

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, requesting that the City Council move to Executive Session relative to pending litigation.
WITHDRAWN
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Boston Adult Literacy Fund for \$7,000 to the Grant Fund Human Service Salary and Wages account (\$4,036) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,964) to be used to hire and train student leaders who will direct workshops on family literacy at the Community Learning Center.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant funded from the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance through the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance for \$78,439 to the Grant Fund Human Service Salary and Wages account (\$78,011) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$428) to be used for costs related to the Carey Men's Transitional Program operated by the Multi Service Center.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a donation from The Friends of the Community Learning Center for \$18,800 to the Grant Fund Human Service Salary and Wages account to support Community Learning Center activities to support a portion of salaries for computer lab aides, an ESOL teacher and one part time staff member who will assist in Program Development.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Murphy on Order Number 4 of November 15, 2004 that the City Council wishes the Cambridge Election Commission to discuss a policy that requires a hand mark or machine mark on votes onto full-ballot-text paper ballots.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on Order Number 11 of November 15, 2004 requesting the City Manager to look into decreasing the property tax rate, if the City is unable to lower the tax rate, explain why it was not lowered to offset the assessment value and report back to the City Council with plans for additional revenue received from increased tax collections.

ON THE TABLE

3. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-137 of December 22, 2003, regarding a report on the number of investment managers for the pension fund with the list to reflect the number of women-owned and minority-owned investment managers.
4. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 615 Concord Avenue. Approval has been

received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.

5. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 28 Elliot Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
6. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 226 Main Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
7. Placed on the Table on the motion of Mayor Sullivan on an application received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. 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 October 27, 2004 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to increase the filing fee for a zoning petition in Section 1.53 of the Zoning Ordinance from \$75 to \$150 to be consistent with the new filing fee approved by the City Council in its amendment to the Municipal Code on June 14, 2004. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 22, 2004. Petition expires January 25, 2005. Planning Board hearing held November 9, 2004 - No report received.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Star Diamonds Jewelry, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 22 Central Square.
2. A zoning petition was received from North Point Land Company, requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 13.70, Planned Unit Development in the North Point Residence District.
3. A zoning petition was received from Archstone-Smith Operating Trust, requesting proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Section 13.76.1, 13.74.33 and 13.79.2.
4. An application was received from Amartya Sen, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 6 Hilliard Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Approval has been received from the neighborhood association.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding Cambridge Community Television and the police.

2. A communication was received from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC, regarding the Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2006.
3. A communication was received from Donald Madrey, transmitting support for change of Zoning to Special District 15.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the retirement of Patricia Hansen. Mayor Sullivan
2. Resolution on the retirement of Barbara Haywood. Mayor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of Frank P. White. Councillor Galluccio
4. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Justin Reppuhn. Vice Mayor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Erick Hodges. Vice Mayor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Dan Malcom, Jr.. Vice Mayor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Dennis Miller. Vice Mayor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Aaron Pickering . Vice Mayor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Gene Ramirez. Vice Mayor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Steven Auchman. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Specialist Travis Babbitt. Vice Mayor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Sergeant David Caruso. Vice Mayor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Todd Cornell. Vice Mayor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Command Sergeant Major Steven Faulkenburg. Vice Mayor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Corporal William James. Vice Mayor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Nicholas Larson. Vice Mayor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Juan Segura. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Abraham Simpson. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Russell Stay. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Lonny Wells. Vice Mayor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Nathan Wood. Vice Mayor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Corporal Kevin Dempsey. Vice Mayor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Justin Ellsworth. Vice Mayor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Byron Norwood. Vice Mayor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jose Velez. Vice Mayor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of the death of Corporal Nathan Anderson Vice Mayor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Nicholas Anderson. Vice Mayor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal David Branning. Vice Mayor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Edward Iwan. Vice Mayor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jarrod Maher. Vice Mayor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Sergeant James Matteson. Vice Mayor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Brian Medina. Vice Mayor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Corporal Brian Prening. Vice Mayor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jonathan Shields. Vice Mayor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Morgan Strader. Vice Mayor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Specialist Raymond White. Vice Mayor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Second Lieutenant James Blecksmith. Vice Mayor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Corporal Theodore Bowling. Vice Mayor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Kyle Burns. Vice Mayor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Specialist Thomas Doerflinger. Vice Mayor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Corporal Peter Giannopoulos. Vice Mayor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Theodore Holder, II. Vice Mayor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Sean Huey. Vice Mayor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Wesley Canning. Vice Mayor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Corporal Romulo Jimenez. Vice Mayor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Michael Ottolini Vice Mayor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Petty Officer Third Class Julian Woods. Vice Mayor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Major Horst Moore. Vice Mayor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Sergeant John Trotter. Vice Mayor Decker
50. Resolution on of the death of Corporal Joshua Palmer. Vice Mayor Decker
51. Resolution on the death of Corporal Robert Warns, II. Vice Mayor Decker

52. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Thomas Zapp. Vice Mayor Decker
53. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Benjamin Bryan. Vice Mayor Decker
54. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Victor Lu. Vice Mayor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Justin McLeese. Vice Mayor Decker
56. Resolution on the death of Captain Sean Sims. Vice Mayor Decker
57. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Bradley Parker. Vice Mayor Decker
58. Resolution on the death of Corporal Dale Burger, Jr. Vice Mayor Decker
59. Resolution on the death of Corporal Andres Perez. Vice Mayor Decker
60. Resolution on the death of Corporal Nicholas Ziolkowski. Vice Mayor Decker
61. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jeremy Ailes. Vice Mayor Decker
62. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Travis Desiato. Vice Mayor Decker
63. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Shane Kielion. Vice Mayor Decker
64. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Rafael Peralta. Vice Mayor Decker
65. Resolution on the death of Captain Patrick Rapicault. Vice Mayor Decker
66. Resolution on the death of Corporal Marc Ryan. Vice Mayor Decker
67. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Antoine Smith. Vice Mayor Decker
68. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal James Swain. Vice Mayor Decker
69. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal George Payton. Vice Mayor Decker
70. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Issiah Hunt. Vice Mayor Decker
71. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal William Miller. Vice Mayor Decker
72. Resolution on the death of Corporal Lance Thompson. Vice Mayor Decker
73. Resolution on Private First Class Cole Larsen. Vice Mayor Decker
74. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. George Kehayias on the celebration of the Christening of their daughter, Vittoria Lucia. Councillor Galluccio
75. Congratulations to Lou Rawls for his recent performance at Sculler's Jazz Cafe and wishes for a warm welcome back. Councillor Galluccio
76. Very Happy 75th Anniversary wishes to Boston College Law School. Mayor Sullivan
77. Wishes for a Happy 5th Anniversary to Stellabella, the children's toy store in Inman Square. Mayor Sullivan
78. Support for the Cambridgeport Children's Centers' 15th Annual Silent Auction held at the Middle East on Sunday, December 5, 2004. Mayor Sullivan
79. December 1, 2004 proclaimed as Nnenna Freelon Day in Cambridge in honor of her newest album "Live" marking 20 years on the road. Mayor Sullivan
80. Happy 30th Anniversary wishes to the Cambridge Arts Council. Mayor Sullivan.
81. City of Cambridge awarded the 2004 Kenneth E. Pickard Municipal Innovation Award for the project at City Hall Annex, the City's First Municipal Green Building. Mayor Sullivan
82. Wishes for a speedy recovery to James Barretto. Mayor Sullivan
93. Thanks to the new Cambridge Housing Authority Executive Director, Gregory Russ, for his recent meeting with residents at Jefferson Park and for supporting these important meetings in public housing developments across the City. Councillor Galluccio
94. Get well wishes to William Phillips. Councillor Reeves
95. Condolences to Mark Bozzutti Jones on the loss of his brother Councillor Reeves
96. Get well wishes extended to Al Vellucci, Jr. Councillor Toomey
97. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Marshall Caddy. Vice Mayor Decker
98. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Michael Hanks. Vice Mayor Decker
99. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Luis Figueroa. Vice Mayor Decker
100. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Phillip West. Vice Mayor Decker
101. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Dimitrios Gavriel. Vice Mayor Decker
102. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Luke Wullenwaber. Vice Mayor Decker
103. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Louis Qualls. Vice Mayor Decker
104. Resolution on the death of Specialist Daniel McConnell. Vice Mayor Decker
105. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Christopher Heflin. Vice Mayor Decker
106. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Ricardo Flores-Mejia. Vice Mayor Decker

ORDERS

1. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the School Superintendent on replacing the 25-30 plantings that were done at the Peabody School at the completion of the rehab and have subsequently died. Councillor Galluccio

2. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Police and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to review the traffic and parking issues on Yerxa Road and other roads abutting the Peabody School at the start of the school morning, particularly regarding parents blocking driveways and emergency vehicle access. Councillor Galluccio
3. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Election Commission and its Executive Director to report on the average waiting times throughout the day at polls across the City of Cambridge on November 2, 2004. Councillor Galluccio
4. Support for same-day voter registration. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Davis, Vice Mayor Decker, Councillor Maher, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Reeves, Councillor Simmons and Mayor Sullivan
5. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to conduct a parking study in the area of Dana Park. Councillor Davis
6. The City Manager is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to develop recommendations for revising Section 6.12 of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that adequate accessory parking is provided when new uses are accommodated in existing buildings. Councillor Davis
7. Calling for Harvard University and MIT to immediately undertake a major retroactive adjustment to payments made in the past ten years and to begin automatic annual increases consistent with those accruing to other property owners. Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey
8. Support for legislation to eliminate or limit property tax exemptions for large nonprofit institutions once their percentage of property ownership in Cambridge reaches a specified limit and the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to examine all possible legal and legislative mechanisms by which such limitation or elimination of property tax exemptions for large institutions could be accomplished. Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey
9. Legislation petitioning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court to enact the following home rule petition entitled An Act Enabling Certain Non-Citizen Residents Of Cambridge To Vote In School Committee And City Council Elections. Vice Mayor Decker
10. The City Council request the MBTA to hold a hearing on its 2010 Capital Investment Program to promote the same community input available to residents afforded in the eight other towns it is meeting with to discuss current planning, future capital investments and its five year planning horizon. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Dedication of a site in the memory of Richard Umanzio. Mayor Sullivan

12. The City Manager is requested to direct appropriate City departments to cooperate with the School Department's effort to reduce emissions from school buses. Councillor Davis, Mayor Sullivan
13. City Manager is requested to appoint a special committee to look at issues of escalating property tax assessments and their effect on long term, senior and disabled residents and report back to the City Council prior to the submission of the Fiscal Year 2006 budget on its findings. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Murphy
14. City Solicitor is requested to provide legal opinions on the proposed Special District 15 Zoning Petition and the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant Manager for Community Development to provide information as to how many units of housing could be built at the site assuming no change in the current zoning. Mayor Sullivan
15. Dedication of a site in honor of Cambridge comedian, Lenny Clarke. Mayor Sullivan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on October 19, 2004 to determine a funding mechanism for an annual expenditure relative to public celebrations. Can Cambridge broker a public/private partnership for a public celebrations budget that exceeds \$300,000?
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 November 4, 2004 for the purpose of considering a petition to create a new Special District 15, Section 17.600 and to amend the Zoning Map in the area of 237 Putnam Avenue and 19-21 Blackstone Street.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting a letter for Pat Pizzuto, on behalf of the Santa Lucia Society, donating funds to the Haggerty School and the Cambridge Scholarship Fund.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Nov 22

- 2:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public working meeting to finalize City Council goals. No public comment. (Ackermann Room)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Nov 23

- 9:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss health of children, obesity and environmentally healthy buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

10:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss School Master Space calendar and receive an update on a discussion with School Principals on the issue of space, and to receive an update on Summer Programs. (Sullivan Chamber)
5:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussing the property tax. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 7

4:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Awaiting Report Item Number 04-90 regarding a new traffic plan proposed for the Dunkin Donuts on North Massachusetts Avenue. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 9

9:00am The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities will conduct a public meeting on maintenance of streetlights, NSTAR customer service policies, report on new NSTAR substation including impact on rates and environment and any other matters that may come before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

Fri, Dec 10

9:00am The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue the discussion of obesity in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 13

1:00pm Public Safety Committee (Ackermann Room)
5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Joint public meeting with the School Committee for a discussion of school related issues. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Conf Room)

Wed, Dec 15

2:00pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss follow up on snow clearance issues and any other matters that might come before the committee. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

Mon, Dec 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 10, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 24, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 31, 2005

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the School Superintendent with the view of replacing the 25-30 plantings that were done at the Peabody School at the completion of the rehab and have subsequently died.

O-2 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Police and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to review the traffic and parking issues on Yerxa Road and other roads abutting the Peabody School at the start of the school morning, particularly with regard to parents blocking driveways and emergency vehicle access.

O-3 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission and its Executive Director to report to the City Council on the average waiting times throughout the day at polls across the City of Cambridge on November 2, 2004.

