

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, regarding to the votes necessary to seek the Massachusetts Department of Revenue approval for the tax rate for FY2010:
 - A. Authorize the use of Free Cash of \$9,000,000 to reduce the FY2010 tax rate;
 - B. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overly surplus/reserve be used for reducing the FY2010 tax rate;
 - C. Authorize \$8,000,000 from the Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget;
 - D. Authorize \$2,795,770 from the School Debt Stabilization Fund to be used as a revenue source to the General Fund Budget;
 - E. Classify property into five classes;
 - F. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 56.3213%;
 - G. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes;
 - H. Double the normal value of the statutory exemptions;
 - I. Increase the FY2010 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$271.00 to \$280.00;
 - J. Increase the FY2010 asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E from \$53,889 to \$55,775;
 - K. Increase the FY2010 income and assets limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, as follows: Income limits from \$22,281 TO \$23,061 for single and \$33,422 to \$34,592 for married; and asset limits from \$44,562 to \$46,122 for single and \$61,273 to \$63,418 for married;
 - L. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons from \$40,000 to the amount determined by the Commissioner of Revenue for the purposes of subsection (k) of section 6 of Chapter 62, for a single person who is not head of household (\$51,000); and
 - M. Vote to adopt MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause Fifth C, which increases the exemption for real and personal property held for the benefit of incorporated organizations of veterans of any war in which the US has been engaged, to the extend of \$1,500,000 if used and occupied by such associations.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of design services related to the repair of the underpass/tunnel located in Harvard Square.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$250,000 donation by Harvard University to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the cost of design services related to the repair of the underpass/tunnel located in Harvard Square in conjunction with the City.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$300,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of design services related to the street and sidewalk reconstruction of the upper portion of JFK Street between Eliot Street and Brattle Street.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$100,000 from Free Cash to the to the General Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$55,000) and to the General Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$45,000). Funding will support a pilot parenting education program modeled after the Harlem Children's Zone's Baby College for the remainder of the fiscal year.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to correspondence from the Historical Commission regarding the wind turbine zoning proposal.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Final Landmark Designation Study Report for the William Dean Howells House at 41 Sacramento Street.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-103, regarding a report on outreach to stakeholders and holding informational meetings about the State's new Stretch Energy Building Code.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$50,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of design services related to the replacement of the HVAC System at the Central Square Branch Library based on a recently completed study.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the Connor et al. zoning petition to amend the Zoning Map from its current designation as a Residence C-1 to a Residence B District encompassing all or portions of lots on Assessors Plats #205, #206 and #228 including but not limited to those abutting Garden, Winslow, Fenno, Stearns, Esten, Sherman Streets and Upland Road, be re-filed with the City Council upon the expiration of the current petition on Sept 30, 2009, that said re-filed petition be referred to the Planning Board and City Council Ordinance Committee; and that upon adoption of this order, the Ordinance Committee public hearing be advertised and scheduled promptly, with a report back to the City Council as soon as possible. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Two of Sept 14, 2009.]
2. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop "next steps" and an action plan for the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle School Youth report. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on Order Number Fifteen of Sept 14, 2009.
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a justification of the traffic calming installation on Appian Way and to include the amount of

meters being removed and the cost of the project to the City. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Maher on Order Number Twenty-three of Sept 14, 2009.

ON THE TABLE

4. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 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 Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 30, 2009 for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow wind turbines to be placed in the City of Cambridge. The petition was passed to a Second Reading on July 27, 2009. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 10, 2009. Planning Board hearing held on June 2, 2009. Petition expires Sept 28, 2009.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. A zoning petition was received from Richard D. Fanning, et al., requesting the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 5.25.3 Exemption for Existing Parking Facilities and delete Section 20.40 Eastern Cambridge Housing Overlay District and the Zoning Map describing it, the area defined in Section 20.44.3, also known as the Kendall Cinema site.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Lourdes Barros from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
2. Retirement of Linda Borodkin from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
3. Retirement of Fidel Parra from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
4. Retirement of George Riccio from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
5. Retirement of Trudy Thompson from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons

6. Retirement of Caroline Turner from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
7. Congratulations to Florence Grant on receiving the 2009 TB Hero Award from the New England Tuberculosis Consortium. Councillor Davis
8. Urge residents to participate and show support for the Suitcases4Kids organization which is a non-profit organization that collects new and gently used suitcases for children in foster care who will conducting a suitcase drive on Oct 10, 2009. Mayor Simmons
9. Resolution on the death of Jean Elizabeth (Douglass) Clarke. Councillor Maher
10. Retirement of Edna DaSilva from the School Department. Mayor Simmons
11. Thanks to the Harvard Square Business Association (HSBA) for their commitment to community service and encourage residents to support and be cognizant of the Harvard Square Stroll on Sept 30, 2009 at 5:30pm to celebrate the wrap-up of the HSBA's breast cancer awareness campaign that has raised thousands of dollars for breast cancer research. Mayor Simmons
12. Resolution on the death of Ashley R. Lafontant. Councillor Reeves
13. Congratulations to Sheila Doyle Russell on the dedication of the Sheila Doyle Russell Youth and Community Center on Sept 25, 2009. Councillor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Kathleen M. "Kay" (Kelly) Watson. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Marie (Barry) Thompson. Councillor Toomey
16. Retirement of Pallas Lombardi, former Executive Director of the Arts Council. Mayor Simmons
17. Congratulations to Elissa Spelman on being appointed Interim Executive Director of Breakthrough Cambridge. Councillor Davis
18. Best wishes to Hi-N-Dry and the organizers of the Mark Sandman Music Project on the occasion of the second Mark Sandman Memorial Concert on Sept 27, 2009 in Pacific Park. Councillor Davis
19. Thanks to the Community Development Department for installing the signs in the Porter Square area which gives information about estimated walking times to various destinations. Councillor Davis
20. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Duane A. Thornsby. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Thomas F. Lyons. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Zachary T. Myers. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Shannon Smith. Councillor Decker
24. Thanks to the people of ARAMARK for their dedication to making a difference in the Cambridge community. Councillor Toomey
25. Happy New Year wishes to the Ethiopian community. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of William Tapply. Councillor Toomey
27. Resolution on the death of Reverend James M. Larner. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Putnam Avenue and Newton Street in honor of Mary and Joseph Correia. Councillor Toomey
2. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as favoring a ballot initiative during the next local municipal election that shall allow Cambridge voters to have their voices heard on ridding the world of nuclear weapons. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Davis and Vice Mayor Seidel
3. That the Cambridge City Council go on record recognizing the importance of the US 2010 Census and the efforts of the Cambridge Complete Count Committee. Mayor Simmons
4. Declare the week of Sept 26-Oct 3, 2009, Dollar Wi\$e Week in the City of Cambridge and urge all citizens in our community and throughout the country to join together in a national movement to help our youth become financially literate. Mayor Simmons
5. Encouraging the local branch of the Hyatt Regency Hotel chain to reconsider this new policy of laying off its loyal workers en masse in favor of hiring replacement workers for significantly lower hourly wages. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Decker and Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to transmit to the City Council the policy and practices in city contracts pertaining to invasive species. Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate party to investigate the possibility of a year-round farmers market. Councillor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to convene a group including the Conservation Commission, members of the Public Planting Committee, the Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works to recommend policies regarding planting of fruit trees and berry bushes including appropriate species and locations. Councillor Davis
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Postmaster on a strategy to prevent the closing of the MIT Post Office. Mayor Simmons and Vice Mayor Seidel
10. That the City Manager is requested to develop a program to offer EarthBoxes (planters on wheels) to Cambridge residents at cost, in a program similar to the distribution of rain barrels through the Department of Public Works. Councillor Davis
11. That the City Council go on record asking the management team of the old John Hancock building to explore all avenues of collective bargaining and work in good faith with SEIU Local 615 to find a solution to union/non-union security guard issue other than blanket layoff. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 25, 2009 for the purpose of considering the Historical Committee's recommendation with regard to the Avon Hill

Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Report and Revised Recommendations.

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 16, 2009 for the purpose of continuing the discussion on whether a program similar to the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success could advance the goal of college graduation for all low income students in Cambridge.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on June 24, 2009 for the purpose of continuing the discussion on how Cambridge can adapt the Harlem Children's Zone Baby College Program and/or principles to provide parent education for low income families that will provide the tools they need to help their children to succeed.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 21

5:00pm Special Presentation - U.S. Census 2010 Kick-off Event (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)

Tues, Sept 22

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Sept 24

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting on the climate emergency. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Sept 29

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss clarification of the city's policy of parking motorcycles and motor scooters on city sidewalks. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 30

6:00pm The Human Services Committee will sponsor a public forum on the issue of how Cambridge could adapt the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success program to help Cambridge college students complete their college education with a degree. Microsoft Center Conference Room (One Memorial Drive)

