

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-60, regarding the possibilities of the Cambridge Police Department using a list of email list-servers to provide electronic communication to various neighborhoods.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-50, regarding the Police Department's existing enforcement policy for air quality related issues and exhaust opacity.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-73, regarding limitations on use of CPA funds.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-31, regarding a report on preparations for an avian flu pandemic.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-64, regarding a report on recent power outages in the Area Four neighborhood.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-36, regarding the possibility of utilizing the technology employed by the National Grid.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-78, regarding a report on the extent of flooding caused by recent rains.
8. 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 \$107,645 to the Grant Fund Community Development Salaries and Wages account (\$99,290), Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,355) and to the Grant Fund Community Development Travel and Training account (\$7,000) to be used to cover the cost of a housing planner position and a portion of support staff salaries related to the administration of the HOME Program as well as to cover the cost of training, memberships and materials.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$4,400 from the General Fund Public Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Public Library Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$25,000 in Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to support the planned construction of the Charles River Skatepark to be located in East Cambridge (in the vicinity of the Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge). [This 40,000 square foot project is being developed in collaboration with the Charles River Conservancy, the State Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Central Artery/Tunnel Project. The expenditure of City funds for this project is contingent upon the overall project being funded through donations that are being spearheaded by the Charles River Conservancy.]
11. 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 \$971,807 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to create new affordable housing (\$809,890) and to provide funding to local Community Housing Development

Organizations (CHDOs), non-profits, (\$161,917) for program delivery costs for affordable housing projects (required under HOME regulations).

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-85, regarding a report on what carbon offset is and how might the City use it.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-81, regarding a report on the partially demolished building at 56 Churchill Avenue.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$2,500 from the General Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Travel and Training account (\$1,000) and the General Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Salary and Wages account (\$1,500) to the Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of the purchase of a replacement decibel reader and calibrator which will be used to monitor the City's street performer program and sidewalk use ordinance that governs artistic performances in public spaces throughout the City.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-47, regarding a report on the number of Cambridge Housing Authority units that are not suitable for habitation.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-104, regarding the feasibility of assigning a Traffic Supervisor to the Amigos School on Kinnaird Street.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-101, 06-102 and 06-103, regarding concerns on Howard Street. [As requested, a neighborhood meeting had been scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Willis D. Moore Youth Center on Gilmore Street (next to Hoyt Field) to discuss this matter. Representatives of the City Manager's Office, Police Department, Department of Human Service Programs and the Cambridge Housing Authority will be in attendance.]

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Slater Anderson, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 12 Hollis Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, and Public Works. Disapproval has been received from the neighborhood association. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number One of June 5, 2006. - **TABLED**
2. Petition the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court to enact the attached home rule petition entitled "AN ACT TO ENABLE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS." Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Order Number Fifteen of June 5, 2006. -- **ORDER APPROVED AS AMENDED 8-1** (Kelley - NO, Decker initially ABSENT but changed to YES later in meeting.)

## AMENDED ORDER

Calendar item #2 June 12, 2006

**WHEREAS:** The City of Cambridge supports youth civic engagement through the Cambridge Kids' Council Youth Involvement Subcommittee; and

**WHEREAS:** Cambridge respects diversity among its residents and has been in the forefront of passing legislation that improves the lives of all its residents; and

**WHEREAS:** The earlier in life a habit is formed, the more likely that habit or interest will continue throughout life. We assert that young residents who are able to vote with their families and peers

in their local community are more likely to continue to vote after moving to another stage of life; and  
**WHEREAS:** Young people are taxpaying residents in Cambridge, concerned about issues of local governance, with no formal way to express themselves as a constituency; and

**WHEREAS:** Including youth as a constituency in politics in a formal manner will lead to their representation and participation in local politics; now therefore be it

**ORDERED:** That the City Council go on record petitioning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court to enact the attached home rule petition entitled "AN ACT TO ENABLE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD RESIDENTS OF CAMBRIDGE TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS."

#### **ON THE TABLE**

3. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on February 27, 2006 on Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of February 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. 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 November 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 February 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.]

5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on March 15, 2006 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Neighbors and Abutters of Blessed Sacrament (NABS)/Alan Zimlicki et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance with regard to yards, open space, parking and special permit criteria for the redevelopment of existing buildings. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 8, 2006. Petition expires June 13, 2006.

6. Proposed amendment to the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance regarding creating a Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 8, 2006. Ordinance Committee hearing held on May 31, 2006. -- **PASSED TO BE ORDAINED AS AMENDED 9-0-0 ORDINANCE #1295**

7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on April 26, 2006 for the purpose of considering a petition to rezone the Concord/Alewife area, which was re-filed by the City Council. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 29, 2006. Petition expires July 25, 2006.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding official misconduct and US law.
2. A communication was received from Florence Stanley, regarding what dog owners are allowing their dogs to do in the park on Dudley and Cedar Streets.
3. A communication was received from Alan Eckel, President, Eckel Industries, Inc., transmitting written opposition to three facets of the proposed Concord-Alewife Rezoning Petition.
4. A communication was received from Eleanor DuFour, transmitting thanks for your expression of sympathy for her mother, Agnes L.

