

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, requesting that the City Councillor formally appropriate/allocate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as follows:
 - 1A. 80% of FY2009 CPA revenues (\$4,800,000) appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust. **Approved 6-3 (Kelley, Maher, Toomey NO)**
 - 1B. 10% of FY2009 CPA revenues (\$600,000) appropriated to Historic Preservation. **1B1-9 approved 9-0; 1B10 (\$ for Shady Hill Sq.) approved 7-2 (Reeves, Toomey NO)**
 - 1C. 10% of FY2009 CPA revenues (\$600,000) appropriated/allocated to Open Space. **Approved 5-4 (Kelley, Maher, Seidel, Toomey NO)**
 - 2A. 80% of FY2008 State Match revenues (received in FY2009) (\$3,120,000) appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust. **Approved 6-3 (Kelley, Maher, Toomey NO)**
 - 2B. 10% of FY2008 State Match revenues (received in FY2009) (\$390,000) appropriated in Historic Preservation. **2B1-9 approved 9-0; 2B10 (\$ for Shady Hill Sq.) approved 7-2 (Reeves, Toomey NO)**
 - 2C. 10% of FY2008 State Match revenues (received in FY2009) (\$390,000) appropriated/allocated to Open Space. **Approved 5-4 (Kelley, Maher, Seidel, Toomey NO)**
 - 3A. 80% of the Fund Balance (\$800,000) appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust. **Approved 6-3 (Kelley, Maher, Toomey NO)**
 - 3B. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) appropriated to Historic Preservation. **Approved 9-0**
 - 3C. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) allocated to Open Space. **Approved 5-4 (Kelley, Maher, Seidel, Toomey NO)**
 - 4A. Appropriate from Fund Balance the Cost for Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues (\$7,500). **Approved 9-0**
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-94, regarding a report on the participation rates and demographics of Cambridge youth participating in Cambridge youth athletic organizations that receive funding or in kind support from the City.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-104, which requested a review of truck traffic on Lexington Avenue.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-66, regarding a report on parking Neville Center.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-87, regarding a report on whether a residential unit can have a deed restriction placed on it preventing that unit from ever being able to receive a Cambridge parking permit.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-115, regarding a report on safety concerns with the placement of the crossing island at Mt. Auburn and Willard Streets.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation to submit a Home Rule Petition to the General Court seeking authority to increase civil penalties for failure to remove snow. **Passed to a 2nd Reading**

ON THE TABLE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation request and Loan Order regarding the CRLS renovation project. The question comes on adoption on or after Aug 11, 2008.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from The Baak Gallery, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 35 Brattle Street.
2. An application was received from Christ the King Presbyterian Church, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 90 Prospect Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
3. A zoning petition has been received from Alexandria Real Estate Equities, regarding proposed amendments to PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD-4B Districts of the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge. **Referred to Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for hearing and report**
4. An application was received from Chestnut Hill Realty, Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1636 Massachusetts Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Ann Larkin, thanking the City Council for its resolution on her retirement and enclosing a summary of the achievements of the Say Yes to Education students from the Harrington School (1991-2008).
2. A communication was received from Cambridge African American Heritage Alliance, transmitting support for the proposal to rename Plympton Street for David J. Halberstam.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Diane Paulus on her appointment as Artistic Director of Harvard University and the American Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.). Mayor Simmons
2. Appreciation to Cambridge Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Gloria Robinson for her years of service to the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
3. Retirement of Arlethia Pearson from the Police Department. Mayor Simmons
4. Congratulations to Lilia Karapetyan on the occasion of being sworn in as an American citizen on Sept 17, 2008. Councillor Toomey
5. Congratulations to Roger Boothe on the occasion of receiving the 2009 Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture given by the American Institute of Architects. Councillor Maher
6. Resolution on the death of Claudette Lemay Chambers. Councillor Reeves, Mayor Simmons

