

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-84, regarding a report on whether the Massachusetts Water Protection Act or Rivers Protection Act empowers abutting or downstream communities to speak on or affect the outcome of a development permitting process.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-25, which requested a report on how many children with IEP's receive out-of-school assistance either written or not written into their plans.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-122, regarding a report on gas stations charging more for gas when the payment is by credit card and not cash.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-120, regarding a report on creating a new ticket that specifically targets vehicles parked in bicycle lanes.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,900,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the renovations to the New Riverside Park (corner of Western Avenue and Memorial Drive).
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$780,000 received from Harvard University to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures account to support the renovations to the New Riverside Park (corner of Western Avenue and Memorial Drive).
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$15,245 in reimbursement revenues to the Public Investment Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Extraordinary Expenditures account that were received to cover the cost of replacing existing art work that was damaged by the contractor during the Greene Rose Heritage Park renovation and to reimburse the City for material costs related to the art work at Costa Lopez Park.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$33,000 from Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Salary and Wages account to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of \$23,000 received from the Friends of the Community Learning Center to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$19,562), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,338), and to the Travel and Training account (\$1,100) and will be used to support the Bridge to College Program which supports students working on study skills, academic reading, writing, math, and computer skills.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant in the amount of (\$46,000.00) received from the Friends of the Community Learning Center to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$43,384.00) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,616.00) and will support four ESOL classes at the Community Learning Center.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Mount Auburn Hospital Grant in the amount of \$14,747 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$13,907) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$840) will be used to support two ESOL classes and its related services provided by the Community Learning Center.
12. 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 were awarded to the Cambridge 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.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MetroNorth Regional Employment Board for \$91,065 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$43,000) and to the Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$48,065) and will be used to reimburse the City for salary costs associated with enrolling forty-five additional income-eligible youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program and to support program costs for work sites taking large numbers of youth.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from World Education in the amount of \$4,500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Department Salary and Wages account and will be used to support CLC teacher costs in implementing trainings and classroom observations of related to the instructional approaches as part of the project.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$490,605 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the cost of purchasing a replacement aerial ladder fire truck.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental FY09 grant from the Office of the Attorney General, Local Consumer Aid Fund for \$4,000 to the General Fund License Commission (Consumer's Council) Salaries and Wages account and will be used to cover Cambridge Consumer Council staff costs.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$20,000 in donations received from the Cambridge Police Patrol Officers Association and the Cambridge Police Superiors Officer Association to the Public Investment Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account to partially cover the

cost of purchasing new fitness equipment for the new Public Safety Building.

18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$30,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Community Development Department Other Ordinary Maintenance account to cover the cost of performing a nexus study for the Concord/Alewife area to determine the best strategies to fund needed infrastructure improvements in this area of the city.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$110,000 from Free Cash to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to cover the construction costs of the Off-leash Area and Skate Park Projects located at Daney Park.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$6,900 to the Grant Fund Historical Salaries and Wages account (\$5,000) and to the Grant Fund Historical Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,900) and will primarily fund an archives assistant who provides support for on-going maintenance of the Commission's public archive as well as assisting members of the public with research requests.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-113, regarding a report on extending the hours of park lighting at Donnelly Field.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department and to report back to the City Council with draft language of a land transfer agreement in which the owners of Shady Hill Square will donate the parcel to the City of Cambridge in order to ensure the open space remains a place for the public to use and enjoy. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Simmons on Order Number Two of Oct 6, 2008.] **Adopted as amended by substitution.**

The substitute resolution reads:

O-2 Oct 6, 2008 - adopted Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council has recently approved a Community Preservation Act allocation to be used to help obtain a parcel of land at Shady Hill Square; and

WHEREAS: Upon purchase of this land the owners and the City should ensure that the parcel remains open space in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS: By donating the land, the owners will presumably receive significant tax benefits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Law Department and to report back to the City Council with draft language of a land transfer agreement in which the owners of Shady Hill Square will donate the parcel to the City of Cambridge in order to ensure the open space remains a place for the public to use and enjoy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J.

Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an additional appropriation request and Loan Order regarding the CRLS renovation project. The question comes on adoption on or after Aug 11, 2008.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from President and Fellows of Harvard College, requesting the widening of an existing curb cut at the premises numbered 42 Francis Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Craigie on Main, requesting permission or a sign at the premises numbered 853 Main Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Craigie Bistrot, LLC, requesting permission for two benches and two planters in front of 853 Main Street.
4. An application was received from Charles McCannon, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 54 Garden Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No neighbor association for that area.
5. An application was received from Mohan Singh, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 45-47 William Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No response has been received from the neighborhood associations.
6. An application was received from Louis Micciche, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 38 Porter Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received Jonathan Hecht, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution regarding his victory in the Democratic primary for State Representative for the 29th Middlesex District.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to Bahij and Marjorie Decker Bandar on the birth of their son, Brendan Bahij Bandar. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor Murphy, Councillor Seidel, Councillor Davis
2. Thanks to the Boston Beijing Opera for providing entertainment at its performance at the Cambridge YMCA on Nov 1, 2008. Mayor Simmons
3. Congratulations to the Intel Computer Clubhouse on its 15th anniversary of providing an exciting learning place at the Museum of Science and one hundred other locations around the world. Mayor Simmons
4. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Christopher T. Fox. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Tavarus D. Setzler. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Christopher A. Bartkiewicz. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Sergeant William P. Rudd. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Colonel Michael R. Stahlman. Councillor Decker
9. Appreciation and thanks to Phyllis Dunn for her fundraising and advocacy on behalf of cancer patients and survivors. Mayor Simmons
10. Resolution on the death of Lillian Oliveira. Councillor Toomey
11. Resolution on the death of Jose V. Melo. Councillor Toomey
12. Resolution on the death of Kenneth F. "Night Owl" Westcott. Councillor Toomey
13. Resolution on the death of Luis de Chaves Bairos. Councillor Toomey
14. Resolution on the death of John Dinan Nicholson. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of Miguel Carreiro. Councillor Toomey
16. Congratulations to Father Kevin Toomey as he celebrates his 30th Anniversary of being ordained to the priesthood. Councillor Toomey
17. Congratulations to Father John Tackney on the occasion of receiving an award from the Peter Li Publishing Company. Councillor Toomey
18. That the City Council go on record extending its thanks to Barakat for its work and encouraging Cambridge citizens to support the Walk for Literacy on Oct 25, 2008. Councillor Davis
19. Speedy recovery wishes to Heather Federico. Councillor Davis
20. Declare Prince Hall a Founding Father in the annals of history as Cambridge views and records the past in the future. Mayor Simmons
21. Best wishes for academic success for Drexel University and wishes for success to the women's varsity eight and the men's varsity eight boats as they compete in the 44th Head of the Charles Regatta. Councillor Reeves
22. Congratulations and best wishes to Autumn Frances Cooper and Alden "Chip" MacDonald II on their recent marriage. Councillor Davis
23. Resolution on the death of Samuel Wilson. Councillor Reeves

24. Thanks to the Fletcher Maynard Academy for their work in increasing the understanding of Autism. Mayor Simmons
25. Resolution on the death of Helen Dance. Mayor Simmons
26. Resolution on the death of Charles L. "Carlo" Ryan. Councillor Toomey
27. Resolution on the death of Maryanne E. (Noonan) Ryan. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager confer with the Director of the Office of Municipal TV to arrange to have the roundtable of Dec 1, 2008 televised. Mayor Simmons **Amended**
Amended Order: That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 1, 2008 be cancelled and that a Special City Council meeting be held at 5:30pm for the purpose of a public hearing on biohazards and laboratory safety in Cambridge. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Davis, Councillor Kelley and Councillor Seidel
2. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the Police Commissioner about the need for more enforcement at the intersection of Brookline and Waverly Streets. Councillor Davis
3. Dedication of the newly opened bocce court at the Harrington School in memory of Charles G. Rossi. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Council go on record in opposition to issuing Idenix Pharmaceuticals a variance for relief from the responsibility of compliance with the Noise Ordinance. Mayor Simmons **Amended**
5. That the City Manager is requested to report back with a preparedness plan for the short and long-term impact the current economic crisis will have on homelessness in Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to report back on the number of boats registered to residents of Cambridge, the process for ensuring that all boats owned by residents of Cambridge are registered, and the process for correctly assessing and collecting excise tax on boats. Mayor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on the status of the database which tracks "expiring use" buildings and/or units in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Seidel
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to ensure a detail is placed at the intersection of Inman Street and Broadway to facilitate the use of the street as a temporary two way road. Councillor Toomey
9. That the City Manager is requested to transmit to the City Council the staffing and hours for the new War Memorial facility. Councillor Davis
10. That the City Manager is requested to transmit to the City Council a timetable for the expected move to the new Police Station. Councillor Davis
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to require an inspection of each City playground and play area for a clean level surface

