

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek the Massachusetts Department of Revenue approval for the tax rate for FY2008:
 - A. Appropriate \$8,000,000 from Free Cash to the City Debt Stabilization Fund;
 - B. Authorize the further use of Free Cash of \$17,000,000 to set the FY2008 tax rate as follows: Operating Budget \$2,000,000; Public Investment \$1,000,000; Tax Support Reduction \$6,000,000; and Debt Stabilization Fund \$8,000,000;
 - C. Authorize \$2,000,000 in overly surplus/reserve be used for reducing the FY2008 tax levy;
 - D. Authorize \$3,000,000 from the 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 57.35%
 - 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 FY2008 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$251.00 to \$262.00;
 - J. Increase the FY2008 asset limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E from \$49,968 to \$52,117;
 - K. Increase the FY2008 income and assets limits allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, as follows: Income limits from \$20,660 to \$21,548 for single and \$30,990 to \$32,323 for married; and asset limits from \$41,320 to \$43,097 for single and \$56,815 to \$59,258 for married;
 - L. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons from \$20,000 to \$40,000; and
 - M. Vote to accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 51 which allows Mass National guardsmen and reservists deployed outside of the state, or their dependents, up to 180 days after that service to pay their property taxes without interest or penalties.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-16, regarding a report on who the City collects personal data and how it is used.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-106, regarding a report on using pavement markings that are less dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 07-35 and 07-88, regarding CORI screening by vendors of the City of Cambridge.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-101, regarding a report on the feasibility of green roofs on municipal buildings and creating incentives for development of green roofs on private buildings.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 07-67 and 07-103, regarding the Graham & Parks School.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the petition to rezone portions of the Residence C-1 zoning district to a Residence B zoning district in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood. [The Planning Board recommends adoption of the petition.]
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Green building petition to require future large development in the City to conform to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. [The Planning Board recommends that a task force be formed to further study the issue and determine the appropriate approach to meet the City Council's goal of encouraging green development.]
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Petition to Create a New Section of the Zoning Ordinance Regulating Fences. [The Planning Board is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time. Should the Council wish to further deliberate on the issues raised by the Petition, the Planning Board is prepared to participate with other interested parties in efforts to develop a consensus set of provisions.]
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-25, regarding a report on the problem of the discharge of air pollutants from buildings and water heating systems at a level that is noticeable to the human nose at the property line.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-55, regarding a report on Clear Channel billboard permits.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Tom McNichol, President of the Charles River Clean Up Boat, and MIT to resolve the issue of the financial status of this organization. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number One of Sept 17, 2007.]

ON THE TABLE

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
4. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on

Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]

5. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 4-4-0-1 on Sept 17, 2007.]
7. A communication was received from Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent of Schools, transmitting a copy of the annual Affirmative Action Report. [Placed on Table Communications and Reports from City Officers Number One of Sept 10, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Decker.]
8. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
9. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
10. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee schedule a meeting to discuss with the new owners the impact on the 55 Magazine Street tenants of the recent sale of the building and their concern about their security as tenants and the new owners' plans for the building, especially any plans to convert the building to condominiums. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Forty-Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Placed on table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Sept 17, 2007.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. 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.]

12. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate fences. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007. Petition expires Oct 10, 2007.
13. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of continuing to consider a proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance to regulate leaf blowers. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Pappas Joes Pizzeria, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 49 Mount Auburn Street.
2. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association, requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall and JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Oktoberfest.
3. An application was received from Cross Eyed Bear Inc. d/b/a Kendall Kitchen, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 201 Broadway. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
4. An application was received from Shalimar Inc., requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 579 Massachusetts Avenue.
5. An application was received from Greek Corner Restaurant, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign and one table and two chairs for restaurant seating in front of 8 1/2 Elliot Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the daughter of Dominic Carfagno, transmitting thanks for the kind expression of sympathy.
2. A communication was received from Gerald Bergman, regarding residents' requests for information about solvents, chemicals, and gases being used at Idenix Pharmaceuticals at 60 Hampshire Street.
3. Communications received from Kathy Podgers, regarding repairing and bringing sidewalks/walkways/curb ramps into compliance as ordered by the MAAB.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Specialist Marisol Heredia. Councillor Decker
2. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Sammie Phillips. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Specialist Steven Elrod. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jon Hicks Jr. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Specialist Thomas Hilbert. Councillor Decker

