

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as member of the Conservation Commission for a term of three years, effective Sept 30, 2009: Ruchir Vora, Adam J. Hornstine
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-115, regarding a report on continuing community access to the tennis courts at CRLS.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-105, regarding technical difficulties with the broadcast of the City Council summer meeting on July 27, 2009.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 09-62, 09-81, and 09-85, regarding the possibility of keeping the DCR McCrehan Pool opened.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of First Assistant City Solicitor Arthur Goldberg as the City of Cambridge liaison to the Ethics Commission.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-101, regarding a report on the plans and timetable for resurfacing the Kendall Square sidewalk area by the Marriott Hotel.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-43, regarding a report on installing changing tables in both men's and women's bathrooms in all City-owned buildings.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-46, regarding a report on increasing the warranty on City street trees.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-96, regarding a report on the status of the pedestrian signals at the super crosswalk in Harvard Square.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-107, regarding a report on placing a pedestrian crossing sign in the crosswalk at Norfolk Street and Massachusetts Avenue.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-92, regarding a report on proposing 2% PILOT increases.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-74, regarding a report on addressing traffic concerns at the corner of Gore and Fifth Streets.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-80, which requested a review of the City's policies on sidewalk cafes.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-114, regarding a report on the traffic calming installation on Appian Way.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$95,000 donation by Harvard University to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the construction of a raised crosswalk and sidewalks on Appian Way.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to approve the jitney application of Sun Shine Transportation.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of Lead-Safe Grant (Round 12) Program Income of \$3,718.69 to the Grant Fund Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance account which will increase funds available to control lead hazards in eligible housing in Cambridge.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$71,132 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (salary reserves) to Grant Fund Community Development Salary and Wages account to support the Lead-Safe Grant Program.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the ARRA Title I from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$366,008.00 to the Grant Fund School Department Salary & Wages account (\$340,606.00) and to the Grant Fund School Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,402.00) and will be used to supplement the Title I allocation grant which was reduced in FY10.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Mount Auburn Hospital Grant in the amount of \$15,133.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$14,293.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$840.00) and will be used to support two ESOL classes and its related services for employees at the Mount Auburn Hospital provided by the Community Learning Center.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Preschool in the amount of \$26,775.00 received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$1,765.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$25,010.00) and will be used to improve the quality of education for preschool children through professional development, curriculum enrichment, and parent involvement.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant for the Morse Preschool in the amount of \$11,655.00 received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$790.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$10,865.00) and will be used to improve the quality of education for preschool children through professional development, curriculum enrichment, and parent involvement.

23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant for the Peabody Preschool in the amount of \$12,285.00 received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salaries and Wages account (\$385.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$11,900.00) which will be used to improve the quality of education for preschool children through professional development, curriculum enrichment, and parent involvement.
24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) grant received through the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services for \$80,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account for (\$61,079), the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account for (\$17,671), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account for (\$1,250) and will be used to support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's work to continue addressing the issue of underage drinking through its programs such as its 21 Proof server/seller training, the Parent Navigator Program, and its peer leader program Teens Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (TADAA).
25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Grant received through the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services for \$125,000. Funds will be distributed to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$119,834), the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,416), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,750) and will be used to support the Cambridge Prevention Coalition's work to implement programs and projects to reduce opioid overdoses in collaboration with the Coalition's partners.
26. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Food Pantry grant received from the Cambridge Health Alliance for \$15,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to support the Cambridge Food Pantry Network.
27. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a supplemental appropriation to the Massachusetts Family Network (MFN) grant received from the Department of Early Education and Care in the amount of \$26,721 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$13,124) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$13,597) and will be used to support partial salary costs of three staff members of the Center for Families who provide a variety of family support and parent education resources to families in the Cambridge community as well as for supplies to support additional program activities for the program.

28. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-100, regarding whether the City regulates mobile billboard use in the City.
29. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-73, regarding a report on discussions between the developer of 303 Third Street and the City of Cambridge.

