

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request for Executive Session. ["I am hereby requesting Executive Session for the purpose of discussing threatened litigation relative to a City Ordinance."]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, the appropriation of the Terrascope Youth Radio Program Grant from MIT through the National Science Foundation for \$106,400 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$66,000) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$40,400) which will provide funds to develop a weekly radio program on environmental science, including researching, writing and producing stories to be broadcast.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of on-going 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 \$2,095 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Individuals with Special Needs Grant funded from private donations for \$7,316.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support the overall recreation experience of Cambridge individuals with special needs.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation for the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) received from the Community Action Programs Inter-City (CAPIC) Inc. for \$9,354 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to aid families who are either homeless or at high risk for losing their housing.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of a donation to the Cambridge Prevention Coalition in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account from the Cambridge Health Alliance and will be used to support the Cambridge Teen Health Survey
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation of the Parent Navigator Grant from the Institute for Community Health for \$2,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to fund the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's (CPC) work in developing a cadre of parent navigators who know and are aware of the resources available related to substance abuse and mental health.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$59,200 in bus shelter advertising revenue to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to purchase 16 Big Belly Solar Trash Compactors to replace some traditional trash containers in and around Central and Harvard Squares. [These trash receptacles can hold four-five times the capacity of trash cans, using only the sun's energy for power. The units are self-contained which will keep pests from feeding on trash, and have safety features to keep hands from accessing the compactor.]
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$26,090 from the General Fund Public Works Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of two replacement snow plows, a replacement riding lawnmower for the Cambridge Cemetery and two radios.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various donations in the amount of \$6,126.89 to the Grant Fund of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support a variety of activities, including the senior center fair, middle school partnership apple project, and summer youth games.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2008: Lance Finamore, Alex Hold, Michael Janus, Justin Pelletier, Hector Polanco, Raymond Baril & Maria Rodao
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-81, regarding a report on the condition and safety at Pacific Park.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-67, regarding a report on the status of multiple small holes in the street pavement.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-88, regarding a report on the distribution of information and education of affected homeowners in the FEMA flood map area so they can purchase insurance before the January, 2009 deadline. [Reference: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/stormwater/fema.html>]
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-76, regarding a report on the status of the Linear Park crossing of Massachusetts Avenue and Cameron Avenue.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a request from CASCAP Realty, Inc. ("CASCAP") for two (2) permanent easements for the installation of a cornice and a pole/sign ("Projections") to be installed, repaired, replaced and maintained over a portion of the public sidewalk. The Projections will overhang portions of the northeasterly side of Harvard Street on the southwesterly side of CASCAP's property located at 125-127 Harvard Street.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons a members of the Board of Zoning Appeals: Thomas P. Scott - Full Member - 5-year term

Lance Houston - Associate Member - 2-year term  
Ted Heur - Associate Member - 2-year term  
Slater Anderson - Associate Member - 2-year term  
Douglas Myers - Associate Member - 2-year term  
Christopher Chan - Associate Member - 2-year term  
(reappointment)  
Edward Wayland - Associate Member - 2-year term  
(reappointment)

18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a proposed Council Order and Home Rule Petition authorizing a long-term lease between the City of Cambridge and the Mt. Auburn Memorial Post No. 8818, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Inc.

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am submitting an attached proposed City Council Order and a proposed Home Rule Petition and requesting that you vote to approve the Order and transmit the Home Rule Petition to the General Court. As noted in the proposed order, the City Council voted on Dec 19, 2005 to acquire 688 Huron Avenue by eminent domain from the Mt. Auburn VFW for municipal purposes so as to locate the West Cambridge Youth and Community Center at the site. The Mt. Auburn VFW agreed to the a friendly taking in part upon the understanding that the City would provide them with a long-term lease of a portion of the site to be occupied by them as their headquarters and for their customary and incidental uses. The statute that authorizes the leasing of municipal property to veterans organizations provides for a five year term, and in order to avoid the need for multiple renewals of five year terms and to achieve the intent of the City and the Mt. Auburn VFW that the lease be a long-term lease, I recommend that you submit the attached Home Rule Petition to the General Court.

