

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for \$20,000 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the Public Art Youth Council program (PAYC).
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-99, regarding a report on possible changes to the Yerxa Road underpass that might reduce or eliminate user conflicts.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-106, regarding a report on the number of other properties that could be affected by the Kaya Ka zoning petition.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board Recommendation on the Kaya Ka Porter Square Rezoning Petition to amend the North Massachusetts Overlay District Zoning Map, and Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.100.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-102, regarding a report on improvements to the lot at the corner of Plymouth and Hampshire Streets.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-49, regarding the feasibility of issuing mini-grants to seniors and other low-income residents who might need flood insurance and Awaiting Report Item Number 08-97, regarding assessing options to assist homeowners in the new flood plan.
[“After discussions with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue it does not appear that public funds can be expended to benefit a select class of homeowners added to the flood plain district. The use of public funds to establish a mini-grant for seniors and other low-income residents does not fall within the legislative authority granted to local jurisdictions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and would be more appropriately handled on the state or federal level of government if deemed necessary.”
“The assessed value of properties affected by the changes to the new flood insurance maps will be reviewed in order to determine if there is an impact on the market value of the property. Any adverse impact will be factored into the assessed valuation as of January 1st of the year they take effect. The Board of Assessors will continually monitor the situation to insure full and fair assessments throughout the City of Cambridge.”]
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-90, regarding the status of MBTA Lechmere station plans.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-69, regarding a report on testing and repairs to the Longfellow Bridge.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-89, regarding a report on any updates to the NorthPoint development.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission on a Jitney Permit application changing the name of the operator of a current Jitney License from M&L Shuttle to Paul Revere Transportation. The operating route and number of shuttles will remain unchanged.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-98, regarding a report on the impact of the conversion to digital TV and the process for re-contracting for cable services. **Referred to Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee - Davis**
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Prevention Coalition Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) grant received from the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services for \$80,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account (\$57,636.00), the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$20,614.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Travel and Training account (\$1,750.00) for the purpose of working collaboratively within the City to reduce underage drinking.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance in the amount of \$88,979.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$84,630.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,349.00) and will be used for costs related to the Carey Men’s Transitional Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Prevention Coalition Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) grant received from the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services for \$125,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account (\$113,168.00), the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$9,082.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Travel and Training account (\$2,750.00) in support of working to reduce opioid overdoses.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund of Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide nutritional foods that will be distributed to eligible Cambridge residents through the Food Pantry Network.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Lead-Safe Grant (Round 12) Program Income of \$3,063.12 to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will increase funds available to control lead hazards in eligible housing in Cambridge.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. 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 exercised by Councillor Decker on City Manager Agenda Item Number Two of July 28, 2008.] **Place on File under Rule 19**
2. 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 exercised by Councillor Reeves on City Manager Agenda Item Number Twenty-four of July 28, 2008.] **Place on File under Rule 19**
3. 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. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Seventeen of July 28, 2008.] **Adopted**