- and a safety inspection of all play structures and climbing devices. Councillor Reeves
12. That the City Manager is requested to install appropriate seating, ~~perhaps a bench or two~~, at the Pacific Street Dog Park. Councillor Davis **Amended**
13. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit the priorities for the Alewife Reservation to the appropriate City departments and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Councillor Davis
14. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Assistant City Manager for Human Services to provide the City Council with a report on whether there has been an increase of arrests of homeless persons or people in need of services in Central Square and if so, whether the persons arrested or in need of services are from outside of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
15. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the advantages and disadvantages in using permeable materials for sidewalk repairs and reconstruction as has been done in Chicago with the Green Alley Program. Vice Mayor Murphy
16. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact this will have on the city budget for the coming year. Councillor Toomey
17. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the matching percentage for Cambridge and the impact the cuts will have on Cambridge's own CPA plans. Councillor Toomey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Craig Kelley, Chair of the Veterans Committee, for a meeting held on Sept 10, 2008 to conduct a follow-up meeting to the meeting held on Apr 30, 2008 with the Cambridge Health Alliance on coordination of services to veterans.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David Maher and Vice Mayor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Government Operations and Rules Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 10, 2008 to receive a presentation and report on the results of the 2008 citizen satisfaction survey conducted by Opinion Dynamics.
3. 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 meeting held on Oct 7, 2008 to discuss the issue of potholes and street hazard repair.
4. 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, for a meeting held on Oct 1, 2008 to discuss hoarding and setting up a Cambridge Hoarding Task Force.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Oct 21

4:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the conversion to digital TV and other issues related to cable. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 22

6:00pm GLBT Town Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting regarding ongoing strategic planning activities at the Cambridge Health Alliance. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 29

8:45am Facilitated Goal and Training Retreat to determine the City Council goals for FY 2010. (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Thurs, Oct 30

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss winter heating and weatherization. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 6

8:45pm Facilitated Goal and Training Retreat to determine the City Council goals for FY 2010. (If needed) (344 Broadway, 2nd Fl Conference)

Mon, Nov 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 19

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance Sections: 20.88 and 20.810, Memorial Drive Overlay District. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a revised petition submitted by Alexandria Real Estate Equities proposing amendments in the PUD-3A, PUD-4C and PUD 4B Districts to the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in eastern Cambridge. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting on biohazardous materials and laboratory safety in Cambridge. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 9

5:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposal to rename Plympton Street in honor of David J. Halberstam. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 2

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 20, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

~~ORDERED: That the City Council Rules be suspended to allow the Dec 1, 2008 roundtable on biohazards to be televised; and be it further~~

~~ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Director of the Office of Municipal TV to arrange to have the roundtable televised.~~

Amended Order:

O-1 Oct 20, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 1, 2008 be cancelled and that a Special City Council meeting be held at 5:30pm for the purpose of a public hearing on biohazards and laboratory safety in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That this meeting be televised with public comment.

O-2 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Many drivers ignore the right turn arrow and "No Turn on Red" sign at the corner of Brookline and Waverly Streets; and

WHEREAS: This presents a dangerous situation for the many pedestrians trying to cross at that intersection; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the Police Commissioner about the need for more enforcement at that intersection.

O-3 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the newly opened bocce court at the Harrington School be dedicated in memory of Charles G. Rossi; and be it further

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

O-4 Oct 20, 2008 **Amended**

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Section 8.16.020 of the Cambridge Municipal Code stipulates "It is the policy of the City of Cambridge to prevent excessive sound and vibration, which may jeopardize the health and welfare and safety of its citizens or degrade their quality of life;" and

WHEREAS: The City Council would like to commend Area 4 residents for their vigilance about what is happening in their neighborhood that threatens their quality of life, and would like to urge other neighborhoods of Cambridge to follow in the footsteps of Area 4; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge License Commission has found that Idenix Pharmaceuticals, 60 Hampshire Street Cambridge, is in violation of the City of Cambridge Noise Ordinance between the hours of 6:00 P.M and 7:00 A.M on weekends; and

WHEREAS: Citing economic hardship, Idenix has appealed the ruling of the License Commission and has asked for a variance which would relieve them of the responsibility of obeying the City's Noise Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: Idenix's stock went up almost 200% over the last year, and as early as July 2008 the company's cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities totaled \$80.6 million does not support their contention that adhering to a city ordinance will result in economic hardship for the company; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in opposition to issuing Idenix Pharmaceuticals a variance for relief from the responsibility of compliance with the Noise Ordinance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge License Commission; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the issuance and effects of special variances under the provisions of the Noise Ordinance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report, if necessary, in an executive session, on the issue of a legal challenge to the Noise Ordinance.

