

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$1,500 Grant from the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will fund The 21 Proof Program, which provides server/seller training for all those who sell and serve alcohol in Cambridge and was developed by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition, the Cambridge License Commission and the Cambridge Licensee Advisory Board.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the MetroNorth Regional Employment Board for \$58,500 to the Grant Fund Human Service Program Salary and Wages account (\$38,500) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$20,000) 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.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$6,500 from Employee Benefits (insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Library Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover present and future medical services for employees injured during the performance of their work duties.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$175,000 from Employee Benefits (insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Police Travel and Training account (judgment and damages) to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for police personnel injured in performance of their duties.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-65, regarding the financial impacts of development delays for the North Point project.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-116, regarding a report on analyzing bicycle parking in the City with recommendations for additional parking.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board on the refiled Cott, et al petition to rezone the area bounded by Broadway, Lee Street, Harvard Street, and Hancock Street from a Residence C-1 designation to the Residence B designation.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the City Council Petition to Modify Requirements for Side Yards Setbacks in All Residence "C" districts.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to revisions to Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code on Refuse and Litter. This ordinance has been further revised to reflect changes requested at the Sept 19th Ordinance Committee meeting.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to revisions to Chapter 13.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Sewer System Regulations."
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a \$15,000 donation from Whole Foods to the Grant Fund License Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support the Hybrid Cab program.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
3. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
4. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]
5. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 4-4-0-1 on Sept 17, 2007. Motion to take from the Table failed 3-5-1 on Sept 24, 2007.]
6. A communication was received from Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent of Schools, transmitting a copy of the annual Affirmative Action Report. [Placed on Table Communications and Reports from City Officers Number One of Sept 10, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Decker.]
7. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007- Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on

a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]

8. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007-Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table.]
9. That the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee schedule a meeting to discuss with the new owners the impact on the 55 Magazine Street tenants of the recent sale of the building and their concern about their security as tenants and the new owners' plans for the building, especially any plans to convert the building to condominiums. [Charter Right exercised by Mayor Reeves on Order Number Forty-Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Placed on table on motion of Councillor Simmons on Sept 17, 2007.]
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with Tom McNichol, President of the Charles River Clean Up Boat, and MIT to resolve the issue of the financial status of this organization. [Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number One of Sept 17, 2007. Placed on Table on the motion of Vice Mayor Toomey on Sept 24, 2007.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on unfinished business.]
12. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillors Michael A. Sullivan and Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on July 12, 2007 for the purpose of continuing to consider a proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance to regulate leaf blowers. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 13, 2007.
13. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 5, 2007 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Planning Board to re-zone portions of the Residence C-1 zoning district to a Residence B district in the Strawberry Hill Neighborhood along Cushing Street between St. Sauveur Court and Thingvilla Avenue, in the area of Oxford and Fairview Avenue, and the corner of Huron Avenue and Cushing Street. The question comes on

passing to be ordained on or after Oct 8, 2007. Petition expires Dec 4, 2007.

14. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Municipal Code: Refuse and Litter. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 29, 2007.
15. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate requirements for LEED standards for certain projects of 25,000 square feet or more. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 29, 2007. Petition expires Dec 18, 2007.
16. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Oct 3, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to add a new Section 2.125 entitled "Cambridge Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 29, 2007.
17. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Sept 19, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the area bordered by the centerlines of Broadway and Harvard, Hancock and Lee Streets from the existing Residence C-1 district designation to Residence B, a/k/a Re-filed Cott Petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 5, 2007. Petition expires Dec 18, 2007.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Thomas O'Leary and Rosalie Post, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 24 Mount Auburn Street (on the Athens Street side); said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from neighborhood association.
2. An application was received from Anne Hall, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 260 Concord Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Samuel S. Brooks, transmitting written protest to the Refiled Cott Petition.
2. A communication was received from Guy Harold Asaph, transmitting written protest to the Refiled Cott Petition.
3. A communication was received from State Senator Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting thanks for the order regarding advocacy to maintain the correct bid schedule for reconstructing playing fields at Magazine Beach.