ON THE TABLE

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to environmental and legal matters associated with the Yerxa Road Underpass project. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on City Manager Item Number Twenty-five of July 28, 2008.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 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.]
6. 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.]
7. 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 11, 2008. Petition expires Sept 8, 2008. **Ordained as amended 8-1 [Kelley voted NO] - Ordinance #1316**
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation request and Loan Order regarding the CRLS renovation project. The question comes on adoption on or after Aug 11, 2008.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Zinnia, requesting permission for two signs at the premises numbered 1300 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
2. An application was received from Kathy Jenkins, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 11 Bellevue Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.
3. An application was received from the Child Care Resource Center, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall.
4. An application was received from Richard Hedberg, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 50 Rogers Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval was received from the neighborhood association.
5. An application was received from LaRouche P.A.C., requesting permission for a table for distributing materials and two sandwich board signs in Harvard Square on Massachusetts Avenue across from the MBTA stop.
6. An application was received from Zaid Mongell, requesting permission for four bike racks in front of the premises numbered 36 Highland Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received by Paula Lovejoy et al., regarding giving the Joan Lorentz Park the most protective park designation possible.
2. A communication was received from Nancy Cole and Catherine Brady, supporting the zoning changes to build a hotel and park on the current Kaya Restaurant property.
3. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding Monteiro v. Cambridge.
4. A communication was received from Garfield E. Morrison, Jr., transmitting thanks for the proclamation given in honor of his mother, Iona Morrison.
5. A communication was received from June McCormick and family, transmitting thanks for remembering Specialist David Phillip McCormick with a City Council resolution.
6. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the resolution requesting the Massachusetts State Legislature override the Governor's vetoes of spending to assist the Cambridge Hazardous Materials Response Team, the Housing Authority's Computer Center, and the Central Square Theater. The House and Senate successfully overrode all of these vetoes.
7. A communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting notice of NSTAR Gas Company's 2007 Energy Efficiency Annual Report and a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's report will take place on Sept 9, 2008 at 2:30pm at the Department's office One South Station-2nd Floor, Boston.
8. A communication was received from Laurie Rothstein, Director of Development, Summerbridge Cambridge, transmitting support for the Alexandria Real Estate Equities' zoning proposal for the Binney Street area in East Cambridge.
9. A communication was received from John Durant, Director, MIT Museum, Executive Director Cambridge Science Festival, transmitting support for the Alexandria Real Estate Equities' zoning proposal for the Binney Street area in East Cambridge.
10. A communication was received from Michael Brandon, regarding planning study for North Massachusetts Avenue.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Alfred Margulies from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
2. Retirement of Audrey Boyle from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
3. Retirement of Julia Bibbins from the Human Services Department. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Robert Caggiano, Louis Hunt and Curtis Hamilton of The New England Diamond Dawgs Baseball Team on competing in the AAU National Baseball Championship. Councillor Maher, Vice Mayor Murphy, Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Daniel F. Murphy. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Sheila (Flynn) Murphy. Councillor Maher
7. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Barbara Hebert. Mayor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth Lund. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of former City Councillor Mary Ellen (Guant) Preusser. Councillor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Dolores R. (Matarazzo) Reilly. Councillor Maher
11. Resolution on the death of Anastasia Manolas. Councillor Davis
12. Resolution on the death of retired City Clerk Paul E. Healy. Councillor Maher
13. Congratulations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on its 50th anniversary. Mayor Simmons

