

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$7,446.00 for the Center for Families program funded by the Cambridge Public Health Commission, Agenda for Children to the Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$6,486.00) and to the Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$960.00) and will be used to provide two literacy specific playgroups, one drop-in playgroup, and support the January and June Family Fun Days.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Massachusetts Formula Grant in the amount of \$90,813.00 funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$43,670.00), to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$45,213.00), and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,930.00) and will be used to provide substance abuse prevention services for Cambridge seniors, transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments, and weekly food shopping trips.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Project Bread Food Pantry grant received from the Project Bread organization for \$7,225.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used by the Senior Center Food Pantry by Project Bread to pay for purchases at the Greater Boston Food Bank, other food purchases for our Senior Food Pantry, as well as food for senior activities and events at the Senior Center.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to supplement fuel assistance payments.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$40,000.00 Grant from the Cambridge Community Foundation to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$34,000.00) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,000.00) which will support the ongoing programming for families who have participated in the Baby University 16 week program.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$150,000.00 from Free Cash to the General Fund Department of Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$51,950) and to the General Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$98,050) which will provide mental health supports to city and community-run preschools and family childcare providers.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$500,000 initial payment received from Comcast, as a result of the 2011 Renewal License to the Public Investment Fund Cable TV Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used for capital equipment purchases to support Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access channels.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,190,000 received by Comcast to the Public Investment Fund Cable TV Extraordinary Expenditures account, as an amendment to the 2011 Renewal License, as a result of a Franchise Related Costs (FRC) Settlement through the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC) which will provide funds to the City's cable-related Public, Educational and Government capital needs.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-137, regarding a report on installing a bicycle locking mechanism in the area of 1105 Massachusetts Avenue.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-76, regarding a strategy to mitigate the actions of Boston cab companies.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-112, regarding increasing the number of foot patrols around senior apartment buildings.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-132, regarding a report on regulations on the sale of knives and BB guns in Cambridge.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-111, regarding a report on adjusting the timing pedestrian walk lights at intersections with a high volume of seniors using crosswalks.

ON THE TABLE

1. That the City Manager is requested to restore funding for School Department clerical positions until a proper and negotiated process can be achieved with the Cambridge School Department and Unions representing the employees, and to report back to the City Council on the progress. [Order Number Fourteen of Apr 26, 2010 Placed on Table. Councillor Kelley made motions to take from table on May 10, 2010 failed 2-7-0, Sept 13, 2010 failed 4-4-1, Sept 27, 2010 failed 3-5-1, Dec 13, 2010 failed 3-6-0. Remains on Table.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-32, regarding a report on issues with the development of the former St. John's property site. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Eighteen of May 24, 2010. Placed on Table June 7, 2010.]
3. An application was received from Tony LaVita, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 68 Middlesex Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association. [Applications and Petitions Number Ten of June 7, 2010 Placed on Table.]

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-189, regarding a report on the legitimacy of the tax exempt claim of Education First. [Charter Right exercised on City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to have the Community Development Department convene a meeting with neighbors in the vicinity of Grove Street and Blanchard Road, the Fresh Pond Master Plan Committee and other relevant parties to review the zoning along the golf course and the Fresh Pond Reservation in that area. [Charter Right exercised on Order Number Five of Jan 24, 2011. Placed on Table Jan 31, 2011.]
6. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with a complete and comprehensive list of all concessions made to the City and broader Cambridge community by developers and the universities in exchange for zoning relief, special permits, or Council approval. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order Number Eleven of Apr 25, 2011. Tabled on Motion of Councillor Cheung on May 2, 2011.]
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-94, regarding a report on fireworks at Corcoran Park on July 4th. [City Manager Agenda Item Number Nineteen of Sept 12, 2011 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
8. A communication was received from Aaron Litvin, 23 Edmunds Street, Apt. 2, regarding the Bishop Petition.
9. A communication was received from Laura Gamel, Washburn Avenue, regarding the Bishop Petition.
10. A communication was received from Janos Fulop, regarding the Bishop Petition.
11. A communication was received from Yiming Zheng, 19 Edmunds Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
12. A communication was received from Leslie Lawrence, 24 Middlesex Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
13. A communication was received from Ana Paula Litvin, 23 Edmunds Street, Apt. 2, regarding the Bishop Petition.
14. A communication was received from Ann McDonald, 24 Columbus Avenue, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.
15. Sundry communications were received from Julia Bishop, 9 Cottage Park Avenue, regarding the Bishop Petition.
16. A communication was received from Amelia Westmark, 115 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
17. A communication was received from Ron Jackson, 18 Camp Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
18. A communication was received from Vivian Poey, 16 Washburn Avenue, regarding the Bishop Petition.
19. A communication was received from Barbara Harvey and family, transmitting thanks for the nice tribute to their family.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Boomerangs, requesting permission for a blade sign at the premises numbered 563 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Thomas J. Putnam, Director, John F. Kennedy Residential Library and Museum, transmitting receipt of a resolution from the City of Cambridge congratulating the United States Peace Corps and all Cambridge residents who have served in the United States Peace Corps on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps.
2. A communication was received from Carol O'Hare, regarding MIT's rezoning petition.
3. A communication was received from State Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for sending City Council resolutions supporting legislation strengthening local enforcement of timely removal of double utility poles.
4. A communication was received from Karen Sedat, 42 Brookford Street, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.
5. A communication was received from Lisa Oray, 31 Norris Street, regarding the Cottage Park area.
6. A communication was received from Ken Bader, 127 Clay Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
7. A communication was received from Bob McGowan and Dianne Cabral, 22 Brookford Street, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.