ON THE TABLE

1. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 2008.]
2. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as favoring a ballot initiative during the next local municipal election that shall allow Cambridge voters to have their voices heard on ridding the world of nuclear weapons. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Decker on a Roll Call Vote of 6-3-0 on Order Number Two of Sept 21, 2009.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 25, 2009 for the purpose of considering the Historical Committee's recommendation with regard to the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Report and Revised Recommendations. Committee Report Number One of Sept 21, 2009 was Accepted and Placed on File, Proposed Ordinance Passed to Second Reading and Order remains on Unfinished Business.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Boohner Liu, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Douglas Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Heather Faris, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 40-42 Cushing Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional

Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

3. An application was received from Cambridge Athletic Club, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 215 First Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from William L. Rawn, FAIA, William Rawn Associates Architects, Inc., transmitting thanks for passing a resolution congratulating the firm for its #1 Ranking in ARCHITECT magazine.
2. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution expressing concern about the safety of texting while operating a vehicle.
3. A communication was received from Department of Public Utilities, transmitting notice of a public hearing on Oct 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at One South Station, 2nd floor, Boston, on the request of NSTAR Electric Company, for approval of a net metering tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 163, and an interconnection tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 162B.
4. A communication was received from Jed F. Lippard, Head of School, Prospect Hill Academy Charter School, regarding 54 Essex Street Upper School Renovations.
5. A communication was received from Michael Shinagel, Dean, Harvard University Extension School, transmitting thanks to Councillor Maher and the Cambridge City Council for the much-appreciated resolution declaring Feb 23, 2010 as "Harvard Extension School Day" in recognition of providing to the residents of Cambridge for 100 years in educational opportunities.
6. A communication was received Peter Valentine, requesting that the FBI inform the Massachusetts Senators of the law in connection with threats related to forced inoculation.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Retirement of Henry Silva from the Public Works Department. Mayor Simmons
2. Congratulations to Beth Robinson on being honored with the Spirit and Justice Award at the Spirit and Justice Award Dinner on Oct 23, 2009. Mayor Simmons
3. Resolution on the death of Josephine (Gallo) Hennessy. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Maria (Resendes) Moreira. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Senior Airman Matthew R. Courtois. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael S. Cote, Jr. Councillor Decker
7. Congratulations to the Cambridge GLBT Commission on receiving the GOAL-New England Community Service Award. Mayor Simmons
8. Resolution on the death of Jernaire Hall. Councillor Ward
9. Happy Birthday wishes to Janessa Mervin. Mayor Simmons
10. Congratulations to Ibrahim Mohamed and Safia Hibaishi on the birth of their daughter Atheeb Mohamed on Sept 23, 2009. Mayor Simmons
11. Happy 89th Birthday wishes to Agnes Mello. Mayor Simmons

12. Congratulations to the Agassiz Baldwin community and the Cambridge Arts Council on the occasion of the groundbreaking for the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center on Sept 29, 2009. Councillor Davis
13. Thanks to Aviva Jobin-Leeds for her selfless actions and for making a difference in the Cambridge community. Councillor Davis
14. Honoring the historic site of Fort Washington and expressing appreciation of the past and current efforts to preserve this site. Councillor Davis
15. Resolution on the death of Beverly L. (Joy) Ayers on Sept 24, 2009. Councillor Toomey
16. Retirement of Joseph Dynan from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
17. Retirement of Daniel L. Flaherty from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
18. Retirement of Kevin B. McGonigal from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
19. Retirement of Joseph C. Johnson from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
20. Retirement of Robert DeFrancisco from the Cambridge Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
21. Thanks to the Cambridge Historical Commission and all who participated in the publication of "Common Cause, Uncommon courage: World War II and the Home Front in Cambridge, Massachusetts." Mayor Simmons
22. Welcome Reverend Marcellus A. Norris and First Lady Dawn Norris to Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
23. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Cyril Chase. Councillor Reeves
24. Happy 85th Birthday wishes to Marvin Gilmore. Councillor Reeves
25. Thanks to Paul Kendrick of the Harlem Children's Zone for his Keynote Address at the Office for College Success event on Sept 30, 2009. Councillor Reeves
26. Congratulations to the Cambridge Savings Bank on its 175th Anniversary. Councillor Maher

ORDERS

1. That all residents of Cambridge are urged to acknowledge Breaking the Silence/Congo Week II and to take actions aimed at ending the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mayor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works, the City Arborist, the Community Development Department and other appropriate City staff with the view of working with Greg Russ and the Cambridge Housing Authority to address the removal of trees at 150 Erie Street and to provide a plan for the design of the space in front of the building that includes trees and other green elements as well as seating and appropriate lighting that is aesthetically pleasing and promotes community gathering and safety. Mayor Simmons
3. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Fire Department to locate \$2,000 in the budget to compensate trainers from the Gay Officers Action League (GOAL) for the scheduled training of approximately 250 personnel in

