

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a public weigher at MICH-LIN transfer station located at 45 Mooney Street, Cambridge for the calendar year 2007: Hunter Evers
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-75, regarding a report on the City's policy on idling City vehicles.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-73, regarding a report on how bicycle racks got vandalized and how they will be kept more secure in the future.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-123 and 06-124, regarding safety conditions for pedestrians and vehicles at the Fresh Pond Mall, particularly coming from under the bridge toward New Street.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-195, regarding a report on urban design process and advertising with restrictions related to the placement of public toilets in Central Square. [The communication quotes a response from MBTA General Manager Daniel A. Grabauskas agreeing to begin a pilot program to expand public use of restrooms in the Central Square, Harvard Square, Porter Square, and Alewife T stations. In addition, the City is in final negotiations with the Salvation Army located at 328 Mass. Ave. to have their toilet facilities expanded for public use. Once the final agreements have been reached, signs will be posted indicating public restroom facilities at each location.]
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-71, regarding a report on financial support to Homeowners Rehab, Inc. to subsidize the creation and fitting out a retail and community space at Trolley Square.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-78, regarding car vandalism in East Cambridge.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-121, regarding a report on the policy of public toilets at parks and sporting events. **Referred back to City Manager for list of locations - Galluccio**
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-72, regarding a report on why NStar electric rates are higher in Cambridge than in other communities.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-74, regarding a report on implementing the new property tax exemption for National Guardsmen and Reservists.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$22,500 from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Salary and Wages account to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to provide funds for a lump sum settlement payment to employees injured in the performance of their duties.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$2,800 from General Fund Emergency Communications Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Emergency Communications Travel and Training account (judgment and damages to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Individual with Special Needs grant received from private donations for \$3,695.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to enhance the overall experience of participants in the Cambridge Special Needs Recreation program.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Byrne Grant from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety for \$75,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$58,474) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$16,526) and will support a support a range of summer employment and recreational activities for youth, including the launching of a new sports and enrichment camp for thirty middle school students and the operation of four summer leadership/employment programs for sixty teens.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$6,000 grant from the Institute for Community Health to the Department of Human Services (Cambridge Prevention Coalition) to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$2,500) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,500) and will be used to support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's Parent Navigator Program and will support a portion of the salary of the Project Coordinator, vouchers for parent participants and other related program costs.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of user fees received from Cambridge Homeless Service Provider Agencies and surrounding communities to support the Cambridge Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a citywide tracking system for homeless persons receiving services through the participating programs, in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a required authorization vote by the City Council on a contract awarded by the School Committee for Special Education Transportation Services.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request for authorization to amend the loan order approved by the City Council on May 23, 2005 for \$2,000,000 for renovations and improvements to several City buildings. **Passed to 2nd Reading**
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-49, regarding putting enforcement statistics on the website.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-64, regarding a report on the ongoing lawsuit between the parties to the joint venture for the development at North Point.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-36, regarding a report on clarifying NSTAR's policy of using variable providers.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 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. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle,

Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]

3. 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 Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the Historical Commission's recommendation for the consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Two of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Mayor Reeves on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]
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 Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the recommendations for changes to the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance and the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Order, submitted by the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Committee and endorsed by the Historical Commission. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Three of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Sullivan on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]
5. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
6. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007.]
8. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with the accident statistics for Massachusetts Avenue from Upland Road to the Arlington line from January 2005 through June of 2007, broken down by the type of accident, severity of any injuries, date of accident and location of accident. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Ten of June 4, 2007. Placed on table by Councillor Davis on June 11, 2007.]

Motion to take from the table failed 4-5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. 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.]
10. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A.

Sullivan, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 24, 2007 to discuss the petition from the Constellation Charitable Foundation to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 13.42 and 13.43 in Article 13.000, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 13.40, PUD-3 Development Controls. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 18, 2007. Planning Board Report received on June 11, 2007. Petition expires Aug 22, 2007. **Ordained 9-0. Ordinance #1307**