6. Resolution on the death of Specialist David Lane. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Lance Clark. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael Hardegree. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jason Hernandez. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Corporal Christopher Poole Jr. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Private Randol Shelton. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Corporal Bryan Scripsick. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Corporal Ryan Woodward. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Corporal Carlos Gilorozco. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Specialist Ari Brown-Weeks. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Nicholas Patterson. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Corporal Javier Paredes. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael Yarbrough. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Yance Gray. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Courtney Hollinsworth. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Joel Murray. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Specialist Keith Numberg. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant John Stock. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Captain Drew Jensen. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Alexander Galagalac. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Omar Mora. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Lee Wilson. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Joseph A. Brusck Jr.
Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Davis
29. Thanks to Philip Mangano for his vision, compassion and creativity in the development of the Multi-Service Center and his service to the citizens of Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
30. Resolution on the death of Mary A. Walsh. Councillor Galluccio
31. Welcome wishes to Matthew Tamiru Morris, son of Dianne Morris, to the City of Cambridge. Vice Mayor Toomey
32. Happy 10th Anniversary wishes to The Cambridge Homes. Mayor Reeves
33. Thanks to Albertine "Dora" Paul for her ten years of service at The Cambridge Homes. Mayor Reeves
34. Thanks to Denise Simpson for her ten years of service at The Cambridge Homes. Mayor Reeves
35. Thanks to Abdelkader Derkaoui for his ten years of service at The Cambridge Homes. Mayor Reeves
36. Happy 100th Birthday wishes to Mary Conceison. Mayor Reeves
37. Happy Birthday wishes to Marvin Gilmore. Mayor Reeves

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that the upcoming School Committee/City Council roundtable be televised, webcast and placed in the on-line archive to help facilitate greater public involvement in school and City issues. Councillor Kelley
2. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that the upcoming Neighborhood Safety Task Force's public meeting be televised, web cast and placed in the on-line archive to help facilitate greater public involvement in public safety issues. Councillor Kelley
3. That the City Council requests the City Clerk to draft an amendment to the City Council Rules that would allow any member of the public to speak for up to three minutes on any item on the City Council's agenda, to include Awaiting Report Items and Consent Communications. Councillor Kelley

4. That the Cambridge City Council oppose casino building in Massachusetts because of its negative impacts on host communities and the most vulnerable members of our population. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the number of liquor license expansion requests and number of expansion granted in 2005, 2006 and 2007, to include expanded hours, expanded seating or the granting of new licenses in a capped area. Councillor Kelley
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of installing a bicycle rack behind City Hall so that bikers will have more options on where to lock their bikes in Central Square. Councillor Decker
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and representatives of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) and other large landlords to determine the impact of Boston Housing Authority versus Garcia on Cambridge Housing Authority's ability to manage and evict problematic tenants and encourage CHA staff and the staff of other large landlords to aggressively participate in all discussions and public meetings where crime is a subject and notification of said meetings. Councillor Kelley
8. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on how Cambridge is participating in the Storrow Drive tunnel reconstruction/replacement project planning process, what impacts from the tunnel project are likely to be felt in Cambridge and how Cambridge will mitigate those impacts as effectively as possible. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to provide a report back to the City Council at his earliest opportunity, even if it is before a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, on the City's efforts to control mosquito-borne hazards. Councillor Kelley
10. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the entity that owns the park in the North Point area to determine when it will be available to the public and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Maher
11. That the Election Commission post the official candidates for City Council and School Committee on the City website. Councillor Davis
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department with the view of developing some sort of exemption or permit system for neighborhood residents to allow them to continue to utilize the spaces underneath the Harvard Square Hotel for overnight parking after 6:00 p.m. without charge. Councillor Maher and Vice Mayor Toomey
13. That the City Manager is requested to urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to assure that work goes forward at Magazine Beach according to the current timeline. Councillor Davis
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done on their street and if there is no such notification plan, that one be drafted immediately. Councillor Decker