- sixteen two hour sessions throughout November and December of this year. Mayor Simmons
4. Opposition to Senate Bill 2041 and continued support for greyhound racing ban that was passed by the voters of Massachusetts. Councillor Toomey
 5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Electrician to discuss installing appropriate lighting to illuminate the flag pole at Neville Manor. Councillor Toomey
 6. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate staff to increase lighting in front of 55 Essex Street as well as to assess the needs of other sites that house seniors and persons who are visually impaired. Mayor Simmons
 7. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the appropriate staff to install "Slow Seniors and Children" signage in the vicinity of 55 Essex Street. Mayor Simmons
 8. That the Nov 9, 2009 meeting of the Cambridge City Council be and hereby is cancelled to enable members of the City Council to attend the National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities Conference. Vice Mayor Seidel
 9. That the matter of non-profit organizations retrofitting their buildings to be energy efficient be referred to the Health and Environment Committee for discussion with a view to the creation of a commission to examine this issue. Councillor Davis
 10. That the City Council hold a special meeting on the status of the Police Review and Advisory Board and all related topics. Councillor Kelley
 11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on what may have caused recent disturbances in the Wellington-Harrington area, to include a reportedly large melee outside the Frisoli Youth Center on the evening of Thurs, Sept 24, 2009 and how the City is responding to these events. Councillor Kelley
 12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the City's plans to meet the tree planting list and other various tree-related issues. Councillor Kelley
 13. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on what sort of formal procedures and handouts the Cambridge Police Department has to help people better understand the Police Department's role and responsibilities in the aftermath of a traumatic event. Councillor Kelley
 14. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of the Cambridge Police Department's policy on making available to the public information about crimes and suspects and other information not prohibited from public release. Councillor Kelley
 15. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's work within the wetlands buffer zone along the Charles River, if there have been any violations of either granted Orders of Conditions or of the underlying wetlands law and, if so, how Cambridge is enforcing the wetlands law as it impacts Department of Conservation and Recreation work. Councillor Kelley
 16. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the reason six trees were cut down in front of the LBJ apartments, whether there had been appropriate public notice and a relevant street tree removal hearing and what plans there are, if any, to replace those trees. Councillor Kelley
 17. Urge members of the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support House Bill No.3643 which would reduce the prevailing speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph in urban districts on local roads. Councillor Davis
 18. Urge members of the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support H.853 which would prohibit new buildings that cast new shadow on parks except during the first hour of sunrise or before 7:00 a.m. or during the last hour before sunset. Councillor Davis
 19. That the City Manager is requested to provide a status update to the City Council on the activity of persons in and around Larz Anderson Memorial Bridge as originally requested in City Council Police Order #6 submitted on June 29, 2009. Vice Mayor Seidel
 20. That the City Manager is requested to provide a status report to the City Council on traffic safety measures in place at the intersection of Fresh Pond Parkway and Mount Auburn Street. Vice Mayor Seidel
 21. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to repair the crossing at Cambridge Street to make it safe for both drivers and trains. Councillor Toomey
 22. That the City Manger is requested to confer with the City Electrician and the Commissioner of Public Works with the view of changing the present nighttime lighting of the City Hall tower to LED illumination. Mayor Simmons

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee and Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a joint meeting held on Sept 15, 2009 to discuss illegal idling.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on Aug 13, 2009 for the purpose of continuing the discussion on whether a program similar to the Harlem Children's Zone Office of College Success could advance the goal of college graduation for all low income students in Cambridge.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 17, 2009 for the purpose of planning for a Human Services Committee meeting and forum on Sept 30th to discuss with the larger community how Cambridge could adapt the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) Office for College Success to increase the support for Cambridge college students to finish college with a degree.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 6

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public hearing to have a community discussion on strengthening the community for a safer neighborhood. Community Room (21 Walden Sq. Rd.)

Tues, Oct 13

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

Mon, Oct 19

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

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 20

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 22

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the first of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Lisa Dobberteen, pediatrician co-author of the book Love & Limits In and Out of Child Care: What Your Child Care Provider and Your Pediatrician Want You to Know. Followed by Q & A. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 29

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the second of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Diane Levin, author of So Sexy So Soon, the New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, Nov 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 5

12:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will hold the third of a series of public meetings, each featuring a parenting specialist speaker. Featured speaker: Dr. Nancy Carlsson-Paige, professor of early childhood education at Lesley University will be discussing her most recent book, Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, compassionate Kids, and the impact of violence, especially in the media, the children's lives and social development. Followed by Q & A. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, Nov 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 10

3:00pm The Public Facilities, Art and Celebrations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the

possibility of holding a folk festival in the city in 2010. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 17

2:30pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the use of cell phones while driving and security cameras at the Alewife T station. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 1

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 15

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 5, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The citizens of Cambridge and their representatives on the Cambridge City Council have a strong tradition of upholding principles of peace and respect for all people; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has often affirmed its support of the principles of international law and of peaceful alternatives to war; and