20. A communication was received from O. Robert Simha, regarding MIT's rezoning petition and the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Project.
21. A communication was received from James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, regarding sidewalk bicycling.
22. A communication was received from Emily Scott, 69 Harvey Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
23. A communication was received from Diane Martin, 35 Madison Avenue, Unit #1, regarding the Bishop Petition.
24. A communication was received from Marsha Hunter, 2 Theriault Court, regarding the Bishop Petition.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Urge residents to participate in Food Day which will take place on Oct 24, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Robert P. "Fitzzy" Fitzmaurice. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
3. Resolution on the death of Specialist Adrian Glyn Mills. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of George Doherty. Mayor Maher
5. Retirement of Kathleen Toppi from the Water Department. Mayor Maher
6. Honoring the memory of Henry Lewis on the occasion of The Bow Tie Bike Ride which took place on Oct 2, 2011. Councillor Reeves
7. Congratulations to the Harvard Square Business Association and the HONK! Music Festival for their successful Oktoberfest celebration on Oct 2, 2011. Councillor Reeves
8. Congratulations to Samanta Morrison on the birth of her son Myles Anthony Morrison. Councillor Reeves

9. Retirement of Fritzner Tiblanc from the School Department. Mayor Maher
10. Resolution on the death of John J. Holian Jr. Mayor Maher
11. Congratulations to Kenneth E. Reeves and Greg Johnson on the occasion of their first wedding anniversary. Mayor Maher, Councillor Cheung, Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Decker, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Seidel, Councillor Simmons and Councillor Toomey.
12. Resolution on the death of Timothy J. Doty. Mayor Maher
13. Resolution on the death of Mary J. (Crowley) Hickey. Mayor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Lenora M. Rodrigues. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Mary A. "May" (Mahoney) Russell. Mayor Maher
16. Resolution on the death of Arthur L. Sennott. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Maher
17. Resolution on the death of Anna C. (O'Sullivan) Connelly. Mayor Maher
18. Congratulations to the Youth & Police Initiative program for their efforts to reach out to at-risk youth. Councillor Cheung
19. Congratulations to the Cambridge Police Department Crime Analysis Unit on receiving an award from the International Association of Crime Analytics in the statistical bulletin category for their BridgeStat program. Councillor Cheung
20. Congratulations to The Longy School of Music for their partnership with Bard College and the Los Angeles Philharmonic for their "Take A Stand" initiative which supports social change through music. Councillor Cheung
21. Congratulations to Harvard University on their 375th Anniversary. Councillor Cheung
22. Resolution on the death of Jan Merrill-Oldham. Mayor Maher
23. Happy 80th Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian. Councillor Decker
24. Thanks to the organizers of the Cambridgeport History Day on Oct 2, 2011. Vice Mayor Davis, Councillor Reeves
25. Congratulations to Cambridge At Home on the occasion of its 5th anniversary. Vice Mayor Davis
26. Congratulations to the Community Learning Center on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary. Vice Mayor Davis
27. Congratulations to Senator Steven Tolman on being elected as president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung, Mayor Maher
28. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant officer James B. Wilke. Councillor Decker
29. Happy 90th Birthday wishes to Ted Pasquarello. Councillor Toomey
30. Resolution on the death of Lena Waldron. Mayor Maher
31. Congratulations to Thomas and Susan Scott on the birth of their first grandchild, Cameron Lewis. Mayor Maher
32. Congratulations to Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, on receiving the Children's Champion Award from Tutoring Plus. Mayor Maher
33. Congratulations to the staff and seniors of the Citywide Senior Center on the occasion of its 16th Anniversary. Vice Mayor Davis
34. Thanks to the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee for their commitment to providing family planning services to Cambridge Health Alliance patients. Vice Mayor Davis
35. Congratulating the East Cambridge Business Association on a successful Smoke This Rib Fest 2011, and East Side Bar and Grille and Bosophorus on their awards. Councillor Toomey
36. Congratulating the Animal Control Department for their outstanding commitment to the City. Councillor Cheung
37. Congratulating Localocracy on their new partnership with the Huffington Post Media Group. Councillor Cheung
38. Congratulating Reverend Dr. Lynda Marie Jordan on receiving the YMCA's Outstanding Women Award. Councillor Simmons
39. Congratulating Reverend Irene Monroe on receiving the YMCA's Outstanding Women Award. Councillor Simmons
40. Resolution on the death of Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth. Councillor Simmons
41. Wishing the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition a successful annual cocktail reception and awards ceremony. Councillor Simmons
42. Congratulating James Earl Hardy on being honored by the Hispanic Black Gay Alliance. Councillor Simmons
43. Congratulating Jhad Williams on receiving the Audre Lorde Founders Award. Councillor Simmons
44. Congratulating Boston Mayor Thomas Menino on receiving an award from the Greater Boston Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Councillor Simmons
45. Congratulating the SEIU for a well-deserved victory. Councillor Simmons
46. Congratulating Toni "Bee" Brooks on being honored with the Outstanding Woman Award by the Cambridge YWCA. Councillor Simmons
47. Congratulating Dr. Barbara Ogur on receiving the YWCA's Outstanding Woman Award. Councillor Simmons
48. Congratulating Dr. Sally Haslanger on being honored by the YWCA with its Outstanding Woman of the Year Award. Councillor Simmons
49. Congratulating Mary-Catherine Deibel and Deborah Hughes on being honored with the Outstanding Woman Award by the YWCA. Councillor Simmons
50. Congratulating Ms. Roz Shoy on receiving the YWCA's Outstanding Woman Award. Councillor Simmons

ORDERS

1. That the City Council go on record publicly supporting "AN ACT PROVIDING HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH" filed by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. Councillor Decker

