

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Nicholas Costa as a Constable Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2008.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the re-appointment of the following persons as Board of Trustee members of the Cambridge Health Alliance effective July 1, 2008:  
Ronald Weintraub, MD (1-year term)  
Mary Cassesso (3-year term)  
Ruth Faris (3-year term)  
Isaac Machado (3-year term)  
Deborah Klein Walker (3-year term)  
**Charter Right - Decker**
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-85, regarding the policy for obtaining a replacement resident parking sticker.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-92, regarding a report on parking in Lafayette Square.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from General Fund Cable Television Salary and Wages account to the General Fund School Salary and Wages account to cover the costs of an Educational Access Program Manager position.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant funded from the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SEBT) for \$43,950 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$29,950) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account (\$14,000) to support training to dispatch personnel in the Emergency Communications Department on new 911 telephone equipment being provided by the State, cross training and other specialized training.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program for \$18,868 to the Grant Fund Police Department Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to support the department's mobile computing infrastructure through the of purchase laptop computers for police vehicles, modems and related cellular service.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-93, regarding a report on the skate park at Danehy Park and the status of the Charles River Skate Park.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-96, regarding a report on designating shared off-leash dog hours at certain locations throughout the City.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of **\$13,500** from General Fund Reserve Other Ordinary Maintenance account to the General Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account to cover the cost of sending twelve individuals to the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) Seminar in September 2008 in concert with the City Council Human Services Committee.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation request and Loan Order regarding the CRLS renovation project.

July 28, 2008

To the Honorable, the City Council:

The Design Development cost estimate for the CRLS Project has been received. Analysis of this estimate indicates that the total project cost will now be in the vicinity of \$125 million dollars.

I am herewith submitting an additional appropriation request and Loan Order. I respectfully request that the City Council pass the Loan Order to a second reading and also refer the matter to the Finance Committee. Passage to a second reading does not assume final passage, but does permit a time savings of over a month. Time is important in this project in order to meet the June 30, 2009 deadline to retain eligibility for the \$28 million in SBA reimbursement. I will be pleased to meet with the Finance Committee or City Councilors individually to go over the factors resulting in the increase in total estimated project cost. A summary of the major components of this increase is attached.

These items summarize the major areas where more precise estimating, and including furnishings, equipment and technology result in a request to increase the total project appropriation to approximately \$125 million which also includes design fees, contingency and soft costs and results in an amended loan order for an additional \$30 million. The financing mechanism for these increased costs may include the use of some amounts of Free Cash either up front or as a partial funding source of the annual debt service.

During the next 45 days, the finance department staff will be doing a thorough analysis of what the exact funding sources may be available to support the additional debt service costs. Understanding the difficulty in dealing with projections and estimates, I will proceed with caution as I develop my final financing recommendations, including the impact on the property tax levy and residential and commercial taxpayers.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$30,135,000 to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the CRLS Renovation Project. These funds will supplement the previous appropriations of \$33,620,000 and \$33,218,025 from bond proceeds to increase the total amount authorized for this project to \$96,973,025. Other funding sources for this project include a grant from Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for \$28,026,975, which brings the total cost for the project to \$125,000,000.

Very truly yours, Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Agenda Item No. 11

July 28, 2008

ORDERED: That \$30,135,000 is appropriated, in addition to \$66,838,025 previously appropriated, for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, including HVAC system improvements; roof, exterior windows and skylights replacement; new ceilings and lighting in rooms; and other building improvements; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$30,135,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, Chapter 70B of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

### Passed to 2nd Reading and referred to Finance Committee

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Homeland Security Grant from the City of Boston for \$159,530.68 to the Grant Fund Fire Salaries and Wages account to cover the City's costs, which have already been incurred, for either back fill or overtime for public safety personnel who have participated in drills/trainings.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to recommendations for a Municipal Health & Safety Policy for Nanomaterials submitted by the Cambridge Nanomaterials Advisory Committee and the Cambridge Public Health Department.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of HOME Grant Program Income of \$118,573.38 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures account to increase funds available for the development and rehab of housing in Cambridge.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, in response to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-86 regarding a report on whether Cambridge should join the Carbon Disclosure Project.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult Basic Education grant (ABE) received from the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$708,271.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and