7. Resolution on the death of George Haley. Councillor Toomey
8. Congratulations to Jonathan Hecht on the occasion of winning the Democratic primary for Middlesex County's 29th District State House seat. Councillor Decker, Councillor Davis
9. Congratulations to Stephen Oleskey on the occasion of being the keynote speaker and receiving the Community Peacemaker Award at the Spirit of Mediation annual gala. Councillor Decker
10. Happy 94th Birthday wishes to Mary Holmes. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Private Jordan P.P. Thibeault. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Bryan R. Thomas. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Patrick W. May. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Darris J. Dawson. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Wesley R. Durbin. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kenneth W. Mayne. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Lieutenant Colonel Ralph J. Marino. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Daniel R. Sexton. Councillor Decker
19. Welcome to Louis Palmer and the Solartaxi to Cambridge. Councillor Davis
20. Resolution on the death of Joan G. (Lordan) Foley. Councillor Maher
21. Condolences to the family of Frederick R. "Freddie" West. Councillor Toomey
22. Happy 96th Birthday wishes to Suzanne Green. Councillor Reeves
23. Congratulations to Joan Qualls Harris on the publication of her new book on the life of her ancestor, Army Private John Harvey. Councillor Reeves
24. Congratulations to Marty Walz on being elected to her third term as a Representative from the Eighth Suffolk District of Massachusetts. Councillor Davis
25. Congratulations to Byron Rushing on being elected to another term as a Representative from the Ninth Suffolk District of Massachusetts. Councillor Davis
26. Congratulations to Alice Wolf on being elected to her seventh term as a Representative from the Twenty-fifth Middlesex District of Massachusetts. Councillor Davis
27. Congratulations to Timothy Toomey on his election to his ninth term as a Representative from the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District of Massachusetts. Councillor Davis
28. Congratulations to William Brownsberger on being elected to his second term as a Representative from the Twenty-fourth Middlesex District of Massachusetts. Councillor Davis
29. Resolution on the death of Margaret R. (Chisholm) Rogers. Councillor Toomey
30. Congratulations to Richard Rossi and Dawn Gilford on their recent marriage on Sept 13, 2008. Councillor Decker
31. Declare Oct 4, 2008 as Oliver Smoot Day in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
32. Congratulations to Draylin and Annette Beaudrault on the birth of their son Draylin Agustin Beaudrault II on Aug 18, 2008. Mayor Simmons
33. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. (Finn) Ferreira. Councillor Toomey
34. Resolution on the death of Emilia Freitas (Chaves) Morales. Councillor Toomey
35. Resolution on the death of Wolf Abdias Jules. Councillor Reeves
36. Condolences to the family of Mildred Howard. Councillor Reeves
37. Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Robert M. Wilson, CEO, Cambridge Savings Bank, on being the lead sponsor of the Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund's 10th anniversary fundraiser. Councillor Decker
38. Congratulations to Bob Neer on his new book entitled Barack Obama For Beginners: An Essential Guide. Councillor Decker
39. Congratulations to Chris Gabrieli on his new book entitled Time to Learn: How a new School Schedule Is Making Smarter Kids, Happier Families, and Safer Neighborhoods. Councillor Decker
40. Thanks to Police Officers Michael Padua and Eugene Bustillo, the Cambridge Fire Department and the Inn at Harvard for their response to the fire on Harvard Street on September 21, 2008. Councillor Davis
41. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. (Brenner) Cipolla. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. City Council opposition to the elimination of the income tax in the state of Massachusetts, given the grave consequences for public safety, education, health care, and public infrastructure. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to determine if "CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE® Grants for Low-Income Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) Implementation Projects by Municipalities" are applicable to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
3. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council at the earliest possible time on the potential impacts the recent events on Wall Street might have on the City of Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
4. That the City Council Traffic, Transportation and Parking Committee hold a meeting on Cambridge's emergency evacuation plans and capabilities. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and MBTA personnel to ensure that the open drinking and associated problematic drinking in the MBTA plaza at Porter Square opposite Upland Road receives adequate police and human services attention to eliminate illegal behavior there. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possible impacts of new detail regulations on Cambridge's police department and the City's reliance on detail work. Councillor Kelley **Approved 6-2-0 (Toomey, Maher NO; Decker ABSENT)**
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the extent of the City's ability to move directly against the owners of property in which problematic residents live, to include fines, liens or condemnation options. Councillor Kelley **Failed 4-4-1 (Davis, Murphy, Reeves, Seidel NO; Decker ABSENT)**
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of creating a new ticket, available to both police officers and parking control officers, specifically targeting vehicles illegally parked in bike lanes, to include what the maximum amount of such a ticket could be. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ensure that King Street drainage problems are solved and proper resurfacing is completed in conjunction with the Walden Street Bridge project. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Decker
10. That the City Manager is directed to request that the Assistant City Manager for Community Development look into finding a zoning or other solution to the issue of parking car-sharing vehicles in the city. Councillor Davis and Councillor Seidel
11. That the City Manager and the Mayor (as Chair of the School Committee) are requested to work toward a fair resolution of this matter of space allocation which will allow the King Community School to continue to operate an after-school program rich in physical activity. Councillor Davis