Very truly yours, Robert W. Healy, City Manager  
Agenda Item No. 18  
June 23, 2008

WHEREAS: The City Council voted on Dec 19, 2005 to acquire the property known as 688 Huron Avenue by eminent domain from the Mount Auburn Memorial Post No. 8818, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Inc. ("Mt. Auburn VFW"); and

WHEREAS: Said taking was the culmination of the long search by the City for an appropriate site upon which to construct a West Cambridge Youth and Community Center; and

WHEREAS: Said taking was accomplished pursuant to an Agreement and Release entered into between the Mt. Auburn VFW and the City by the terms of which the City agreed to provide a newly renovated or constructed space at 688 Huron Avenue to be leased to the Mt. Auburn VFW for all customary and incidental uses of the Mt. Auburn VFW; and

WHEREAS: It is the intent and desire of the City and the Mt. Auburn VFW that said lease be long-term; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to G. L. c. 40, §9 the City may lease to a veterans organization a building or parts of a building for a period not exceeding five years, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk shall transmit the attached Home Rule Petition to the General Court for the purpose

of requesting special legislation authorizing the City of Cambridge to enter into a long-term lease with the Mt. Auburn VFW regarding a portion of the property at 688 Huron Avenue.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 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.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the authorization to further amend the loan order originally approved by the City Council on May 23, 2005 and amended on July 30, 2007 for \$2,000,000 for renovations and improvements to several City buildings. The question comes on adoption on or after June 23, 2008.  
**Approved 7-0-2 (Davis and Reeves ABSENT)**

#### APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Sahara Vacation Travel & Tours, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 620 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Three Aces Pizza, requesting permission for five tables and twenty chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 1613 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Felix Shoe Repair, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1304 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
4. An application was received from J. P. Licks, requesting permission for three signs at the premises numbered 1312 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
5. An application was received from Chicago Pizza, requesting permission for four tables and nine chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 239 Massachusetts Avenue.
6. An application was received from The Upper Crust, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 49B Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works,

- Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
7. An application was received from Maria Bonita Restaurant, requesting permission for four tables and ten chairs in front of the premises numbered 2447 Massachusetts Avenue.
  8. An application was received from Sandrine's, requesting permission for ten tables and twenty chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 8 Holyoke Street.
  9. An application was received from Capone Foods, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 2285 Massachusetts Avenue.
  10. An application was received from Khajana, requesting permission for one trolley rack and one small table at the premises numbered One Brattle Square.
  11. An application was received from Tula Boutique, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1 Linden Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the resolution regarding H4346, a bill to reduce the amount of trans fat served in restaurants and hotels.
2. A communication was received from Rhonda Massie, regarding the Community Preservation Act and open space.
3. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the City Council's resolution in support of the Global Warming Solutions Act.
4. A communication was received from Joseph P. Kennedy II, transmitting thanks for the resolution that was adopted in memory of his father.
5. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, transmitting a copy of a news report about another community who has adopted a visitability ordinance.
6. A communication was received from Paula Cortes, regarding Linear Park and Massachusetts Avenue Crossing.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. Best wishes to Jesse McCree as he leaves his position at the Multi-Service Center. Councillor Decker
2. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Joshua Waltenbaugh. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Specialist Quincy Green. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Specialist Christopher McCarthy. Councillor Decker
5. Thanks to the Richard Harding and the organizers of the Annual Hoops and Health Recreational Tournament which will be held on June 21, 2008 at Hoyt Field. Councillor Reeves
6. Resolution on the death of Loraine Scott. Councillor Reeves
7. Resolution on the death of Marie (Tift) Champion. Councillor Maher, Mayor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Henry "Hank" Sigourney. Councillor Maher