- Wages account (615,545.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (91,726.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (1,000.00) to support Community Learning Center Programs.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Boston Adult Literacy Fund in the amount of \$14,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$7,548.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,452.00) to hire and train student leaders.
  18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Housing Authority/Bridge to College Program grant in the amount of \$6,720.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account to provide educational resources to Cambridge Housing Authority residents for CHA resident slots in the CLC's Bridge to College Transition Program.
  19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$16,500.00 received from the Clipper Ship Foundation and the Friends of the Community Learning Center with \$16,137.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account and \$363.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the CLC's computer lab assistant project.
  20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$2,030 in donations made to the Multi Service Center to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account in support of homeless clients of the Multi Service Center, to help assist at risk households maintain housing.
  21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Family Network grant (MFN) received from the Department of Education in the amount of \$139,761.00 to the grant fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account \$137,885.00 and the grant fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account \$1,876.00 to provide a variety of family support and parent education resources to families in the Cambridge community.
  22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to appropriation of a grant from the Metro North Regional Employment Board in the amount of \$16,855.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account (\$14,906.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,949.00) to support a GED prep class at the CLC.
  23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Workplace Education grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services in the amount of \$34,114.00 to the grant fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account (32,248.00) and to the grant fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (1,866.00) to provide funds to support the Community Learning Center (CLC) to provide two workplace educational classes and related activities for the Neville Center at Fresh Pond.
  24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to proposed changes to the Cambridge Employment Plan Ordinance as prepared by the City Solicitor in response to the attached letters. **Charter Right - Reeves**
  25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to environmental and legal matters associated with the Yerxa Road Underpass project. **Tabled - Kelley**

26. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report No. 08-51, regarding Ad Hoc Memorial sites.

#### 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.]

#### APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Charles Gilroy, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 3 Wendell Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Ajay M. Shah, requesting to widen an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 19 Jay Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works and neighborhood association.
3. An application was received from Erik Thores, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 8 Kenway Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response had been received from the neighborhood association.
4. An application was received from Lisa McGirr, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 29 Robinson Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
5. An application was received from Matt Rollinson, S&H Construction, requesting to modify the existing curb cut at the premises numbered 19 Ash Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Salvatore F. DiMasi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, transmitting a copy of the petition for legislation to promote job creation and clean energy technology.
2. A communication was received from Ann Stanesa, Associate Director, Public Affairs, Genzyme Corporation, transmitting support of Alexandria Real Estate Equities zoning proposal for the Binney Street area.
3. A communication was received from Susan Boyle and family, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution on behalf of their mother, Marguerite Cruickshank.
4. A communication was received from Elaine M. Fales, transmitting gratitude for the resolution adopted for their mother Helen M. Capone
5. A communication was received from Victoria Reggie Kennedy, transmitting their gratitude for the City Council's resolution.
6. A communication was received from Representative Alice K. Wolf, transmitting support of House Bill 4945, An Act Relative to

Authorization for a Long Term Lease between the City of Cambridge and the Mount Auburn Post No. 8818, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Inc..

7. A communication was received from Natassa Mason, regarding rodents.
8. A communication was received from Irene Hartford, regarding fiber optic cable installation and sidewalk repair in the area of Western and Putnam Avenues.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Horace Goodridge. Councillor Reeves
2. Resolution on the death of Rosa M. (Scott) Haynes. Councillor Reeves
3. Resolution on the death of Donald J. "Duke" Duquette. Councillor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Herculano Luz. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Thomas E. Phalen Jr. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Karen J. (Kelly) Casey. Councillor Toomey
7. Retirement of Laura Vellucci from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Simmons
8. Retirement of Shirley Papp from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Simmons
9. Retirement of Robert Nickerson from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
10. Retirement of Ellen McLaughlin from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
11. Retirement of Christopher Roberts from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
12. Resolution on the death of Virginia M. (Reid) Hoffman. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Carmelo Rivera. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Robert J. Morrissey. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
15. Resolution on the death of Lawrence Walter Frisoli. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
16. Resolution on the death of Anne M. (Smith) Khoubesserian. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Shirley A. (Daveta) Poleo. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Gerogina F. "Jean" (Duffy) Kelley. Councillor Toomey
19. Resolution on the death of Donald M. Bokuniewicz. Councillor Toomey
20. Speedy recovery wishes to John Ramos. Mayor Simmons
21. Resolution on the death of Gary Langford. Councillor Reeves
22. Congratulations to Sister Rita Karkar on her recent graduation from Bethlehem University. Mayor Simmons
23. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Emery Springer Sr. Mayor Simmons
24. Congratulations to Emma Lewis Berndt and Eric Brian Budish on their recent marriage. Councillor Davis
25. Declare Oct 13, 2008 the first annual Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Mayor Simmons
26. Congratulations to Christine Heenan on her new position at Harvard University as Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Norma M. (Talbot) McMenimen. Councillor Toomey
28. Congratulations to Robert Whitaker on the occasion of the publishing of his work titled "On the Laps of Gods." Mayor Simmons