4. A communication was received from State Senator Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting a copy of an expedited third reading on the full salary for City employees in combat operation.
5. A communication was received from State Senator Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting thanks for the order on casino gambling.
6. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, transmitting frustrations of persons with disabilities.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to the authors of the newly revised edition Responding Effectively to Child Care Employees Facing Domestic Violence Handbook. Councillor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of Billy Rehrey. Councillor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Walter R. Souza. Councillor Galluccio
4. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael Brown. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Corporal Erik Garoutte. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Specialist Vincent Madero. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Specialist Wayne Geiger. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Jarred Fonetnot. Councillor Decker
9. Honor the men and women who have served and currently serve our country on Veteran's Day on Nov 11, 2007. Councillor Decker
10. Commend the Center For Family Connections on the work they do creating family connections. Mayor Reeves
11. Thanks to Ellis Paul for his hard work and dedication to the Cambridge community. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Santa E. (Caprera) Rossi. Vice Mayor Toomey
13. Thanks to Richard Weiner and the Organic Furniture Cellar for providing Cambridge residents with a unique place to find vintage furniture for the last twenty-five years. Councillor Davis
14. Resolution on the death of Roberta Bennett Calorio. Councillor Maher

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to look at the street sweeping schedule with a view toward having street sweeping done later in the morning in the area near schools. Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City department heads and, as appropriate, private entities to determine how best the Citysense new air quality monitoring system could be used by, and supported by, the City in order to develop air quality data that could help the City develop and monitor air quality improvement programs. Councillor Kelley
3. Dedication of an appropriate site in the vicinity of Crossland and Bristol Streets in honor of Robert R. Sutherland. Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Clerk and Assistant to the City Council arrange for a workshop on parliamentary procedure for the City Council at the beginning of the new Council term. Councillor Simmons
5. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to determine the feasibility of installing left turn signals

from Massachusetts Avenue northbound at Shepard Street and Linnaean Street to enhance the safety of turning left onto those streets. Councillor Davis

6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance about providing handicapped accessible shuttles when picking up and dropping off seniors and disabled individuals at Cambridge Housing Authority owned buildings. Councillor Decker
7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority to ensure access ramps are prominent in front of each senior building to allow individuals to step onto the sidewalk via access ramp. Councillor Decker
8. That this City Council go on record requesting the Massachusetts legislature to pass and Governor Deval Patrick to sign into law, H. 2729, sponsored by Representative Byron Rushing, "An Act Relative to Investment in Companies Doing Business in Burma," which uses the Commonwealth's pension fund investments to promote democracy and human rights in Burma. Councillor Decker
9. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a public process to enable neighbors and the neighborhood association to express their concern about the potential neighborhood uses and benefits of the Graham & Parks School building on Upton Street. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Office of Municipal Cable to review notices with a view toward making them more visually clear. Councillor Simmons
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to determine whether it is proper for trash collection and recycling trucks to back down streets while doing their routes and how much damage is reported. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the history, justification for and current status of the temporary Occupancy Permit for the Mirant building and opposition of the City Council to grant zoning relief. Councillor Kelley
13. That the City Manager is requested to communicate with Harvard University, the Cambridge Housing Authority and the management company for Walden Square Apartments on their need to comply with the City's trash and rubbish ordinance. Councillor Kelley
14. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on any findings or reports relevant to fires at 57 Seventh Street and 75-77 Seventh Street. Councillor Kelley
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA to determine why the MBTA does not appear to be running enough buses on its #47 route to handle the demand in Cambridge. Councillor Kelley
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of the Community Development Department to immediately write a clear schedule of when public meetings regarding the future park at Western Avenue and Memorial Drive will be taking place. Councillor Decker

17. That the petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance (Section 5.40 Special Dimensional Regulations) by adding a new section to protect solar energy systems to be referred to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report. Councillor Davis and Councillor Kelley.
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant Director of the Community Development Department and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to contact the Cambridge Housing Authority to inquire as to the adjustment of any new policy of charging a \$25.00 assessment if rents are not paid on the first of the month. Councillor Simmons.
19. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding bicycle sheds. Councillor Murphy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a hearing held on October 11, 2007 to continue discussion on the removal OB/GYN services at the Windsor Street Neighborhood Clinic.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 31

10:00am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss with housing agencies and management companies asking the state for assistance to provide funding and training for a service provider or social worker for nights and weekends to be assigned to problem housing buildings for quick intervention to defuse problems from escalating and disturbing the peace of tenants living in these buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

2:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities will conduct a public meeting to discuss the digital divide and the Cambridge Public internet. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 5

5:00pm Special Presentation for the Cambridge Hitman Baseball Team (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting
Special Presentation by the Neighborhood Safety Task Force directly following public comment (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Nov 28