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 6

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 13

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss pedestrian safety, dangerous intersections and any possible lessons learned that could prevent future collisions. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 19

5:15pm Special Presentation for the new program being launched by the Women's Commission "Cut it Out Cambridge," to train hair salon staff in recognizing domestic violence and acting as a resource for their patrons. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 20

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 10

3:00pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of holding a folk festival in the city in 2010. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 17

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 21, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Putnam Avenue and Newton Street in honor of Mary and Joseph Correia; and be it further

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

O-2 Sept 21, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: It is in the interests of every single person on this planet to work towards the abolition of weapons that have the capacity to sweep away tens of millions of lives within a matter of moments; and

WHEREAS: So long as weapons of this nature exist, they will contribute towards an environment of fear and brinkmanship between the nations of the world.

Furthermore, these highly destructive weapons may be misused, they may malfunction, or they may fall into the hands of those who would purposely use them for sinister purposes; and

WHEREAS: In ratifying the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1970 and in signing the Non-Proliferation Treaty Extension in 1995, the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and China committed themselves to reducing nuclear weapons globally, and ultimately to eliminating them. Nevertheless, nuclear weapons continue to threaten all life on earth, and developing and maintaining nuclear arsenals is costly and diverts resources from human

needs such as health care, education, and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS: In 2008, the U. S. Conference of Mayors voted unanimously to urge the President to negotiate a verifiable treaty to abolish nuclear weapons, inspired in part by the realization amongst the mayors that there is no adequate municipal response in the event of a nuclear attack; and

WHEREAS: President Barack Obama has asked for our support in his effort to rid the world of nuclear weapons, and the more vocal civic leaders are in expressing that support, the more likely it is that these efforts will ultimately be successful; and

WHEREAS: M.G.L. c. 53, §18A authorizes the City Council to place a Nonbinding Public Opinion Advisory Question on the ballot for a regular municipal election so long as a vote to place such question on the ballot occurs no later than the thirty-fifth day preceding such election; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as fully supporting the efforts of President Obama and Massachusetts Peace Action to rid the world of nuclear weapons; and be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in favor of placing on the ballot for the upcoming election the following Nonbinding Public Opinion Advisory Question:- "Shall the City Council be instructed to contact the President of the United States and ask him to initiate negotiations for a treaty calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons, on a specific timetable with effective verification and enforcement measures?"

O-3 Sept 21, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Manager has appointed a Cambridge Complete Count Committee to support the US 2010 Census effort to see that everyone living in Cambridge is counted; and

WHEREAS: Complete Count Committees are partnerships between state and local governments, community based organizations, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, the media and others that will work together to promote the 2010 Federal Census using their unique knowledge, influence, and resources to reach out and educate residents of the importance of getting a complete count in the 2010 Federal Census; and

WHEREAS: A Complete Count Committee is a team of community leaders appointed by the City Manager to develop and implement a locally-based outreach and awareness campaign, ensuring that every resident of the city is counted including immigrants and those for whom English may not be the primary language; and

WHEREAS: The US 2010 Census data will be used in numerous important ways, including: determining amounts of federal funding for Massachusetts; assisting families and low-income populations; assisting the elderly, the disabled, and veterans; determining federal funds for schools and education; funding and developing programs for women, infants, children and the elderly; planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and the location of other critical health services; forecasting housing needs for all segments of the population; identifying road rehabilitation and

construction needs; and determining where jobs and job programming are needed; and

WHEREAS: The US 2010 Census data will affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and more - more than \$4 Trillion over a ten year period which can only be fairly distributed when communities are completely counted; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Complete Count Committee declares Sept 21, 2009 the official Kick Off of "Complete Count Cambridge" and will work in a variety of traditional and creative ways to reach as many groups and individuals as possible to engage everyone in this exciting opportunity to Completely Count Cambridge in the US 2010 Census; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record recognizing the importance of the US 2010 Census and the efforts of the Cambridge Complete Count Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to all of the members of the Complete Count Committee on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-4 Sept 21, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In the year 2009, The U.S. Conference of Mayors' National Dollar Wi\$e Campaign has declared Sept 26-Oct 3 Dollar Wi\$e Week; and

WHEREAS: The theme of Dollar Wi\$e Week 2009, "Preparing Youth for a Dollar Wi\$e Future", invites city leaders to interact with students in local schools to emphasize the importance of instilling in our youth healthy attitudes and skills relating to wise personal financial management; and