29. Resolution on the death of Margaret R. Barron. Councillor Maher
30. Resolution on the death of Private Eugene Kanakaole. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Javier Perales, Jr. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Kelly Watters. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jonathan Earnard. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Specialist Joshua Plocica. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Specialist Joel Taylor. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jason Cox. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Specialist Thomas Duncan III. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Sergeant John Aragon. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Shane Duffy. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Specialist William McMillan III. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Bryan Thomas. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Cody Legg. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Steve McCoy. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Corporal Marcus Preudhomme. Councillor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alejandro Dominguez. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Private First Class James Yohn. Councillor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Tyler Pickett. Councillor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Captain Gregory Dalessio. Councillor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Du Hai Tran. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class David Hurst. Councillor Decker
51. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Steven Chevalier. Councillor Decker
52. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Anthony Woodham. Councillor Decker
53. Resolution on the death of Captain Philip Dykeman. Councillor Decker
54. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hammett. Councillor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Gerard Reed. Councillor Decker
56. Resolution on the death of Major Dwayne Kelley. Councillor Decker
57. Resolution on the death of Louise M. (Reale) D'Isidoro. Councillor Toomey
58. Resolution on the death of Janet Kendrick, Executive Director of the Cambridge Community Center. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Davis
59. Congratulations to Brendan and Laurence Hopkins on the opening of their new restaurant, TRATA, in Harvard Square. Councillor Decker
60. Retirement of Catherine Simmons from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Simmons
61. Thanks to Jim Grey and the Marsh Post #442 for hosting a welcome home barbecue for the Massachusetts Army National Guard unit stationed in Cambridge on their return from service in Iraq. Councillor Toomey
62. Thanks to all City Departments and employees for making the Cambridge City Dance Party such a successful event. Councillor Maher
63. Speedy recover to Ms. Michelle Mentis. Mayor Simmons
64. Congratulations to the Central Square Theatre on its grand opening. Mayor Simmons
65. Resolution on the death of William Patrick "Bill" Walsh. Councillor Toomey
66. Resolution on the death of Palmyra (Carvalho) Freitas. Councillor Toomey
67. Speedy recovery wishes to Cruz Garay. Councillor Toomey
68. Happy 115th Anniversary wishes to Sacred Heart Parish in Watertown. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
69. Retirement of Anne Larkin from Lesley University. Councillor Maher
70. Resolution on the death of Agnes McCann. Councillor Maher
71. Congratulations to CCTV for receiving the 2008 Community Media Award for Overall Excellence in Public Access Programming from the Hometown Video Festival and to the Cambridge Education Alliance on receiving a 2008 Community Media Award for Overall Excellence. Councillor Davis
72. Resolution on the death of Rachel Elizabeth Steczynski. Councillor Davis
73. Retirement of John "Jack" Shallow from the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Simmons



74. Speedy recovery wishes to Ginny McCabe. Councillor Maher
75. Congratulations to the East Division Minor League Red Sox on the occasion of being finalists in the 2008 Mayor's Cup Tournament. Vice Mayor Murphy
76. Congratulations to the East Division Major League on the occasion of being finalists in the 2008 Mayor's Cup Tournament. Vice Mayor Murphy
77. Congratulations to the West Division Minor League Expos on winning the 2008 Mayor's Cup Tournament. Vice Mayor Murphy
78. Congratulations to the North Division Major League Cubs on winning the 2008 Mayor's Cup Tournament for the second straight year. Vice Mayor Murphy
79. Retirement of Michael E. Kuhn from the Fire Department. Mayor Simmons

#### ORDERS

1. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Market Street in honor of Lieutenant Andrew J. Dobrisky. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to consider the request from the Tobin-Danehy Neighborhood Association to install a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at the intersection of Fern Street and Field Street. Mayor Simmons
3. Dedication of a suitable location in memory of Jeffrey Curley. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to investigate the Boston ordinance and suggest language for a Cambridge ordinance which would prevent rental of dogs and cats in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to set up a Citywide Task Force on Hoarding. Councillor Davis **Amended**
6. That the City Manager is requested to publicize the NSTAR Green option throughout the city using means as the city cable and the city web site. Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to look into the impact of conversion to digital TV and its effect on cable subscribers, including the additional expenses, and transmit a report to the City Council and the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee. Councillor Davis
8. Dedication of a suitable bench location in the vicinity of River Street next to the First Baptist Church at 5 Magazine in memory of Ivory Smith. Councillor Reeves
9. Urge the Massachusetts State Legislature to override the Governor's vetoes which include funding for the fire department, Central Square Theater and Cambridge Housing Authority. Councillor Decker
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to present a draft ordinance or other solutions to the City Council to address the safety issue of tall fences erected to the sidewalk adjacent to a driveway, creating a hazard for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and those in wheelchairs. Councillor Davis
11. That the City Manager is requested to provide an update on the status of the City Council's request for a draft amendment to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to enable the City the option of requiring the calculation of the affordable housing donation in square footage to support the city goal of providing housing for larger families. Councillor Seidel
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with a report containing a detailed description of how the Zoning Ordinance could be amended to utilize special permits to encourage the construction of larger family sized market rate units. Councillor Seidel
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to research and report to the City Council as to what types of land use, housing, or other programs