2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of installing cement posts on the median on Aberdeen Avenue in order to prevent trucks from going up on the median as they turn. Councillor Reeves
3. That the Mayor is hereby requested to work with the City Council to schedule a date for a roundtable meeting to review the census. Councillor Reeves
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to conduct and notify the City Council of an updated review of the City's effort to remove rodents. Councillor Reeves
5. That the City Manager is requested to appoint a committee to explore the feasibility of establishing a Cambridge Museum that will serve as repository of Cambridge history. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Cheung and Mayor Maher
6. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare language for an ordinance to ban the use of brakeless bikes in Cambridge. Vice Mayor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and report back on the gun shot incident at Bristol and Hampshire Streets. Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to look into restoring the original brick sidewalk at 257-269 Broadway. Councillor Cheung
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to report back on the decision making process of where each bus shelter is placed and information on how residents can exert more influence over outcomes. Councillor Cheung
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads about the upkeep of the Cambridge Common. Councillor Cheung
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Community Development Department to investigate how to make the Follen Street/Little Concord Avenue intersection safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Councillor Cheung
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council on current job training programs in Cambridge and possible areas for expansion or existing programs or the creation of new ones. Councillor Cheung
13. City Council inquiry as to MIT's plans for the old California Paint Plant in a facilities depot. Councillor Cheung
14. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department to address speeding enforcement near Brattle and Appleton Streets. Councillor Cheung
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of implementing restaurant validated parking on Third Street and report back to the City Council. Councillor Cheung
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Community Development Department to look into installing traffic calming measures on Richdale Avenue. Councillor Cheung
17. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of cleaning the areas of 64 Dudley Street and 43 Cedar Street. Councillor Cheung
18. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Community Development Department, and the Traffic and Parking Department to look into traffic calming measures on Whittemore Avenue. Councillor Cheung
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant city Departments on the feasibility of putting raised sidewalks in the vicinity of the Putnam Gardens Apartments, in order to slow the rate of speed with which some cars operate at the intersection of Mt. Auburn Street and Putnam Avenue. Councillor Simmons
20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant city Departments to ascertain what repairs need to be done to the playground at the Graham and Parks School and ensure that any needed repairs are done immediately. Councillor Simmons
21. That the City Manager is hereby requested to work with the relevant departments to ascertain the feasibility of instituting a program similar to the City of Boston's Buying Power Program in Cambridge. Councillor Simmons
22. That the City Council go on record as urging the members of the Massachusetts legislative delegation to support Senate Bill S1034 or the House version H2412, which will maintain the transit benefit at its current level. Vice Mayor Davis
23. City Council opposition to cuts to Medicare and Medicaid benefits and support of the American Jobs Act. Councillor Decker
24. That the City Manager is requested to coordinate a consultation of the proposal by the MBTA to eliminate certain bus stops with the Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge Community Development and the Director of the Council on Aging. Councillor Decker
25. That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Nov 14, 2011 be changed to a Roundtable. Mayor Maher

