

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-79, regarding the construction of the Cambridge Street overpass as well as Awaiting Report Item Number 12-21, regarding a report on the ownership of the Cambridge Street overpass.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item 12-96, regarding a report on the Back of the Sidewalk Tree Planting Program.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-69, regarding the condition of Avon Street and Shepard Street between Walker and Gardner Streets.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-41, regarding a report on green purchasing for City expenditures.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-59, regarding a report on implementing a city-wide department answering service.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Position (PSAP) Grant funded from the State 911 Department for \$65,854 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$37,000), Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$7,336.25) and to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Travel and Training account (\$21,517.75) which will support training to dispatch personnel in the Emergency Communications Department by covering the cost of attending training courses, fees for conferences and training courses, as well as software maintenance costs.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) grant received from the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$95,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$90,937.00), the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,063.00), and the Travel and Training account (\$1,000.00) and will be used to continue to support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's work to implement programs and projects to reduce opioid overdoses in collaboration with the coalition's community partners.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) Bridge to College Program grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$14,002.00), the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$300.00), and the Travel and Training account (\$698.00) which will provide classes and counseling for CHA residents in the Cambridge Learning Center Bridge to College program, which assists residents in making the transition to post secondary education.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by Friends of the Community Learning Center in the amount of \$23,433.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$23,185.00) and the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$248.00) which will support English for Speakers of Other Languages classes at the Community Learning Center. This grant will support salaries and supplies.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriate the Summer Food Program grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$199,917.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will be used to provide nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 26 confirmed sites throughout the City during the summer months when schools were closed.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-84, regarding a report on how the City ensures that the public way is maintained when Sidewalk Obstruction Permits are renewed each year.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-47, regarding a report on legal requirements for public notices and meetings of the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of members to the Cambridge Kids' Council:
Youth Representative: Isobel Schpeiser, 1-year term
Early Childhood member: Michelle Godfrey, 3-year term
University representative: Health Weiss, 3-year term
Business representative: Susan Lapierre, 3-year term
Mayor's appointments: Vice Mayor E. Denise Simmons, School Committee Member Marc McGovern and Community & Family Liaison Lena James
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$6,000 from the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will assist with the procurement of violence prevention training supplies to continue to meet the goals of the transformation grant that include training to educate police officers and youth workers on identifying risky behaviors of teens and how to best respond to them.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.
2. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. Order

Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.

3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vasser Street. City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.
8. An application was received from Peter Lee, Young Investments, LLC requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 97-99 Harvey Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works with conditions. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. Applications and Petitions Number Four of Sept 10, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Sept 10, 2012.
9. An application was received from Peter Lee, Young Investments, LLC requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 127-135 Harvey Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works with conditions. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. Applications and Petitions Number Five of Sept 10, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Sept 10, 2012.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Chipotle Mexican Grill requesting permission for three tables and six chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 600 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. A zoning petition has been received from Patty Chen, et al., requesting the City Council to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 20.300 - Central Square Overlay District in Section 20.304.5 Use Limitations and Restrictions.
3. An application was received from The Democracy Center requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 45 Mount Auburn Street.
4. An application was received from Department of Human Service Programs requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing Family Literacy Fun Day for Cambridge Families at City Hall on Sat, Nov 3rd from 10:30 am-2:30 pm.
5. An application was received from Ciampa Apothecary requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 425 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street regarding removing the US Military Flag from the Council Chamber and replace with the National Flag of the United States of America.
2. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, 37 Brookline Street regarding a preliminary format for we the people evolving an undefeatable constitution.
3. A communication was received from Hasson J. Rashid requesting help to end injustice and oppression of Muslims (Rohingya) in Myanmar (Burma).
4. A communication was received from Robert J. LaTremouille, 875 Massachusetts Avenue regarding Grand Junction Development discussions and related (Alewife, Charles River, Urban Ring rail).

