), to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,166.00), and to the Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,250.00) to provides classes and counseling in the Community Learning Center's Bridge to College program, which assists

residents in making the transition to post secondary education.

- 9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account which will support ESOL classes at the Community Learning Center by funding teacher salaries.
- 10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Models to Successfully Transition Adult Learners to Community College (MSTALCC) Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 funded by the Commonwealth Corporation through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$28,913.00), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$35,809.00), and the Travel and Training account (\$278.00) to support basic education students at Somerville Community Adult Learning Center (SCALE) and the Community Learning Center (CLC) with an interest in the sectors of healthcare and business to prepare for and enter programs in their fields in community college.
- 11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the City Run Road Race grant received from registration fees and corporate donations in the amount of \$29,520.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will primarily benefit the Friends of Cambridge Athletics, the DHSP's Special Olympics Program, the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund and to cover limited race expenses.
- 12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Shannon Grant received from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$11,900.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$9,216.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,684.00) and will be used to support the City Peace Program which is a violence prevention program through the Youth Centers that engages teens in working with their peers to address issues within the community.
- 13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program grant funded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act for \$165,068.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$3,928.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$161,140.00) which will be used to contract with Heading Home to implement the Welcome Home Program to support permanent housing for homeless families and individuals in Cambridge.
- 14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager

to transfer appropriations of available balances prior to the close of books for FY11-12.

- 15. 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 \$67,546 to the Grant Fund Community Development Salaries and Wages account which 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.
- 16. 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 \$634,230 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to create new affordable housing (\$511,296) and to provide funding to local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), non-profits, (\$122,934) for program delivery costs for affordable housing projects (required under HOME regulations).
- 17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-53, regarding a report on turning water fountains and community garden water on at the earliest possible date of the year and off at the latest possible date.
- 18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-26, regarding a report on resurfacing the courts at the Jimmy Johnson Street Hockey rink and provide lighting for the playing area.
- 19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Hazmat Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$187,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Extraordinary Equipment account to purchase testing and monitoring equipment and Hazmat suites, which will support the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Response Teams.
- 20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant Program Income of \$377,881.54 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account and is available to support the development of affordable housing activities.
- 21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Prince Hall Foundation, Inc. for \$2,000 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide maintenance and general upkeep of the Prince Hall Monument.
- 22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from NSTAR for \$102,758 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of engineering oversight work associated with the placement of an NSTAR cooling pipe system in the City

between the NSTAR substation at Terminal Road and the NSTAR Substation at Putnam Avenue.

- 23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from the Alexander W. Kemp Foundation received for the Alexander W. Kemp playground at the Cambridge Common to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance which will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the playground. to the Grant Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance.
- 24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation of a \$4,500 in donations to the Public Investment Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to support public plantings, primarily in Central Square.
- 25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-25, regarding a report on developing a process which would require developers seeking zoning relief to build a model of the area impacted by the proposed development.
- 26. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$45,000 from General Fund Employee Benefits (salary adjustment) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the estimated costs associated with the City's presence at the BIO2012 Conference which will be held at the Boston Convention Center June 18th through June 21st.
- 27. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-40, regarding a report on improper leases and rental of owned affordable housing units.
- 28. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the purchase of 53.6 acres of watershed land in Lincoln, MA, for \$1,152,247 from Community Preservation Act Open Space Reserve Fund, for the purposes of drinking water supply protection and land conservation.

# CHARTER RIGHT

- 1. That the City Manager is requested to report back on the legal process the city must follow for the sale, reuse, or lease of the space of the Foundry building at 101 Rogers Street, as well as a list of organizations that have toured the property to date while under city ownership. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Cheung on Order Number Nineteen of June 4, 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.]

- 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.]
- 6. 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. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]

# COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. A communication was received from Bill August, President, Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association transmitting comments of Cambridge Neighborhood Association Board of Directors regarding Forest City Rezoning Proposal.
- 2. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street regarding tenants installing or removing air conditioners in windows.
- 3. A communication was received from Reverend Danny DeGug, Founder of the Sunshine of the Americas Foundation regarding adopting the Amendment of Honesty.
- 4. A communication was received from John J. Long, Somerville City Clerk transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted on May 24, 2012 opposing the plan of Global Oil to transport ethanol to its facility in Chelsea by train or by any other means of land transportation, and further opposes the issuance of a Chapter 91 License to Global Oil for this purpose.

# RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Congratulations to the West Cambridge Youth Center on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- 2. Thanks to Reverend Katherine Ragsdale, President and Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School, for speaking at the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awards Ceremony on Sept 23, 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- 3. Congratulations to Les Kimbrough on being posthumously designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- 4. Congratulations to Alice Wolf on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- Congratulations to Jose Mateo on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker

- 6. Congratulations to Eva Martin Blythe on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- 7. Congratulations to Ismail Laher on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- 8. Congratulations to Bob Hurlbut on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- Congratulations to Margaret Drury on being designated one of the Cambridge Peace and Justice Awardees by the Cambridge Peace Commission. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
- 10. Congratulations to Priscilla Lee on being awarded the Second Annual Bayard Rustin Service Award. Vice Mayor Simmons
- 11. Resolution on the death of Maureen T. Quinlan. Councillor Maher
- 12. Retirement of Susan Burgess from Cadbury Commons at Cambridge. Mayor Davis
- 13. Congratulations and thanks to Florrie Wescoat and Aline Newton for creating a self-guided tour book and map of the urban forest in Cambridge entitled "Knowing the Trees of Cambridge." Councillor vanBeuzekom
- 14. Resolution on the death of Rita V. (Boyle) Sullivan. Councillor Maher
- 15. Resolution on the death of Mary V. (McLaughlin) Hassett. Councillor Maher
- 16. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Bill and Sheila King. Councillor Decker
- 17. Sending get well wishes and a speedy recovery to Kathy Trio. Councillor Toomey
- Congratulating the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Boys Volleyball Team on their North Finals victory. Councillor Toomey
- Congratulating the winners of this year's Excellence in Business Awards from the Chamber of Commerce. Councillor vanBeuzekom
- 20. Congratulating Mr. Ward Gay for returning to serve his 40th year as coach of the CRLS boys tennis team. Councillor Decker
- 21. Resolution on the retirement of Dr. Katharine Kosinski. Mayor Davis
- 22. Resolution on the retirement of Rosalie Anders. Mayor Davis

# ORDERS

1. That the City Manager Is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Commissioner, the Superintendent of Schools, and other appropriate personnel to organize a youth-focused community forum to discuss issues related to the shooting at Willow Street on June 3, 2012, to allow our young people a chance to openly communicate their concerns, grievances, and ideas directly with City officials and administrators. Vice Mayor Simmons

- 2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Commissioner and to urge him to reach out to the various stake holders in the community, including building managers, property owners, and local business owners, in an attempt to proactively address the summer violence before it has a chance to begin. Vice Mayor Simmons
- 3. That the City Council schedule a Roundtable/Working Meeting for Mon, June 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber to discuss with the City Administration, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools the order adopted by the School Committee on May 15, 2012 and transmitted to the City Council on June 4, 2012 requesting clarification on the City's Five Year financial plan and its impact of the school renovation plan. Mayor Davis
- 4. That a Task Force be formed to review Cambridge's current program to creatively encourage and maximize participation in PILOT agreements with the city, and to evaluate the possibilities of implementing SILOT (Services In Lieu of Payment) and/or GILOT (Grants In Lieu of Payment) programs. Councillor vanBeuzekom and Councillor Cheung
- 5. That the City Manager is requested to expand the number of Cambridge parks that contain playing fields so that they have public toilet facilities. Councillor vanBeuzekom
- 6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City and Harvard staff to determine who is doing what on the Cambridge Street Overpass, how through passage is being safely managed, how signage has been displayed, what the overall plans for this project are and the timing of the work and its expected completion date. Councillor Kelley
- 7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of how the City plans to maintain grade separated bikeways and keep them as free from sand, branches and other debris as the adjacent streets. Councillor Kelley
- 8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of how the locations for the three bike corrals currently in place in Cambridge were determined. Councillor Kelley
- 9. That the City Manager is requested to have appropriate City staff confer with relevant neighborhood groups, residents, businesses and property owners along Massachusetts Avenue to determine if alterations to the median strip would be appropriate and if alterations to both on-street parking spaces and the timing of meters would be desirable. Councillor Kelley
- 10. That the City Council go on record stating that Cambridge will not support inequality, discrimination and prejudice against the LGBQT community from the federal and state governments and private parties and congratulate the Attorney General and Mark C. Fleming on this huge win that ruled Section 3 of DOMA unconstitutional. Councillor Cheung
- 11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the feasibility of implementing an initiative similar to the

Boston Meter Program in Cambridge and report back to the Cambridge City Council. Councillor Cheung