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 7, 2011 to consider a petition filed by Julia Bishop et al., to amend Section 17.20 of the Zoning Ordinance - Regulations for Special District 2, located in North Cambridge along Linear Park. Proposed amendments include: deletion of allowed non-residential uses; reduction in allowed Floor Area Ratio; increase in required lot area per dwelling unit; reduction in allowed height; new regulations for fences abutting Linear Park.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 6, 2011 to discuss the Austin, Texas "Parking Benefit District Pilot Program" and any other city parking issue.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a public meeting held on Sept 7, 2011 to consider a petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance filed by Elizabeth deRham et al. The petition proposes an amendment to Section 9.16 of the Zoning which currently provides for a \$100 per violation per day fine upon conviction of said violation. The amendment would provide for a fine not to exceed the maximum specified in M.G.L. Ch 40A sec.7, currently \$300 per violation per day and would allow the fine to be levied at the discretion of the Superintendent of Buildings.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, transmitting a copy of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission's final report on Early Childhood Education and Care and a copy of the Summary of Information Gathered through the Focus Groups.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, regarding an Open Meeting Law Complaint from George F. "Jack" Welch, Jr.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Fitzgerald Auditorium at CRLS)
 5:30pm Special Presentation - Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission. (Fitzgerald Auditorium at CRLS, 459 Broadway)

Mon, Oct 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting
 5:30pm Special Presentation Mayor's Red Ribbon Commission on Central Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 25

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion on a zoning petition by Chestnut Hill Realty to amend the Zoning Ordinance by creating a new section that would allow for the creation by Special Permit of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings in Residence C Districts which meet the Special Permit criteria. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 26

4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 2

4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 16

10:00am Community Health Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 21

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 22

5:30pm The Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss goal setting for the Cambridge environment for the coming year. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 30

10:00am Community Health Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 14

10:00am Community Health Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless has filed a bill titled "AN ACT PROVIDING HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH"; and

WHEREAS: The bill is co-sponsored by both Representative William Brownberger and Representative Alice Wolf; and

WHEREAS: At the July hearing before the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, some of the youth from Cambridge's Youth on Fire gave compelling testimony as to why this bill is needed; and

WHEREAS: There is approximately 5,920 unaccompanied youth in Massachusetts. More support is always necessary in providing for the homeless youth in Cambridge and in the state; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record publicly supporting "AN ACT PROVIDING HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH" filed by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless; 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 Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: A median exists on Aberdeen Avenue in the middle of the street where cars can make U-turns or where cars enter and exit from 61 Aberdeen Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Many trucks enter or exit 61 Aberdeen Avenue against regulations set up with the new development; and

WHEREAS: The trucks making U-turns continue to drive up and tear up the median and create tire tracks; 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 Department of Public Works and report back to the City Council on the feasibility of installing cement posts on the median in order to prevent trucks from going up on the median as they turn.