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from George J. Kelso, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 1350 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Rebecca's Cafe, requesting permission for tables and chairs in front of 290 Main Street.
3. An application was received from Central Square Family Dental, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 714 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. Approval of constable bond surety received from Patricia Breen.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Harold Guy Asaph, transmitting written opposition to the Cott petition.
2. A communication was received from Steven Reckhow, transmitting written opposition to the Cott petition.
3. A communication was received from James L. Watson, transmitting written opposition to the Cott petition.
4. A communication was received from Joseph Shimkas, transmitting thanks for the resolution.
5. A communication was received from Susan A. Ostrander on behalf of the Human Rights Commission, transmitting written opposition to the use of tasers in the City.
6. A communication was received from Roseann T. Bongiovanni, President of the Chelsea City Council, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Chelsea City Council naming Chelsea a "Sanctuary City".
7. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding lawless meetings.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Justin Verdeja. Councillor Decker
2. Resolution on the death of Specialist Romel Catalan. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Specialist William Crouch. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Tyler Kritz. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Keith Nepsa. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kimel Watt. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jeremiah Costello. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Shawn Dressler. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Sergeant James Akin. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Senior Airman William Newman. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Robert Surber. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Caleb Christopher. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Shawn Gajdos. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Matthew Kuglics. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Joshua Brown. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Juan Campos. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Timothy Cole, Jr. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Andrew Higgins. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Travis Atkins. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Technical Sergeant Ryan Balmer. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Greg Gagarin. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Greg Sutton. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Bruce Horner. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Will Stackman. Councillor Sullivan
25. Resolution on the death of Joseph F. O' Connor. Councillor Sullivan
26. Congratulating Mark DeRoche on pitching a perfect game for his team in Yawkey League. Vice Mayor Toomey

27. Congratulating Brad Tenney on becoming the new President of the Massachusetts Association of Contributory Retirement Systems, Inc. Councillor Decker
 28. Wishing Shawn Ivey the best of luck as he continues to serve his country over seas. Vice Mayor Toomey
 29. Congratulations to Harvard University on their Affordable Housing Project. Councillor Sullivan
 30. Congratulating Robin Harris on being honored at the fourth annual fundraiser of Tutoring Plus. Mayor Reeves, Councillor Sullivan
 31. Congratulating Kathleen Granchelli on being honored at the fourth annual fundraiser of Tutoring Plus. Mayor Reeves, Councillor Sullivan
 32. Welcoming Mr. Sun Shoushan and the delegation from the People's Republic of China's General Administration of Press and Publication to Cambridge. Councillor Davis **Withdrawn by unanimous consent**
 33. Urging all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of the exhibition of George J. Kelso. Councillor Sullivan
 34. Extending best wishes to the Mid Cambridge Association Fifteenth Annual Ice Cream Social. Councillor Sullivan
 35. Resolution on the death of Nancy Snyder. Councillor Sullivan
 36. Proclaiming Sunday, June 17, 2007 as Velma Jeffers Day in Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
 37. Congratulations to Penelope Kleespies as recipient of the Mid-Cambridge Good Neighbor Award. Councillor Sullivan
 38. Resolution on the death of Leonard R. Sullivan, Sr. Councillor Galluccio
 39. Resolution on the death of Leonard F. Doyle. Councillor Galluccio
 40. Resolution on the death of Louis J. Gonnella. Councillor Sullivan
 41. Resolution on the death of Bara Baugher Moulding. Councillor Sullivan
 42. Thanking Cindy Sheehan for her courage and strength and all she has done for the anti-war movement in this country and extend its condolences to the Sheehan family on the loss of Casey. Councillor Decker
 43. Resolution on the retirement of Joseph Palombo. Mayor Reeves, Vice Mayor Toomey
 44. Congratulating William Jensen on his promotion to Captain in the United States Navy. Councillor Kelley
 45. Congratulations to Massachusetts Equality, Arlene Issacson and the thousands of same sex couples who have been married since May 17, 2004 on the freedom to marry. Councillor Simmons
 46. Resolution on the death of Edward Thomas Hanley. Councillor Sullivan
 47. Congratulating Corina McCarthy-Fadel on her award. Mayor Reeves
 48. Resolution on the retirement of Julia Morrison from the town of Arlington. Mayor Reeves
 49. Congratulating Norbert Lorscheider and Education First for their innovative and creative efforts in energy conservation. Councillor Davis
 50. The Fresh Pond Tenant Association, the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. - CEOC, are sponsoring a Health Fair on August 18, 2007. Councillor Galluccio
 51. Congratulations to the Las Chicas Bonitas on its Royal Ruby Debutante Ball. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to post the regulation that resident parking permits nor visitor parking permits would be issued to tenants of the new graduate student housing constructed in the Kerry Corner area of the Riverside Neighborhood. Councillor Galluccio **Amended**
 3. That the City Manager confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation about violations to Chapter 40, Section 22 and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Sullivan
 4. That the City Manager confer with the head of the recycling division of the Public Works Department on the future plans to increase paper recycling and to the feasibility of providing an additional recycling bin, to compliment the current bin, specifically designed for the recycling of paper products. Vice Mayor Toomey
 5. That the City Council urge Dr. Joseph Moore, the incoming president of Lesley University, to extend the current deadline and work with the Agassiz Preschool community to provide every assistance in the relocation of the preschool by finding space on the Lesley campus or elsewhere. Councillor Davis
 6. City Council go on record in support of the Employee Free Choice Act resolution. Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Decker
 7. That the City Manager direct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to inspect the area in the vicinity of 7 Oakland Street for possible code violations. Councillor Simmons
 8. That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location in the vicinity of Brattle and Church Streets in honor of Wayne "Rusty" Drugan. Councillor Sullivan
 9. That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Pearl and Perry Streets as "William and Mary Walsh Square". Councillor Sullivan
 10. That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works on the status of landscaping improvements that have been envisioned or planned at the corner of Plymouth Street and Hampshire Street adjacent to 89 Hampshire Street. Vice Mayor Toomey
 - ~~11. That the City Manager clarify confusing issues at the corner of Granite and Brookline Streets and improve the timing of the light from Granite Street left onto Brookline Street. Councillor Davis~~
 - Substitution:**
 11. Urge the Department of Conservation and Recreation to take responsibility for the intersection of Granite and Brookline Streets and that the Department of Conservation and Recreation coordinate with the City of Cambridge on operation and maintenance. Councillor Davis
 12. That the City Manager ask that MIT and Harvard share any data or results about the potential for local wind energy, especially the data from the feasibility study on Harvard's Allston Campus and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Davis
 13. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate departments to see what building permits have been pulled for 44 Brattle Street and that these permits be ~~pulled~~ recalled immediately until the matter of terminating employees during renovation is resolved. Councillor Decker **Amended and divided**
 14. That the City Manager work closely with the Cambridge Housing Authority to ensure that the City of Cambridge takes all possible steps to ensure that the tenants of 128 Pine and 400 Franklin Streets do not lose the Section 8 eligibility and are provided with safe affordable housing and do not lose their homes and their Cambridge residency, and that the Inspectional Services Department and any other city services that can assist in a solution are involved. Councillor Simmons **Amended**
 15. That the City Manager work with the owners of the Grand Junction Railroad to provide an appropriate level of policing for