- 12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and report back to the Cambridge City Council with language to adopt the local option set forth in "The Valor Act". Councillor Cheung
- 13. That the City Manager is requested to work together with the Department of Public Works to provide a process that insures that the public way is maintained when Sidewalk Obstruction Permits are renewed each year. Councillor vanBeuzekom
- 14. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the potential of installing security cameras in the Donnelly Field area and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
- 15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the License Commission, Police Commissioner, and Galleria Mall Management to rectify the disturbances and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 15, 2012 to discuss the petition of Forest City/MIT to amend the Zoning Ordinances 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.
- 2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 23, 2012 to discuss a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge by adding to Section 5.50 entitled "Special Dimensional Regulations" a section 5.54 entitled "Special Regulations for Municipal Elementary and Middle (K-8) Schools.
- 3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 23, 2012 to discuss an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on a petition filed by CJUF III Northpoint LLC to amend Article 13.700 -Planned Unit Development in the North Point Residence District.
- 4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a public hearing held on June 4, 2012 to consider ideas for the best long-term community use of the Foundry Works Building.
- 5. A communication was received from Paula Crane, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the Cable TV Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee for a public meeting held on June 5, 2012 to discuss putting university and college educational content on Cambridge's public access channels.

# HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Mon, June 11

9:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss an appropriation of \$11,917,462 from Free Cash to the General Fund Law Department Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account and to discuss changing the Traffic Regulations in Appendix D, Schedule 13 by striking out the penalty fee of \$30.00 and substitute in place the fee of \$5.00 as it relates to Section 16.7 entitled "Street Cleaning". (Ackermann Room)

# 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 to discuss with the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools how the City's Five year financial plan will impact the School District's building renovation plan. 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)

#### Thurs, June 28

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on petitions from the Planning Board to rezone the North Massachusetts Avenue area and to amend the Zoning Map for an area along Massachusetts Avenue in the vicinity of Trolley Square and Linear Park from Business A-2 to Residence C-2B. (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)

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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 11, 2012

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: Following the fatal shooting that took place on Willow Street on June 3, 2012, there is a clear need for the City to conduct hearings and public outreach to discuss what measures will be taken to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future; and
- WHEREAS: Neighborhood meetings, public safety meetings, and other forums designed to notify the public on the City's response to this tragedy, and to help foster the healing process at a community level, are essential; and
- WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that the Cambridge Police Commissioner is planning on holding a Public Safety Commission meeting to discuss this recent shooting, as well as the Cambridge Police Department's plans for keeping the community safe during the summer months, a period during which the City typically sees an uptick in violence; and
- WHEREAS: With the Willow Street shooting victims being high school students, and their friends and classmates likely be emotionally impacted in the aftermath of the shooting, concerns have been raised that the City factor this knowledge in as plans are made for these various community meetings; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Commissioner, the Superintendent of Schools, and other appropriate personnel to organize a youth-focused community forum to discuss issues related to the shooting at Willow Street on June 3, 2012, to allow our young people a chance to openly communicate their concerns, grievances, and ideas directly with City officials and administrators.

#### O-2 June 11, 2012

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Following the fatal shooting that took place on Willow Street on June 3, 2012, there is a clear need for the City to conduct hearings and public outreach to discuss what measures will be taken to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that the Cambridge Police Commissioner is planning on holding a public meeting at some point in the near future to discuss this recent shooting, as well as the Cambridge Police Department's plans for keeping the community safe during

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the summer months, a period during which the City typically sees an uptick in violence; and

- WHEREAS: In addition to inviting the people who reside in the areas that the Cambridge Police feel may be impacted by greater levels of crime and violence this summer, there are various other stake-holders, such as building managers, property owners, and local business owners who could greatly benefit by attending such a meeting and learning about the many ways they could work together, and with the Cambridge Police Department and other City partners, to proactively take steps to reduce the uptick in violence before it has a chance to begin and take hold; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Commissioner and to urge him to reach out to the various stake holders in the community, including building managers, property owners, and local business owners, in an attempt to proactively address the summer violence before it has a chance to begin.

O-3 June 11, 2012

# MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council schedule a

Roundtable/Working Meeting for Mon, June 25, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Sullivan Chamber to discuss with the City Administration, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools the order adopted by the School Committee on May 15, 2012 and transmitted to the City Council on June 4, 2012 requesting clarification on the City's Five Year financial plan and its impact of the school renovation plan.