O-3 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There has been a new census; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor is hereby requested to work with the City Council to schedule a date for a roundtable meeting to review the census.

O-4 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge continues to have a rodent problem; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to conduct and notify the

City Council of an updated review of the City's effort to remove rodents.

O-5 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Cambridge is a city that boasts a rich, vibrant history that stretches back to its establishment in 1630, nearly 150 years prior to this nation's formal declaration of independence from England; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge was a strong center of anti-British sentiment in the years leading up to the American Revolution, and it was one of the colonial-era cities in which notions of liberty and democracy began to ferment and take hold; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge was a frontline community during the Revolutionary war, and it saw the loss of many native sons who gave their lives for a burgeoning nation; and

WHEREAS: From its earliest days, Cambridge established itself as an intellectual center not only of the United States, but of the world, and it has prided itself on being the home to some of the finest educational institutions in existence; and

WHEREAS: The atmosphere of intellectual and educational improvement, and the sense of social progress always present in Cambridge has helped stir and shape nascent movements such as those concerning the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, the equality of men and women, LGBT rights and protections, and the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's strategic location along the Charles River provided vital access to the water and served as an early enticement to businesses and entrepreneurs, and over the course of the past three centuries, that industrial base and the close proximity of world class institutions like Harvard and MIT allowed for Cambridge to become a world-class center of cutting edge Technology and Life Science Companies; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has also cultivated a reputation as a prime center for arts and entertainment, with institutions like the Harvard Lampoon, Club Passim, the Regattabar, and many other establishments hosting a wealth of talent over many generations; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Historical Commission and the Cambridge Historical Society serve as keepers and archivists of much of this rich history, and each entity plays an important role in ensuring that archives, mementos, photographs, and documents of our earlier eras are catalogued, preserved, and available to those who wish to conduct historical research and investigation; and

WHEREAS: This archival activity is unquestionably important, but it does not invite the public in, nor capture the public's imagination, nearly to the extent that a museum dedicated to the city's history would; and

WHEREAS: Communities like Somerville and Concord have had success in establishing museums promoting their history, which not only has drawn people in and illuminated those histories, but also have had economic benefits by helping to brand the communities, and by bringing additional traffic to area restaurants and other businesses; and

WHEREAS: Having a "Cambridge Historical Museum" may go a long way toward preserving and promoting our City's rich history, while also helping to better brand our community, presenting the opportunity to sell Cambridge-branded paraphernalia, and driving additional traffic to area restaurants and other attractions; and

WHEREAS: There are buildings owned by the City that are not currently in use that could be repurposed by the City for this museum, and the resulting building could be aesthetically, culturally, and economically beneficial to the Cambridge community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a committee to explore the feasibility of establishing a Cambridge Museum that will serve as repository of Cambridge history.

O-6 Oct 17, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Brakeless bikes are an extreme public safety hazard; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to prepare language for an ordinance to ban the use of brakeless bikes in Cambridge.

O-7 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and report back on the gun shot incident at Bristol and Hampshire Streets.

O-8 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents who live at 257; 257A; 259; 263; 265; 267; and 269 Broadway are requesting that the city replace the blacktop sidewalk with the original brick sidewalk; and

WHEREAS: Residents who live at the above mentioned addresses feel that the original brick sidewalk was one of the great joys of their block; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to look into restoring the original brick sidewalk at the above mentioned addresses.

O-9 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents would like more information about the decision process of where bus shelters are placed; and

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concerns about being excluded from the decision process and have brought up a number of requests, such as placing bus shelters in residential areas and repairing the shelter in Central Square at Green & River; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads to report back on the decision making process of where each shelter is placed and information on how residents can exert more influence over outcomes; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate department heads to look into repairs being made at the bus shelter in Central Square at Green and River Streets.

O-10 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents have voiced concerns about the preservation and beautification of the Cambridge Common; specifically the number of trees that have died over the last few years and potholed sidewalks; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads about the upkeep of the Cambridge Common and report back to the City Council.