14. Proclaim the week of Sept 24-29, 2008 as Dollar Wi\$e Week for Kids and Families in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
15. Appreciation to Peter Flynn for his many years of work and congratulations to the Magner's Irish Film Festival as it celebrates its 10th anniversary Nov 13-16, 2008 at the Brattle Theatre and Harvard Film Archive. Mayor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Sherry Sanchez and Troy May on their recent marriage. Mayor Simmons
17. Congratulations to the new members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences who will be inducted at the Academy's 228th Annual Induction Ceremony on Sat, Oct 11, 2008 at the Sanders Theater. Mayor Simmons
18. Congratulations and welcome to Ardeene Goodridge as she takes on the position of Area 4 Coordinator. Councillor Decker
19. Retirement of Rachelle DiDonato from the Cambridge Health Alliance. Mayor Simmons
20. Retirement of Alan S. Beggelman from the Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
21. Retirement of Mary Leno from the Women's Commission. Mayor Simmons
22. Retirement of Eileen DeLouchrey from the Public Works Department. Mayor Simmons
23. Proclaim Oct 24, 2008 as UNITED NATIONS DAY in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
24. Congratulations to Marc McGovern and Mary Anne Ryan on their recent nuptials on Aug 23, 2008. Councillor Decker
25. Congratulations to Jeff Walker and Mayeti Gametchu on the birth of their daughter, Abeba Grace Walker, on Aug 21, 2008. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
26. Congratulations to Santiago Cook Brown and Christopher Brown on their recent marriage. Mayor Simmons
27. Resolution on the death of Kenneth Damien May. Councillor Toomey
28. Resolution on the death of Margaret Edna (Creamer) Pero. Councillor Toomey
29. Congratulations and thanks to the Ethiopian community in Cambridge for their contributions to the city as they celebrate the beginning of the New Year of 2001. Mayor Simmons
30. Congratulations to Josh Hassol on the occasion of being named President and CEO of the Cambridge Energy Alliance. Councillor Davis
31. Retirement of Margaret "Peg" Dwyer from the Emergency Communications Department. Mayor Simmons
32. Congratulations to Karen and Jean Preval on the birth of their son, Andrew Jefferson Preval. Councillor Davis, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker
33. Appreciation to the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society for their work in organizing the Feast of Saints Festival each year. Mayor Simmons
34. Resolution on the death of Specialist Ronald A. Schmidt. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Daniel A. C. McGuire. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael L. Gonzalez. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Travis M. Stottley. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Corporal Adam T. McKiski. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Private Timothy J. Hutton. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Specialist Kevin R. Dickson. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael H. Ferschke Jr. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jonathan D. Menke. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Specialist Carlo E. Alfonso. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Private Janelle F. King. Councillor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Corporal James M. Hale. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jose E. Ulloa. Councillor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Specialist Andre D. Mitchell. Councillor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Sergeant David K. Cooper. Councillor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kenneth B. Gibson. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Corporal Stewart S. Trejo. Councillor Decker
51. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jorge L. Feliz Nieve. Councillor Decker
52. Resolution on the death of Specialist Steven J. Fitzmorris. Councillor Decker
53. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Gary M. Henry. Councillor Decker
54. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jennifer L. Cole. Councillor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Brian K. Miller. Councillor Decker
56. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class George Staniel. Councillor Decker
57. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Danny E. Maybin. Councillor Decker
58. Congratulation to Michael Bandar and Oana Paraschiv on their recent marriage. Councillor Decker
59. Congratulations to Kristen and Ed White on the birth of their daughter, Maeve White. Councillor Maher
60. Congratulations to Joe and Carmella Carey on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Councillor Maher
61. Congratulations to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church as they celebrate their 100 years of ministry at the Anniversary Banquet at Anthony's in Malden on Oct 10, 2008. Councillor Reeves
62. Congratulations to Reverend L. Francis Fox on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as Rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Councillor Reeves
63. Best wishes to Denise McGuire as she retires from her position of Executive Director of Cambridge Family and Children's Services. Councillor Maher
64. Congratulations to Bill Morse whose new work will be featured at the First Friday Open Studios on Fri, Sept 5, 2008 at 450 Harrison Avenue, Studio 227, Boston, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Councillor Decker
65. Resolution on the death of Steven Collismo. Councillor Toomey
72. Happy Birthday wishes to Mattie Hayes. Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate departments to ensure that a pest management plan is devised by construction companies and approved by the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services and the Cambridge Health Alliance before building permits are issued. Councillor Decker
2. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the status of Verizon FIOS and whether it will be offered in Cambridge. Councillor Maher
3. That the City Manager is requested to commission a parking study for Central Square to assure that there is sufficient capacity for the increasing activities in the Square and to suggest ways to meet that need. Councillor Davis
4. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Cambridge Street and Lambert Street in honor of Caroline Randall. Councillor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA and report back to the City Council on plans to ensure that the responsibility of the developers of Northpoint for a safe crossing will be upheld by the MBTA and that the plans will coincide with the vision of future development. Councillor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to begin exploring the possibility of renegotiating the special permit for Northpoint to include a new Court House facility. Councillor Toomey
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the position the City of Cambridge can take on altering the Northpoint special permit now that the land swap is no longer necessary. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on any progress being made in addressing rodent complaints and whether or not the overall number of complaints has increased or decreased. Councillor Toomey