9. Get well wishes to Kelley Ready. Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Mia Meszaros on her graduation from the University of Puget Sound. Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to the League of Women for Community Service on their 90 years of service. Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to Cambridge Community Television on receiving honors for Overall Excellence in Public Access Programming by the Alliance for Community Media at the Hometown Video Festival. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Reeves
13. Resolution on the death of MaryAnn (Percco) LaRosa. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Nee Art Chin. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Carlos S. Dutra. Councillor Toomey
16. Congratulations to the CATALYST award winners and well wishes to the Science Club for Girls on its 1st Annual Award Ceremony and Benefit. Councillor Davis
17. Resolution on the death of William M. Sullivan. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
18. Welcome to the family of Roxie Coicou on the occasion of the Bennett Family Reunion. Mayor Simmons
19. Congratulations and best wishes to Calvin Hicks as he retires from full-time management at the New England Conservatory. Mayor Simmons
20. Congratulations to Tony Maws and Karolyn Feeks on the birth of their son, Charles Baker Feeks Maws. Councillor Reeves
21. Congratulations to Angel Rosa Banks on her graduation from Livingston College. Mayor Simmons
22. Happy 70th Birthday wishes to Geneva Tallman Malenfant. Councillor Davis
23. Thanks to Colonel Michael F. Belcher, Director of the Marine Corps War College in Quantico, for his efforts on the City of Cambridge's behalf. Councillor Kelley
24. Best wishes to Major Sean P. McDonald, US Army Reserve, on his new position as Project Engineer for the Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management - Army Reserve. Councillor Kelley
25. Congratulations to Leroy Cragwell as he celebrates his 80th birthday on July 7, 2008. Mayor Simmons
26. Congratulations to Officer Katrina L. Thompson, MIT Campus Police, on being honored by the Massachusetts Association of women Law Enforcement Officers. Mayor Simmons
27. Appreciation to Ralph Brancaccio for bringing the Y Project to Cambridge and educating the public about HIV/AIDS. Mayor Simmons
28. Congratulations and best wishes to Elon Fyfield and Brandon Poindexter, CRLS students, on being named 2008 All Scholastics for volleyball and wish them much success at the Junior Olympic Nationals in July. Councillor Toomey
29. Congratulations to the organizers and participants of the 2008 Hoops N. Health event on June 21, 2008. Mayor Simmons

30. Thanks to Father Brendan Buckley for his service to the St. Mary's community and well wishes as he takes his new position as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Jamaica Plain. Councillor Toomey
31. Thanks to Brian Fitzgerald, General Manager of the Royal Sonesta Hotel, for his support to the Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.). Councillor Decker
32. Thanks to John Juliano, Security Director of the Royal Sonesta Hotel, for his support of the Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.). Councillor Decker
33. Thanks to George Lanzillo, Rooms Division Director of the Royal Sonesta Hotel, for his support of the Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.). Councillor Decker
34. Congratulations and best wishes to the graduates of the Carey Program. Mayor Simmons
35. Resolution on the death of Mary E. (Fitzgerald) McLaughlin. Councillor Maher