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Peter Marfione from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Joyce Guinevere Jacobs-El. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Ellen R. (McCarthy) Dunne. Councillor Maher
4. Resolution on the death of Linda Koegel. Councillor Maher, Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of John Guard Darrah. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Edmund "Skip" Gurskis. Councillor Toomey
7. Congratulations to The Cambridge Carnival on its 20th Anniversary. Councillor Reeves
8. Resolution on the death of Bruce Bolling. Vice Mayor Simmons, Councillor Reeves
9. Congratulations to Gabriella Enwright on being named Outstanding Young Woman of 2012 by the Cambridge YWCA. Vice Mayor Simmons

10. Congratulations to Reverend Leslie Katherine Sterling on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
11. Congratulations to Esther Nichols Splaine on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
12. Congratulations to Kristine Rondeau on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
13. Congratulations to Rachael Splaine Rollins on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
14. Congratulations to Judy Richardson on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
15. Congratulations to Risa Mednick on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Maria Jobin-Leeds on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
17. Congratulations to Mary N. Doolan on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
18. Congratulations to Jean Burbidge on being named one of Cambridge YWCA's Outstanding Women of 2012. Vice Mayor Simmons
19. Thanks to the West African Research Association and the Cambridge Peace Commission for their collaborative work on the panel discussion on Peace and Conflict in West Africa on Sept 27, 2012 at the main branch of the Cambridge Public Library. Councillor Reeves
20. Resolution on the death of Suzanne McCormick Schlacter Savage. Mayor Davis
21. Speedy recovery wishes to Councillor Craig Kelley. Councillor vanBeuzekom, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves, Vice Mayor Simmons and Councillor Toomey.
22. Welcome Alacrita to the City of Cambridge. Councillor vanBeuzekom
23. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Alexander "Dukey" Albano. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher, Councillor Decker, Councillor Reeves, Mayor Davis
24. Congratulations to Lizzy's on their one year anniversary. Councillor Toomey
25. Resolution on the death of Glen Doherty. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the birth of Leslie Kimbrough. Mayor Davis
27. Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Rozann Kraus. Councillor Reeves
28. Happy Birthday wishes to City Councillor Craig Kelley. Councillor Reeves
29. Congratulations to the organizers of the fifth annual Hydrocephalus Awareness Walk on Sept 30, 2012. Councillor Maher
30. Best wishes to Community Cooks for a successful Tastes of Community Cooks gala on Sept 30, 2012. Mayor Davis

31. Congratulations to Fred Fantini on being named the 2012 recipient of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Lifetime Achievement Award. Mayor Davis
32. Happy Birthday to a special Cambridge resident. Vice Mayor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to take the necessary measures to ensure that the mitigation money from Novartis be allocated all or in part to the Upward Bound Program, with a view of giving the program an additional year to continue, and the hope that the additional funding will give the program staff, families and supporters an additional year to seek outside funding. Vice Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Department and provide the City Council with an explanation of the cities' parking regulations for commercial vehicles parked in spaces that typically provide parking for residents within neighborhoods that have construction projects. Councillor vanBeuzekom
3. That the City Manager is requested to communicate to the Police Department that any home foreclosure sales via auction be required to show ownership by the lender or agent of said property before an auction can occur and voluntary detail officers be given the option to not participate in home foreclosure auctions. Councillor vanBeuzekom
4. That the Dedication Committee review the request for a suitable location near north Massachusetts Avenue for a street corner dedication for John Darrah. Councillor Decker
5. That the Dedication Committee review the request for a suitable location near the corner of Columbia Street and Cambridge Street for a street corner dedication for Louise Harris. Councillor Reeves
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Election Commission to report back to the City Council on what alternate arrangements were made, if any, to ensure that the elderly or disabled voters were able to vote, why there were no signs posted detailing alternative methods for voting and why no election booth was brought to the first floor when the elevator was reported out of order at the Agassiz School on Sept 6, 2012. Councillor Decker
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with the view in mind of making the parking meters located on Charles Street between Fulkerson Street and Sixth Street free of fees on Saturdays. Councillor vanBeuzekom
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department with the view in mind of maintaining the present Central Square Farmer's Market permit rate despite an increase in the vehicle parking rate and possible loss of City revenue. Councillor vanBeuzekom
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City departments to explore the possibility of expanding the number of residential and meter spaces at the North Point Park. Councillor Maher

10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to report back to the City Council on how the City can work to install "Pay by Phone" enabled meters that make it easier to pay for parking and avoid parking tickets. Councillor vanBeuzekom
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and the Police Commissioner to ensure public safety in the area of Vail Court and that the landlord is providing sufficient care of the abandoned property at Vail Court. Councillor Toomey
12. The Cambridge City Council goes on record strongly condemning the attempt of any company operating within its borders to use intimidation to suppress the Federal Collective Bargaining rights of employees. Councillor Decker