O-11 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the contraflow bike lane that runs through Concord Avenue and Follen Street is still very unsafe for bikers; and

ORDERED: Bikers who frequent the route express concerns about feeling endangered despite the addition of signing and pavement markings this summer to remind all users to exercise care and caution at the intersection; 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 Community Development Department to investigate how to make the Follen Street/Little Concord Avenue intersection safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists by addressing the aforementioned issue.

O-12 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents have expressed a need for more job training programs to prepare them to work at local technology companies; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that implementing additional job training programs would better prepare Cambridge's residents and children to pursue these rising industries and positively contribute to the Cambridge's economic engine; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate department heads and report back to the City Council on current training programs in Cambridge and possible areas for expansion or existing programs or the creation of new ones.

O-13 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that many residents have expressed concerns about MIT turning the old California Paint Plant into a facilities depot; and

WHEREAS: Residents near the Cambridgeport area who live near the block formed by Sidney, Putnam, Chestnut and Waverly feel that parking and early morning noise would detract from the quality of life of Cambridgeport and feel that developing housing as opposed to a facilities depot would be more beneficial; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this Order to President Hockfield of MIT and MITIMCO expressing the Council's concern and inquiring as to MIT's plans for the location.

O-14 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that there is a lack of speeding enforcement near Brattle and Appleton Streets; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that motorists speed down these streets so quickly that pedestrians and residents living on the street feel unsafe parking their cars and getting out of their vehicles; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that increased police presence in the area would improve deter motorists from speeding; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Police Department to address the before mentioned issue.

O-15 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Up-and-coming restaurants in the Kendall Square area would surely benefit from validated parking on Third Street during the nighttime hours; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of implementing restaurant validated parking on Third Street and report back to the City Council.

O-16 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that motorists are speeding on Richdale Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Residents who live on Richdale Avenue have suggested installing a speed bump or making it a one way street to deter motorists from speeding; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Community Development Department to look into installing traffic calming measures on Richdale Avenue.

O-17 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City of Cambridge that there is an excessive amount of trash accumulating in certain areas that detracts from the overall aesthetics of the city; and

WHEREAS: Residents have specifically expressed concerns about trash build up in the lots that are to be developed at 64 Dudley Street and the junk pit at 43 Cedar Street at the corner of McLean Place; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate department heads to look into the feasibility of cleaning the before mentioned areas.

O-18 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that residents are concerned about delayed efforts to implement traffic calming measures on Whittemore Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Traffic on Whittemore Avenue and the connecting streets has been a long-term issue for residents. Motorists speed through Whittemore Avenue to out run the traffic light at Massachusetts Avenue and do not abide by the "Do Not Enter from 4 to 7" sign at the beginning of Whittemore Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Recent roadwork has provided speeding motorists with an improved road and will likely encourage speeding; and

WHEREAS: On Sept 8, 2011 a community meeting was held to rally support for a raised intersection at Whittemore Avenue and Kassul Park. Most residents advocated for installing a raised intersection; and

WHEREAS: After this meeting, residents received a notice from the Department of Public Works saying there was not a clear consensus among Whittemore residents and that city staff would not move forward with installing the raised intersection until next summer to allow more Whittemore Avenue residents to weigh in; and

WHEREAS: Many residents expressed strong support for installing a raised intersection to slow drivers and protect those who live on Whittemore Avenue; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Department of Public Works, the Community Development Department, and the Traffic and Parking Department to look into the before mentioned and report back to the City Council.

O-19 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The safety of Cambridge seniors, especially with regards to speeding vehicles around the vicinity of their homes, is a major concern of the City Council; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that some cars traveling down Mt. Auburn Street, around the vicinity of the Putnam Gardens Apartments, travel at a high rate of speed, posing a significant danger to pedestrians and other motorists; and

WHEREAS: Traffic calming measures like raised sidewalks and narrower streets have been successful in slowing down traffic in some parts of the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant City Departments on the feasibility of putting raised sidewalks in the vicinity of the Putnam Gardens Apartments, in order to slow the rate of speed with which some cars operate at the intersection of Mt. Auburn Street and Putnam Avenue, with a view towards enhancing the safety of pedestrians and other motorists and report back to the City Council.

O-20 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The safety of school children, especially in the confines of their schools, is of great concern to the City Council; and
WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the playground at Graham and Parks school is in need of some repairs; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant city Departments to ascertain what repairs need to be done to the playground at the Graham and Parks School an ensure that any needed repairs are done immediately.

