

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the re-appointment of Warren R. McManus as a Commissioner for the Cambridge Housing Authority effective Oct 1, 2011 in accordance with Chapter 121B, Section 5.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-68, regarding a report on the future of the East Cambridge Post Office.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative that the City Council formally appropriate/allocate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as follows:
 - 1A. 80% of FY2012 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$5,400,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust;
 - 1B. 10% of FY2012 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$675,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
 - 1C. 10% of FY2012 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$675,000) allocated to Open Space;
 - 2A. 80% of FY2011 State Match revenues (\$1,480,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust;
 - 2B. 10% of FY2011 State Match revenues (\$185,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
 - 2C. 10% of FY2011 State Match revenues (\$185,000) allocated to Open Space;
 - 3A. 80% of the Fund Balance (\$800,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust;
 - 3B. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) allocated to Historic Preservation;
 - 3C. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) allocated to Open Space; and
 - 4A. Appropriate (\$7,500) from the Fund Balance the cost for the Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-49, regarding a report on the current state of the Pacific Street dog park and devise a strategy to make it more accessible and enjoyable for both dog owners and their pets.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-77, regarding a report on amending the Paine Park fountain schedule through Labor Day.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-95, regarding a report on repaving Antrim Street.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-100, regarding a report on cleaning utility poles, graffiti and debris along Massachusetts Avenue between Harvard and Porter Squares.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-106, regarding a report on styrofoam recycling options.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-108, regarding a report on the City's policy on allowing sidewalk markings for a duathlon event and when the Cambridgeside Galleria will be removing them.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-59, regarding a report on a plan to keep sidewalk crossings accessible for the fall/winter 2011 at major pedestrian thoroughfares.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-105, regarding a report on why there are so many "no turn on red" signs.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-93, regarding a report on ensuring sufficient information is on the City's website relative to bedbugs.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-88, regarding a report on the best methods for slowing traffic on Linnaean Street.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-96, regarding a report on the feasibility of allowing residents to pay for the requisition and installation of bike racks in residential areas.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-97, regarding a report on the lack of bike lane and the unsafe car traffic on Blanchard Road.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-69, regarding a report on working with utility companies to ensure that all pole wire transfers and removal of unsightly older poles are completed in a quick and efficient manner.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-86, regarding a report on applying for the Rooftop Solar Challenge
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-87 and 11-98, regarding a report on traffic calming on Tremont Streets.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-94, regarding a report on fireworks at Corcoran Park on July 4th.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation from the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) in the amount of \$19,989.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$18,614.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,375.00) which will be used to support ESOL classes including classes to ESOL students

on women's breast health with assistance from Mt. Auburn Hospital.

21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of various private donations to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$7,438.40 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$1,275.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,163.40) and will be used to support a variety of services for Cambridge Seniors, including food and entertainment for senior parties, the purchase of fans for low-income seniors, provision of minor home adaptation equipment, support for the food pantry, and transportation for special senior center events and trips.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance grant funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$88,979.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$84,948.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$4,031.00) which will be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Transitional Program operated by the Multi-Service Center.
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the STOP Act grant for \$50,000.00 funded by the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$7,070.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$40,930.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$2,000.00) and will be used to create and implement phase four of the Reality Check campaign for parents of middle school students, aimed at reducing social access to alcohol for minors.
24. 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 \$72,551.00 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$50,000), Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,000) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account (\$16,551) which will support training to dispatch personnel in the Emergency Communications Department by covering the cost of backfills for participants and training conference and course fees, as well as software maintenance costs.
25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Metropolitan Area Planning Council Regional Bike Parking Program Grant in the amount of \$71,532 to the Grant Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to purchase approximately 374 bicycle parking racks.
26. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a energy efficiency rebate revenues from NSTAR for \$30,000 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account related to heating system boiler replacements at the Longfellow School.
27. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$16,350 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to provide mini-grants to artists, arts organizations and community groups in Cambridge.
28. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$2,000 donation from Draper Laboratory to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will support a Police Department program through the Youth and Family Services Unit (YFSU) in partnership with the Cambridge YMCA and the Cambridge/Somerville Boxing Club for a youth boxing program for youth 13-22 who are either currently or have previously been enrolled in the YFSU Diversion program.
29. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$100 donation from the Somerville Auxiliary Police to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account which was given in recognition of their assistance with the Memorial Day Parade in Somerville and will be used to purchase equipment for the Cambridge Auxiliary Police.
30. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a FY11 Pedestrian, Bicycle and Moped Safety Enforcement and Equipment Grant from the Massachusetts Executive office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$10,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account (\$9,200) and to the Grant Fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$800) which will be used to enhance effective pedestrian, bicycle and/or moped enforcement to reduce incidents of fatalities and injuries.
31. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$5,000 grant from the Fidelity Charitable Gift Trust through the Hildreth Stewart Fund to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account which was made to the Cambridge Police Department to provide funding to support training activities for officers and their interaction with the public.
32. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-103, regarding report on the safety of the elevator at City Hall.