O-5 Oct 20, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: There has been a surge in the number of homeless families in Massachusetts — a spike that has overwhelmed the state's shelter capacity and forced it to again place homeless families in motels. It's an increase driven by the sour economy, rising energy costs, escalating unemployment and shortage of affordable housing. For the first time, the state is tracking how many families are winding up homeless due to foreclosures; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts isn't alone. Advocates for the homeless say that while statistics are still sketchy, many areas are reporting increases in the number of homeless families; and

WHEREAS: In just the past 12 months, the number of homeless families living in Massachusetts motels has skyrocketed from 17 in September 2007 to 550 in September 2008, with an additional 1,800 or so families in shelters. The Department of Transitional Assistance first began placing families in motels in 1999 when its shelters reached capacity. Over the following five years, the state used 97 motels around the state to house families. By August 2004, the state was able to eliminate the need for motels after launching an initiative that included the creation of self-sufficiency plans for each family, hiring case managers and increasing shelter capacity; and

WHEREAS: Governor Patrick is hoping to end homelessness in Massachusetts by coming up with better ways to detect when individuals and families are on the verge of falling into homelessness — and move in swiftly with aid and support; and

WHEREAS: Under Massachusetts law, the state is required to find shelter for every eligible family seeking it. With the current demand exceeding shelter capacity, the state turned to motel rooms, with the ultimate goal of moving families into permanent housing. The economic downturn is making those goals harder to meet; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a responsibility to be proactive in preparing for the ways in which this national and statewide trend in homelessness might impact families in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back with a preparedness plan for the short and long-term impact the current economic crisis will have on homelessness in Cambridge.

O-6 Oct 20, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Statewide there has been an under-registration of boats and collection of excise tax on boats; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate City staff to report back on the number of boats registered to residents of Cambridge, the process for ensuring that all boats owned by residents of Cambridge are registered, and the process for correctly assessing and collecting excise tax on boats.

O-7 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Housing units in "expiring use" buildings represent an important component of our overall affordable housing stock; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on the status of the database which tracks "expiring use" buildings and/or units in the City of Cambridge.

O-8 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Recent construction on Inman Street has caused some concern for abutters regarding safety and use of the street; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to ensure a detail is placed at the intersection of Inman Street and Broadway to facilitate the use of the street as a temporary two way road; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on a time table for completion of the work; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to be sure all Inman Street residents that are being affected by the work are kept up to date.

O-9 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The new War Memorial will open to the public in early December; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the City Council the staffing and hours for the new War Memorial facility.

O-10 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the City Council a timetable for the expected move to the new Police Station; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the City Council a proposal for signage that will make it very clear to the public how they can get to the new Police Station.

O-11 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to require an inspection of each City playground and play area for a clean level surface and a safety inspection of all play structures and climbing devices; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a copy of said inspection report.

O-12 Oct 20, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to install appropriate seating, ~~perhaps a bench or two~~, at the Pacific Street Dog Park ~~and at the adjacent soccer field~~; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a status report on the park at Fort Washington.

O-13 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Alewife Reservation is a great resource to the residents of the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: There is a Master Plan for the Reservation that has yet to be funded by the State; and

WHEREAS: There are priorities that can be addressed before the plan is fully funded such as:

1. Build a full canoe launch or observation area over the river for viewing and launching;

2. Maintain the permanent trails and fields stipulated by the Alewife Master Plan;
 3. Keep the phragmites and knotweed cut in areas where the meadow swales have been dug and there is an open meadow;
 4. Maintain the newly planted vegetation twice a year with root conditioning;
 5. Open up the culvert over the pedestrian bridge that is blocking a stream to the Little River;
 6. Place doors on the Alewife Reservation kiosk behind the Alewife T stop and maintain the area around the kiosk by removing the knotweed; and
 7. Work closely with the Friends of Alewife Reservation so that work parties can apply, when needed, to the Conservation Commission to have these priorities taken care of; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit these priorities to the appropriate City departments and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

O-14 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: There has been an increase in people in Central Square who appear to be homeless or in need of services; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and Assistant City Manager for Human Services to provide the City Council with a report on whether there has been an increase of arrests of homeless persons or people in need of services in Central Square and if so, whether the persons arrested or in need of services are from outside of Cambridge.

O-15 Oct 20, 2008

VICE MAYOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the advantages and disadvantages in using permeable materials for sidewalk repairs and reconstruction as has been done in Chicago with the Green Alley Program.

O-16 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Governor has recently announced significant budget cuts to the State Budget; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the impact this will have on the city budget for the coming year.

O-17 Oct 20, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Matching state monies for the Community Preservation Act have received a significant cut; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the matching percentage for Cambridge and the impact the cuts will have on Cambridge's own CPA plans.