- and incentives other cities have utilized to stabilize or increase the family population in their cities Councillor Seidel
14. That the City Manager is requested to review use and safety issues involving the Yerxa Road underpass with relevant City personnel and report back to the City Council on the possibility of design changes to the underpass that might reduce or eliminate user conflicts. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Davis
  15. That the City Manager is requested to meet with relevant City officials and members of the public to develop a brochure that comprehensively explains how the Emergency Communications Center and the Cambridge Police Department handle communications from the public, to include both emergency and non-emergency calls. Councillor Kelley
  16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant Department heads and neighborhood residents to review the upcoming north Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk work to ensure that when the work is completed the sidewalks accommodate the needs of seniors as much as possible. Councillor Kelley, Mayor Simmons and Councillor Davis
  17. That the City Manager is requested to review the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance with City staff and develop a draft zoning change that would prohibit the interior of individual garages or other spaces that have limited maneuverability from being counted towards required aisle space for parking facilities. Councillor Kelley **Charter Right - Decker**
  18. That the City Manager is requested to relay to relevant City staff the importance of public notices being printed in a manner that conveys the required information clearly to members of the public who take the time to read them. Councillor Kelley
  19. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Historical Commission to develop a policy where any changes to City Hall be made with the support of the Historical Commission in an effort to maintain the historical features of the building. Mayor Simmons **Amended**
  20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with his staff to arrange a public meeting with NSTAR representatives at City Hall at which NSTAR officials can hear directly from the members of the public, both residents and business owners, about the serious impact of power outages on their lives and livelihoods. Councillor Maher
  21. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the Police Commissioner and other relevant staff to review and report to the City Council on possible changes to regulations and operating procedures for traffic and motor vehicle use that could increase efficiency and fuel conservation. Councillor Maher
  22. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Arts Council to convene an annual or biannual meeting, organized by geographical location, with the arts organizations, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Works, the Chamber of Commerce, Cambridge Public School Department, Universities, and any other stakeholders to discuss the goals of the various arts organizations and what, if any collaboration could take place amongst each other. Councillor Decker
  23. That the City Council go on record requesting that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts assist the Thistle and Shamrock Convenience Store with the financial losses it has suffered, and continues to suffer due to the closure of the Walden Street Bridge. Councillor Decker
  24. That the Office of the Mayor be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of creating a Sister City connection with the town of Praia da Vitoria on the Island of Terceira, Azores. Councillor Toomey
  25. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Boston Officials in order to work together in creating a policy to keep truck traffic to a minimum within the city. Councillor Toomey

26. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Public Works Department and report back on the planned improvements and timeline for the lot at the corner of Plymouth Street and Hampshire Street. Councillor Toomey
27. That the Green Building/Zoning Task Force appointed by the City Manager develop recommendations for how to encourage the installation of small wind energy systems and address barriers to the permitting of such systems as well as consider the possibility of allowing small wind turbines as an "as of right" use under the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. Councillor Davis, Councillor Toomey and Councillor Seidel
28. That the City Council go on record reaffirming the dedication of Pat and Mary Pizzuto Square. Councillor Maher
29. That, after consultation with the family, a suitable location in North Cambridge be dedicated to honor the memory of John J. Pollander, United States Marine Corps. Councillor Maher
30. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to reach out to the Massachusetts Highway Department and JF White to ensure that the sidewalk and stairs at 45 Walden Street are built to code. Councillor Decker
31. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of recent street and utility work on Western Avenue to include neighboring residents' concerns about broken traffic lights, poorly situated police details, snarled traffic and lack of advance notice. Councillor Kelley
32. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of having a crossing guard on Kinnaird Street near the Amigos School during the school year. Councillor Decker and Councillor Toomey
33. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of installing a raised crosswalk on Kinnaird Street near the Amigos School. Councillor Decker and Councillor Toomey
34. That the City Manager is requested to arrange an emergency meeting with the owners of Metropolitan Moving and Storage and appropriate City departments to insure that there is a workable short-term and long-term solution to their customers' ability to load and unload vehicles during Vassar Street improvement project. Councillor Maher and Vice Mayor Murphy
35. That the Cambridge City Council calls on Congress and the President of the United States to demand that the Ethiopian government immediately and unconditionally release all political prisoners and journalists and fulfill its obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as incorporated in Ethiopia's constitution, in accordance with the established norms of human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law. Vice Mayor Murphy, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
36. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of Olive Johnson. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Reeves and Vice Mayor Murphy
37. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Department to review truck traffic on Lexington Avenue and report back to the City Council about safe alternatives that would curtail heavy trucking on this narrow residential street. Councillor Maher and Vice Mayor Murphy
38. That the Mayor and Vice Chair of the School Committee work with the City Manager to draft a letter requesting that the local universities find a meaningful opportunity to significantly contribute to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School renovations. Councillor Decker, Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
39. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to send Department of Public Works personnel to Western Avenue, particularly in the vicinity of 159 Western Avenue, to remediate the rat problem and to investigate whether the infestation is connected to the utility work in the neighborhood. Mayor