9. That the City Manager is requested to report to the City Council on what is being done about the spike in violence, particularly gun violence, in Area IV. Councillor Davis
10. That the City Manager is requested to continue monitoring the efforts of Harvard and MIT in regard to wind data collection and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Davis
11. That the City Council go on record suspending the Rule 23B prohibition on televising roundtable meetings with respect to the Sept 15, 2008 roundtable. [TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION.] Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel **Failed of Adoption 3-5-1 [Kelley, Seidel Simmons voted YES; Davis, Maher, Reeves, Toomey, Murphy voted NO; Decker ABSENT]**
12. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council, in Executive Session if necessary, on the status of the Monteiro lawsuit. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
13. That the City Manager is requested to consult with appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council on the status of any past or present agreements concerning or limitations to the ability of the owners of the apartment complex at 205 and 225 Walden Street to charge for the use of the complex's off-street parking. Councillor Kelley
14. That the City Council initiate the "One Dollar for the Arts" art program that will allow residents of Cambridge to voluntarily contribute one dollar for youth arts programs in the city. Mayor Simmons
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner regarding increasing patrols in the areas of Cambridge where gun fire has been reported. Councillor Toomey
16. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update from the Committee on Homelessness and more specifically about how the committee work relates to Central Square. Councillor Davis
17. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Chief Public Health Officer to look into the possibility of instituting programs similar to New York City and San Francisco which involve posting calorie counts and nutritional information on menus and menu boards in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Electrical Department and Commissioner of Public Works to determine if lighting can be improved on the corner of York Street and Berkshire Street. Councillor Toomey
19. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of extending the hours of park lighting at Donnelly Field. Councillor Toomey **Amended**
20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Just-A-Start to discuss the trimming of trees and shrubbery at the former St. Patrick's Church on Berkshire Street in order to create a more open atmosphere on the front steps. Councillor Toomey
21. That the City Council's Committee on Traffic, Transportation and Parking hold a meeting with relevant City staff and the general public to review the City's road and sidewalk hazard notification system and repair efforts with the intent of making the City's information about potholes more available to the general public and helping City staff review the manner in which it prioritizes both short and long-term repair work. Councillor Kelley
22. That the City Manager is requested to examine options to make the parking lot and abutting sidewalk located along Linnaean Street at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue a safer place for non-vehicular traffic. Councillor Seidel **Amended**
23. Dedication of a suitable site in the area of Kendall Square in honor of Cambridge's past and present urban planners. Councillor Maher
24. Dedication in honor of Connor EpsteinKraus at the corner of Chilton Street and Huron Avenue. Councillor Davis and Councillor Kelley
25. That the City Council requests the Historical Commission to initiate a Landmark Study of the Masonic Temple at 1950 Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Maher
26. Dedication of a corner in the vicinity of Walden Street and Copley Street in honor of Audrey and France Ence. Councillor Reeves
27. Dedication of a corner in the vicinity of Fayerweather Street and Walden Street in honor of Zelma and Frank Evelyn. Councillor Reeves
28. That the City Council go on record amending Order No. 11 of June 2, 2008 by changing the location to be dedicated in honor of Patrick J. Stephen from a corner on Park Avenue to the bench at Neville Manor Park. Councillor Maher
29. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and report back to the City Council on the installation of a pedestrian crossing island at Mount Auburn and Willard Streets and public process that brought about this change. Councillor Toomey
30. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to look at the crossing at the corner of Huron and Concord Avenues for the possibility of installing a dedicated walk signal for the safety and security of a large number of school-aged children. Councillor Maher
31. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee to arrange a tour of the North Point site for the City Council. Councillor Maher, Councillor Seidel and Councillor Reeves
32. That the City Manager is requested to contact the DCR to discuss the possibility that the City of Cambridge use DCR land for community gardens. Councillor Davis and Councillor Seidel
33. That the City Manager is requested to outline plans to add plots for community gardens with a goal of adding eighty more plots for the next growing season. Councillor Davis and Councillor Seidel
34. That the City Manager is requested to recommend to the City Council a method to develop a Food Policy Advisory Council. Councillor Davis and Councillor Seidel
35. That the City Manager is requested to recommend a program to promote container gardening. Councillor Davis and Councillor Seidel
36. That the proposed amendments to the Cambridge Employment Plan contained in ATTACHMENT B of the Civic Unity Committee Report is referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration and hearing. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 July 1, 2008 for the purpose of continuing to discuss services in Cambridge for children and their families during early childhood.
2. 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 July 28, 2008 for the purpose of continuing the committee's discussion of services in Cambridge for children and their families during early childhood and to plan the agenda for a conference/training with the Harlem Children's Zone in September, 2008.
3. 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 July 29, 2008 to discuss community gardens and the formation of a Food Policy Advisory Committee.

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 Aug 14, 2008 for the purpose of continuing the consideration of a petition by Alexandria Real Estate Equities to amend the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance relative to the PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD-4B districts in eastern Cambridge.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on Aug 27, 2008 to discuss the proposed changes to the Cambridge residency requirement in the Cambridge Employment Plan, Chapter 2.66 of the Municipal Code.

HEARING SCHEDULE

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)

Wed, Sept 17

4:00pm 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)

Thurs, Sept 18

4:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on the Windsor Street Health Clinic and on the status of neighborhood health clinics in Cambridge. (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)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (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 Roundtable Meeting with NSTAR (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 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to ensure that a pest management plan is devised by construction companies and approved by the Department of Public Works, Inspectional Services and the Cambridge Health Alliance before building permits are issued.