#### **ORDERS**

1. That the City Manager is requested to locate and designate a suitable corner in the vicinity of Windsor Street and Harvard Street in honor of Lucien Christalin. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to review all of the children's play areas in city playgrounds to assure that the play equipment is in good repair. Councillor Reeves
3. That the Mayor is requested to begin a discussion with Harvard University to explore opportunities to share cultural resources between the new Fogg Art Museum and the new Main Library. Councillor Seidel
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with any updates to the Northpoint development. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how actions by the MBTA to move Lechmere Station at their own cost will allow the City to open up further negotiation with the future owner of Northpoint. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on plans to relocate the Department of Public Works. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to provide parking in front of the new Lafayette Square to accommodate the businesses that have already endured hardships through the extensive construction phase and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to determine if the City and the CRA can partner in creating a dog park on Binney Street to serve the community needs for a dedicated dog park. Councillor Toomey
9. That the Government Operations and Rules Committee of the City Council be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing over the summer with the City Manager to determine whether he is interested in extending his position as City Manager, what review process by City Council members will be and if the City Manager is planning on retiring, how the City Council will start the process of looking for both an interim and a new City Manager. Councillor Kelley **Referred to Gov't Operations**
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council at the summer meeting on the use plans, supervision and maintenance plans and limitations of use for the new skate park in Danehy Park that is to become operational later this year. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to have relevant staff draft a sample ordinance amendment that would require for any building installing new air handling, cooling, heating or electrical equipment to have been measured to meet the City's Noise Ordinance standards prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on all athletic organizations that receive any funding or in-kind support from the City to include participation rates broken down by age, gender, socio-economic status and any other relevant categories of information collected by the City. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads and report back to the City Council on the number, type, location, date and time of all formal enforcement actions involving excessive noise from January 2007 to June 2008. Councillor Kelley
14. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on progress made in designating shared off-leash dog hours at certain locations throughout the city. Councillor Toomey
15. That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Cambridge Housing Authority not to increase minimum rents for its federal public housing tenants. Councillor Decker
16. That the City Manager is requested to explore the feasibility of providing tax relief or other incentives to owners of owner-occupied two and three family properties who would offer their rental units as affordable housing. Councillor Seidel
17. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Washington Street and Columbia Street in honor of Lorraine Scott. Mayor Simmons
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority and request that they work with the Cambridge Police Department to quickly notify residents in the aftermath of violence acts in their neighborhood. Councillor Decker and Mayor Simmons
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Chief Justice Mulligan and DCAM regarding future usage of all Middlesex County Courts in Cambridge, maintaining a physical presence in Cambridge of the Cambridge District Court and emphasizing the City Council's strong desire to keep Cambridge District Court in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Murphy and Councillor Toomey
20. That the Department of Human Services and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee hold a hearing as a means of public update on the City's homelessness programs. Mayor Simmons
21. That the City Manager is requested to investigate any and all assessing options that might be available to assist

homeowners who find their property in the new flood plain and report back to the City Council on these options at the summer meeting on July 28, 2008. Councillor Maher, Mayor Simmons and Vice Mayor Murphy

22. That the City Manager is requested to investigate and report back to the Government Operations and Rules Committee regarding the advantages and disadvantages of implementation of a 311 direct call system for citizen requests and complaints. Vice Mayor Murphy
23. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Government Operations and Rules Committee on the feasibility of establishing a customer request system to enable members of the public to utilize email for requesting specified types of "fix-its", for example, the issues for which the City maintains 24 hour hotlines for citizens to report problems. Councillor Davis
24. That the City Manager confer with the City Solicitor to provide an update to the Government Operations and Rules Committee on the extent to which email between a city councillor and a private citizen is a public record, and whether there are distinctions based on whether the computer is the councillor's private computer or a computer supplied by the City, whether the message was sent to the councillor's City Council email address and then bounced to his or her private address by the city's IT systems or sent directly to the councillor at his or her private address, and whether the subject of the email is a matter that is currently before the City Council or just a question that concerns city business or procedures but is not an item currently before the council. Councillor Seidel
25. That the City Manager confer with the City Solicitor to advise the Ordinance Committee on the question of spot zoning with respect to the Kaya Ka zoning petition. Councillor Seidel

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David Maher and Vice Mayor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a meeting held on May 8, 2008 to determine the agenda of the committee and to prioritize discussion of items that have been referred to the committee
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Veterans Committee, for a meeting held on Apr 30, 2008 to discuss coordination of veterans' services with the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA).
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on May 15, 2008 for the purpose of receiving information about and discussing services in Cambridge for children and their families during early childhood.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David Maher and Vice Mayor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 10, 2008 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning map to expand the boundaries of the North

Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District by encompassing within the overlay district that contiguous part of any lot located in the Business C District that extends into any adjacent residential zoning district, and a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the Planning Board, by special permit, to waive the transitional height and setback provisions, increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) allowed for hotel and motel uses and allow required accessory parking for the hotel to be located in more restrictive residential district portions of a lot.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, June 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, June 24**

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

##### **Wed, June 25**

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

##### **Mon, June 30**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the traffic and parking issues involving 270-290 River Street. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, July 1**

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

##### **Thurs, July 17**

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of the Kaya-Ka proposed zoning amendment to the North Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District in Porter Square. (Sullivan Chamber)  
5:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public hearing on the City Council Rules for Public Comment. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, July 28**

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

##### **Mon, Sept 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Sept 15**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting to discuss matters relevant to School Committee and City Council communication strategies. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Sept 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Oct 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Oct 20**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 3**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 10**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 17**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 24**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 June 23, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Windsor Street and Harvard Street in honor of Lucien Christalin; and be it further

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

O-2 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to review all of the children's play areas in city playgrounds to assure that the play equipment is in good repair.