12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with his staff, the Superintendent of the Cambridge Public Schools and his staff to determine a suitable resolution to the parking dilemma at the Fletcher Maynard Academy. Mayor Simmons
13. That the City Manager is requested to advise the City Council as to the availability of additional funds for the celebration of other communities not traditionally celebrated, or that the City Council conduct discussions about a protocol for supporting the Mayor's Office in new multi-cultural celebrations, or rotating celebrations that allow for the inclusion of new ethnic communities. Mayor Simmons
14. That the City Council meeting of Mon, Nov 10, 2008 be cancelled due to the National League of Cities Conference. Mayor Simmons
15. That the City Council is requested to thoughtfully limit and minimize the submission of late orders and to consider that doing so decreases the ability for thoughtful public discussion prior to the vote of Councillors. Mayor Simmons
16. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to review the new program of the City of Berkeley, California, which gives city-backed loans to property owners who install rooftop solar-power systems and report back on its applicability to Cambridge. Councillor Seidel and Councillor Kelley
17. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council as to what local oversight of gas stations is available and utilized by the City to protect consumers from misrepresentation of prices, for example, charging more than the stated (by sign) price of gas when the payment is by credit card rather than cash. Councillor Maher
18. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the fee structure used for energy audits by the Cambridge Energy Alliance. Councillor Seidel
19. Repair of sidewalks in front of 19 Hubbard Street and at the intersection of Hubbard and Walden Streets. Mayor Simmons
20. Restoration of the bus stop moved from the corner of Erie Street and Pearl Street. Mayor Simmons
21. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of Michael Weinstein. Councillor Decker
22. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Columbia Street and Main Street in honor of Wolf Abdias Jules and Stanley E. Jules. Councillor Reeves
23. That the City Manager is requested to investigate ways that children in low income families can have more access to extracurricular activities such as the enrichment classes offered by the King Community School. Councillor Decker
24. That the City Manager is requested to transmit to the DCR, Governor Patrick, and the Cambridge legislative delegation the need for a thorough process including examining safety and environmental issues as part of the planning process before the BU Bridge construction goes forward. Councillor Davis

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on July 31, 2008 to discuss the possibility of a department or commission to continually oversee and coordinate Sister City Agreements with support from each Mayoral Administration.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Sept 25

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following matters: additional appropriation for high

school; FY09 tax rate and the prior and current year revenues. (Ackermann Room)

Wed, Oct 1

1:30pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss hoarding and setting up a Cambridge Hoarding Task Force. (Kitchen Classroom - 2nd floor, Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Mon, Oct 6

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

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 7

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of potholes and street hazard repair. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 8

3:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update from the Cambridge Housing Authority on recent developments and issues, including funding issues, and further, to receive from Community Development Department housing staff a comparison of the Cambridge Housing Authority resident preference policy and the residence preference policy used in other city-funded affordable housing. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 22

6:00pm GLBT Town Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting regarding ongoing strategic planning activities at the Cambridge Health Alliance (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with NSTAR (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 5, 2009

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 12, 2009

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 26, 2009

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 2, 2009

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 9, 2009

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 23, 2009

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The income tax question on the ballot this fall is an irresponsible proposal that will have severe and immediate consequences for all residents of our Commonwealth, and particularly for the residents of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: This binding referendum will take \$12.7 billion - nearly 40 percent - out of the state budget, driving up local property taxes and leading to drastic cuts in services; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge will suffer sweeping education cuts, steep reductions in public safety personnel, and further deterioration of roads and bridges; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in opposition to the elimination of the income tax in the state of Massachusetts, given the grave consequences for public safety, education, health care, and public infrastructure.