DuFour.

5. A communication was received from Arne A. Henden, Director, The American Association of Variable Star Observers, transmitting opposition to the Tobin-Danehy Zoning Petition.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Alice J. (Haverty) Riley. Councillor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the death of George J. Williams. Councillor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of John F. McNeill. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Reverend Gerald D. Perno. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan
5. Resolution on the death of Eleanor M. (Flynn) Hodgkins. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
6. Congratulations to the Community Development Department, Cambridge Savings Bank and Just-A-Start for their accomplishments in housing programs that address the needs in Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
7. Congratulations to Genzyme on its Expression of Hope Art Exhibit. Councillor Sullivan
8. Best wishes to Susanna Walker for her dedicated service to St. Peter School. Councillor Sullivan
9. Congratulations to Michael Joyce on the occasion of the opening of his new office in Boston. Councillor Decker
10. Congratulations to Cosmo Macero, Jr. on the occasion of his new position as Vice President in the communications practice at O'Neill and Associates. Councillor Galluccio
11. Congratulations to Father Gabriel Troy on his appointment to Pastor of Saint Mary's Church. Vice Mayor Toomey
12. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Brett Tribble. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Specialist Brock Bucklin. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Benjamin Mejia. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Corporal Richard Bennett. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Captain Nathanael Doring. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Specialist Bobby West. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Captain James Funkhouser. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeremy Loveless. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Specialist Adan Garcia. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Darren Harmon. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Corporal Ryan Cummings. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Agustin J. Vega. Vice Mayor Toomey
24. Happy 40th wedding anniversary wishes and Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Paul and Dianne Chase. Mayor Reeves
25. Congratulations to Molly Struzziery on the occasion of her graduation from Hull High School. Councillor Sullivan
26. Appreciation to Robin Franz for her excellent work as Executive Director of the Central Square Business Association and best wishes in her new endeavor. Councillor Murphy

27. Congratulations to Laura Chasin on her appointment of Chair of the Board of Directors of Public Conversations Project. Councillor Davis
28. Congratulations to Cherry Muse on her appointment as Executive Director of the Public Conversation Project. Councillor Davis
29. Resolution on the death of retired City of Cambridge Fire Chief Andrew R. Murphy. Councillor Sullivan
30. Invitation for Cantabrigians to hear of the achievements and observations from the El Salvador delegation at their report-back meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. Councillor Decker
31. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Boys Tennis Team for qualifying in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Tournament. Councillor Galluccio
32. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Girls Varsity Softball Team for qualifying for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Tournament. Councillor Galluccio
33. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Boys Varsity Baseball Team for qualifying for the state tournament. Councillor Galluccio
34. Congratulations to Daniel Neczypor on being named first team All-Ivy. Councillor Galluccio
35. Resolution on the death of Marie F. (Ryan) Callahan. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
36. Resolution on the death of Jessie (Rodway) Matthews. Councillor Galluccio
37. Best wishes to Chris Kosinski on the opening of his new restaurant "East Side." Vice Mayor Toomey
38. Resolution on the death of Nancy Mae Silver. Councillor Galluccio
39. Thanks to Miss Sullivan for her dedication to Cambridge children and best wishes in her new endeavor. Councillor Sullivan
40. Thanks to all whose efforts have contributed to the emergency repairs on the magazine Pedestrian Bridge. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Davis, Mayor Reeves, Councillor Sullivan
41. Congratulations to Marina and Marguerite as they leave the Tot Lot preschool. Councillor Davis
42. Congratulations to Luciana Bozan and Matt Damon on the birth of their daughter Isabella on June 11, 2006. Councillor Decker
43. Thanks to the organizers of the Cambridge 2006 Gay Pride Celebration. Mayor Reeves
44. Happy Birthday wishes to Zelma Olivia Evelyn. Mayor Reeves
45. Thanks to Merriam Ansara for her work and contributions to Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
5. That the City Manager is requested to form a committee with the purpose of setting appropriate criteria for the naming of street corners and squares throughout the City. Vice Mayor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a status report on the order adopted by the City Council on February 27, 2006 relative to the reappointment of the special subcommittee to address the needs and conditions in Cambridge Housing Authority's state funded housing units. Councillor Galluccio
7. That as part of the work conducted by the City Council subcommittee on Human Services that the Human Services Department report back to the City Council with a one-year long visioning plan of the city's youth centers. Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Decker
8. That the Mayor work with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee to undertake an interview process utilizing whatever resources are necessary to determine what graduating seniors will be doing next year. Councillor Galluccio
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with NSTAR and the appropriate Department heads relative to service interruptions on or around Leonard Avenue. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Toomey
10. Request that the School Committee encourage the Amigos School and the King School to have a consolidated discussion on the issue of how best to address safety concerns relative to the Kinnaird Street vehicle entrance. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Murphy and Vice Mayor Toomey
11. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Assessor to report back on the status of the recommendations of the special committee on property tax. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Davis, Councillor Decker and Vice Mayor Toomey
12. Urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support the State's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Senate Bill 2516. Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Simmons
13. That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to confer with the Superintendent of Schools and the members of the School Committee to request that the City Council be provided with the number of children that are in the Cambridge School system who will be raised by grandparents. Councillor Simmons

