

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Temporary Emergency Shelter grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in the amount of \$102,425.20 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to subcontract with the Cambridge YWCA.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$176,622.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$4,203.00) and to the Grant Fund Department of Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$172,419.00) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and will be used to contracted with Transition House and HomeStart for permanent supported housing for homeless individuals. Funds will also be used to cover grant administrative costs.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$790,185.00 funded by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and administered in Massachusetts by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$212,845.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$577,340.00) and will be used to operate the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Friends of the Community Learning Center (CLC) grant funded by the Cambridge Community Foundation under their Immigrant Initiative in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$26,647.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$3,353.00) and will be used to support two intermediate ESOL classes at 19 Brookline Street, from September 2011 to June 2012, in the Community Learning Center.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-134, regarding a report on the progress of the Food and Fitness Policy Council.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-124, regarding a report on the racial makeup of the City's workforce.

Oct 31, 2011

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-124, regarding a report on the racial makeup of the City's workforce.

Below is a summary of the attached reports:

Total Employees 2,424

Total People of Color 788 (32.51%) more than double the US Census PMSA goal of 15%. (PMSA Preliminary Metropolitan Statistical Area defined by U.S. Census as our applicant recruiting area. This is taken from the U.S. Census EEO-4 data tool for affirmative action planning purposes. The next release of this tool is scheduled for fall of 2012.)

Women 1,056 (43.56%)

Below is additional information on new hires from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

59% of all hires were people of color

46% of all hires were women

86% of all hires were Cambridge residents

Very truly yours, Robert W. Healy, City Manager

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 11-03, regarding a report on allowing homeowners alternatives to alter flat roof structures to create better rain water runoff collection.

## CHARTER RIGHT

1. An application was received from Eric Griffith, requesting permission for a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Wyman Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on Applications and Petitions Number Three of Oct 24, 2011.

## ON THE TABLE

2. 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.]
3. 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.]
4. 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.]
5. 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.]

6. 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.]
7. 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.]
8. 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.]

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. 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. [Order #26 adopted on Oct 17, 2011 to discharge from committee. Report placed on Unfinished Business on Oct 17, 2011.] The question comes on passing to a Second Reading. Planning Board hearing held Sept 13, 2011. Petition expires Dec 6, 2011.
10. 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. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Oct 31, 2011. Planning Board hearing held Sept 13, 2011. Petition expires Dec 6, 2011.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Glenda Cruz and Elsa Cruz, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.
2. A communication was received from Juan Roitman, 14-16 Harrison Avenue, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.
3. A communication was received from Claudia Danilowicz, 16 Harrison Avenue, transmitting support of the Bishop Petition.
4. A communication was received from David Levitt, 14 Notre Dame Avenue, regarding the Bishop Petition.

5. A communication was received from Karen Friedman, 59 Dudley Street, regarding the Bishop Petition.
6. A communication was received from Shamsher Bam and Stacey King, transmitting thanks for the lovely wedding resolution.
7. A communication was received from George F. Welch Jr. a/k/a Jack, 164 Auburn Street, Apt. 2, regarding City Council Rules.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Urge all residents to honor the men and women who have defended our country as well as those serving today by celebrating Veteran's Day on Nov 11, 2011. Councillor Kelley
2. Retirement of Marcia Grant from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
3. Congratulations to EverTrue on receiving an award at the second annual MassChallenge awards. Councillor Reeves
4. Retirement of Renan Alabre from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Maher
5. Urge residents to attend "A Living History of the Civil War" on Nov 5, 2011 at the Main Library from 10:00am-4:30pm. Vice Mayor Davis
6. Congratulations to Alkeus Pharmaceuticals on receiving an award at the second annual MassChallenge awards. Councillor Reeves
7. Congratulations to Sanergy on receiving an award at the second annual MassChallenge awards. Councillor Reeves
8. Congratulations to ArtVenue on receiving an award at the second annual MassChallenge awards. Councillor Reeves
9. Congratulations to SocMetrics on receiving an award at the second annual MassChallenge awards. Councillor Reeves
10. Congratulations to Drync on receiving an award at the second annual MassChallenge awards. Councillor Reeves
11. Retirement of Robert Savickas from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Maher
12. Resolution on the death of Captain Shawn Patrick Thomas Charles. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Steven Francis Shapiro. Councillor Decker
14. Best wishes to Tri-Ad Veterans League, Artists for Humanity and the William E. Carter American Legion Post No. 16 for a successful exhibition on November 15. Councillor Simmons
15. Acknowledge the month of November as Diabetes Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge and applaud national and local efforts to shed light on the disease. Councillor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Highland Capital Partners on their new location in Kendall Square. Councillor Cheung
17. Congratulations to Eric S. Maskin on his return to teaching at Harvard. Councillor Cheung
18. Congratulations to Major General Marcia M. Anderson on the occasion of her elevation to the rank of Major General in the United States Army. Councillor Simmons
19. Resolution on the death of Cathy Burke. Councillor Simmons

20. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Valente Library. Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker

## **ORDERS**

1. Encouraging residents who wish to opt out of the phone book to visit [catalogchoice.org](http://catalogchoice.org) by Nov 1, 2011 and opt out. Councillor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested confer with the Police Commissioner and report back to the City Council with the details of the recent string of street robberies and the police action being taken to maintain the safety of residents and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager hereby is requested to provide information responding to questions raised in the Ordinance Committee hearing on a proposed zoning amendment to allow the construction of basement units. Councillor Seidel, Mayor Maher and Vice Mayor Davis
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to look into the feasibility of instituting a policy that, after ascertainment, if the City of Cambridge takes more than 90 days to negotiate a contract with a potential cable service provider, the potentially new service provider can operate under the same terms as the existing incumbent service provider, with the option to continue negotiation with the City of Cambridge while operating under those terms, and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Cheung
5. Support of the Massachusetts Attorney General and GLAD challenging the Defense of Marriage Act and that the City Manager is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to add the City of Cambridge as a signatory on the amicus brief. Councillor Cheung, Mayor Maher, Councillor Reeves and Councillor Simmons
6. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of installing traffic calming measures at the Elm Street and Cambridge Street areas. Councillor Cheung
7. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to look into the proper waste disposal issues in the Area IV area, specifically in the vicinity of Washington Street, and the possibility of installing additional trash receptacles. Councillor Cheung
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to develop a plan for obtaining regular updates from state officials and for keeping the City Council and the surrounding neighborhoods informed on the status of the future use of the courthouse in East Cambridge. Mayor Maher
9. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to meet with residents of Tremont Street to listen to their concerns about traffic on Tremont Street and begin work on possible solutions. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Manager, working with both MIT and the Cambridge Housing Authority, be and hereby is requested to initiate a rodent control and prevention campaign that will include the use of non-toxic baiting, a citizen education

campaign on how to prevent and reduce rodent infestation. Councillor Simmons

11. That the City Council meeting on Mon, Nov 28, 2011 be changed to a Round Table for the purpose of the City Council receiving an update on the United States Census. Mayor Maher
12. That the City Manager is requested to advise the City Council as to the prudence of taking the former NBC Harvard Street lot by eminent domain. Councillor Reeves

## **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 Oct 13, 2011 to consider a petition filed by Laura Runkel et al. to rezone 41 Bellis Circle, an area abutting the northern block of Bellis Circle, bordered on the north by the commuter rail tracks, on the south by Bellis Circle and on the east side by Sherman Street, from Residence C-1A to Residence C.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Leland Cheung, Chair of the University Relations Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 4, 2010 to discuss MIT's development plans and how these plans affect students, staff, researchers and housing.

## **HEARING SCHEDULE**

### **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 Roundtable Meeting with Commissioner Carole Cornelison, Massachusetts Department of Capital Asset Management, and her staff, to discuss plans for the East Cambridge Courthouse site. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Tues, Nov 15**

4:00pm Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

### **Wed, Nov 16**

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Domestic Violence and Technology: Dangers and Opportunities. (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 The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Domestic Violence, Housing and Homelessness. (Sullivan Chamber)

**October 31, 2011 Cambridge City Council meeting**

**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 The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Domestic Violence and Youth. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 2**

10:00am CITY COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Jan 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 12**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 19**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that Cambridge residents can opt out of the next years phone books if they choose by visiting catalogchoice.org; and

WHEREAS: The City is working with MassDEP, the Product Stewardship Institute and Catalog Choice to reduce unwanted phonebooks and junk mail; and

WHEREAS: The request to opt out must be received by Nov 1, 2011; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record encouraging residents who wish to opt out of the phone book to visit catalogchoice.org by Nov 1, 2011 and opt out.

O-2 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there is a sudden wave of street robberies that warrant special attention by the Cambridge Police Department; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested confer with the Police Commissioner and report back to the City Council with the details of the recent string of street

robberies and the police action being taken to maintain the safety of residents and report back to the City Council.

O-3 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

MAYOR MAHER

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, the Commissioner of Public Works, the City Engineer, the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the City Solicitor to provide the following information and material to the Ordinance Committee no later than Nov 21, 2011:

Answers from the City Solicitor as to 1) whether the Zoning Ordinance can provide for a special permit for development of basement units that requires review and approval by the City Engineer of the appropriateness of the site with regard to the level of risk of overland flooding, such that without said approval no special permit will be issued; and 2) whether the special permit can also provide that the landlord must provide flood insurance that covers flood damage to the tenants' possessions.

Responses from the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic Parking and Transportation on the likely effect on the City's overall parking demand management policies of enacting the proposal for a complete waiver of the accessory parking requirements for the new basement units.

Information from the City Solicitor, Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of the Traffic Parking and Transportation Department as to the legality and feasibility of some mechanism that would prevent additional on-street parking demand from the new basement units by prohibiting anyone in the newly created units from receiving resident parking permits ( e.g., deed restriction, lease requirement, whatever method Boston is using, etc.).

Language for amendments to the current proposed amendments to accomplish the following:

Authority of City Engineer to reject petition based on his estimation of the danger of overland flooding;

No resident parking permits for these new units

Providing that this special permit program is a pilot program requiring a review and report to the City Council with recommendations regarding continuation six months prior to the expiration date.