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
3. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011. [Tabled on Motion of Councillor Cheung on May 2, 2011.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on July 18, 2011 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to enable the City's regional bike-share program to site bike-share stations on municipal and private property. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 15, 2011. Planning Board hearing held July 26, 2011. Petition expires Oct 16, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Pat Berry, transmitting thanks for the resolution on the passing of her mother Amorette Berry.
2. A communication was received from Robert K. Kraft, on the behalf of the family of Myra Kraft, transmitting appreciation for your thoughtful outreach during their time of sorrow.
3. A communication was received from James Williamson, regarding bikes on sidewalks, crosswalks and red lights and a skateboarder skating across the lip of the McCreehan Pool.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Angela "Angie" (Novello) Cardello. Mayor Maher
2. Resolution on the death of Mary D. (Hayes) Bates. Mayor Maher
3. Retirement of Sharon Fernandes from the School Department. Mayor Maher
4. Retirement of Paula Adkins Baptist from the School Department. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
5. Retirement of Carmen Daisy Fajardo from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Maher
6. Retirement of Maria Simproux from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
7. Retirement of Kathleen Reist from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
8. Retirement of Lauren Sullivan from the Inspectional Services Department. Mayor Maher
9. Resolution on the death of John R. Stevenson. Mayor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of Evelyn J. (Grossi) Rinaldo. Mayor Maher
11. Resolution on the death of Zelma Olivia (Bradshaw) Evelyn. Councillor Reeves, Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Helen C. (Spindler) Sullivan. Mayor Maher
13. Resolution on the death of William Wong. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of Therese (Norcott) Trenholm. Mayor Maher
15. Congratulations to Youth Underground and the Young Theater Company on their workshop performances of Money Matters. Vice Mayor Davis
16. Resolution on the death of Hilda A. Clara. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Mary R. Rice. Mayor Maher
18. Resolution on the death of George "Dol" Vaillant. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
19. Congratulations to State Representative Martin Walsh on being nominated as one of the nation's top 50 emerging leaders in the labor movement. Councillor Toomey
20. Resolution on the death of David P. McGurl. Councillor Toomey
21. Resolution on the death of Adriana (Cabral) Lopes. Councillor Toomey
22. Resolution on the death of Ruth Seely Johnson. Mayor Maher
23. Resolution on the death of Dr. Richard F. Curran. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Maurice J. "Moe" Harvey. Councillor Toomey
25. Retirement of Martha Hamilton from the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Maher
26. Resolution on the death of Barbara A. (Kebarian) Benevento. Mayor Maher
27. Speedy recovery wishes to Dee Dee Edmonson. Councillor Simmons

28. City Council support of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urge the Cambridge Department of Public Health to undertake initiatives to spread awareness about this disease. Councillor Simmons
29. Best wishes for a memorable National Grandparents Day on Sept 11, 2011. Councillor Simmons
30. Urge residents to be cognizant that September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. Councillor Simmons
31. Happy 92nd Birthday wishes to Abney Bourne. Councillor Simmons
32. Congratulations to Charles Banks and Regina Thomas on their engagement. Councillor Simmons
33. Welcome Redbones Rib Shack to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Cheung
34. Welcome Abigail's to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
35. Resolution on the death of John P. Riley. Mayor Maher
36. Resolution on the death of Reverend Francis J. Nicholson. Councillor Toomey
37. Resolution on the death of John F. Green Sr. Councillor Toomey
38. Congratulations to Dr. Susan Windham-Bannister, Mr. Douglas Banks and the Science Club for Girls on the Celebration and Catalyst Award Ceremony on Nov 9, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis
39. Welcome the expansion of Pfizer Inc. to Kendall Square. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher, Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Dorothy Chapman. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey
41. Congratulations to Chef/Owner William Kovel on the grand opening of Catalyst Restaurant in Kendall Square. Councillor Toomey
42. Thanks to the Cambridge Fire Department for their work at the fire at 54 Montgomery Street. Councillor Simmons
43. Happy 7th Anniversary wishes to Dana Lent and David Crowd. Councillor Simmons
44. Sympathy to the victims of the fire at 54 Montgomery Street. Councillor Simmons
45. Welcome Bob Slate Stationer to its new location at 30 Brattle Street. Vice Mayor Davis
46. Congratulations to Whole Foods Market on its 10th anniversary at its River Street site. Vice Mayor Davis
47. Resolution on the death of Marie O. Richard-Doh. Mayor Maher
48. Retirement of Naty Morrissey from the Multiservice Center. Councillor Decker
49. Congratulations to the Women's Center on their 40-year anniversary. Councillor Decker
50. Congratulations to Peter Hecht, CEO of Ironwood, on the occasion of the New Drug Application (NDA) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Councillor Decker
51. Congratulations to Jennifer and Ned Miles and their team as they support Cambridge's Hydrocephalus Association Walk on Sept 25, 2011. Councillor Decker, Mayor Maher
52. Congratulations and support to CYCLE Kids for their success and recognition by Fitness Magazine. Councillor Decker
53. Congratulations to the Boston Women's Health Book Collective on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the publication of Our Bodies, Ourselves. Vice Mayor Davis
54. Acknowledge the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Councillor Simmons
55. Congratulations to Victoria Anna Marie Spada and Michael Anthony Miele on their wedding. Councillor Toomey
56. Congratulations to parents Jeff and Allison Lane and Sal and Marie DiDomenico on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Olivia Marie Lane. Councillor Toomey
57. Acknowledge Prince Hall Americanism Day on Sept 13, 2011. Councillor Simmons
58. Congratulations to Erica Jaquith, Jenny Vernick and Molly Katz-Christy on their adaptation of James and the Giant Peach on Sept 1, 2011. Councillor Toomey
59. Resolution on the death of Theresa G. (McGovern) Avakian. Councillor Toomey
60. Resolution on the death of Elmer J. Marsh. Councillor Reeves
61. Congratulations to Arjun Agarwala and Ashley Vincent for receiving a scholarship from the Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation. Mayor Maher
62. Retirement of Sarah Spinale from the Cambridge Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union. Mayor Maher
63. Congratulations to Vanessa Fisher and Pierre Sully on the birth of their daughter Peyton Marie Sully. Mayor Maher
64. Congratulations to Alyssa Lee for being named Executive Director of the New School of Music. Mayor Maher
65. Congratulations to MIT for being named one of the best places to work for people over the age of fifty by the American Association of Retired Persons. Mayor Maher
66. Congratulations to the organizers of the 4th annual Hydrocephalus Walk at Fresh Pond on Sept 25, 2011. Mayor Maher
67. Best wishes to Victoria Harris in her future endeavors. Councillor Seidel
68. Congratulations to the Inman Square Business Association on the success of Inman Funch!, a series of fun lunch events. Councillor Seidel
69. Congratulating AFR Furniture Rental Inc. for receiving the Small Business of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
70. Congratulating PakCom Incorporated for receiving the Small Business of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
71. Congratulating Cambridge Family and Children's Service for receiving the Nonprofit of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
72. Congratulating MassPay for receiving the New Member of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
73. Congratulating Cambridge Child Care Resource Center, Inc. for receiving the Nonprofit of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
74. Congratulating Skillman Video Group for receiving the New Member of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
75. Congratulating W.T. Kenney Co., Inc. for receiving the Small Business of the Year Award. Councillor Decker