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Commissioner of Public Works to work on a solution to alleviate the worries and inconvenience the bench in the area designated A.J. and Artis Spears Square has caused the residents of Cambridge living along Pleasant Street, Western Avenue and Auburn Street. Councillor Sullivan
2. That the City Council go on record urging Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator John Kerry to oppose the Stevens bill and any other attempt to preempt local control over video franchising decisions. Councillor Davis, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Simmons
3. Opposition to Verizon's March 16, 2006 rulemaking petition filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy regarding license application procedures. Councillor Davis, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Simmons
4. That effective July 1, 2006, notices to City administrative staff for City Council committee meetings shall be sent to the City Manager and the relevant department heads. Councillor Sullivan
1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee and Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a joint public meeting held on April 6, 2006 to discuss Cambridge owning and operating its own municipal power company.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on May 10, 2006 to discuss the proposal for WIFI and bridging the digital divide.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on May 17, 2006 to continue discussion with emphasis on a senior panel and resource fair geared to issues of concern to the senior population and its relation to neighborhoods.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance

Committee, for a meeting held on May 31, 2006 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Cambridge Municipal Code submitted by Vice Mayor Toomey, Jr. to add a new Chapter 2.123 entitled "Cambridge Commission on Immigration Rights and Citizenship." -- **SUBSTITUTE TEXT ORDAINED AS AMENDED - ORDINANCE #1295**

5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on May 31, 2006 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge in Article 20.80 - Memorial Drive Overlay District by inserting the following sentence at the end of paragraph c. of Section 20.810: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of computing lot area per dwelling unit, the provisions of Article 5.14 shall not apply."

**PASSED TO 2ND READING**

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

1. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, transmitting a communication from Kim Lundgren, Director, Northeast Regional Capacity Center, ICLEI-USA congratulating the City of Cambridge on receiving a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for diesel retrofit technology.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, June 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, June 13**

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting on the Concord/Alewife proposed zoning amendment to discuss the shopping center, with a presentation on what is possible under present zoning, what would be possible under the proposed zoning and what the owner envisions for the area. There will also be consideration of the environmental and infrastructure issues with regard to the proposed amendments. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss why there are so many outages in the Area Four Neighborhood with NSTAR. (Auditorium, 225 Windsor Street, Fletcher-Maynard Academy)

##### **Wed, June 14**

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a working meeting on Concord Alewife rezoning petition. No public comment. (Ackermann Room)

##### **Mon, June 19**

5:00pm Special Presentation - Recognition of Cambridge Savings Bank/Just-A-Start/Community Development Department Affordable Housing Partnership (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, June 21**

8:30am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue planning the Senior Fall Fair and to receive an update on the open house held on May 20, 2006 and the panel discussion on senior resources held on June 6, 2006. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss tree trimming by public utility companies, installation of traffic lights and NSTAR outages. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, June 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, June 27**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the petition received from residents requesting that Howard Street be a one way, between River Street and Howard Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Wed, June 28**

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing relative to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance Recertification. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with the City Solicitor and Community Development Department staff possible components of a draft amendment to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to limit use conversion allowances to projects in which at least 65% of the original structure is to remain intact. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Thurs, June 29**

3:30pm The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee and the Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a joint public meeting to continue discussing how the strategic planning system like that of Global Community Initiative could be utilized in Cambridge to develop and implement a shared community vision. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, July 11**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with the MBTA the issues of bus shelters, and advertising in bus shelters, bus and subway service. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, July 18**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting with the members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees to discuss issues concerning pedestrian safety, bicycle safety and traffic enforcement. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, July 25**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss jitneys. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Aug 7**

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

##### **Mon, Sept 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Sept 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Sept 25**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Oct 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Sat, Oct 21**

10:00am-2:00pm Senior Fall Fair (Sullivan Chamber, City Hall & Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Human Services Department are planning to hold a Senior Fall Fair. More details will be forthcoming as they are finalized closer to the date of this event. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Oct 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Oct 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Nov 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

## TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The City Council has learned that there have been many issues regarding the bench in the area designated A. J. and Artis Spears Square. Homeless people sleeping on the bench disrupting the neighborhood as well as children assembling around the bench at all hours of the evening; and

WHEREAS: The residents have communicated their increasing worries and fears for their safety as well as quality of life issue to the City Council; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Commissioner of Public Works to work on a solution to alleviate the worries and inconvenience this bench has caused the residents of Cambridge living along Pleasant Street, Western Avenue and Auburn Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on its findings.