O-3 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Harvard University is currently in the design phase of an extensive renovation of the Fogg Art Museum which will include, when completed, a new state of the art building at the corner of Broadway and Prescott Street; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is in construction on a new Main Library building two blocks away at Broadway and Trowbridge Street; and

WHEREAS: Citizens of Cambridge as well as students from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School are expected to make extensive use of the new library; and

WHEREAS: All of these buildings taken together can be seen as forming the basis of a new urban cultural campus in close proximity to Harvard Square; and

WHEREAS: It is important that Harvard University continue to show its desire to be an active and positive contributor to the Cambridge community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to begin a discussion with Harvard University to explore opportunities to share cultural resources between the new Fogg Art Museum and the new Main Library, with the

understanding that each institution will be strengthened by participation with the other; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Public Facilities Committee and to the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for further consideration in each committee.

O-4 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with any updates to the Northpoint development.

O-5 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The MBTA is on a strict timetable for the Green Line Extension to move forward; and

WHEREAS: It has been made clear by the MBTA that plans for the new station to be built by the developers of Northpoint may be abandoned in order to meet their own obligations of the extension;

WHEREAS: The MBTA will relocate the station on their own if need be; and

WHEREAS: Zoning relief was granted to the developers based on the public benefit of a new Lechmere Station; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how actions by the MBTA to move the station at their own cost will allow the City to open up further negotiation with the future owner of Northpoint; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA on what plans they have for the current station location if a land swap is to be avoided and to report back to the City Council.

O-6 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on plans to relocate the Department of Public Works.

O-7 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to provide parking in front of the new Lafayette Square to accommodate the businesses that have already endured hardships through the extensive construction phase and to report back to the City Council.

O-8 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There are currently no designated off leash dog parks in East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) still has significant land holdings in the East Cambridge neighborhood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to determine if the City and the CRA can partner in creating a dog park on Binney Street to serve the community needs for a dedicated dog park.

O-9 June 23, 2008 **Referred to Gov't Operations**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City Manager's contract expires in August of 2009; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Government Operations and Rules Committee of the City Council be and hereby is requested to hold a hearing over the summer with the City Manager to determine whether he is interested in extending his position as City Manager, what the review process by City Council members will be and if the City Manager is planning on retiring in August of 2009, how the City Council will start the process of looking for both an interim and a new City Manager.

O-10 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The forthcoming skate park in Danehy Park promises to be an active and exciting place for children and adults of all types to meet, mingle and exercise; and

WHEREAS: This skate park will have equipment suitable for skateboards and, possibly, for in-line skates and BMX or other bicycles; and

WHEREAS: The use of this skate park by a variety of users has the potential to be a great community building tool if its rules and regulations are appropriate, widely understood and suitably enforced; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at the summer meeting on the use plans, supervision and maintenance plans and limitations of use for the new skate park in Danehy Park that is to become operational later this year; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to also report back to the City Council at the same time on his understanding of the status of the larger skate park to be built in East Cambridge.

O-11 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: New construction or renovations can result in mechanical equipment creating noise levels that violate the Cambridge Noise Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: Such noise violations can significantly reduce the quality of life for neighboring residents, especially at night; and

WHEREAS: The City's enforcement program is generally complaint driven, despite the recently revised noise affidavit; and

WHEREAS: The lack of proactive enforcement puts neighbors in the awkward position of having to push for enforcement of the Noise Ordinance against their neighbors, who are often people who simply purchased property without realizing that there was a potential noise violation issue; and

WHEREAS: A more proactive approach by the City could help ensure that new equipment is in compliance with the Noise Ordinance and remove the enforcement responsibility from a property's neighbors; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have relevant staff draft a sample ordinance amendment that would require any building installing new air handling, cooling, heating or electrical equipment to have been

measured to meet the City's Noise Ordinance standards prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