15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority on whether the Daniel F. Burns elderly housing complex is being sold. Councillor Decker
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to investigate the possibility of implementing traffic calming measures on Churchill Avenue near Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Decker
17. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to immediately address the serious odors from the sewer near the Midwest Restaurant on Cambridge Street. Mayor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 5, 2007 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Planning Board to re-zone portions of the Residence C-1 zoning district to a Residence B district in the Strawberry Hill Neighborhood along Cushing Street between St. Sauveur Court and Thingvilla Avenue, in the area of Oxford and Fairview Avenue, and the corner of Huron Avenue and Cushing Street.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 24

- 5:30pm Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Sept 26

- 10:00am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of safety and resources as it pertains to housing, buildings and neighborhoods. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 1

- 6:00pm Roundtable Meeting with the School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Barker Center, 12 Quincy St, 1st Floor)

Wed, Oct 3

- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Cambridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.125 entitled "Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 4

- 6:00pm Forum on Race and Class featuring Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. sponsored by the Civic Unity Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 15

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

Mon, Oct 22

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

Mon, Oct 29

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

Mon, Nov 5

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

Mon, Nov 19

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

Mon, Nov 26

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

Mon, Dec 3

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

Mon, Dec 10

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

Mon, Dec 17

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

Mon, Dec 31

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

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

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O-2 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

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O-3 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: It is difficult for the general public to bring matters before the City Council if they are not allowed to speak on items from the Consent Agenda; and
WHEREAS: It is important for City Councillors, City officials and the general public to hear from members of the public in as many venues as possible; and
WHEREAS: The role of the City Council should be one that encourages and facilitates public discourse; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council requests the City Clerk to draft an amendment to the City Council Rules that would allow any member of the public to speak for up to three minutes on any item on the City Council's agenda, to include Awaiting Report Items and Consent Communications.

O-4 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is considering allowing casinos to be built in the state; and
WHEREAS: Casinos, while viewed as potential funding streams by some, frequently create major negative impacts on the host communities; and
WHEREAS: Gambling is, for many, an addictive and destructive behavior; and
WHEREAS: Many people who gamble at casinos do so, and will continue to do so, despite being unable to afford their losses; and
WHEREAS: Casinos primarily generate funds for their investors, many of which are either out of state or even out of the country; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record opposing casino building in Massachusetts because of its negative impacts on host communities and the most vulnerable members of our population; and be it further
RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Governor Patrick and the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-5 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge has had a liquor license cap for many years; and

WHEREAS: This cap has had a variety of consequences on the market for providing alcohol in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Many establishments have sought extensions to their expansion of their existing licenses; and

WHEREAS: The competitive edge given to an establishment that has an expanded license puts other, less expanded establishments at a disadvantage; and

WHEREAS: The License Commission is frequently asked to, and often grants, liquor expansion requests; and

WHEREAS: The City Council is concerned with the equity issues involved in having some licenses granted expansion and other licenses denied expansion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the number of liquor license expansion requests and number of expansions granted in 2005, 2006 and 2007, to include expanded hours, expanded seating or the granting of new licenses in a capped area.

O-6 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: Some bicyclers have been forced to illegally chain their bicycles to telephone poles, bus stop signs, and other poles near City Hall because there are not enough bicycle racks in the area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of installing a bicycle rack behind City Hall so that bikers will have more options on where to lock their bikes in Central Square.