O-2 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cities and towns across Massachusetts and the nation are facing a mounting attack on their existing local video franchising authority. Several bills moving through Congress would significantly alter or eviscerate the ability of local governments to enter into and enforce local cable franchise agreements, and to manage and collect fees for the use of local rights of way; and

WHEREAS: In the Senate, Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska has introduced S.2686, the Communications, Consumers' Choice and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006. While this bill purports to bring about competition and lower prices to the cable market, in reality, it preempts the very local authority that ensures that the neighborhood you live in would actually get competition and lower prices; and

WHEREAS: As currently written, the Stevens bill undermines local franchising enforcement and compliance authority, threatens local budgets, limits the benefit of broadband-video competition to a few well-to-do neighborhoods, weakens provisions that ensure video providers meet each community's needs and interests, and undermines the ability of local governments to protect their residents and respond to cable customer service complaints. While lobby industry lobbyists claim this is about competition, their business model and past practices show that it is really about profits at local government's and taxpayer's expense; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator John Kerry to oppose the Stevens bill and any other attempt to preempt local control over video franchising decisions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator John Kerry on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-3 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that on March 16, 2006, Verizon filed a rulemaking petition with the Cable Division of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE); and

WHEREAS: Verizon's petition proposes extremely unreasonable rules; and

WHEREAS: The proposed rules would require a municipality to hold a public hearing on an initial cable television license application within 60 days of the application filing, and would allow only 30 days from the time of the public hearing for the municipality to approve or disapprove the application, and issue the actual license in case of approval; and

WHEREAS: It is impossible to conclude a proper initial license application review, negotiation, license drafting and issuance within 30 days of the public hearing. Such an initial licensing time frame would be untenable in the best of circumstances, and is particularly untenable now in light of the many questions of first impression and complex issues raised by the non-standard terms and conditions commonly reported to be included in Verizon-proposed cable licenses; and

WHEREAS: The existing license timetables constitute a fair and reasonable licensing process and have worked well for decades; they should not be changed at the behest of a single proponent; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its strong opposition to Verizon's March 16, 2006 rulemaking petition filed with DET; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy to be included as a public comment in the hearing process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts legislative delegation to the State House and Governor Mitt Romney.

O-4 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That effective July 1, 2006, notices to City administrative staff for City Council committee meetings shall be sent to the City Manager and the relevant department heads, with the view that the City Manager and department heads will then invite the additional city staff they deem necessary for the meeting.

O-5 June 12, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to form a committee with the purpose of setting appropriate criteria for the naming of street corners and squares throughout the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That this Committee include the Deputy City Manager, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Veterans' Services and the Assistant to the City Council.

O-6 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a status report on the attached order adopted by the City Council on February 27, 2006 relative to the reappointment of the special subcommittee to address the needs and conditions in Cambridge Housing Authority's state funded housing units.

O-7 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That as part of the work conducted by the City Council subcommittee on Human Services that the Human Services Department report back to the City Council with a one-year long visioning plan of the city's youth centers.

O-8 June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The City Council and the School Committee will benefit for knowing where high school seniors will be next year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor work with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee to undertake an interview process utilizing whatever resources are necessary to determine what graduating seniors will be doing next year and that the same group of students be interviewed in late July or during the month of August so that the students can be given an opportunity to make definitive plans for the next year; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the same group of students be interviewed one year later to determine the outcome.

O-9 June 12, 2006  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with NSTAR and the appropriate Department heads relative to service interruptions on or around Leonard Avenue; 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 12, 2006  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting that the School Committee encourage the Amigos School and the King School to have a consolidated discussion on the issue of how best to address safety concerns relative to the Kinnaird Street vehicle entrance.

O-11 June 12, 2006  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Assessor to report back on the status of the recommendations of the special committee on property tax; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Assessor be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on trends in the commercial and property tax markets.

O-12 June 12, 2006  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support the State's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Senate Bill 2516; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 June 12, 2006  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to confer with the Superintendent of Schools and the members of the School Committee to request that the City Council be provided with the number of children that are in the Cambridge School system who will be raised by grandparents.