O-2 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Technology collaborative has created "CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE® Grants for Low-Income Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) Implementation Projects by Municipalities;" and

WHEREAS: These grants have created an opportunity for municipalities to reduce energy use in buildings that serve low-income residents; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has stated goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine if these grants are applicable to Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That if these grants are applicable, that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to examine options for applying for these grants; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with his findings.

O-3 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Recent turbulence on Wall Street has raised alarms among economists nationwide; and

WHEREAS: The recent collapse of major investment banks is a potential concern for municipalities across the country; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at the earliest possible time on the potential impacts the recent events on Wall Street might have on the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to not limit his report solely to questions of bonding and borrowing, but also to examine such other issues as the City's overall finances, the housing and real estate markets, construction spending and federal aid to name a few.

O-4 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Council Traffic, Transportation and Parking Committee hold a meeting on Cambridge's emergency evacuation plans and capabilities.

O-5 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and MBTA personnel to ensure that the open drinking and associated problematic drinking in the MBTA plaza at Porter Square opposite Upland Road receives adequate police and human services attention to eliminate illegal behavior there; and be it further

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

O-6 Sept 22, 2008 **Approved 6-2-0 (Toomey, Maher NO; Decker ABSENT)**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Deval administration is working on regulations that address issues involving police details working at construction sites; and

WHEREAS: Detail pay is a significant cost to the City and others doing work in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Detail pay is significant source of income to Cambridge's police officers; and

WHEREAS: Some police officers have made career decisions based on the opportunity to receive detail pay in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Police construction details have not been proven to be more effective at managing traffic at construction sites than flaggers; and

WHEREAS: The City Manager is the Cambridge authority with the power to enter into contracts with City unions, such as the unions representing Cambridge police officers; and

WHEREAS: The new detail regulations may give the City, police officers and the general public an opportunity to discuss how we compensate our officers, what tasks it makes sense to have officers perform and what expectations about performing details should be clarified or codified; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possible impacts of the new detail regulations on Cambridge's police department and the City's reliance on detail work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to not make any final decisions on contract issues involving detail pay until the City Council has had an opportunity to review the new regulations and, with input from City staff, police officers and the general public, assist in creating a program that adequately compensates police officers while focusing law enforcement and traffic enforcement resources in the most effective manner possible.

O-7 Sept 22, 2008 **Failed 4-4-1 (Davis, Murphy, Reeves, Seidel NO; Decker ABSENT)**

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a densely populated city where problematic neighbors can impact many people; and

WHEREAS: It can be difficult for neighbors, who might feel uncomfortable confronting problematic neighbors, to address these issues effectively; and

WHEREAS: Addressing the ownership of the dwellings in which problematic residents live may be more effective at addressing the problems than multiple complaints to the police, the neighbors or landlords (if any); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the extent of the City's ability to move directly against the owners of property in which problematic residents live, to include fines, liens or condemnation options.

O-8 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Bike lanes throughout Cambridge are commonly used for vehicles to park illegally; and

WHEREAS: Such illegal parking destroys the intent of the bike lanes to provide a clear, unobstructed route for cyclists; and

WHEREAS: Such illegal parking makes cycling more dangerous as cyclists must dart into the traffic lane to go around these illegally parked vehicles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of creating a new ticket, available to both police officers and parking control officers, specifically targeting vehicles parked in bike lanes, to include what the maximum amount of such a ticket could be.

O-9 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: As a result of work surrounding the Walden Street Bridge a portion of King Street is being repaved; and

WHEREAS: King Street residents have dealt with Walden Street construction impacts since the work began; and

WHEREAS: Only a portion of the street which suffers from poor drainage conditions is planned for repaving; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to ensure that King Street drainage problems are solved and proper resurfacing is completed in conjunction with the Walden Street Bridge project.

O-10 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is directed to request that the Assistant City Manager for Community Development look into finding a zoning or other solution to the issue of parking car-sharing vehicles in the city.

O-11 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The King School and Amigos share a building with two gymnasiums; and

WHEREAS: The King School has an eight-hour day; and

WHEREAS: The King Community School after-school program also uses the King School gyms daily; and

WHEREAS: The King School has stated that it needs, and has begun to use, both gyms in addition to the auditorium which limits the use for the King Community School which needs some of the larger spaces for its activities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager and the Mayor (as Chair of the School Committee) be and hereby are requested to work toward a fair resolution of this matter of space allocation which will allow the King Community School to continue to operate an after-school program rich in physical activity.