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location to Will Stackman. Councillor Sullivan

the railroad tracks and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Kelley

16. That the City Manager contact the director of the State Police with the request that officers on traffic details during special events along Memorial Drive are more consistent in effectively carrying out their traffic enforcement duties. Councillor Kelley
17. That the City Manager report back to the City Council on the status of putting the City's Self-Evaluation Plan on the City's website. Councillor Kelley
18. That the City Manager confer with relevant department heads to have all special programs, special exemptions and special services offered by the City to be clearly listed and described on the website of the Cambridge Commission for People with Disabilities and report back to the City Council on this issue. Councillor Kelley
19. Dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Principal Joe Petner. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
20. Dedication for Constance Dilando. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
21. That the Cambridge City Council urge U.S. Representative Michael Capuano to support increased funding for CFP and also support language that strengthens the ability of schools to purchase from local farmers, the Healthy Food Enterprise Development Program, and urban agriculture. Councillor Davis, Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Galluccio
22. That the City Council reaffirms its strongest desire to see OB/GYN services including mid-wives remain intact at the Windsor Health Street Clinic and request the Cambridge Health Alliance to respond to the questions raised in this order by the June 25, 2007 City Council meeting. Councillor Decker, Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Toomey and Councillor Galluccio
23. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to report to the City Council on what the effects of a Residence C district for area, in the Cott petition would be compared to Residence B or Residence C-1. Councillor Davis
24. That the City Manager confer with the appropriate departments to see what building permits have been pulled for 44 Brattle Street and that these permits be recalled immediately until the issue of employee discrimination and wrongful termination being attributed to store renovations has been investigated. Councillor Decker, Councillor Davis, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Murphy, Mayor Reeves, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey **Referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion as to wording**