Simmons, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Decker and Vice Mayor Murphy

40. That the City Council go on record opposing the use of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority parcel on Binney Street and Fulkerson Street for temporary parking for the new police station and urge the City Manager to report back on the possibility of using space as a dog park. Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Murphy and Mayor Simmons
41. That the City Council go on record asking for an update from the Church of Latter Day Saints in response to concerns regarding the hiring of general contractors and sub-contractors who respect the prevailing wage laws and City of Cambridge values. Councillor Decker, Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey and Vice Mayor Murphy
42. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with information on the zoning map for the area of Joan Lorentz Park; the Public Works map of Joan Lorentz Park; the record from Public Works regarding Joan Lorentz Park; and the boundaries of Joan Lorentz Park. Councillor Seidel
43. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on the number of other properties that could be affected by the Kaya Ka zoning petition, including properties that could increase the existing FAR by tearing down or making modifications to the existing building. Councillor Maher

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on June 18, 2008 to discuss long-term open space protection for Joan Lorentz Park.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on June 19, 2008 for the purpose of discussing issues relative to housing for larger families in Cambridge.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee, for a meeting held on June 24, 2008 to received 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.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 25, 2008 for the purpose of considering a petition submitted by Alexandria Real Estate Equities proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and map for the PUD-3A, PUD-4B and PUD-4C Districts in eastern Cambridge. **Amended**
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on June 30, 2008 for the purpose of discussing the traffic and parking issues involving 270-290 River Street.
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Brian Murphy and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 17, 2008 for the purpose of discussion of the Kaya-Ka proposed zoning amendment to the North Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District in Porter Square. **Passed to 2nd Reading**
7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on June 3, 2008 to discuss with the Health Department the issues of trans fat, senior falls and the goals of the committee.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor E. Denise Simmons, announcing the membership of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Youth Services.

### HEARING SCHEDULE

#### Mon, July 28

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussing the services available in Cambridge for children age 0-5 and their families and to develop the agenda for the September 24-26 conference with the Harlem Children's Zone. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room)

#### Tues, July 29

4:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following topics: community gardens and forming a Food Policy Advisory Committee. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Thurs, July 31

3:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of a department or commission to continually oversee and coordinate Sister City agreements with support from each Mayoral Administration. (Ackermann Room)

#### Wed, Aug 13

7:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of a petition by Alexandria Real Estate Equities to amend the PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD-4B Districts of the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in eastern Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Sept 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, Sept 10

1:30pm The Veterans Committee will conduct a follow up hearing to a previous hearing held with the Cambridge Health Alliance on coordination of services to veterans. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss red light camera enforcement. (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

5:00pm Special Presentation to welcome Cambridge Community Chorus with new Music Director Jamie Kirsch (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Wed, Oct 22

6:00pm GLBT Town Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

#### Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting regarding ongoing strategic planning activities at the Cambridge Health Alliance (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 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Market Street in honor of Lieutenant Andrew J. Dobrisky; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is 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-2 July 28, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to consider the request from the Tobin-Danehy Neighborhood Association to install a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at the intersection of Fern Street and Field Street.

O-3 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in memory of Jeffrey Curley; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is 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-4 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: On July 9, the Boston City Council unanimously voted to ban pet rentals in the city of Boston; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the Boston ordinance and suggest language for a Cambridge ordinance which would prevent rental of dogs and cats in Cambridge.

O-5 July 28, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Compulsive hoarding behavior is part of the mental health spectrum; and

WHEREAS: The problem of compulsive hoarding involves many city departments and service providers including the Council on Aging, CASCAP, Cambridge-Somerville Elder Services, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Inspectional Services, Police, Fire, DPW, Disability Commission, among others; and

WHEREAS: The benefits of a coordinated approach would include preventing people from becoming homeless and other tragic outcomes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to set up a Citywide Task Force on Hoarding; **and be it further**

**ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee.**

O-6 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: On July 1 NSTAR launched NSTAR Green, a program that enables NSTAR Basic Service customers to support electricity generated from renewable sources; and

WHEREAS: Customers can choose to have all or half of their electricity provided from wind; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publicize the NSTAR Green option throughout the city using means as the city cable and the city web site.

O-7 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The understanding from Comcast last spring was that cable subscribers would incur no additional expense with the conversion to digital TV; and

WHEREAS: Now Comcast is requiring additional payments to retain channels; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the impact of conversion to digital TV and its effect on cable subscribers, including the additional expenses, and transmit a report to the City Council and the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the process for re-contracting for cable services since the Comcast contract will be up in 2010.

O-8 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable bench location in the vicinity of River Street next to the First Baptist Church at 5 Magazine in memory of Ivory Smith; and be it further

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

O-9 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Governor Deval Patrick recently vetoed \$122.5 million in spending, including funding for the fire department, the Central Square Theater and Cambridge Housing Authority; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts State Legislature to override the Governor's vetoes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts State Legislature on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Tall fences erected all the way to the sidewalk adjacent to a driveway create a serious hazard for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and those in wheelchairs who cannot be seen by the driver exiting the driveway; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City Solicitor to present a draft ordinance or other solutions to the City Council to address this safety issue.