WHEREAS: Since 1996, the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo has been the epicenter of the deadliest war since World War II, leading to the deaths of nearly six million people; and

WHEREAS: Combatants on all sides routinely use rape and sexual violence as a weapon to destroy women, families, and communities, and over 200,000 women have been raped in the course of combat; and

WHEREAS: The perpetrators of sexual violence have acted with impunity and have not been held accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS: This conflict is fueled by the illegal trade in minerals controlled by warring groups, and 80% of the world's coltan (used in cell phones and laptop computers) is located in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo; and

WHEREAS: The international community has failed to sanction the looting of the Democratic Republic of Congo's spectacular wealth, and consequently, poverty in this nation is extremely high, and 80% of the population lives on 30 cents or less per day, and

WHEREAS: Oct 18 - 24 has been internationally designated Breaking the Silence/Congo Week II; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record recognizing and condemning the grievous impact of the sexual violence and loss of lives in the conflict on families and communities and calling for an immediate end to the violence; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urge the United States government to press for an immediate end to the war and sexual violence, accountability for the perpetrators, and an end to trading in minerals controlled by warring groups; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to President Obama and the Secretaries of State and Defense; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, together with a request that the congressional delegation take action on this issue and communicate to the Cambridge City Council what action was taken; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all residents of Cambridge are urged to acknowledge Breaking the Silence/Congo Week II and to take actions aimed at ending the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

O-2 Oct 5, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Department of Public Works, the City Arborist, the Community Development Department and other appropriate City staff with the view of working with Greg Russ and the Cambridge Housing Authority to address the removal of trees at 150 Erie Street and to provide a plan for the design of the space in front of the building that includes trees and other green elements as well as seating and appropriate lighting that is aesthetically pleasing and promotes community gathering and safety.

O-3 Oct 5, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Continuing on the success of the Police Department GLBT training by GOAL, the GLBT Commission is working with the Fire Department on GLBT training; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Fire Department to locate \$2,000 in the budget to compensate trainers from the Gay Officers Action League (GOAL) for the scheduled training of approximately 250 personnel in sixteen two hour sessions throughout November and December of this year. Compensation to GOAL covers the cost of travel, overhead, and training materials for the professional volunteer trainers.

O-4 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On Nov 4, 2009, 64.9% of Cambridge voters voted to end greyhound racing in Massachusetts; and
WHEREAS: Senate Bill 2041 is seeking to prolong greyhound racing in Massachusetts despite the fact that 53.57% of voters statewide voted in favor of banning the practice of dog racing; and

WHEREAS: In order to protect the workers at the tracks, the Greyhound Protection Act included a 14 month phase-out period so that racetrack workers could take advantage of retraining programs supported by the state; and

WHEREAS: The state currently spends more money regulating greyhound racing than the state receives in revenue; and

WHEREAS: Despite the regulations some dogs endure lives of terrible confinement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in opposition to Senate Bill 2041 and remain in favor of the ban that was passed by the voters of Massachusetts; and be it further

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

O-5 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician to discuss installing appropriate lighting to illuminate the flag pole at Neville Manor.

O-6 Oct 5, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Many senior citizens and others in the community with visual impairment suffer limited mobility in the evening and night hours due to insufficient lighting in public areas surrounding their residence; and

WHEREAS: Residents of 55 Essex are requesting brighter lighting for this very reason; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the appropriate staff to increase lighting in front of 55 Essex Street as well as to assess the needs of other sites that house seniors and persons who are visually impaired.

O-7 Oct 5, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the appropriate staff to install "Slow Seniors and Children" signage in the vicinity of 55 Essex Street.

O-8 Oct 5, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the Nov 9, 2009 meeting of the Cambridge City Council be and hereby is cancelled to enable members of the City Council to attend the National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities Conference.

O-9 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Cambridge community depends on its non-profit organizations for support to its citizens with childcare, eldercare, arts and after-school education; and
WHEREAS: Many non-profits own their own buildings but the buildings are in poor repair and suffer from deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS: Many non-profits are critically underfunded and unable to take care of their facilities, needing instead to put their resources into their programs; and

WHEREAS: If these organizations could afford to retrofit their buildings to be energy efficient they would be able to save on their energy costs and therefore devote more money to operating costs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee for discussion with a view to the creation of a commission to examine this problem.

O-10 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to hold a special meeting on the status of the Police Review and Advisory Board and all related topics.

O-11 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what may have caused recent disturbances in the Wellington-Harrington area, to include a reportedly large melee outside the Frisoli Youth Center on the evening of Thurs, Sept 24, 2009 and how the City is responding to these events.