76. Congratulating NSK, Inc. for receiving the New Member of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
77. Congratulating Microsoft for receiving the Corporate Citizen of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
78. Congratulating Rachel Solem for receiving the Business Person of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
79. Congratulating Pfizer Cambridge for being recognized as a Leading Edge honoree. Councillor Decker
80. Congratulating the Hildebrand Family for receiving the Nonprofit of the Year Award. Councillor Decker
81. Congratulating Daniel Lewin and the team at Akamai Technologies for their timeless work and strength to continue on as such a successful leader in technology. Councillor Decker
82. Congratulating The Entrepreneur Walk of Fame for their outstanding work and commitment to improving the city. Councillor Cheung
83. Congratulating the Loong Kong Tien Yee Association of New England on their 85th Anniversary. Councillor Cheung

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to report back on the feasibility of giving residents the option to “go paperless” with their City bills including water, real estate, excise and any other notice or communication the City regularly sends residents. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back on the impact of the proposed alternative route on Cambridge Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) traffic. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant departments to ascertain what can be done to increase the duration of the Walk mode at the traffic lights at the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue, and other busy intersections in the vicinity of senior apartment buildings in Cambridge, and report back to the Council. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to ascertain what, if anything, can be done to ensure that local businesses shovel their sidewalks in front of their establishment after every snowstorm this winter. Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to ascertain what can be done to make the sounds alerting pedestrians that it is safe to cross the street more audible for seniors, so as to minimize the risks of accidents involving seniors at the location of Churchill Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to increase the number of foot patrols around the Lyndon Baines Johnson, Burns, and other senior apartment buildings in the city. Councillor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City Departments to explore the feasibility of issuing temporary City of Cambridge employee identification cards to youth employed in the Mayor’s

- Summer Youth Program to ensure that they have adequate identification to use to open a bank account, and for other financial transactions. Councillor Simmons
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant departments to explore the possibility of placing a city-owned shelter at the bus stop at the corner of Brookline Street and Erie Street, and other bus stops next to senior apartment buildings, which do not currently have shelter. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to ensure that the sidewalks next to the Burns senior building and other senior apartment buildings in the city are flat and safe for navigation by seniors. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to identify expedient and cost-effective ways to inform Cambridge residents, especially Cambridge seniors, of the city’s shift to single stream recycling. Councillor Simmons
11. That the City Council go on record expressing solidarity with the victims of Somalia’s famine, while urging residents of Cambridge to donate what they can towards the relief effort in Somalia. Councillor Simmons
12. That the City Council go on record extending its condolences to the family of Mr. James Craig Anderson, while calling on Hinds County Prosecutor, Robert Shuler Smith, to punish all those immediately or remotely associated with Mr. Anderson’s tragic death to the fullest extent of the law. Councillor Simmons
13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with the intention of reducing First Street meters at Best Buy to thirty minutes in order to encourage parking for small businesses along First Street. Councillor Toomey
14. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if an all-way stop sign would be appropriate at this intersection. Councillor Toomey
15. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City departments to install a traffic sign alerting motorists to a “Senior Crossing” in the vicinity of the intersection of Gore Street and Lambert Street to enhance the safety of seniors from the Miller’s River Apartment complex. Councillor Simmons
16. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to install a “No Turn on Red” sign at the corner of Gore Street and Lambert Street in order to make this intersection safer for pedestrians and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Simmons
17. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to install a speed bump on Lambert Street to reduce the speed at which cars travel on the street and to make the street safer for residents and pedestrians. Councillor Simmons
18. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City departments to investigate reports that semi-trailer trucks routinely use Lambert Street to get to McGrath Highway and report back to the City Council on what measures should be put in place to limit the use of