O-11 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update on the status of the City Council's request for a draft amendment to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to enable the City the option of requiring the calculation of the affordable housing donation in square footage to support the city goal of providing housing for larger families.

O-12 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the City Council with a report containing a detailed description of how the Zoning Ordinance could be amended to utilize special permits to encourage the construction of larger family sized market rate units. If the program would provide for density or other zoning bonuses as incentives, the report should include suggestions for additional provisions and limitations, such as limitations to sites close to public transportation and other locations where increased density is supported by good urban planning principles; and be it further

ORDERED: That upon adoption of this order, the order be referred to the Housing Committee of the City Council and that the City Manager transmit his response to this order to said committee.

O-13 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to

research and report to the City Council as to what types of land use, housing, or other programs and incentives other cities have utilized to stabilize or increase the family population in their cities; and be it further

ORDERED: That upon adoption of this order, the order be referred to the Housing Committee of the City Council and that the City Manager transmit his response to this order to said committee.

O-14 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The recently reconstructed Yerxa Road underpass has become a very popular and convenient pathway for people to cross the railroad tracks in North Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This popularity has led to some user conflicts as scooters, bicycles, pedestrians and people in strollers all converge, sometimes at high speed, on the ramps and at the bottom of the underpass; and

WHEREAS: Some users have expressed concerns that these conflicts are making the underpass uncomfortable for them to use; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review use and safety issues involving the underpass with relevant City personnel and report back to the City Council on the possibility of design changes to the underpass that might reduce or eliminate these user conflicts without sacrificing the safety or utility of the underpass.

O-15 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Members of the public have expressed confusion over what happens when they dial 911 or otherwise communicate with public safety personnel, especially the Police Department, via phone, e-mail or in person; and

WHEREAS: Effective communication from the public to the Police Department and from the Police Department to the public is an important part of Cambridge's neighborhood safety efforts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with relevant City officials and members of the public to develop a brochure that comprehensively explains how the Emergency Communications Center and the Cambridge Police Department handle communications from the public, to include both emergency and non-emergency calls, as well as e-mail traffic and face-to-face contacts and how information gathered by the Police Department is used to track public safety issues.

O-16 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The northern part of Massachusetts Avenue is having repaving and sidewalk work done near the Arlington line; and

WHEREAS: Some of the associated sidewalks are both very narrow and heavily used by seniors from the Burns Apartment building; and

WHEREAS: Many of these seniors have trouble passing through these narrow sidewalks and, especially during snowy weather, find it more convenient to push their walkers on Massachusetts Avenue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant Department heads and neighborhood residents to review the upcoming north Massachusetts Avenue sidewalk work to ensure that when the work is completed the sidewalks accommodate the needs of seniors as much as possible.

O-17 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Recent interpretations of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance's aisle space requirements for parking facilities has led to problematic driveway design; and



WHEREAS: These interpretations involved measuring the space from the rear of a parked car, even if that car were parked in a garage that limited its turning ability; and

WHEREAS: The result of counting garage space with limited or no maneuverability toward aisle space requirements can lead to great difficulty in drivers accessing and exiting their garages; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance with City staff and develop a draft zoning change that would prohibit the interior of individual garages or other spaces that have limited maneuverability from being counted towards required aisle space for parking facilities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to submit this draft zoning change to the City Council.

O-18 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Posted building permits, zoning application notices and other public notices must be legible to fulfill their important public information function; and

WHEREAS: Some building permits, zoning application notices and other public notices are written in a manner not easily deciphered by passers-by; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to relay to relevant City staff the importance of these public notices being printed in a manner that conveys the required information clearly to members of the public who take the time to read them.

O-19 July 28, 2008 **Amended**

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In 1888 the architects Longfellow, Alden and Harlow designed the building in the Richardsonian Romanesque style popular at that time; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Hall is Cambridge's most celebrated historic building; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Historical Commission to develop a policy where any changes to City Hall be made with the support of the Historical Commission in an effort to maintain the historical features of the building; **and be it further**

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Historical Commission to look into whether changes could be made to the cashier counter area on the first floor to make that area a better fit with the overall historical style of City Hall.**

O-20 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Frequent power outages in West Cambridge continue to plague West Cambridge residents and business owners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with his staff to arrange a public meeting with NSTAR representatives at City Hall at which NSTAR officials can hear directly from the members of the public, both residents and business owners, about the serious impact of these outages on their lives and livelihoods; and be it further

ORDERED: That notification of the time and place of this meeting go to all affected West Cambridge businesses and residents as soon as possible.