O-21 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The cost of energy is a major monthly expense for most businesses, especially small businesses; and

WHEREAS: Fluctuations in the cost of energy make it difficult for local businesses to budget adequately or plan ahead; and

WHEREAS: Since 2008, the City of Boston has run an innovative program to assist businesses to reduce utility costs called Boston Buying Power; and

WHEREAS: Boston Buying Power allows small businesses to purchase energy as a large group at a long-term fixed price through access to the deregulated energy market; and

WHEREAS: Boston businesses that have participated in this program speak of considerable savings in the cost of energy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to work with the relevant departments to ascertain the feasibility of instituting a program similar to the City of Boston's Buying Power Program in Cambridge.

O-22 Oct 17, 2011

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Bush middle class tax cuts included a provision enabling employers to offer employees tax free commuter benefits at parity with parking benefits up to \$320 per month; and

WHEREAS: Employers share the benefit, paying no payroll tax on commuting subsidies or amounts employees set aside pre-tax to pay for commuting services; and

WHEREAS: This legislation is particularly important in Cambridge as many employers have adopted commuter benefits here, and a large portion of commuters get to work by MBTA, Commuter Rail, private bus or vanpool; and

WHEREAS: The Commuter Benefits provision is set to expire on Dec 31 and if Congress fails to act, commuter benefits will be cut nearly in half effective Jan 1, 2012; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record as urging the members of the Massachusetts legislative delegation to support Senate Bill S1034 or the House version H2412, which will maintain the transit benefit at its current level; and be it further

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

O-23 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that 1.1 million Massachusetts residents depend on Social Security, and it is the foundation of economic security for working Americans and retirees; and

WHEREAS: Every year Social Security contributes \$14.5 billion to the economy of Massachusetts by paying benefits to 17 percent of the state's residents, income that generates thousands of jobs and keeps our Main Street businesses humming; and

WHEREAS: Social Security prevents 20 million Americans from living in poverty, including over 400,000 residents in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Social Security has not contributed one penny to the federal deficit and in fact has a surplus of \$2.7 trillion today that is expected to grow to \$3.7 trillion in 2022; and

WHEREAS: 1.1 million Massachusetts residents depend on Medicare, or 1 out of 6 people in the Commonwealth, and 1.2 million state residents depend on Medicaid, or nearly 1 out of 5 people; and

WHEREAS: Medicare and Medicaid help to define us as a modern society and play a vital role in providing health and economic security to our families and inject billions of dollars into the Massachusetts economy creating many jobs; and

WHEREAS: Congress should not balance the federal budget on the backs of the middle-class, the elderly, the disabled, and the poor; and

WHEREAS: The biggest causes of our federal deficit in recent years have been an economy shattered due to Wall Street greed, tax breaks for the rich and unfunded wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, not Medicare and Medicaid spending; and

WHEREAS: Putting Americans back to work would be the surest way to rebuild our communities, create jobs, increase revenues and reduce the federal deficit; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record strongly urging Senator John Kerry, a member of the Supercommittee in Congress, to:

- Oppose consideration of Social Security during deficit-reduction talks because it should be handled on a separate track apart from the deficit, which it does not contribute to;
- Oppose cuts to Medicare and Medicaid benefits during deficit-reduction negotiations; and
- Support President Obama's American Jobs Act, which would be funded primarily by raising revenue from those Americans most able to pay; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be transmitted to all other members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation who are also urged to oppose consideration of Social Security during deficit-reduction negotiations, oppose cuts to Medicare and Medicaid benefits during deficit-reduction negotiations, and support the American Jobs Act.

O-24 Oct 17, 2011

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: This City Council has learned that the MBTA is proposing significant bus changes in the city of Cambridge including the elimination of certain bus stops that are used by many residents; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA is seeking input from the community before making any final decisions; and

WHEREAS: It remains unclear how much the resident's concerns will influence the MBTA proposal based on recent community meetings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to coordinate a consultation of the proposal with the Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge Community Development and the Director of the Council on Aging; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter prior to the MBTA's decision regarding the proposed changes.

O-25 Oct 17, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Mon, Nov 14, 2011 be changed to a Roundtable.