- Lambert Street by semi-trailer trucks. Councillor Simmons
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to remove the broken branch in front of the Truman apartment building at 25 Eighth Street before it causes physical injury or property damage and to arrange for the City Arborist to inspect another ailing tree in front of the Truman apartment building. Councillor Simmons
 20. That the City Council vote to file a Zoning Petition amending Section 20.300 Central Square Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting Section 20.304.5.3 b. Councillor Reeves
 21. That the City Manager is requested to work with the relevant City departments to inform the City Council about transportation services available to Cambridge seniors that are free and those that must be paid for as well as identify what transportation services are available for recreational purposes. Councillor Simmons
 22. That the City Manager is requested to work with relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of using city funds to subsidize the cost of installing or removing air conditioners from Cambridge Housing Authority-owned apartments, especially those occupied by seniors. Councillor Simmons
 23. That the School Committee is requested to direct the Superintendent to confer with the City Manager and relevant members of the City and School Department staffs to determine what changes need to be made to playgrounds and playing fields associated with Cambridge Public Schools in order to best support the Innovation Agenda. Councillor Kelley
 24. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council at its Sept 19th meeting on the status of any cases for which the recently concluded Monteiro case might be relevant. To the extent that public discussion on some aspects of these cases may be detrimental to the City's legal position, the City Council may go into Executive Session, but Executive Session would be as limited as possible. Councillor Kelley
 25. That the City Manager is requested to contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation to determine what plans for the McCrehan pool are and to report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Kelley
 26. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Cambridge Public Library to reconsider the protocol of having wireless internet access on only the first floor of the public library. Councillor Decker
 27. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to devise a plan to ensure that tow truck drivers model safe and courteous driving in the city and report back to the Council. Councillor Cheung
 28. That the City Manager is requested to look into the feasibility of installing additional "one way" signs on Fulkerson Street and a speed bump to reduce speeding. Councillor Cheung
 29. That the City Manager is requested to increase enforcement against bikers that endanger pedestrians and report back to the City Council with a plan of action on these two orders. Councillor Cheung
 30. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and the School Committee to see that the request for a new playground for the Amigos School be placed high on the list for playground renovations. Councillor Cheung
 31. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council about improvements made to the Astro Turf soccer field at Danehy park this summer as well as a schedule for its completion. Councillor Cheung
 32. That the City Manager is requested to look into the feasibility of reinstalling a trash receptacle in the alley adjacent to 9 Howard Street and Hoyt Field. Councillor Cheung
 33. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and the School Committee to look into the budgetary impact of implementing the Intel 1:1 eLearning program and report back to the Council on this matter in advance of the next budgetary cycle. Councillor Cheung
 34. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate departments to determine the best method to slow traffic on Norfolk Street. Councillor Cheung
 35. That the City Manager is requested to look into the repairs being made to JFK Street and report back to the City Council with a timeline for completion. Councillor Cheung
 36. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to implement stricter laws and increase police presence on Broadway to decrease the number of abnormally noisy trucks and unmuffled motorcycles during the night hours. Councillor Cheung
 37. That the City Manager is requested report back to the City Council on the racial makeup of the city's workforce by level and department. Councillor Cheung
 38. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the status of the May 2, 2011 Policy Order #2 and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
 39. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into finding better parking options and lock mechanisms for Vespa owners. Councillor Cheung
 40. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress and feasibility of integrating and providing a service similar to SeeClickFix in Cambridge. Councillor Cheung
 41. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to find a way to implement and support Walk/Ride Days in Cambridge as other communities have done and report back to the Council on this matter. Councillor Cheung
 42. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of developing a regular cleaning schedule for the outside of the waste receptacles in Harvard Square. Councillor Cheung

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on July 13, 2011 to consider a petition for a zoning amendment filed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to create a new Section 13.80 entitled PUD-5 District and amend the Zoning Map accordingly. The petition would rezone a 26-acre parcel in the Kendall Square area.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor David E. Maher, transmitting a communication regarding a request for City Council executive session minutes.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 12

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

Tues, Sept 13

- 5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a report on the safety issues related to the MIT Nuclear Reactor Laboratory. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 14

- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from Matthew Bagedonow, et al., to amend Residence District C-1 by adding to the end of Section 5.24 Yards a new paragraph (4) to read as follows: "Section 5.24.4. For Residence District C-1, in no case shall side yards be less than 7' 6". This shall apply to any plane or projection from the plane of the building." This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:45pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition from Laura Runkel, et al, to amend the Zoning Map by rezoning an area bordered on the north by the commuter rail tracks, on the south by Bellis Circle and on the east side by Sherman Street from its C1-A designation to Residential C. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 6:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by Chestnut Hill Realty to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation by Special Permit of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts which meet the Special Permit criteria. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Sept 15

- 5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss bike parking and enforcement, bike sharing and bike facilities. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 19

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

Tues, Sept 20

- 6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 21

- 10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to

- discuss challenges, concerns and opportunities facing the development of Farmers Markets. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss building energy efficient schools. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Sept 22

- 4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 26

- 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)

Tues, Sept 27

- 2:00pm The University Relations Committee will conduct a public meeting to choose goals to recommend to the City Council for FY 13. (Sullivan Chamber)

- 4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 3

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

Wed, Oct 5

- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition from MIT to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to create a new section 13.80 to the Zoning Ordinances entitled PUD-5 District and amend the Zoning Map to create a new PUD-5 District in the Kendall Square area; petition rezones a 26-acre parcel in the Kendall Square area. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 6

- 5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Austin, Texas "Parking Benefit District Pilot Program" and any other city parking issues. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 11

- 7:30am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting: revisiting after ten years - where do you go when home is not safe. Malkin Penthouse (Kennedy School of Government)

Wed, Oct 12

- 5:30pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the city's plan to deal with natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 17

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

Mon, Oct 24

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

Mon, Oct 31

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

Mon, Nov 7

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

Mon, Nov 14

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

Mon, Nov 21

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

Mon, Nov 28

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

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been heralded for its commitment to implementing green initiatives across the community to reduce waste and ensure a better quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS: Increasingly, more and more companies around the city have gone paperless as other avenues of communication such as email and websites have become the predominate source of communication; and

WHEREAS: The arguments for eliminating paper are strong in today's electronic world. Cutting down on paper eliminates the cost of buying paper and postage; and

WHEREAS: In an eco-conscious community such as Cambridge, giving residents the option to go paperless is a necessary step in furthering the city's commitment to green initiatives; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the feasibility of giving residents the option to go paperless with their city bills including water, real estate, excise, and any other notice the city regularly sends residents and report back to the Council on this matter.