O-21 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The cost of gasoline is rising at a record-setting pace; and

WHEREAS: As a community Cambridge is concerned with the environmental, health and economic impacts of the wasteful use of petroleum products, for example, unnecessary idling of motor vehicles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, the

Police Commissioner and other relevant staff to review and report to the City Council on possible changes to regulations and operating procedures for traffic and motor vehicle use that could increase efficiency and fuel conservation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the review should include, without limitation, a review of traffic signal locations to determine if there are additional locations where right turns could be allowed on red lights after a stop and locations where the lights of the traffic signals could be switched to blinking lights in off-peak hours, and any other possible changes to increase efficiency without compromising the safety of residents.

O-22 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Arts Council to convene an annual or biannual meeting, organized by geographical location, with the arts organizations, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Works, the Chamber of Commerce, Cambridge Public School Department, Universities, and any other stakeholders to discuss the goals of the various arts organizations and what, if any collaboration could take place amongst each other.

O-23 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Beginning in the fall of 2006, the Massachusetts Highway Department undertook a project to completely reconstruct the Walden Street Bridge that spans the MBTA tracks in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: One of the important concerns identified at the start of the project by city and state officials, as well as affected community representatives, was the impact that the project would have on local businesses; and

WHEREAS: The local retail business most directly affected by the project is the Thistle and Shamrock Convenience Store, located at the intersection of Walden Street and Richdale Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Highway Department represented that the project would take approximately two years to complete; and

WHEREAS: The project has caused a severe economic impact to the business of the Thistle and Shamrock Convenience Store during the past two years; and

WHEREAS: City Councillors have met with Massachusetts Highway Department in hopes of remedying this situation through financial help but to no avail; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Highway Department's contractor for the Walden Street Bridge reconstruction project, J. F. White Construction, recently submitted a schedule to MHD projecting a revised project end date of late March 2009, which extends the bridge closure approximately 6 months past the originally scheduled end date; and

WHEREAS: This delay in the project completion exacerbates the severity of the economic harm already suffered by the Thistle and Shamrock Convenience Store; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts assist the Thistle and Shamrock Convenience Store with the financial losses it has suffered, and continues to suffer due to the closure of the Walden Street Bridge.

O-24 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the Office of the Mayor be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of creating a Sister City connection with the town of Praia da Vitoria on the Island of Terceira, Azores.

O-25 July 28, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The State of Massachusetts has experienced another serious fuel tanker accident; and

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has successfully been able to keep tankers and other large trucks not serving their neighborhoods from using Boston as a cut through; and



WHEREAS: Cambridge and Boston could both benefit from working together to come up with a comprehensive plan to keep this kind of traffic not serving the neighborhood off our local streets; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Boston Officials in order to work together in creating a policy to keep truck traffic to a minimum within the city and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-26 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Public Works Department and report back on the planned improvements and timeline for the lot at the corner of Plymouth Street and Hampshire Street.

O-27 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Climate Protection Plan set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city by 20% below 1990 levels by 2010; and  
WHEREAS: The increased use of renewable energy is necessary to achieve the Cambridge greenhouse gas reduction goal; and  
WHEREAS: The Museum of Science has proposed a small wind energy project that would install 5 different types of building-mounted wind energy systems in Cambridge and Boston to educate the public about wind energy technology, provide a practical demonstration of the technology, and help address the engineering, environmental, and policy questions involved in siting this technology in an urban setting; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Zoning Ordinance does not currently recognize wind turbines as an allowed use; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council expresses its support for small wind energy installations within the city and urges that city departments and boards with jurisdiction over such projects work constructively to encourage small wind energy installations such as those proposed by the Museum of Science; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the Green Building/Zoning Task Force appointed by the City Manager develop recommendations for how to encourage the installation of small wind energy systems and address barriers to the permitting of such systems as well as consider the possibility of allowing small wind turbines as an "as of right" use under the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.

O-28 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: On Sept 25, 2006, the 2006-2007 Cambridge City Council ordered that a site in the vicinity of the corner of Grove Street and Huron Avenue be dedicated as "Pat and Mary Pizzuto Square;" now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record reaffirming the dedication of Pat and Mary Pizzuto Square.

O-29 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: That, after consultation with the family, a suitable location in North Cambridge be dedicated to honor the memory of John J. Pollander, United States Marine Corps.

O-30 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Walden Street Bridge construction has been going on since October 2006; and  
WHEREAS: This construction has caused hardships for everyone living in the neighborhood; and  
WHEREAS: The Brisk family, located at 45 Walden Street, has Massachusetts highway Department and JF White designing the sidewalk and stairs coming into their property; and

WHEREAS: There are concerns that the sidewalk and stairs are not designed to Massachusetts Building Code; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to reach out to the Massachusetts Highway Department and JF White to ensure that the sidewalk and stairs are built to code; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record urging the Cambridge delegation to confer with the Massachusetts Highway Department and JF White to ensure that this matter is taken care of in a timely manner.