O-7 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Problematic behavior by some tenants, visitors or trespassers in Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) and other larger-scale housing developments has led to some concerns about safety by both CHA residents and neighbors; and

WHEREAS: It is unclear to the public how aggressive CHA and other landlords can be, or are, in using evictions as a tool to manage this problematic behavior; and

WHEREAS: The City has engaged in a several month long discussion on overall public safety within the City; and

WHEREAS: The CHA and other large landlords were not a strong presence in this public safety discussion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City staff and representatives of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) and other large landlords to determine the impact of Boston Housing

Authority versus Garcia on Cambridge Housing Authority's ability to manage and evict problematic tenants; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to encourage CHA staff and the staff of other large landlords to aggressively participate in all discussions and public meetings where crime is a subject, even if those meetings are not focused on crime with Cambridge Housing Authority developments; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the City effectively notified Cambridge Housing Authority staff and the staff of other large apartment complexes of upcoming public safety and community meetings; 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-8 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The upcoming Storrow Drive tunnel reconstruction/replacement project, which may include the removal of numerous trees on Boston's Esplanade and the detour of some Storrow Drive traffic onto Cambridge streets, is of great concern to Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: There have been, and continue to be, numerous planning meetings concerning the future of the Storrow Drive tunnels; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on how Cambridge is participating in this planning process, what impacts from the tunnel project are likely to be felt in Cambridge and how Cambridge will mitigate those impacts as effectively as possible.

O-9 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: West Nile Virus has been found in mosquitoes in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: An Arlington man was recently diagnosed to be suffering from West Nile Virus; and

WHEREAS: Until there has been a significant stretch of freezing weather, warm fall days can quickly result in large populations of the type of mosquito that spreads the West Nile Virus; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report back to the City Council at his earliest opportunity, even if it is before a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, on the City's efforts to control mosquito-borne hazards, to include:

*Public information efforts;

*Use of larvicides;

*Location of pesticide application; and

*Comparison of pesticide applications, date and location, from this year to previous years.

O-10 Sept 24, 2007

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate why the park in the North Point area has been closed to the public for at least five years as described in the attached e-mail; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the entity that owns the park to determine when it

will be available to the public and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-11 Sept 24, 2007
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the Election Commission post the official candidates for City Council and School Committee on the City website.

O-12 Sept 24, 2007
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City has recently changed the method of collection for the public spaces underneath the Harvard Square hotel from meters to a centralized collection machine that issues receipts; and

WHEREAS: During the change the rates were apparently increased and the time for required payment was extended from 6:00pm to 10:00pm; and

WHEREAS: Neighborhood residents in nearby buildings where no parking is provided have used these spaces for overnight parking beginning after 6:00pm for many years; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department with the view of developing some sort of exemption or permit system for neighborhood residents to allow them to continue to utilize the spaces for overnight parking after 6:00pm without charge.

O-13 Sept 24, 2007
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The DCR has informed the City Manager that the bid package for Magazine Beach was once again delayed due to a change in the location of the control box for the irrigation system which will result in a construction delay; and

WHEREAS: Richard Corsi of the DCR anticipates that the bid documents will be ready to send out in mid-October of this year; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to assure that work goes forward at Magazine Beach according to the current timeline; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inform the City Council of any changes in the work schedule at Magazine Beach.

O-14 Sept 24, 2007
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on how much notification small businesses are being given for non-emergency work being done on their street and if there is no such notification plan, that one be drafted immediately.

O-15 Sept 24, 2007
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority on whether the Daniel F. Burns elderly housing complex is being sold.

O-16 Sept 24, 2007
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to investigate the possibility of implementing traffic calming measures on Churchill Avenue near Massachusetts Avenue.

O-17 Sept 24, 2007
MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to immediately address the serious odors from the sewer near the Midwest Restaurant on Cambridge Street.