O-2 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the City of Boston is pursuing a ban on Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials ("NRHM") transportation through downtown Boston unless the material originates in or has a final destination within the city; and

WHEREAS: Boston is sighting the dense population and use of the new greenway as support for the proposed ban on NRHM; and

WHEREAS: The state ban on NRHM such as gasoline, natural gas, and propane already prevents travel through the I-93 tunnels. Trucks traveling from Everett to Quincy will travel through Somerville and Cambridge to circumnavigate Boston in a the shortest alternative route; and

WHEREAS: These materials already travel through Somerville in Cambridge to reach destinations west of the City via I-90. The travel ban on Boston surface roads that is being proposed has potential to substantially increase NRHM traffic through Cambridge and Somerville streets, specifically McGrath/O'Brien Highway, Land Boulevard, Binney Street, Main Street, Sydney Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Pleasant Street, and Western Avenue; and

WHEREAS: These streets are significantly populated with residents and businesses and cut through both of Cambridge's largest business districts, Kendall Square and Central Square; and

WHEREAS: The Kendall Square portion of the route, specifically Binney Street, will experience a significant build out in the coming months and years, which will

increase residential, commercial and biotech populations and increase day and nighttime activity. Additionally as part of this build out, there will be approximately 2.5 acres of active parkland that will be added to the East Cambridge and Kendall Square landscape along this route near the corner of Binney and Third Street, and First Street and Land Boulevard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back on the impact of this proposed alternative route on Cambridge NRHM traffic; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with appropriate staff and structure a ban similar to what the City of Boston has proposed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record opposing any changes to NRHM routes that would increase NRHM traffic through the city.

O-3 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Seniors in the Corporal Burns apartment buildings have complained that the traffic lights at the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue switch from the walk mode before they can fully cross this busy intersection; and

WHEREAS: This poses a significant hazard for seniors crossing the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant departments to ascertain what can be done to increase the duration of the Walk mode at the traffic lights at the intersection of Churchill Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue, and other busy intersections in the vicinity of senior apartment buildings in Cambridge, and report back to the Council.

O-4 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: During the annual Senior Town Hall meeting, seniors expressed concerns about prompt snow removal this winter; and

WHEREAS: While the Department of Public Works does a good job clearing the streets and sidewalks of Cambridge in the winter, the pace of snow removal remains a significant problem for Cambridge seniors; and

WHEREAS: While it is undoubtedly the City's responsibility to clear the streets and sidewalks after a snowstorm, businesses in Cambridge could do more to assist their customers and improve access to their businesses by shoveling the sidewalks in front of their business establishment after every snowstorm; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to ascertain what, if anything, can be done to ensure that local businesses shovel their sidewalks in front of their establishment after every snowstorm this winter.

O-5 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Seniors who live in the Corporal Burns apartment buildings have complained that the sounds alerting pedestrians that it is safe to cross the street at the

intersection of Churchill Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue are not loud enough; and

WHEREAS: This creates significant danger for seniors, especially those who rely on hearing aids, as they cross the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to ascertain what can be done to make the sounds alerting pedestrians that it is safe to cross the street more audible for seniors, so as to minimize the risks of accidents involving seniors in this location.

O-6 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge seniors have consistently expressed the need for more police foot patrols around senior buildings; and

WHEREAS: Greater police visibility is not only a deterrent to crime, it fosters better relations between the police and the community served by the police; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police Department to increase the number of foot patrols around the Lyndon Baines Johnson, Burns, and other senior apartment buildings in the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cambridge Police to explore the possibility of using the Auxiliary Police for foot patrols in the vicinity of senior apartment buildings and report back to the Council.

O-7 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program employs over 500 Cambridge youth every summer; and

WHEREAS: Some of the youth employed through the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program are rising seniors who may or may not have been issued school identification cards; and

WHEREAS: Lack of identification is an impediment to cashing cheques or opening a bank account for some youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City Departments to explore the feasibility of issuing temporary City of Cambridge employee identification cards to youth employed in the Mayor's Summer Youth Program to ensure that they have adequate identification to use to open a bank account, and for other financial transactions.

O-8 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The need for a shelter at the MBTA bus stop at the corner of Brookline Street and Erie Street remains of great importance to seniors residing in the Lyndon Baines Johnson senior apartment building and other bus riders in the immediate vicinity; and

WHEREAS: Cemusa has stated that it will not put a bus shelter at this location unless a healthy tree which, according to Cemusa, will potentially obstruct the view of its advertisements, is cut down; and

WHEREAS: In a recent correspondence, the outgoing General Manager of the MBTA, Richard Davey, attributed the lack of shelter at the corner of Brookline Street and Erie Street to low bus ridership in this location; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant departments to explore the possibility of placing a city-owned shelter at the bus stop at the corner of Brookline Street and Erie Street, and other bus stops next to senior apartment buildings, which do not currently have shelter.

O-9 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of Cambridge seniors is of paramount importance to the City Council; and

ORDERED: Bumps on the sidewalks next to the Burns senior apartment building located at 50 Churchill Avenue pose a safety hazard for seniors, especially those who rely on walking aids; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to ensure that the sidewalks next to the Burns senior building and other senior apartment buildings in the city are flat and safe for navigation by seniors.

O-10 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge's shift to single stream recycling is an important milestone in our city's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, yet many seniors are not aware of this shift; and

WHEREAS: For single stream recycling to take hold in Cambridge and for it to play a significant role in the City's recycling efforts, Cambridge residents including seniors have to be aware about it; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to identify expedient and cost-effective ways to inform Cambridge residents, especially Cambridge seniors, of the city's shift to single stream recycling.