O-31 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: A variety of concerns have been raised about an ongoing project in the vicinity of Putnam and Western Avenue; 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 recent street and utility work on Western Avenue to include neighboring residents' concerns about broken traffic lights, poorly situated police details, snarled traffic and lack of advance notice.

O-32 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of having a crossing guard on Kinnaird Street near the Amigos School during the school year.

O-33 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of installing a raised crosswalk on Kinnaird Street near the Amigos School.

O-34 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The major street improvement project on Vassar Street near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue will result in the narrowing of Vassar Street and a significant loss of parking and loading spaces on Vassar Street which may result in unintended barriers to customers of Metropolitan Moving and Storage; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange an emergency meeting with the owners of Metropolitan Moving and Storage and appropriate City departments to insure that there is a workable short-term solution to their customers' ability to load and unload vehicles including appropriate temporary signage as well as a thoughtful long-term solution that will allow this longtime business to continue to flourish in Cambridge.

O-35 July 28, 2008  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which constitutes a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, is the source of inspiration and has been the basis for the United Nations in making advances in the existing international human rights instruments; in particular, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the African (Banjul) Charter on Human Rights and Peoples' Rights, and has been incorporated by reference in the Ethiopian Constitution as part of the supreme law of the land; and  
WHEREAS: The Ethiopian government has repeatedly violated the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and  
WHEREAS: Documented violations of human rights in Ethiopia include widespread violation of privacy rights, warrantless searches and seizures, arrests without probable cause, and severe curtailments of

basic human rights, including freedom of speech, press, association, and assembly; and  
WHEREAS: Ethiopian Americans in Cambridge are deeply concerned about human rights violations in their native country and seek the immediate and unconditional release of opposition leaders, journalists and all political prisoners in Ethiopia; and  
WHEREAS: HR 2003, Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007 would encourage and facilitate the consolidation of peace and security, respect for human rights, democracy and economic freedom in Ethiopia; and  
WHEREAS: The United States House of Representatives passed HR 2003 on October 2, 2007; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council calls on Congress and the President of the United States to demand that the Ethiopian government immediately and unconditionally release all political prisoners and journalists and fulfill its obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as incorporated in Ethiopia's constitution, in accordance with the established norms of human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urges the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to report it favorably and the full Senate to support it; and be it further  
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each Senator and Representative from Massachusetts in the United States Congress on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-36 July 28, 2008  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in honor of Olive Johnson; 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-37 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
WHEREAS: Lexington Avenue neighbors have had their utility wires torn down by oversized delivery trucks which frequently are making deliveries to a Fresh Pond Parkway business; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Department to review truck traffic on Lexington Avenue and report back to the City Council about safe alternatives that would curtail heavy trucking on this narrow residential street.

O-38 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
ORDERED: That the Mayor and Vice Chair of the School Committee work with the City Manager to draft a letter requesting that the local universities find a meaningful opportunity to significantly contribute to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School renovations; and be it further  
ORDERED: That a response from the universities to such a request be reported back to both the City Council and School Committee.

O-39 July 28, 2008  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to send Department of Public Works personnel to Western Avenue, particularly in the vicinity of

159 Western Avenue, to remediate the rat problem and to investigate whether the infestation is connected to the utility work in the neighborhood.

O-40 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
MAYOR SIMMONS  
WHEREAS: The City Council has always encouraged city employees to use alternative means of transportation such as bicycles and public transit; and  
WHEREAS: There are two garages located within walking distance to the new police station; and  
WHEREAS: Green space is scarce in East Cambridge and the use of this space should benefit the residents of this neighborhood; now therefore be it  
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record opposing the use of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority parcel on Binney Street and Fulkerson Street for temporary parking for the new police station; and be it further  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of using this space as a dedicated dog park.

O-41 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
VICE MAYOR MURPHY  
WHEREAS: The Church of the Latter Day Saints received strong support for their proposed development on Binney Street; and  
WHEREAS: Much of that support was based on a commitment to hire general contractors and sub-contractors who would respect prevailing wage laws and the city values in hiring practices; and  
WHEREAS: Consigli Contractors has been hired by the Church of Latter Day Saints; and  
WHEREAS: Consigli Contractors has not committed to working with contractors who respect Cambridge hiring standards; and  
WHEREAS: Consigli Contractors has refused to return phone calls from contractors who have a history of successfully meeting Cambridge standards; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record asking for an update from the Church of Latter Day Saints in response to these concerns; 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 Church of Latter Day Saints on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-42 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with the following information:  
\* The zoning map for the area of Joan Lorentz Park;  
\* The Public Works map of Joan Lorentz Park;  
\* The record from Public Works regarding Joan Lorentz Park; and  
\* The boundaries of Joan Lorentz Park.

O-43 July 28, 2008  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on the number of other properties that could be affected by the Kaya Ka zoning petition, including properties that could increase the existing FAR by tearing down or making modifications to the existing building.