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 1

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)

Wed, Oct 3

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on an amendment by the City Council to the Zoning Ordinance to add a footnote #15 to Table 6.36.1(a) column III (Open Space, Res A-1, A-2, Res B) stating: "Where a single dwelling unit is located on a private way and where said private way would provide adequate parking for at least one car, with the written notice from the Fire Department that emergency access would not be impaired, the requirement for off street parking is waived." This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition by Susan Yanow, et al. to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the following areas: Rezone from the existing Business A to Business A-1 the areas bounded by Windsor and Main Streets and Bishop Allen Drive; and Columbia Street, Bishop Allen Drive, Prospect and Norfolk Streets; Rezone from the existing Business B and Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District (CRDD) to a proposed new district Business B-3 in the area bounded by Green, Landsdowne, Magazine, and Prospect Streets and Massachusetts Avenue; Define as a protected neighborhood zone the area zoned Residence C-1 and bounded by Portland, Main and Windsor Streets and a line 120 feet north of and parallel to Main Street; Rezone the areas currently identified as Municipal Parking Lots numbered 4, 5, and 6 along Bishop Allen Drive to a proposed new Municipal Parking District (MP). This district would not allow construction of any permanent buildings except for public purposes such as performances and farmer's markets and would require a minimum of 7.25% of any lot to be landscaped. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 10

2:30pm University Relations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 11

2:30pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 15

5:00pm Special Presentation "Cambridge welcomes Felipe Tobar and Ana Navarrete - community leaders of our Sister City San Jose Las Flores, El Salvador" (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 17

3:30pm Housing Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 24

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the petition of the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map for an area along North Massachusetts Avenue in the vicinity of Trolley Square and Linear Park from Business A-2 to Residence C-2B This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 1

2:30pm University Relations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 8

2:30pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 29

2:30pm University Relations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 6

2:30pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Sept 24, 2012

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take the necessary measures to ensure that the mitigation money from Novartis be allocated all or in part to the Upward Bound Program, with a view of giving the program an additional year to continue, and the hope that the additional funding will give the program staff, families and supporters an additional year to seek outside funding.

O-2 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Some Cambridge neighborhoods in which large-scale long-term construction projects are underway are inundated with commercial vehicles that are parked on residential streets; and

WHEREAS: These commercial vehicles compete for parking spaces with residents who generally park in these same spaces; and

WHEREAS: There is a lack of clarity regarding whether these commercial vehicles should perhaps be parking on-site or at a company-paid and permitted location adjacent to the construction site and if not, whether these commercial vehicles must park during specific work hours of the day; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Police Department and provide the City Council with an explanation of the cities' parking regulations for commercial vehicles parked in spaces that typically provide parking for residents within neighborhoods that have construction projects.

O-3 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: Cambridge is fortunate to have very few home foreclosure auctions and when they do happen, they often cause anxiety and confusion ; and

WHEREAS: In many parts of the country lenders have not held title to the properties they were auctioning; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge wants to protect its residents from home foreclosure auctions in which claims to ownership may be in dispute; and

WHEREAS: Proof that the lender requesting the auction actually holds both mortgage and note for the property -- brings clarity to the proceedings and is new state requirement as of June 22, 2012 under Eaton versus Federal National Mortgage Association (Massachusetts Judicial Supreme Court); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate to the Police Department that any home foreclosure sales via auction be required to show ownership by the lender or agent of said property before an auction can occur and voluntary detail officers be given the option to not participate in home foreclosure auctions; and be it further

ORDERED: That a report on this request be shared with the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-4 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the Dedication Committee review the request for a suitable location near north Massachusetts Avenue for a street corner dedication for John Darrah; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review.

O-5 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the Dedication Committee review the request for a suitable location near the corner of Columbia Street and Cambridge Street for a street corner dedication for Louise Harris; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward this order to the Dedication Committee for review.