O-11 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Images of emaciated children with flies hovering around their wasted bodies, which were once thought to be a thing of the past on the continent of Africa, are back on television screens as famine ravages through Somalia; and

WHEREAS: Somalia's famine is caused by a severe drought. It is exacerbated by political instability characterized by decades of civil war, during which huge swathes of the country changed hands between many actors including a weak and ineffective central government, numerous warlords, and the notorious Shabab militia; and

WHEREAS: The drought in Somalia can also be attributed to climate change which, scientists have warned, will have a major impact on food security for many, especially in sub-Saharan Africa; and

WHEREAS: The United States Government, the African Union and European Union are leading an international effort to provide relief to the victims of the famine; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to a large Somali population that is doing everything it can to support family members back at home; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a long history of assisting communities in need; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing solidarity with the victims of Somalia's famine, while urging residents of Cambridge to donate what they can towards the relief effort in Somalia; be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be the United States Agency for International Development, which is leading relief efforts in Somalia, on behalf of the City Council.

O-12 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Even by the standards of what we have come to expect from the state of Mississippi, the murder of James Craig Anderson last June, will be remembered as one of the most brutal hate crimes in a state where such crimes used to be commonplace; and

WHEREAS: According to law enforcement officials James Craig-Anderson, an auto plant worker, was severely beaten before being run over with a truck by a group of teens bent on hurting an African American; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Anderson's story evokes memories of James Byrd Jr., who was murdered in Jasper, Texas, in 1998, tied to a truck and dragged along an asphalt pavement. It brings back memories of Marcelo Lucero beaten and stabbed to death by several teens shouting anti-Latino epithets in Long Island, NY; and recalls the suffering of Matthew Shepard who was tortured and murdered in Laramie, WY, in 1998; and

WHEREAS: Law enforcement officials have confirmed that two car loads of teens attacked James Craig Anderson in a motel parking lot, yet only two teens have been charged with his murder, leading many to question why the others were not charged; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its condolences to the family of Mr. James Craig Anderson, while calling on Hinds County prosecutors, Robert Shuler Smith, to punish all those immediately or remotely associated with Mr. Anderson's tragic death to the fullest extent of the law; 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 family of James Craig Anderson and to Hinds County Prosecutor, Robert Shuler Smith, on behalf of the City Council.

O-13 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the new parking meters installed on First Street in front of Best Buy are designated as two-hour meters; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of those meters was to encourage faster turnover and provide customer parking for businesses along First Street; and

WHEREAS: Many Galleria Mall patrons are monopolizing the meters rather than using the parking garage; and

WHEREAS: During public outreach with the local businesses, thirty-minute meters best suited the needs of First Street businesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with the intention of reducing First Street meters at Best Buy to thirty minutes in order to encourage parking for small businesses along First Street.

O-14 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The intersection of Bristol Street and Webster Avenue has poor visibility for vehicles entering Webster Avenue and is a safety concern for residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if an all-way stop sign would be appropriate at this intersection.

O-15 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City departments to install a traffic sign alerting motorists to a "Senior Crossing" in the vicinity of the intersection of Gore Street and Lambert Street to enhance the safety of seniors from the Miller's River Apartment complex.

O-16 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to install a "No Turn on Red" sign at the corner of Gore Street and Lambert Street in order to make this intersection safer for pedestrians and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-17 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Residents of Lambert Street have complained about the speed with which some cars drive down this relatively short street; and

WHEREAS: Excessive speed poses a significant safety issue for the families who reside on Lambert Street, especially for children who sometimes play on the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to install a speed bump on Lambert Street to reduce the speed at which cars travel on the street and to make the street safer for residents and pedestrians.

O-18 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Semi-trailer trucks have been spotted driving down Lambert Street causing a lot of noise, creating excessive traffic and a potential danger for families living on Lambert Street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City departments to investigate reports that semi-trailer trucks routinely use Lambert Street to get to McGrath Highway and report back to the City Council on what measures should be put in place to limit the use of Lambert Street by semi-trailer trucks.

O-19 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Trees not only provide shade, they trap carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and keep our city looking beautiful; and

WHEREAS: Unhealthy trees can easily be brought down by strong winds, posing a significant danger to life and property; and

WHEREAS: On the sidewalk in front of the Truman apartment building at 25 Eighth Street, there is a visibly afflicted and obviously unhealthy tree; and

WHEREAS: On the same sidewalk in front of the Truman apartment building, a large broken branch is hanging precariously from a healthy tree; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to remove the broken branch before it causes physical injury or property damage and to arrange for the City Arborist to inspect the ailing tree; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the steps that should be taken to restore this tree to full health.

O-20 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Central Square is widely regarded as a thriving entertainment and cultural district; and

WHEREAS: Many successful restaurants and nightclubs contribute to its vibrancy; and

WHEREAS: Opportunities to further enhance the vibrancy of Central Square are limited by a provision in the zoning language for the Central Square Overlay which requires that the principal public entrance be on Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: That restriction has the effect of rendering what is a square into a linear strip and preventing active ground floor uses along such principal locations as Prospect Street; and

WHEREAS: In all other areas of the City such uses are permitted in the other Business B Zoning Districts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council vote to file a Zoning Petition amending Section 20.300 Central Square Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting Section 20.304.5.3 b. which reads as follows:

b. Bar or establishment where alcoholic beverages are consumed and where dancing and entertainment is provided, dance hall or similar places of entertainment; Section 4.35 g shall be permitted only if the principal public entrance or entrances are directly from Massachusetts Avenue or Main Street.

O-21 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The lack of means of transportation is an impediment to a great quality of life for many Cambridge seniors who lack access to transportation for recreational purposes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the relevant City departments to inform the City Council about transportation services available to Cambridge seniors that are free and those that must be paid

for as well as identify what transportation services are available for recreational purposes.