WHEREAS: Financial illiteracy threatens to stunt economic recovery and delay the nation's exit from recession; and

WHEREAS: The average score among the more than 46,000 high-school students who took the first-ever National Financial Literacy Challenge, conducted by the Office of Financial Education of the United States Department of the Treasury and endorsed by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy, was 56%-a failing grade; and

WHEREAS: Only 51% of teenagers know how to write a check, 34% can balance a checkbook, 26% understand credit-card fees, and 24% know the consequences of using check cashers; and

WHEREAS: The National Council on Economic Education reports that only 28 states require that their personal-finance curriculum standards be implemented; only 9 require that a personal-finance course be offered, and of those only 7 require that the course be taken; and only 17 states mandate an economics course as a graduation requirement; and

WHEREAS: Our youth are at a teachable moment in their lives; the habits they form and the decisions they make now will help determine a lifelong attitude toward personal finances; and as parents, teachers, and leaders we are in a trusted position to teach these youth the skills they need to make wise financial decisions now and in the future; and

WHEREAS: Our nation's cities and municipal governments, with the support of federal and state governments and national and local organizations, are uniquely qualified to help young Americans become more financially literate and thereby build a solid foundation for their future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record declaring the week of Sept 26-Oct 3, 2009, Dollar Wi\$e Week in the City of Cambridge and urge all citizens in our community and throughout the country to join together in a national movement to help our youth become financially literate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Dollar Wi\$e organizers on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Sept 21, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: It has recently come to light that the Hyatt Regency Hotel chain has instituted a practice whereby its longstanding housekeeping staffers are being laid off and replaced with workers who are paid significantly lower hourly wages; and

WHEREAS: This new practice is apparently being done as part of a calculated effort by the Hyatt Regency corporation to reduce operating costs in response to these difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS: It is particularly unconscionable that the Hyatt Regency Hotel corporation should systematically lay off untold numbers of faithful employees - many of whom depended upon their modest Hyatt salaries to support their families - in order to hire replacement workers for significantly less money in these times of widespread economic hardships. This move is going to greatly and needlessly increase the suffering of many hardworking people; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has always prided itself on being hospitable to businesses large and small, and to the legions of workers who are the life's blood of those businesses. The City of Cambridge further recognizes that all workers deserve to be fairly compensated for their hard work and their loyalty to their employers, and not laid off at the first sign of economic distress or the first opportunity to hire others for even less money. Such moves devalue the working man and woman, and further destabilize the local economy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as strongly encouraging the local branch of the Hyatt Regency Hotel chain to reconsider this new policy of laying off its loyal workers en masse in favor of hiring replacement workers for significantly lower hourly wages; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council is willing to help facilitate negotiations with the Hyatt executives in order to restore recently laid-off workers to their former positions; this would demonstrate that the Hyatt Regency Hotel company is willing to serve as a responsible employer and as a responsible, honorable member of the Cambridge community.

O-6 Sept 21, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the City Council the policy and practices in city contracts pertaining to invasive species.

O-7 Sept 21, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate party to investigate the possibility of a year-round farmers market.

O-8 Sept 21, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a group including the Conservation Commission, members of the Public Planting Committee, the Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works to recommend policies regarding planting of fruit trees and berry bushes including appropriate species and locations; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present a process for implementation of these recommendations.

O-9 Sept 21, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The US Postal Service is closing hundreds of Post Offices nationwide, including the MIT Post Office; and

WHEREAS: According to the American Postal Workers Union, Boston Metro Area Local 100, the MIT Post Office brings a \$201,000+ annual profit; and

WHEREAS: Closing the MIT Post Office would mean a loss of jobs and services to Cambridge residents and students; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Postmaster on a strategy to prevent the closing of the MIT Post Office.

O-10 Sept 21, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a program to offer EarthBoxes (planters on wheels) to Cambridge residents at cost, in a program similar to the distribution of rain barrels through the Department of Public Works.

O-11 Sept 21, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that on Oct 3, 2009, 32 security officers will lose their jobs because management of the old John Hancock building at 601 Congress Street will be changing to non-union security services; and

WHEREAS: For the workers, union contracts represent the hope for a better life for them and their families, steady raises, vacation without worrying about loss of pay, and dignity and respect on the job; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record asking the management team of the old John Hancock building to explore all avenues of collective bargaining and work in

good faith with SEIU Local 615 to find a solution to this issue other than blanket layoffs.