O-2 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The cost for cable television in Cambridge has risen way beyond inflation; and

WHEREAS: Verizon FIOS provides an alternative to Comcast Cable TV in many communities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the status of Verizon FIOS and whether it will be offered in Cambridge.

O-3 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: With the addition of the Central Square Theater and an increase in the number of businesses, Central Square will be attracting more people and cars; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to commission a parking study for Central Square to assure that there is sufficient capacity for the increasing activities in the Square and to suggest ways to meet that need.

O-4 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Cambridge Street and Lambert Street in honor of Caroline Randall; 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-5 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The developers of Northpoint were being held responsible for establishing a safe crossing for pedestrians; and WHEREAS: The State will be moving Lechmere Station presumably before the development issues will be solved at Northpoint; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA and report back to the City Council on plans to ensure that the responsibility of the developers for a safe crossing will be upheld by the MBTA and that the plans will coincide with the vision of future development.

O-6 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has historically been the location of the Middlesex County Court House until their recent move to Woburn; and

WHEREAS: The Court House played an important role in the vitality of businesses in East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The recent announcement of the State to take over responsibility of a new Lechmere Station has taken a burden off the future developer; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to begin exploring the possibility of renegotiating the special permit for Northpoint to include a new Court House facility.

O-7 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The State of Massachusetts has agreed to move Lechmere Station in order to advance plans for the Green Line extension; and
WHEREAS: The original plans for a land swap between the owners of Northpoint and the MBTA were an integral part of the permitting process; and
WHEREAS: The special permit for the Northpoint Development must ensure public benefits are delivered to East Cambridge residents; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the position the City of Cambridge can take on altering the Northpoint special permit now that the land swap is no longer necessary.

O-8 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any progress being made in addressing rodent complaints and whether or not the overall number of complaints has increased or decreased.

O-9 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on what is being done about the spike in violence, particularly gun violence, in Area IV.

O-10 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Harvard University is exploring the potential for wind energy on its Boston campus and is erecting a 50 meter met tower this week on which to mount wind measurement devices; and
WHEREAS: In July 2007 the Community Development Department sent letters to Thomas Vautin at Harvard, and Peter Cooper at MIT requesting that they share any wind energy data they collect; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue monitoring the efforts of both universities in regard to wind data collection and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-11 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: By City Council Rule 23.B, City Council roundtables are not televised; and
WHEREAS: The Council roundtable on Sept 15, 2008 is with the School Committee; and
WHEREAS: Many parents have tremendous logistical difficulties in making meetings that run from 5:50pm to 7:30pm; and
WHEREAS: Many parents are interested in what their elected officials are thinking about their public schools and would like to have the opportunity to watch this roundtable from the convenience of their homes; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record suspending the Rule 23B prohibition on televising roundtable meetings with respect to the Sept 15, 2008 roundtable; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Council roundtable on Sept 15, 2008 be both televised and webcast.

O-12 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council, in Executive Session if necessary, on the status of the Monteiro lawsuit.

O-13 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: There have been concerns raised over increased on-street parking pressure from residents of the apartment complex at 205 and 225 Walden Street; and
WHEREAS: These concerns are partially based on the possibility that the management of this complex is now charging for on-site parking in violation of an alleged mitigation agreement at the time of construction to provide sufficient, free off-street parking for the apartments to ensure that they would not use and overburden the surrounding local streets; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with appropriate City staff and report back to the City Council on the status of any past or present agreements concerning or limitations to the ability of the owners of the apartment complex at 205 and 225 Walden Street to charge for the use of the complex's off-street parking.

O-14 Sept 8, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has been shown that children who are exposed to the arts at a young age tend to develop into more well-rounded, more intellectually curious individuals; and
WHEREAS: Studies suggest that children who excel in art programs are more likely to excel in other academic area, and that they apt to develop more diverse cognitive skills and creative ways of approaching problems; and
WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long supported arts programs for all, and particularly for our youth. Cambridge has always championed the notion that it is vital to fund the arts, which enrich the community in immeasurable ways; and
WHEREAS: Proper funding is critical to sustaining the City's arts programs, and it is essential that the community continue to invest in and be aware of this area of our children's education and development; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council initiate the "One Dollar for the Arts" art program that will allow residents of Cambridge to voluntarily contribute one dollar for youth arts programs in the city. The dollar may be collected through the excise tax bill, parking permit fee, or commercial or property tax bills.