O-6 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Part of the mission of the Election Commission is to ensure that no voter is faced with barriers to casting their vote and that every reasonable accommodation is made to ensure that all voters have access; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 6, 2012, the elevators at the Agassiz School were reported to be out of order in the early morning. The elevators were not fixed until later in the afternoon; and

WHEREAS: There were no registration tables or voting booths relocated to the first floor for the elderly or disabled voters who were not able to use the stairs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission to report back to the City Council on what alternate arrangements were made, if any, to ensure that the elderly or disabled voters were able to vote, why there were no signs posted detailing alternative methods for voting and why no election booth was brought to the first floor; and be it further

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

O-7 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The parking meters located on Charles Street between Fulkerson Street and Sixth Street charge parking fees to individuals who are accessing businesses nearby during the week; and

WHEREAS: There is a great interest by residents who wish to play in and observe Saturday Cambridge youth league sporting events located at Ahern Field; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation with the view in mind of making the parking meters located on Charles Street between Fulkerson Street and Sixth Street free of fees on Saturdays; and be it further

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

O-8 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: A goal of the Cambridge City Council is to "Foster community, support neighborhood vitality and promote a healthy community;" and

WHEREAS: The weekly Central Square Farmer's Market is an asset to the Central Square neighborhood and the community at large; and

WHEREAS: The Central Square Farmer's Market is hosted on Municipal Parking Lot 5, which is located at Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street; and

WHEREAS: The parking fees associated with this lot will double when the new electronic parking meters are fully functional; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Community Development Department with the view in mind of maintaining the present Central Square Farmer's Market permit rate despite an increase in the vehicle parking rate and possible loss of City revenue; and be it further

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

O-9 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City departments to explore the possibility of expanding the number of residential and meter spaces at the North Point Park; and be it further

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

O-10 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is beginning to install the new type of electronic "Pay and Display" parking meters at various locations within the city; and

WHEREAS: These upgraded electronic parking meters provide improved customer convenience, help ensure a regular turnover of spaces in our high demand areas, and improve municipal maintenance and collection operations; and

WHEREAS: A key component of these meters being embraced by residents is the convenience of paying with cash or no-fee credit card; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on how the City can work to install "Pay by Phone" enabled meters that make it easier to pay for parking and avoid parking tickets. This meter feature allows customers to receive a reminder message via phone when meter time is almost up and then add time without returning to the meter (subject to time limit restrictions); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate to residents via email, mailings, and a Frequently Asked Questions web page the positive nature and use of these new types of electronic meters.

O-11 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Vail Court property on Bishop Allen Drive is presenting a public safety issue; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors and abutters have witnessed illegal activity at the property and requested the Cambridge Police Department increase their presence around the area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and the Police Commissioner to ensure public safety in the area and that the landlord is providing sufficient care of the abandoned property.

O-12 Sept 24, 2012

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that the custodians who clean most of the office buildings in Cambridge are negotiating their contract as members of SEIU Local 615 with cleaning contractors who operate in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Many of these contractors have been charged by the union with unfair labor practices and have been charged with violating the Section 7 Rights of the National Labor Relations Act which guarantee under Federal law that workers shall be able to bargain collectively with their employers; and

WHEREAS: The building owners and tenant companies who hire these contracted cleaning companies have the ultimate responsibility for their conduct as the contracting agent; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has expressed its goal to encourage companies operating within the City to provide more good paying, full-time jobs with benefits as expressed in such

documents as the Cambridge Living Wage Ordinance and many other resolutions; and

WHEREAS: The contractors have expressed a desire to lower wages, remove full-time work and benefits despite the fact that the Cambridge office realty market remains vibrant and has some of the lowest vacancy rates in the country; and

WHEREAS: Contractors such as ABM and Unico have contacted the Cambridge Police in an attempt to suppress the collective action of unionized janitors in this city; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council goes on record strongly condemning the attempt of any company operating within its borders to use intimidation to suppress the Federal collective bargaining rights of employees; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council calls on cleaning contractors operating in Cambridge to bargain fairly and to uphold the community standards of good jobs and benefits for those who work and live here; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council calls on building owners and large corporate tenants to closely monitor the activity of those contractors that they have hired to ensure that they are upholding community standards and are in compliance in both the letter and spirit of all applicable State and Federal laws regarding the rights of workers to collectively bargain over their wages, benefits and working conditions as the City of Cambridge responsible contracting agent; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Cambridge Police Department to uphold normal safety functions that shall not be utilized to suppress the normal collective bargaining rights and actions of members such as to suppress their freedom of assembly and/or to meet peaceably; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Cambridge City Council calls upon both the SEIU Local 615 and the negotiating contractors to strive toward a resolution in which the community standards of the City of Cambridge are upheld and the normal operation of business is not disrupted; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to ABM and Unico on behalf of the entire City Council.