O-4 June 11, 2012

# COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

#### COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

- WHEREAS: All nonprofit organizations are legally exempt from real estate tax for the property they own and use for exempt purposes; and
- WHEREAS: This can set up a situation in which a municipality has a large quantity of land area exempt from tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS: A land area equal to 43% of the total land area of the City of Cambridge is tax-exempt; and
- WHEREAS: The costs of essential services provided by the municipality, such as police, fire, street maintenance, and snow plowing cannot be collected on these properties; and
- WHEREAS: Some municipalities ask nonprofits to pay money or services to help cover the cost of the services that they receive from the municipalities; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge sends out a letter to nonprofit organizations requesting a donation to the city based on 26 cents per square foot of land area; and
- WHEREAS: Four nonprofit organizations, Harvard University, MIT, Cambridge Housing Authority and the Broad Institute provide the bulk of the city's Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) payments via agreements with the City; and
- WHEREAS: Other municipalities have initiated ambitious campaigns to encourage, enlist and make agreements with all non-profits owning property worth a certain value into the PILOT system; and

- WHEREAS: For example, Boston seeks to enlist into their PILOT program all non-profits owning property worth at least \$15 million by requesting payments equal to 25 percent of what the organizations' tax bill would be if they had no exemption; and
- WHEREAS: Under Boston's new PILOT program, in the first half of 2012 almost \$10 million were received, which is more than 90 percent of the total that Boston officials requested; and
- WHEREAS: The residents and business people of Cambridge are paying their fair share in property taxes and certain nonprofits may be in a position to contribute more funding for city services; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That a Task Force be formed to review Cambridge's current program to creatively encourage and maximize participation in PILOT agreements with the city, and to evaluate the possibilities of implementing SILOT (Services In Lieu of Payment) and/or GILOT (Grants In Lieu of Payment) programs; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a report on the strategies and action plans relating to this endeavor.
- O-5 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM
- WHEREAS: Many Cambridge families spend significant recreational time at our public parks; and
- WHEREAS: Many of the city's parks and playing fields have two or more sports associated with them, or have organized leagues using the facilities; and
- WHEREAS: Public restrooms are a conventional convenience for the public; and
- ORDERED: The City Council recognizes that there is annual cost for cleaning and restocking public toilets, but believes that the community demand for such public toilet facilities is significant; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to expand the number of Cambridge parks that contain playing fields so that they have public toilet facilities and report back to the City Council where and when this request will be implemented.
- O-6 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR KELLEY
- WHEREAS: The construction work at the Cambridge Street Overpass has made use of this pedestrian and cyclist passage confusing and awkward; and
- WHEREAS: This overpass is a major route for pedestrians and cyclists going to and from Harvard Square, the Main Library, CRLS, City Hall and other points in Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: It is not clear who owns the overpass, what work is being done, how the traffic flow should be managed during the work or how long the construction project will take; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City and Harvard staff to determine who is doing what on the overpass, how through passage is being safely managed, how signage has been displayed, what the overall plans for this project are and what the timing of the work and its expected completion date are; and be it further

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- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on this matter prior to the June 26, 2012 Environment Committee meeting on Open Space.
- O-7 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR KELLEY
- WHEREAS: The City has installed a number of grade separated bicycle facilities throughout Cambridge and;
- WHEREAS: The City plans to install more of these facilities in the future; and
- WHEREAS: These grade separated facilities do not get cleaned as regular on-street bike areas do, resulting in a buildup of sand an other debris in the raised bikeway that presents an unnecessary hazard to cyclists; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of how the City plans to maintain grade separated bikeways and keep them as free from sand, branches and other debris as the adjacent streets.
- O-8 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR KELLEY
- WHEREAS: The City has recently installed bike corrals in three places; and
- WHEREAS: Only one of these corrals, in Inman Square, has arguably been put in a location that encourages cyclists to utilize them for short term trips to local markets and restaurants, as had been discussed with City staff; and
- WHEREAS: Somerville puts similar bike corrals in high volume areas such as Davis Square, in front of Diesel, rather than in relatively out-of-the-way places as Cambridge has done; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation for how the locations of these bike corrals were chosen.
- O-9 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR KELLEY
- WHEREAS: The median strip in front of Pemberton Market was recently removed to allow access to and from the Southbound lane of Massachusetts Avenue; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council has, in the past, requested a review of available on-street parking for Massachusetts Avenue, to include the non-metered spaces in front of Saint John's Church, with the view of creating more on-street parking options between Beech Street and the Arlington line; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have appropriate City staff confer with relevant neighborhood groups, residents, businesses and property owners along Massachusetts Avenue to determine if any other alterations to the median strip would be appropriate and if alterations to both on-street parking spaces and the timing of meters would be desirable; 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-10 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
- WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been an unparalleled supporter of LGBTQ rights, justice and equality; and
- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that marriage equality won a huge victory as