O-22 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Given the current economic conditions, the sum of \$240 is a rather exorbitant amount to charge seniors and other tenants, as the Cambridge Housing Authority currently does, for installing or removing air conditioners in their apartments; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with relevant City departments to explore the feasibility of using city funds to subsidize the cost of installing or removing air conditioners from Cambridge Housing Authority-owned apartments, especially those occupied by seniors.

O-23 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public School Innovation Agenda is scheduled to start in September of 2012; and

WHEREAS: The Innovation Agenda will re-distribute pre-K through 8th grade students throughout the district, with some schools having many more 6-8 graders and others having more K-5 students than they currently have and one, the new Amigos School on Upton Street, going from having no K-8 students currently to being a full K-8 school; and

WHEREAS: Some school playground options, for both adjacent play areas and nearby fields and other facilities used by schools on a regular basis, may not easily meet the educational and recreational needs of their respective new student populations; and

WHEREAS: School playground and playing field development and maintenance is an issue that blends Cambridge Public School responsibilities and needs with those of other City departments, such as Community Development and Public Works; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the School Committee is requested to direct the Superintendent to confer with the City Manager and relevant members of the City and School Department staffs to determine what changes need to be made to playgrounds and playing fields associated with Cambridge Public Schools in order to best support the Innovation Agenda; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that funding and staffing is made available to ensure that any appropriate changes are finished before the start of school in September 2012; 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-24 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at its Sept 19th meeting on the status of any cases for which the recently concluded Monteiro case might be relevant. To the extent that public discussion on some aspects of these cases may be detrimental to the City's legal position, the City Council may go into Executive Session, but Executive Session would be as limited as possible.

O-25 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City Council was recently informed of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's possible plans to fill in the deep end of the McCrehan pool in the wake of a drowning at another DCR pool in a completely different part of the state; and

WHEREAS: Efforts to confirm the Department of Conservation and Recreation's plan for this pool have not succeeded in clarifying the future of the pool's deep end; and

WHEREAS: For many of the people who use this pool, the deepest part of the pool provides a unique summertime recreational activity in terms of jumping in the water and swimming underwater in a way that is not possible in a shallower pool; and

WHEREAS: Safety issues at any Department of Conservation and Recreation pools are best addressed by properly training and supervising staff and by ensuring that water clarity is appropriately maintained; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation to determine what plans for the McCrehan pool are and to report back to the City Council on this matter; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record as being opposed to any reduction in the depth of the McCrehan pool at this time.

O-26 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that wireless internet access is not available beyond the first floor of the public library; and

WHEREAS: Personal computers are also not allowed in the private cubicle at the public library; and

WHEREAS: It would be most sensible to expand wireless internet access to the other floors of the library. The first floor tends to be the loudest and busiest, making it difficult for visitors to focus on their work; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the rationale behind these protocols; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the library to reconsider said protocols; 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-27 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Residents have raised concerns about City-contracted tow trucks that speed and drive aggressively in the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to devise a plan to ensure that tow truck drivers model safe and courteous driving in the city and report back to the Council.

O-28 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that bikers and drivers are not abiding by the one way flow of traffic and are speeding on Fulkerson Street; and

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed safety concerns when vehicles and bikes do not heed the "one way" sign and speed towards them in the wrong direction and would like to see more "one way" signs installed and traffic calming measures; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the feasibility of installing additional "one way" signs on Fulkerson Street and a speed bump to reduce speeding.

O-29 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that bicyclists are not abiding bike regulations; and

WHEREAS: Pedestrians have raised safety concerns about bicyclists disregarding red lights, riding on sidewalks and riding through crosswalks when pedestrians have the right of way; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has long been a hub of innovation, new ideas and most importantly action and has a strong history thanks in large part to TROMP educating residents about biking regulations to promote eco-friendly forms of transportation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to confer with the appropriate department heads on the feasibility of providing bike regulations to a wider audience including through media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, public service announcements and newspaper ads; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to increase enforcement against bikers that endanger pedestrians and report back to the City Council with a plan of action on these two orders.

O-30 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Amigos School lacks a playground on the school grounds; and

WHEREAS: The Building and Grounds Sub-committee for the Amigos School has raised several key points about why a playground should be installed:

- 1.) The Amigos School has approximately 300 students that range in age from 4-13, who deserve a welcoming outdoor space.
- 2.) The Amigos School only allots 20 minutes for recess and if students were to use Dana Park, their recess would be eliminated after restroom breaks and the walk back and forth.
- 3.) If Dana Park were to be utilized, it would disrupt the young toddlers who frequent the park.

Recess is the only time of the day that some children have the ability to exercise. Designing a park befitting 4-13 year olds will allow students ample time to properly engage in physical activity; and

WHEREAS: The Amigos School has received national attention for its student achievement and unique cultural immersion in both Spanish and English; and
WHEREAS: The addition of a playground would further enhance the Amigos School, which has recently moved to a new Upton Street location; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and the School Committee to see that the request for a new playground for the Amigos School be placed high on the list for playground renovations.

O-31 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that improvements to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School varsity Astro Turf soccer field at Danehy remain unfinished; and
WHEREAS: CRLS soccer teams have already started practice and must use non-turf fields. Coordinating the use of the non-turf fields has been an inconvenience for CRLS varsity soccer coaches and parents have raised questions about when the Astro Turf field will be completed and usable; and
WHEREAS: The project started before school ended in late June, still remains unfinished and shows no recent signs of progress; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to look into the improvements made to the park and determine if it is on schedule to be completed; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council about improvements made to the Astro Turf soccer field at Danehy park this summer as well as a schedule for its completion.