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Chapter 2.112 of the Municipal Code by adding Sect.112.060, CORI Screening by Vendors of the City of Cambridge, to ensure that the persons and businesses supplying goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge deploy fair policies relating to the screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds through the CORI system. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The care of the street is the responsibility of the City; and

WHEREAS: The City is also very concerned with the safety of our children; and

WHEREAS: The City, through the Department of Public Works, cleans the streets of Cambridge each month from April through December; and

WHEREAS: Street cleaning usually happens early in the morning; and

WHEREAS: The trucks, when cleaning the street, kick up a lot of dust; and

WHEREAS: A number of citizens have noted that this dust and dirt often flies in the face of our children when they are waiting for the bus; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to look at the street sweeping schedule with a view toward having street sweeping done later in the morning in the area near schools.

O-2 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Air quality in Cambridge can be unpleasant during many days of the year; and

WHEREAS: Air quality monitoring equipment has typically been deployed regionally so that Cambridge does not have its own air quality monitoring program or city-specific data; and

WHEREAS: Lack of air quality data, specifically relevant to Cambridge, makes it difficult to design, implement and monitor air quality improvement programs; and

WHEREAS: New technology is being deployed in Cambridge, called Citysense (see attached article) that may allow the City and private parties to better monitor air quality throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: This Citysense technology may also be used to develop data on things other than air quality, to include using cameras and motion and light sensors; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with relevant City department heads and, as appropriate, private entities to determine how best this new air quality monitoring system could be used, and supported by the City in order to develop air quality data that could help the City develop and monitor air quality improvement programs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the issue of the development of the non-air quality private monitoring systems such as Citysense be referred to the Civic Unity subcommittee; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City on the issues of Citysense as it concerns air quality measurements and programs.

O-3 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the vicinity of Crossland and Bristol Streets in honor of Robert R. Sutherland; and be it further

ORDERED: That 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 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Clerk and Assistant to the City Council arrange for a workshop on parliamentary procedure for the City Council at the beginning of the new Council term.

O-5 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is a delay built into the timing of the lights on Massachusetts Avenue northbound to allow left turns at Shepard Street and Linnaean Street but motorists are not necessarily aware of it; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to determine the feasibility of installing left turn signals from Massachusetts Avenue northbound at Shepard Street and Linnaean Street to enhance the safety of turning left onto those streets.

O-6 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance about providing handicapped accessible shuttles when picking up and dropping off seniors and disabled individuals at Cambridge Housing Authority owned buildings.

O-7 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority to ensure access ramps are prominent in front of each senior building to allow individuals to step onto the sidewalk via access ramp.

O-8 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: A military regime has ruled Burma for the past 15 years, after assuming power from a 26-year long dictatorship; and

WHEREAS: In 1988, an uprising of democracy supporters was savagely suppressed by the regime, shooting thousands of people and imprisoning thousands more; and

WHEREAS: The regime has maintained a brutal campaign against ethnic minorities, destroying over 3,000 villages and forcing millions of people from their homes; and

WHEREAS: Aung San Suu Kyi, democratically-elected leader of the Burmese people, is the worlds only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner; and

WHEREAS: In recent weeks, hundreds of thousands of people, under the leadership of Buddhist monks, have joined in peaceful demonstrations for democracy and human rights in Burma; and

WHEREAS: The military has responded by shooting, beating, killing, and arresting monks, students, and other civilians; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record supporting the people of Burma in their demands for democracy and human rights; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record requesting the Massachusetts legislature to pass and Governor Deval Patrick to sign into law, H. 2729, sponsored by Representative Byron Rushing, "An Act Relative to Investment in Companies Doing Business in Burma," which uses the Commonwealth's pension fund investments to promote democracy and human rights in Burma; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting Congress and the President to tighten existing economic sanctions by ending U.S. corporate investment in Burma, preventing the import of all gems mined in Burma, and explicitly allowing U.S. cities and states to stop buying goods or services from companies that do business in Burma; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique leverage with the regime to support democracy and human rights in Burma and to stop weakening UN Security Council resolutions on Burma; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to use its

leverage with the regime to support democracy and human rights in Burma; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor Deval Patrick, and the Cambridge legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-9 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: At the meeting of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association on Oct 2, 2007, the disposition of the Graham & Parks School building was discussed; and

WHEREAS: The members of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Association are concerned about the sale of the Graham & Parks School building on Upton Street; and

WHEREAS: They are concerned that the decision about the future use of the Graham & Parks School building be undertaken in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a public process to enable neighbors and the neighborhood association to express their concern about the potential neighborhood uses and benefits.