- the First Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional; and
- WHEREAS: Section 3 of DOMA states that only a marriage between a man and a woman will be recognized for purposes of federal law; and
- WHEREAS: As the Attorney General and co-counsel to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Litigator Mark C. Fleming successfully led efforts to challenge the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals; and
- WHEREAS: Massachusetts has always been a leading advocate for repealing DOMA. In 2009, the Massachusetts Attorney General and GLAD filed challenges to DOMA, which prohibits federal recognition of marriages of samesex couples; and
- WHEREAS: DOMA imposes enormous costs in time, money, and morale for employers. With over 16,000 same-sex couples legally married in Massachusetts, (a number that increases every day), this victory is undoubtedly a step in the right direction for the county; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record stating that Cambridge will not support inequality, discrimination and prejudice against the LGBQT community from the federal and state governments and private parties and congratulate the Attorney General and Mark C. Fleming on this huge win for fairness and equality; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the order to the Massachusetts Attorney General and Mark C. Fleming on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.
- O-11 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR CHEUNG
- WHEREAS: The City Council is always looking for innovative new ideas to improve the services it provides to its residents; and
- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the City of Boston has had success with a parking meter payment program implemented last year that allows the use of pre-paid parking meter cards at 7,000 single space parking meters across the city; and
- WHEREAS: The cards are purchased online or in person at the Office of the Parking Clerk at City Hall or the City Tow Lot and are available in the following amounts: \$5, \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100; and
- WHEREAS: As it appears many of the meters in Cambridge already have slots to read such cards, introducing an initiative like the Boston Meter Program would be a straightforward way to spare residents from the hassle of always carrying quarters; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department on the feasibility of implementing an initiative similar to the Boston Meter Program in Cambridge and report back to the Cambridge City Council.
- O-12 June 11, 2012

#### COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a strong tradition of supporting veterans and military families and providing access to employment, education and services; and

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- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Governor Deval L. Patrick has signed "The Valor Act", a bill that will expand benefits and services to Massachusetts veterans and their families; and
- WHEREAS: The new law requires public colleges to award academic credit for a student's prior military training, and ensures that veterans who are charged with criminal complaints have knowledge and access to treatment programs, if eligible; and
- WHEREAS: It also calls for funds to be available to help veterans with business ventures and employment. The measure also seeks to ease the costs of housing, utilities and medical services for families of service members killed in action; and
- WHEREAS: Adopting the local option created in "The Valor Act" which allows for a property tax exemption for veterans who volunteer in their community, with a maximum credit rate equal to the minimum wage and a total exemption not exceeding \$750, would surely benefit the veteran community and the community at large; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and report back to the Cambridge City Council with language to adopt the local option set forth in "The Valor Act".
- O-13 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge provides a business-use Sidewalk Obstruction Permit for the use of tables and chairs on a sidewalk in the public way; and
- WHEREAS: The outdoor café dining that occurs as a result of this permit is of great enjoyment of the public in the warmer seasons; and
- WHEREAS: The original issuance of this permit is based on careful review of a scale drawing which incorporates where the "obstruction" will be located on the sidewalk in relation to the business premises, hydrants, and curbs; and
- WHEREAS: The location of sidewalk obstruction must meet American Disabilities Act requirements; and
- WHEREAS: A renewal of this permit states that "pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic must be protected at all times. And "pedestrian ramps, hydrants, and curbs must remain unobstructed at all times"; and
- WHEREAS: Over time, the landscape of the street shifts with the addition of parking pay stations, benches, bike racks and/or businesses inch further into the public way taking more than the space required to maintain a suitable walkway for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers; and
- WHEREAS: The City Manager responded to a 2010 Council Order with an explanation of the initial review process; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work together with the Department of Public Works to provide a process that insures that the public way is maintained when Sidewalk Obstruction Permits are renewed each year; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on this request.

#### O-14 June 11, 2012

#### COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: In response to the recent violence in the vicinity of Donnelly Field residents have expressed a desire for the installation of security cameras; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the potential of installing security cameras in the Donnelly Field area and report back to the City Council.
- O-15 June 11, 2012
- COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there has been a number of evening disturbances at Canal Park due to lines forming in anticipation of product releases at the Galleria Mall; and
- WHEREAS: Customers have been setting up tents in order to spend the night in the canal park area in anticipation of the mall opening; and
- WHEREAS: There have also been noise complaints as a result of speakers being installed in the park that are operated by the Galleria Mall; and
- WHEREAS: There is some confusion regarding ownership of the park and if speakers should be permitted; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the License Commission, Police Commissioner, and Galleria Mall Management to rectify the disturbances and report back to the City Council.