O-15 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner regarding increasing patrols in the areas of Cambridge where gun fire has been reported.

O-16 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update from the Committee on Homelessness and more specifically about how the committee work relates to Central Square.

O-17 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: New York City has an ordinance requiring chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus and menu boards; and
WHEREAS: San Francisco has a menu-labeling ordinance that requires chain restaurants with twenty or more establishments in the city to post nutritional information on menus and menu boards; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chief Public Health Officer to look into the possibility of instituting similar programs in Cambridge.

O-18 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Electrical Department and Commissioner of Public Works to determine if lighting can be improved on the corner of York Street and Berkshire Street.

O-19 Sept 8, 2008 **Amended**
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of extending the hours of park lighting at Donnelly Field; **and be it further**

ORDERED: That the area be lit thoughtfully with respect to energy efficiency and consideration for neighbors.

O-20 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Just-A-Start to discuss the trimming of trees and shrubbery at the former St. Patrick's Church on Berkshire Street in order to create a more open atmosphere on the front steps.

O-21 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Potholes and street hazards in Cambridge make using city streets uncomfortable and, at times, dangerous for cyclists and motorists; and

WHEREAS: Some road hazards, such as the trench at 270 River Street, have such heavy traffic, especially truck traffic, that nearby residents are woken at night and foundations are shaken by vehicles hitting the hazards; and

WHEREAS: Sidewalk hazards present similar problems for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: The City has a pothole reporting system; and

WHEREAS: Some people have raised concerns that potholes, road hazards and sidewalk hazards about which they have notified the City have not been fixed; and

WHEREAS: The general public does not know which hazards the City has been informed of when trying to receive compensation for accidents due to potholes or other road or sidewalk hazards; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear to the general public how the City manages and responds to information gathered about potholes, road hazards and sidewalk hazards; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council's Committee on Traffic, Transportation and Parking hold a meeting with relevant City staff and the general public to review the City's road and sidewalk hazard notification system and repair efforts with the intent of making the City's information about potholes more available to the general public and helping City staff review the manner in which it prioritizes both short and long-term repair work.

O-22 Sept 8, 2008 **Amended**
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to examine options to make the parking lot and abutting sidewalk located along Linnaean Street at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue a safer place for non-vehicular traffic; **and be it further**

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

O-23 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: Cambridge has had the benefit of the expertise of many talented urban planners over the years; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable site in the area of Kendall Square in honor of Cambridge's past and present urban planners.

O-24 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: On Oct 20, 1998, Connor Bagel EpsteinKraus was struck by a car at the corner of Chilton Street and Huron Avenue; and

WHEREAS: A result of this devastating accident was a change in traffic law; and

WHEREAS: Connor made a remarkable recovery and is able to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the accident; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Chilton Street and Huron Avenue to be named "Connor's Corner;" 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-25 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby requests the Historical Commission to initiate a Landmark Study of the Masonic Temple at 1950 Massachusetts Avenue.

O-26 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Walden Street and Copley Street in honor of Audrey and France Ence.

O-27 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a corner in the vicinity of Fayerweather Street and Walden Street in honor of Zelma and Frank Evelyn.

O-28 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record amending Order No. 11 of June 2, 2008 by changing the location to be dedicated in honor of Patrick J. Stephen from a corner on Park Avenue to the bench at Neville Manor Park.

O-29 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: A pedestrian crossing island has been installed in the middle of the road on Mount Auburn Street at the intersection of Willard Street; and

WHEREAS: There is some neighborhood concern about the safety of the placement of this island; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments including the Fire Department and report back to the City Council on the goal of this structure and public process that brought about this change.

O-30 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to look at the crossing at the corner of Huron and Concord Avenues for the possibility of installing a dedicated walk signal for the safety and security of a large number of school-aged children.

O-31 Sept 8, 2008
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee to arrange a tour of the North Point site for the City Council.

O-32 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the DCR to discuss the possibility that the City of Cambridge use DCR land for community gardens.

O-33 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to outline plans to add plots for community gardens with a goal of adding eighty more plots for the next growing season.

O-34 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to recommend to the City Council a method to develop a Food Policy Advisory Council.

O-35 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to recommend a program to promote container gardening.

O-36 Sept 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the proposed amendments to the Cambridge Employment Plan contained in ATTACHMENT B of this report [Committee Report from Civic Unity Committee] is referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration and hearing.