O-32 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the public alley adjacent to 9 Howard Street and Hoyt Field had its trash receptacle removed by the city a year ago; and
WHEREAS: As a result the alley is consistently filled with trash attracts flies and detracts from the quality of life for residents of Howard Street; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the feasibility of reinstalling a trash receptacle in the alley adjacent to 9 Howard Street and Hoyt Field.

O-33 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Today's K-12 classrooms utilize more virtual initiatives than any other generation to enhance the learning experience; and
WHEREAS: Learning has changed since many institutions have jumped on the technological bandwagon and in order to adapt and compete globally; and
WHEREAS: The Intel 1:1 eLearning program provides Intel-powered classmate PC's that run on Windows XP, training for teachers under the Intel Teach program, two teacher laptops for use in classes with an interactive whiteboard, broadband internet access, curriculum based digital content from and a repository for reviewing content offline; and

WHEREAS: A post-implementation review revealed that the selected students showed a 30% improvement in their academic performance when measured against their previous performance; and

WHEREAS: The Intel 1:1 eLearning program began in Nigeria in 2006 and has quickly spread to over a thousand schools. It currently benefits twenty-thousand students today; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge would surely benefit from the Intel 1:1 eLearning program to strengthen education and invest in the next generation of learners; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and the School Committee to look into the budgetary impact of implementing the Intel 1:1 eLearning program and report back to the Council on this matter in advance of the next budgetary cycle.

O-34 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that motorists are speeding on Norfolk Street, putting pedestrians, bicyclists and residents who park on the side of the road in danger; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to determine the best method to slow traffic at this location.

O-35 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: JFK Street began undergoing repairs earlier this year and yet to be completed; and
WHEREAS: Residents have raised concerns about the unfinished construction being a public safety concern and impacting the flow of traffic; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to look into the repairs being made to JFK Street and report back to the City Council with a timeline for completion.

O-36 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Broadway has become a noise pollution corridor; and
WHEREAS: Residents have raised concerns about trucks and unmuffled motorcycles, which create a high level of disturbance during the nighttime hours and decrease the quality of sleep; and
ORDERED: Cambridge should do what it can to provide residents an environment free from excessive sound and vibration; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to implement stricter laws and increase police presence on Broadway to decrease the number of abnormally noisy trucks and unmuffled motorcycles during the night hours.

O-37 Sept 12, 2011
COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: In an ethnically diverse city such as Cambridge, it is vital to support and provide employment opportunities for people of every race and color to succeed and monitor employment statistics of city employees at all levels; and

ORDERED: This information was promised to be delivered during the most recent round of budget hearings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested report back to the City Council on the racial makeup of the city's workforce by level and department.

O-38 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there is a lack of progress or updates on revitalizing the Pacific Street dog Park, policy order O-2, which was approved by City Council members on May 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS: Many residents feel frustrated as they haven't been able to fully enjoy the Pacific Street dog park during the summer months due to its state of deterioration and have chosen to break the law and let their dogs exercise unleashed in the adjacent Pacific Street open space; and

WHEREAS: Residents have made it known that the Pacific Street dog park has fallen into further disrepair this summer, including drainage problems, insects infesting the trees, foliage overgrowth that residents have taken upon themselves to trim and the installation of large signs that residents feel makes the park an unwelcoming place; and

WHEREAS: Due to the issues mentioned above, the rejuvenation of the Pacific Street dog park should be an elevated priority and the city should provide an update on any work that has been done to improve conditions at the park as well as outline proposed future improvements; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the status of the May 2, 2011 Policy Order #2 and report back to the City Council.

O-39 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents who drive Vespas are seeking alternate parking options for their vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Under current Cambridge parking regulations, Vespa owners are prohibited to park on the sidewalk, yet owners have expressed concerns about leaving their vehicle on the street as there is no lock mechanism for a Vespa; and

WHEREAS: A Vespa is less than three feet in height and is difficult for drivers to see when backing their car into a parking space, thus increasing the odds of collision and hit-and-run accidents; and

WHEREAS: Residents of the city of Cambridge are leaders on many environmental matters and Vespas are much more fuel-efficient and eco-friendly than automobiles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into finding better parking options and lock mechanisms for Vespa owners.

O-40 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: The City of Chelsea entered into a contract with SeeClickFix recently, a place-based reporting platform that allows residents to document neighborhood concerns and

needs, like potholes, graffiti, trash and overgrown vegetation; and

WHEREAS: During budget hearings, financial resources were allocated for new technology; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge City Council members unanimously approved implementing a service like SeeClickFix on Aug 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS: SeeClickFix is a great use of technology to help us connect with and better address the needs of residents and monitor non-emergency community issues. It empowers citizens, community groups, media organizations and government to work together; and

WHEREAS: Through mobile web, iPhone, Android and Blackberry apps, the SeeClickFix platform is the most widely distributed citizen reporting tool in the country; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the progress and feasibility of integrating and providing a service similar to SeeClickFix in Cambridge.

O-41 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Green Streets received federal funding from MassDOT to implement Walk/Ride Days each month this fall in Boston and other communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS: Walk/Ride Days encourage residents to walk, bike, use public transit, skate, etc., to get where they need to go and are rewarded with raffles, discounts and other incentives for going green; and

WHEREAS: Expanded and enhanced Walk/Ride Days would surely benefit Cambridge and meet our environmental, health and community development goals and positively impact schools, workplaces and retail establishments throughout the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to find a way to implement and support Walk/Ride Days in Cambridge as other communities have done and report back to the Council on this matter.

O-42 Sept 12, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the outside of the waste receptacles in Harvard Square occasionally become covered in garbage residue; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 20 trash units in the Harvard Square area. Residents feel that these units should be cleaned regularly each month to keep Cambridge sanitary and encourage residents to use the receptacles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of developing a regular cleaning schedule for the outside of the waste receptacles in Harvard Square.