[Note: I do not believe this is the Order that was passed as written. The Council split Order 13 into two parts, and this clause was referred to the Law Department for an opinion on its legal implications. I do not believe any order was passed calling for the immediate recall of any permits. Councillor Kelley was the only councillor who voted against this Order.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on May 15, 2007 for the purpose of discussing issues including speed bumps, raised intersections and other devices intended to slow traffic speeds, the limits of employing these devices and the criteria for selection of the placement of these devices.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on June 6, 2007 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by Felicia Cott et al. to amend the zoning map for the area bordered by the centerlines of Broadway and Harvard,

Hancock and Lee Streets from the existing Residence C-1 district designation to Residence B. **Passed to 2nd Reading**

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on June 6, 2007 for the purpose of considering a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance filed by Craig H. Appel et al. **Passed to 2nd Reading**

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 18

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm Special Presentation to Nelson Albandoz and Jack Loder for their attempt to assist Cambridge Police Personnel. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 20

- 9:30am The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on commercial vacancies along Massachusetts Avenue and any other high-traffic streets. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

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

Tues, June 26

- 2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update from the Cambridge Health Alliance on current projects. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 28

- 4:15pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Anastos Room)
- 5:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with the Police commissioner his action plan for violence prevention during the summer in the city. (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 17

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

Mon, Sept 24

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

Mon, Oct 1

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

Mon, Oct 15

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

Mon, Oct 22

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

Mon, Oct 29

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

Mon, Nov 5

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

Mon, Nov 19

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

Mon, Nov 26

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

Mon, Dec 3

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

Mon, Dec 10

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

Mon, Dec 17

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

Mon, Dec 31

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location to Will Stackman, after consultation with his family; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange a dedication ceremony and make the necessary arrangements for a sign.

O-2 June 18, 2007 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to post the regulation that resident parking permits nor visitor parking permits would be issued to tenants of the new graduate student housing constructed in the Kerry Corner area of the Riverside Neighborhood; and be it further

ORDERED: That said regulations be made available by the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to the entity who is granting the lease to these tenants for distribution to the tenants or lease holders.

O-3 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department are issuing expired meter tickets to individuals who display disabled placards; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 22 permits individuals with disabled placards to park their vehicles at parking meters for an unlimited amount of time without paying a fee; and

WHEREAS: This state law is being ignored by the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation about this regulation and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-4 June 18, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge benefits from the amount of recyclable material that it generates because it decreases the amount of waste that the City must pay to dispose; and

WHEREAS: The "If It Rips Recycle It" program is targeted toward increasing the amount of paper products that are being recycled; and

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the head of the recycling division of the Public Works Department on the future plans to increase paper recycling and to the feasibility of providing an additional recycling bin, to compliment the current bin, specifically designed for the recycling of paper products.

O-5 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Agassiz Preschool is a cherished institution that has provided vital and longstanding service to families in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Retention of the early childhood education and care offered at Agassiz Preschool is crucial to supporting and retaining our young families; and

WHEREAS: The preschool must be relocated due to the purchase and development of its present building by Lesley University and the current deadline for vacating its premises is August 2008; and

WHEREAS: Suitable indoor and outdoor play space, without which the future of Agassiz Preschool is in jeopardy, is scarce and expensive in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to urge Dr. Joseph Moore, the incoming president of Lesley University, to extend the current deadline and work with the Agassiz Preschool community to provide every assistance in the relocation of the preschool by finding space on the Lesley campus or elsewhere.

O-6 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Boston City Council has passed a resolution in support of the Employee Free Choice Act; and

WHEREAS: The Employee Free Choice Act would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them, provide for first contract mediation and arbitration; and establish meaningful penalties for violations of a workers freedom to choose a union; and

WHEREAS: The Employee Free Choice Act has been introduced in the U.S. Congress for order to restore workers' freedom to join a union; and

WHEREAS: A workers' fundamental right to choose a union free from coercion and intimidation is a public issue that requires public policy solutions, including legislative remedies; and

WHEREAS: The Employee Free Choice Act will safeguard workers' ability to make their own decisions, provide for first contract medication and arbitration and established meaningful penalties when employees violate workers' rights; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the Employee Free Choice Act; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the AFL-CIO and the Greater Boston Labor Council on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to inspect the area in the vicinity of 7 Oakland Street for possible code violations.