O-12 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Both Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) and City programs provide sports opportunities for children; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools has only information about children that participate in Cambridge Public School related sport events; and

WHEREAS: Many children in Cambridge do not attend Cambridge Public Schools; and

WHEREAS: City-sponsored sports events serve all the children in Cambridge during various non-school times; and

WHEREAS: Participation in sports is a key to success in a variety of academic and other school-related areas; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools are trying to assess students' levels of participation in sports, including non-Cambridge Public Schools sponsored sports programs, for a variety of reasons, to include trying to analyze the benefits of physical activity in the reduction of obesity, improved social interactions, and ties to academic performance; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on all athletic organizations that receive any funding or in-kind support from the City to include participation rates broken down by age, gender, socio-economic status and any other relevant categories of information collected by the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That if the development of this report is too complicated, that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what type of information it does receive from City-sponsored or supported sports programs and in what format that information is gathered and how it is analyzed.

O-13 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Excessive noise from house parties, loud motorcycles, car radios and other sources can significantly decrease residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS: There are relevant laws and regulations that are intended to limit such problematic noise issues; and

WHEREAS: The City has the authority and responsibility to enforce these laws and regulations; now therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads and report back to the City Council on the number, type, location, date and time of all formal enforcement actions involving excessive noise from January 2007 to June 2008; and be it further

ORDERED: That if the City Manager deems this information to be too difficult to obtain and distribute that he be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with his best estimate on such enforcement actions and an explanation on how relevant enforcement data is developed and analyzed.

O-14 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on progress made in designating shared off-leash dog hours at certain locations throughout the city.

O-15 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) apparently plans to impose, for the first time, a minimum rent of \$75.00 per month (plus electricity or gas) for one year and then between about \$100.00 and \$200.00 per month thereafter for its federal public housing tenants who have no income or low income, (see attached letter); and

WHEREAS: This change in policy is likely to result in unaffordable rent and increased homelessness for a very vulnerable population; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record strongly urging the Cambridge Housing Authority not to increase minimum rents for its federal public housing tenants.

O-16 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the feasibility of providing tax relief or other incentives to owners of owner-occupied two and three family properties who would offer their rental units as affordable housing; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council his findings in this matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That the matter be referred to the Housing Committee for further discussion.

O-17 June 23, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Washington Street and Columbia Street in honor of Lorraine Scott; and be it further

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

O-18 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Acts of violence lead residents to speculate about incidents and can cause anxiety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority and request that they work with the Cambridge Police Department to quickly notify residents in the aftermath of violence acts in their neighborhood.

O-19 June 23, 2008

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Chief Justice Mulligan and DCAM regarding future usage of all Middlesex County Courts in Cambridge, maintaining a physical presence in Cambridge of the Cambridge District Court and emphasizing the City

Council's strong desire to keep Cambridge District Court in Cambridge.

O-20 June 23, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the Department of Human Services and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee hold a hearing as a means of public update on the City's homelessness programs.

O-21 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate any and all assessing options that might be available to assist homeowners who find their property in the new flood plain and report back to the City Council on these options at the summer meeting on July 28, 2008.

O-22 June 23, 2008

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate and report back to the Government Operations and Rules Committee regarding the advantages and disadvantages of implementation of a 311 direct call system for citizen requests and complaints.

O-23 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Government Operations and Rules Committee on the feasibility of establishing a customer request system to enable members of the public to utilize email for requesting specified types of "fix-its", for example, the issues for which the City maintains 24 hour hotlines for citizens to report problems.

O-24 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the City Solicitor to provide an update to the Government Operations and Rules Committee on the extent to which email between a city councillor and a private citizen is a public record, and whether there are distinctions based on whether the computer is the councillor's private computer or a computer supplied by the City, whether the message was sent to the councillor's City Council email address and then bounced to his or her private address by the city's IT systems or sent directly to the councillor at his or her private address, and whether the subject of the email is a matter that is currently before the City Council or just a question that concerns city business or procedures but is not an item currently before the council.

O-25 June 23, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the City Solicitor to advise the Ordinance Committee on the question of spot zoning with respect to the Kaya Ka zoning petition.