O-12 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Numerous empty tree wells remain in Cambridge, including some that seem appropriate for new trees along Linnaean Street and outside Tavern on the Square in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Other tree wells, such as the ones in front of Christopher's Restaurant in Porter Square, have apparently been removed from service as tree wells; and

WHEREAS: Many tree wells, such as the ones by the Baldwin School on Sacramento Street, have metal grates around them that may limit tree growth; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an update on the City's plans to meet the tree planting list; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the metal grates around City trees and if the City plans to remove them; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the process that leads to otherwise viable tree wells not being used for street trees; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Health and Environment Committee be and hereby is requested to hold a meeting on the status of Cambridge's tree wells and street tree planting efforts.

O-13 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: People who have suffered from some sort of crime, whether it be a break-in or a physical assault or some other traumatic event, may not be in the frame of mind to readily understand what the Cambridge Police Department's response will be; and

WHEREAS: Confusion over what they should or should not expect from the Police Department can make an already traumatic event even worse; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Police Department's having a flyer or some other printed material that explains the post-event process and providing relevant contact numbers could help people better understand what the Cambridge Police

Department's immediate response and follow-up steps might be, whether it be taking pictures after a burglary, visits from a detective, wiping for fingerprints or any other commonly expressed questions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what sort of formal procedures and handouts the Cambridge Police Department has to help people better understand the Police Department's role and responsibilities in the aftermath of a traumatic event.

O-14 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of the Cambridge Police Department's policy on making available to the public information about crimes and suspects and other information not prohibited from public release.

O-15 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's work within the wetlands buffer zone along the Charles River, if there have been any violations of either granted Orders of Conditions or of the underlying wetlands law and, if so, how Cambridge is enforcing the wetlands law as it impacts Department of Conservation and Recreation work.

O-16 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the reason six trees were cut down in front of the LBJ apartments, whether there had been appropriate public notice and a relevant street tree removal hearing and what plans there are, if any, to replace those trees.

O-17 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Fatalities from pedestrian-automobile crashes are directly related to speed and drivers drive faster than posted limits; and

WHEREAS: More people walk in densely populated areas than in more rural areas, and school children and elderly people are among those who are most vulnerable to traffic; and

WHEREAS: House Bill No. 3643, now before the Joint Committee on Transportation, would reduce the prevailing speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph in urban districts on local roads; and

WHEREAS: H.3643 would define "urban district" as "the territory contiguous to local roads built up with structures devoted to business or where the dwelling houses average less than 100 feet between them for a distance of 1/8 mile or over"; and

WHEREAS: The bill was developed through the joint efforts of Representative Denise Provost, the Massachusetts Highway Department, representatives from communities across the Commonwealth, the City of Boston, MassBike and WalkBoston; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the members of the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support the final bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to Representative Joseph F. Wagner and Senator Steven A. Baddour, Chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation, as well as the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-18 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: House Bill No.853, An Act Protecting Certain Public Parks, filed by Representative Marty Walz, seeks to expand the current laws that limit new shadows on the Boston Public Garden, the Boston Common, and the Lynn Common; and

WHEREAS: The bill would prohibit new buildings that cast new shadow on certain parks - Magazine Beach Park, the Esplanade, Christopher Columbus Park, the Rose Kennedy Greenway, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, and Copley Square Park - except during the first hour after sunrise or before 7am (whichever is later) or during the last hour before sunset; and

WHEREAS: The bill would allow reasonably scaled development near parks while ensuring that the grass, trees, and people who enjoy the parks have sufficient sunlight, but does not include height limits for buildings or add setback requirements; and

WHEREAS: H.853 would strike a better balance between the construction of new buildings and the protection of our outdoor spaces; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record as urging the members of the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support the final bill; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to Representative William Straus and Senator Anthony Petrucci, Chairs of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, as well as the Cambridge legislative delegation on behalf of the City Council.

O-19 Oct 5, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a status update to the City Council on the activity of persons in and around Larz Anderson Memorial Bridge as originally requested in City Council Police Order #6 submitted on June 29, 2009.

O-20 Oct 5, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a status report to the City Council on traffic safety measures in place at the intersection of Fresh Pond Parkway and Mount Auburn Street.

O-21 Oct 5, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The rubber panels that line the railroad tracks at the Cambridge Street crossing are uneven, creating unsafe driving conditions; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to repair the

crossing at Cambridge Street to make it safe for both drivers and trains and to report back to the City Council.

O-22 Oct 5, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician and the Commissioner of Public Works with the view of changing the present nighttime lighting of the City Hall tower to LED illumination.