O-8 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location in the vicinity of Brattle and Church Streets in honor of Wayne "Rusty" Drugan; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and the Department of Public Works for the sign.

O-9 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Pearl and Perry Streets as "William and Mary Walsh Square"; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange a suitable dedication ceremony, after consultation with the family, and arrange for a sign.

O-10 June 18, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works on the status of landscaping improvements that have been envisioned or planned at the corner of Plymouth Street and Hampshire Street adjacent to 89 Hampshire Street.

~~O-11 June 18, 2007~~

~~COUNCILLOR DAVIS~~

~~ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to clarify confusing issues at the corner of Granite and Brookline~~

~~Streets and improve the timing of the light from Granite Street left onto Brookline Street.~~

O-11 AMENDED ORDER June 18, 2007
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The intersection of Granite Street and Brookline Street was designed to be operated and owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Conservation and Recreation has not taken ownership of this intersection and it is in administrative limbo; and

WHEREAS: Outages at the intersection and design and operation issues are not being addressed causing danger and inconvenience to the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a copy of this order to the new Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation urging the organization to take responsibility for the intersection; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Department of Conservation and Recreation coordinate with the City of Cambridge on operation and maintenance.

O-12 June 18, 2007
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: As part of an MIT course during the spring semester, students participated in a wind study, "Feasibility Study and Recommendations for Implementing Wind Power on MIT's Campus", and an MIT graduate student also worked with a team of CRLS students to assess the feasibility of implementing renewable energy technology on the roof of CRLS; and

WHEREAS: MIT's Manager of Sustainability Engineering and Utility Planning is exploring various renewable energy options, the use of wind energy among them; and

WHEREAS: Harvard University is committed to investigating wind energy beginning with a feasibility study to measure wind on its Allston campus by erecting a meteorological tower in the Allston athletic fields and attaching wind measurement devices that will track wind data for one year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask that MIT and Harvard share any data or results about the potential for local wind energy, especially the data from the feasibility study on Harvard's Allston Campus; and be it further

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

O-13 June 18, 2007 **Amended**
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to the right of all workers to have dignity in their lives, safe conditions at work, a living wage, and health benefits, and supports responsible employers who follow the law and treat their workers fairly; and

WHEREAS: On May 29, 2007, eighteen Ann Taylor employees employed at the Harvard Square location were told that their jobs were terminated due to store renovations; and

WHEREAS: Ann Taylor is in the process of re-imaging their products and store for a younger generation; and

WHEREAS: At least four of these terminated employees are over the age of fifty; and

WHEREAS: These workers no longer have health insurance and their retirement benefits in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge does not support age discrimination in hiring/firing of employees; and

WHEREAS: Since October 2006, management had been aware of these pending renovations and had informed the employees that they would be offered transfers to other stores but instead they were terminated; and

WHEREAS: Because these employees were terminated, they have to re-apply to the company for a job and start at beginning wages again; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record in support of these eighteen women who have been terminated from their employment; and be it further

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record ~~condemning~~ ~~condemning~~ Ann Taylor on their actions and hope that this matter be resolved quickly; and be it further

~~ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to see what building permits have been pulled for 44 Brattle Street and that these permits be pulled immediately until this matter has been cleared up; and be it further~~

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Ann Taylor Corporation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-14 June 18, 2007 **Amended**
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Cambridge Housing Authority is apparently in the midst of determining that a number of units at 128 Pine Street and 400 Franklin Street will no longer be eligible for rental as Section 8 housing; and

WHEREAS: Tenants of these units have expressed their concern that they will lose their housing, in some cases in apartments that they have occupied for thirty years, because of disputes between their landlord and Cambridge Housing Authority officials which they would prefer to see resolved less drastically; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed to keeping as much housing affordable as possible and to keep as many Cambridge residents in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Greg Russ, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority to work closely with the Cambridge Housing Authority, to ensure that the City of Cambridge takes all possible steps to ensure that the tenants are provided with safe affordable housing and do not lose their homes and their Cambridge residency, and that the Inspectional Services Department and any other city services that can assist in a solution are involved; **and be it further**

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council before the July 30, 2007 meeting.