O-10 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Office of Municipal Cable, CTV-8, designs the notices that are shown on municipal television; and

WHEREAS: Residents have complained about the readability of notice ads on the television; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Office of Municipal Cable to review notices with a view toward making them more visually clear.

O-11 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Trash collection and recycling trucks frequently back down streets to pick up trash or recycling; and

WHEREAS: At times, these trucks back into trees or do other damage because the trucks are very big and Cambridge's roads are often narrow, populated with parked cars and lined with trees; and

WHEREAS: The damage caused by these trucks backing up would be mostly avoided if they had routes that did not encourage them to back up; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to determine whether it is proper for these trucks to back up while doing their routes; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to determine how much damage is reported by these trucks backing down roads; and be it further

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

O-12 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Mirant Corporation is seeking zoning relief to both avoid building an agreed-upon boardwalk along the Broad Canal and to install a new engine to generate power; and

WHEREAS: The Mirant Corporation agreed many years ago to construct the boardwalk as part of the mitigation for previous zoning relief; and

WHEREAS: The previously agreed-upon mitigation of building the boardwalk is distinctly linked to improving the Kendall Square area of East Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Mirant building has been occupied under a temporary Certificate of Occupancy for roughly seven years because the agreed-upon mitigation of building the boardwalk has not been completed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record opposing the zoning relief sought by Mirant Corporation for both the new generator and also the attempt to avoid building the boardwalk; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this order to the Board of Zoning Appeals prior to its Nov 8, 2007 meeting; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the history, justification for and current status of the temporary Occupancy Permit for the Mirant building.

O-13 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to communicate with Harvard University, the Cambridge Housing Authority and the management company for Walden Square Apartments on their need to comply with the City's trash and rubbish ordinance.

O-14 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on any findings or reports relevant to fires at 57 Seventh Street and 75-77 Seventh Street.

O-15 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The MBTA's #47 cross-town bus is frequently so full that it leaves would-be passengers waiting for follow-up buses that are not so full; and

WHEREAS: The M2LMA bus has changed its route so that it is less available to the general public wishing to use it to get to the Longwood Medical Area; and

WHEREAS: Consistent and dependable bus service is essential to having people take buses rather than drive; and

WHEREAS: When people see numerous buses pass them because the buses are full they are more likely to start driving simply because they need to get to work in a predictable fashion; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA to determine why the MBTA does not appear to be running enough buses on its #47 route to handle the demand in Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the issue of re-routing the M2 LMA so that this bus can assist in meeting the need of commuters to take a bus to the Longwood medical area be referred to the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Committee.

O-16 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager of the Community Development Department to immediately write a clear schedule of when public meetings regarding the future park at Western Avenue and Memorial Drive will be taking place; and be it further

ORDERED: That this information be available for discussion at the next City Council meeting.

O-17 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the attached petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance (Section 5.40 Special Dimensional Regulations) by adding a new section to protect solar energy systems to be referred to the Planning Board and the Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

O-18 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) has adopted a new policy of charging a \$25.00 assessment if rents are not paid on the first of the month; and

WHEREAS: Many tenants on fixed incomes, particularly seniors and disabled persons, cannot access funds before the third of the month, thus are unfairly burdened by the requirement for payment on the first day of the month; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the the Assistant Director of the Community Development Department and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to contact the Cambridge Housing Authority to inquire about this policy with the view in mind to adjust this policy.

O-19 Oct 29, 2007

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The City's Zoning Code, in paragraph 5.25.41, exempts certain automobile garages from calculation of gross Floor Area Ratio but does not exempt sheds used to store bicycles; and

WHEREAS: The City Council wants to encourage Cambridge residents to reduce the use of automobiles; and

WHEREAS: Requiring residents to seek a variance for a bicycle shed, when one is not required for a freestanding parking structure for automobiles runs counter to that goal; and

WHEREAS: A shed under 100 square feet does not require a building permit, suggesting a reasonable size shed to exempt from calculation of gross Floor Area Ratio on a lot; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with language addressing this concern, either by an amendment such as is suggested below or by another means preferred by the Community Development Department.

Adding a new paragraph 5.25.43 to the Zoning Code for the City of Cambridge

Exemption for Bicycle Parking:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.25.2 above, the following structured parking above ground, accessory to a residential use, shall not be calculated as part of the Gross Floor Area on the lot:

One shed less than or equal to 100 square feet used to store bicycles."