O-12 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: A correspondence from the School Committee to the Mayor has been sent indicating a need to address the ongoing parking dilemma at the Fletcher Maynard Academy; and

WHEREAS: All public schools in Cambridge with the exception of the Fletcher Maynard Academy have some degree of parking accommodations for administration, staff and visitors; and

WHEREAS: For decades administration, staff and visitors have suffered at great expense and hardship due to the absence of parking; and

WHEREAS: Resolutions to this matter may require support from the City Council, the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and discussions with owners of parking lots in the vicinity of the Fletcher Maynard Academy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with his staff and with the Superintendent of the Cambridge Public Schools and his staff to determine a suitable resolution to this problem.

O-13 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Office of the Mayor is responsible for a number of community celebrations and cultural events; and

WHEREAS: For many years the City has celebrated some ethnic communities in respective celebrations that have been a longstanding tradition begun at a time when the demographics of Cambridge were proportionately different than today; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Mayor E. Denise Simmons is often asked to participate in the celebration of other ethnic communities that have large and growing populations here in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A nominal amount of funding exists in the Mayor's annual budget to celebrate specific, individual, ethnic communities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to advise the City Council as to the availability of additional funds for the celebration of other communities not traditionally celebrated, or that the City Council conduct discussions about a protocol for supporting the Mayor's Office in new multi-cultural celebrations, or rotating celebrations that allow for the inclusion of new ethnic communities.

O-14 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The majority of City Councillors will be attending the National League of Cities Conference and will not be able to attend the City Council meeting of Mon, Nov 10, 2008; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting of Mon, Nov 10, 2008 be and hereby is cancelled.

O-15 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The process and protocol for City Councillors to submit orders before their colleagues intends to provide ample time for all members of the City Council to review, research, and prepare themselves for the appropriate discussion and debate during public meetings; and

WHEREAS: There have been an increasing number of late orders submitted during City Council meetings which do not directly relate to the discussion and debate of items on the noticed agenda for that evening; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to thoughtfully limit and minimize the submission of late orders and to consider that doing so decreases the ability for thoughtful public discussion prior to the vote of Councillors.

O-16 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The City of Berkeley, California has recently adopted an innovative new program to give city-backed loans to property owners who install rooftop solar-power systems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to review the new program of the City of Berkeley, California, and report back on its applicability to Cambridge.

O-17 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as to what local oversight of gas stations is available and utilized by the City to protect consumers from misrepresentation of prices, for example, charging more than the stated (by sign) price of gas when the payment is by credit card rather than cash.

O-18 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the fee structure used for energy audits by the Cambridge Energy Alliance.

O-19 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Members of the Mayor's Senior Advisory Commission have brought to our attention that the sidewalks in front of 19 Hubbard Street and at the intersection of Hubbard and Walden Streets are broken due to tree roots and this endangers pedestrians with strollers who are forced into the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City department to resolve this problem.

O-20 Sept 22, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Members of the Mayor's Senior Advisory Commission have brought to our attention that the bus stop moved from the corner of Erie Street and Pearl Street should be restored to this location where it is safer for seniors to wait in a well-lit area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City department to determine a suitable resolution to this problem.

O-21 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in honor of Michael Weinstein; and be it further

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

O-22 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Columbia Street and Main Street in honor of Wolf Abdias Jules and Stanley E. Jules; and be it further

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

O-23 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate ways that children in low income families can have more access to extracurricular activities such as the enrichment classes offered by the King Community School.

O-24 Sept 22, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has indicated to city officials that it now plans to greatly expand the BU Bridge project from simply repairing sidewalks to a total reconstruction of the bridge; and

WHEREAS: The DCR aims to do this construction quickly; and

WHEREAS: The city administration and the public have had no input into the expanded project and there are major issues that must be addressed such as the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles, as well as protection of the environment; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the DCR, Governor Patrick, and the Cambridge legislative delegation the need for a thorough process including examining safety and environmental issues as part of the planning process before the bridge construction goes forward; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council urge the legislative delegation to slow down the project so it can be fully reviewed and carefully planned so the reconstructed bridge is safe and durable for the next 100 years.