O-15 June 18, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Neighbors of the Grand Junction Railroad have complained of illegal and bothersome behavior on the railroad tracks; now be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the owners of the Grand Junction Railroad to determine what level of policing is currently done on the Grand Junction Railroad tracks; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine if the Cambridge Police Department can patrol the Grand Junction Railroad tracks; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the owners of the Grand Junction Railroad to provide an appropriate level of policing for the railroad tracks; and be it further

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

O-16 June 18, 2007
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The State Police provide traffic details during special events along Memorial Drive; and

WHEREAS: These details, when properly done, assist in allowing both pedestrian and vehicular traffic to safely negotiate Memorial Drive and associated intersections; and

WHEREAS: The officers staffing these details do not always provide the level of service required to appropriately supervise traffic in this area; now be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the director of the State Police with the request that officers on traffic details during special events along Memorial Drive are more consistent in effectively carrying out their traffic enforcement duties.

O-17 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Internet is a very useful way for people with disabilities to obtain information; and

WHEREAS: The City's website is an award-winning website; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has requested that the City Manager make the necessary arrangements to have the City's Self-Evaluation Plan put on the website; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of putting the City's Self-Evaluation Plan on the City's website.

O-18 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge offers a variety of special programs, special exemptions and special services to people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: These special programs, special exemptions and special services are coordinated through City offices and departments; and

WHEREAS: It is not readily clear what these special programs, special exemptions and special services are, what departments provide them or who is eligible for them; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant department heads to have all special programs, special exemptions and special services offered by the City to be clearly listed and described on the website of the Cambridge Commission for People with Disabilities; and be it further

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

O-19 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Principal Joe Petner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to work with Mount Auburn and Haggerty School Communities regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Principal Joe Petner and the School Committee.

O-20 June 18, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Constance Dilando; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-21 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The U.S. House of Representatives is working on the first draft of the Farm Bill HR 2364; and

WHEREAS: The Farm Bill includes the Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFP) that would allow schools to give a preference for locally grown food; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council be and hereby is requested to urge U.S. Representative Michael Capuano to support increased funding for CFP and also support language that strengthens the ability of schools to purchase from local farmers, the Healthy Food Enterprise Development Program, and urban agriculture; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Representative Michael Capuano.

O-22 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance has already decided to eliminate OB/GYN services at the Windsor St. Clinic; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance eliminated services without consulting community leaders, partners or patients in an attempt to understand the impact this would have on patients and their families; and

WHEREAS: As of last Tuesday, the City Council Committee on Health and Environment heard from the Cambridge Health Alliance for the first time the logic behind this decision is due to an insufficient numbers of OB/GYN doctors available to work at the Windsor Clinic, according to the Alliance; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance is a comprehensive system comprised of community clinics and hospitals dedicated to the overall health of the Cambridge community and in particular to a population of individuals and families who are traditionally underserved; and

WHEREAS: Patients are often referred to other hospitals to seek additional care having to travel to other communities within the Cambridge Health Alliance system; and

WHEREAS: It is unclear that those same expectations exist for its employees who work for a system of health care, not one clinic or hospital. Doctors and staff should be expected to travel to other sites where there is a need such as the current need at the Windsor Street Clinic; and

WHEREAS: There are OB/GYN doctors that could be sent to the Windsor Clinic to fill in the needed care for women seeking OB/GYN care; and

WHEREAS: Instead the decision to eliminate services at the Windsor Street Clinic will now destabilize the comprehensive care of the neighborhood clinics therefore putting into question the mission and/or commitment to the model of a neighborhood clinic; and

WHEREAS: Women in Area IV/Port neighborhood and others who use the services of the Windsor Clinic are now being forced to travel to other locations which, unlike the location of their current care, are not bilingual or bicultural; and

WHEREAS: Often women include their children, husbands and partners in their health care appointments ensuring their families are receiving comprehensive care while they are visiting their OB/GYN doctor; and

WHEREAS: This decision to eliminate OB/GYN services at Windsor Street Clinic now jeopardizes the continuum of comprehensive family care; and

WHEREAS: As of last Tuesday the Alliance heard unanimously from all City Councilors who attended the hearing their request to re-establish full OB/GYN services until there was better understanding of the impact on families of this decision; and