O-4 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Cable and Internet access is a critical tool for learning and civic participation in today's world; and

WHEREAS: Residents regularly request that additional options for broadband service providers be made available to the city; and

WHEREAS: Competition between multiple broadband providers usually results in lower prices and better service; and

WHEREAS: It has been known to the City Council that despite demand from consumers, Verizon is not currently expanding its Fios footprint; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that two factors that contribute to the delayed introduction of competition are the cost of deploying infrastructure and the time it takes to negotiate a contract with a municipality to provide service; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interests of residents for the City of Cambridge to do what it can to encourage the introduction of competition in the provision of cable and internet service; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to look into the feasibility of instituting a policy that, after ascertainment, if the City of Cambridge takes more than 90 days to negotiate a contract with a potential cable service provider, the potentially new service provider can operate under the same terms as the existing incumbent service provider, with the option to continue negotiation with the City of Cambridge while operating under those terms, and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-5 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Cambridge has long been an unparalleled supporter of LGBTQ rights, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that the Massachusetts Attorney General and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) are requesting that the City of Cambridge sign onto an amicus brief in support of their respective lawsuits challenging the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA); and

WHEREAS: In 2009, the Massachusetts Attorney General and GLAD filed challenges to DOMA, which prohibits federal recognition of marriages of same-sex couples. Their cases were successful in the federal district court, and Judge Tauro decided that DOMA was unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), which was defending the lawsuit, appealed, and the case has since moved to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Since appealing, DOJ has changed its position based on President Obama and Attorney General Holder's view that DOMA is unconstitutional, and now has filed a brief setting forth why DOMA is unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS: The Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group of the U.S. House of Representatives has intervened to defend DOMA; and

WHEREAS: A coalition of leading businesses and employers is forming to advise the First Circuit Court of Appeals on the ways in which DOMA harms businesses and employers; and

WHEREAS: The amicus brief filed by the business and employer community discusses DOMA's impact on businesses and employers; and

WHEREAS: DOMA imposes enormous costs in time, money, and morale for employers. With over 16,000 same-sex couples legally married in Massachusetts (a number that increases every day), as well as D.C. and 5 other states licensing marriages and 4 other states recognizing fully or in part marriages (CA, MD, NM, and RI), DOMA's burden is growing; and

WHEREAS: Given Cambridge's extraordinary leadership on behalf of the LGBTQ community, the reasons for signing onto the amicus brief are strong; and

WHEREAS: Over 60 signatories, including large state and national companies have signed onto the amicus brief; and

WHEREAS: Joining the amicus brief as a listed entity will send a strong message that Cambridge will not support inequality, discrimination and prejudice against the LGBTQ community from the federal and state governments and private parties; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting the Massachusetts Attorney General and GLAD challenging DOMA in the First Circuit Court of Appeals; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to add the City of Cambridge as a signatory on the amicus brief; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of the order to the Massachusetts Attorney General and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders on behalf of the entire Cambridge City Council.

O-6 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that there has been a high number of bicycle and pedestrian accidents on Elm Street and Cambridge Street; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that installing red lights and other traffic calming measures would improve the situation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to look into the feasibility of installing traffic calming measures at the before mentioned areas.

O-7 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Proper waste disposal is essential to public health; and

WHEREAS: It has been reported that parts of Area IV, specifically in the vicinity of Washington Street, has become filled with food wrappers, bottles, cigarette butts and uneaten food that is attracting rodents, raising the potential for serious health risks; and

WHEREAS: Residents feel that installing additional trash receptacles and displaying "Keep it Clean" posters around the aforementioned areas would discourage littering; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Public Works to look into the before mentioned issues.

O-8 Oct 31, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is examining options for the future use of the courthouse in East Cambridge; 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 develop a plan for obtaining regular updates from state officials and for keeping the City

Council and the surrounding neighborhoods informed on the status of the project.

O-9 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The residents of Tremont Street have come together to ask the City to address their ongoing issues about traffic on Tremont Street between Hampshire Street and Broadway; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to meet with residents of Tremont Street to listen to their concerns and begin work on possible solutions.

O-10 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: MIT is in the process of developing the property at the junction of Portland and Main Street; and

WHEREAS: This major construction project is extremely close to the Newtowne Court and Washington Elms housing developments as well as other heavily populated areas in the Area IV neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Residents of Area IV have always had to contend with rodent infestation and they are extremely concerned that this major construction project will exacerbate the problem; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, working with both MIT and the Cambridge Housing Authority, be and hereby is requested to initiate a rodent control and prevention campaign that will include the use of non-toxic baiting, a citizen education campaign on how to prevent and reduce rodent infestation; be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with MIT and the Cambridge Housing Authority to identify ways to share the cost of any rodent control efforts.

O-11 Oct 31, 2011

MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting on Mon, Nov 28, 2011 be changed to a Round Table for the purpose of the City Council receiving an update on the United States Census.

O-12 Oct 31, 2011

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The former Neighbors for a Better Community (NBC) lot on Harvard Street is now vacant; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to advise the City Council as to the prudence of taking the former NBC Harvard Street lot by eminent domain.