WHEREAS: This seems to constitute a pattern of the loss of services for women at our neighborhood health clinics, including the loss at Riverside and North Cambridge health centers and potentially the Cambridge Senior Center; and

WHEREAS: It is within the power of the Cambridge Health Alliance to continue services at the Windsor Street Clinic and, as of today, they have chosen not to do so; and

WHEREAS: The Council is deeply disturbed and shocked by the Alliance's decision to eliminate OB/GYN services at the Windsor Street Clinic and continues to be surprised that after last Tuesday's hearing the Alliance insisted on not reinstating any of the OB/GYN services at the Windsor Clinic and will continue to turn away women seeking new appointments; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Alliance CEO Dennis Keefe has a strong history of commitment to serving our underserved families; and

WHEREAS: Under Mr. Keefe's guidance the Cambridge Health Alliance will now convene a task force to examine the overall health care and delivery of services to women in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This task force will ask some important questions regarding the state of women's health care in the Alliance it does nothing to resolve the immediacy of the issue at hand: women who will lose their OB/GYN care at the Windsor Clinic; and

WHEREAS: The need for an overall conversation regarding the state of women's care is welcomed but this task force should not be used to sweep the immediate and urgent issue of women's OB/GYN services and comprehensive care at the Windsor Street Clinic; and

WHEREAS: The Council requests information detailing how each patient who is currently receiving her care at the Windsor Street Clinic is being contacted, we are requesting a copy of the phone script and the letter each patient has been contacted with; and

WHEREAS: The City Council requests to know how many patients were directly contacted and reached by phone; and

WHEREAS: The City Council requests a copy of the transition plan in detail illustrating how each patient's continuum of care and family comprehensive care will be met; and

WHEREAS: The City Council requests to know if each patient who is losing OB/GYN services is being offered the opportunity to transfer her primary care and family's primary care to the same location they will have to travel to receive their OB/GYN care and services; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is requesting to know if the Cambridge Health Alliance is committed to preserving the neighborhood model of comprehensive care in the current clinic locations; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is requesting to see the details of how the Cambridge Health Alliance does outreach to expand the number of patients utilizing the neighborhood health clinics beyond traditional mailings, how is the alliance targeting potential new users, how much money has gone into these efforts, are the outreach workers going into the neighborhoods, what are the names of the community partners the Alliance is collaborating with to do this work. Were those partners notified of the elimination of OB/GYN services at the OB/GYN services at the Windsor Street Clinic, Riverside or the North Cambridge Clinic? Were any of them solicited for advice and guidance prior to the final decision to eliminate OB/GYN services? Do any of these partners support their decision to eliminate OB/GYN services at any of these neighborhood clinics?; and

WHEREAS: The Council would like the Alliance to respond to the question of why it is okay to expect women at our above mentioned clinics to travel for their health care throughout the city but not expect the OB/GYN doctors at the main hospital to temporarily move their practice to the neighborhood clinics; and

WHEREAS: It seems there is a greater burden being placed on women who attend our neighborhood clinics than those who seek their care in the offices of the main hospital; and

WHEREAS: The change of the delivery of care for women is an erosion of the model of comprehensive neighborhood health care; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council requests to know that when Cambridge Health Alliance hires new employees how does it screen potential employees to ensure they understand and desire to work for the Health Alliance and not just one clinic or the hospital; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council requests to know if any of the OB/GYN doctors at the Cambridge Health Alliance would be willing to fill at the Windsor Clinic until a more permanent OB/GYN doctor could be hired; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council requests to know that if another full-time OB/GYN doctor could be hired would they in fact reinstate OB/GYN services at the Windsor Clinic; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council requests to have all of this information in writing prior to the next City Council meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council once again go on record stating its strongest desire to see OB/GYN services including mid-wives remain intact at the Windsor Health Street Clinic.

O-23 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development to report to the City Council on what the effects of a Residence C district for the area, delineated in the Cott petition would be compared to Residence B or Residence C-1.

O-24 June 18, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

MAYOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to see what building permits have been pulled for 44 Brattle Street and that these permits be recalled immediately until the issue of employee discrimination and wrongful termination being attributed to store renovations has been investigated.

**Referred to the City Solicitor for an opinion as to wording.
Councillor Kelley recorded in the negative.**