O-4 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting same-day voter registration; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Commonwealth along with a request that Secretary Galvin inform the City Council as to how the City of Cambridge could provide same-day voter registration for its citizens.

O-5 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to conduct a parking study in the area of Dana Park.

O-6 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to develop recommendations for revising Section 6.12 of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that adequate accessory parking is provided when new uses are accommodated in existing buildings. In making its recommendation the Department shall take into consideration the many issues relating to this matter, such as preservation of historic buildings, the practicality and cost of providing parking on fully developed sites, the impact on neighborhoods of new demand for parking and the nature of the new uses proposed, etc.

O-7 November 22, 2004
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City Council, the Cambridge community and the city's major universities have worked cooperatively, especially in the area of university development, to dramatically improve relationships, and

WHEREAS: Harvard and MIT's payments in lieu of taxes have not increased significantly in over a decade; and

WHEREAS: The ability of elected public officials to work cooperatively with universities is severely inhibited when residents and businesses receive regular adjustments to valuations and taxation of their property and universities with much more substantial property ownership do not increase their in lieu of tax payments; and

WHEREAS: It is the view of the City Council that, at a minimum, the in lieu of tax payment should automatically increase annually in an amount and manner consistent with that of the increases on other land and property values in Cambridge; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: An automatic reasonable annual increase to these payments would be an enormous sign of respect to Cambridge taxpayers and would elevate the university/city relationship to one of dignity and respect; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record calling for Harvard University and MIT to immediately undertake a major retroactive adjustment to payments made in the past ten years and to begin automatic annual increases consistent with those accruing to other property owners

O-8 November 22, 2004
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council supports legislation that would increase substantially the amount of taxes paid by the large nonprofit institutions that own significant amounts of land in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: A reasonable approach would seem to be a policy change to eliminate or limit property tax exemptions for these institutions once their percentage of property ownership reaches a certain limit in a community, if that percentage of land ownership would clearly indicate that the assets of these institutions are such that they are no longer deserving of nonprofit tax exempt status; and

WHEREAS: The original intent of the tax exemption legislation was to assist the economic survival of educational institutions, which typically are not in the business of receiving funds and accumulating assets far in excess of the average for-profit business, and which more typically are struggling to pay their expenses and still provide educations for their students; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting legislation to eliminate or limit property tax exemptions for these institutions once their percentage of property ownership in Cambridge reaches a specified limit; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to examine all possible legal and legislative mechanisms by which such limitation or elimination of property tax exemptions for large institutions could be accomplished and report back to the City Council.

O-9 November 22, 2004
VICE MAYOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Parents' involvement in their children's education is critical to student academic achievement; and

WHEREAS: Immigrant families have educational concerns regarding language and culture; and

WHEREAS: Policies related to diversity and English language learning programs, among other educational policies, are the purview of the Cambridge School Committee; and

WHEREAS: Immigrant families constitute a sizable percentage of working families in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Residents of the City of Cambridge, regardless of their citizenship status, complete an annual City Census which is the basis for determining the local voting rolls; and

WHEREAS: The Campaign for Immigrant Voting Rights garnered majority support from the Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge City Council in the year 2000 and the year 2003 and additional support from school principals and parents' councils; and

WHEREAS: The Campaign for Immigrant Voting Rights filed a home-rule petition two years ago that will allow non-citizens in the City of Cambridge to vote in School Committee elections; and

WHEREAS: Five municipalities in the state of Maryland have extended the rights to vote for local offices to non-citizens; the cities of Chicago and New York to non-citizen voting in school board elections, and various European cities, such as Dublin, also permit non-citizen voting; and

WHEREAS: The cities of Chelsea, Somerville and Amherst are also pursuing home-rule petitions granting resident non-citizens the right to vote; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City of Council go on record petitioning the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court to enact the following home rule petition entitled An Act Enabling Certain Non-Citizen Residents Of Cambridge To Vote In School Committee And City Council Elections.

O-10 November 22, 2004

VICE MAYOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the MBTA to hold a hearing on its 2010 Capital Investment Program to promote the same community input available to residents afforded in the eight other towns it is meeting with to discuss current planning, future capital investments and it's five year planning horizon.

O-11 November 22, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in the memory of Richard Umanzio; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Chief of Staff to the Mayor 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-12 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct appropriate City departments to cooperate with the School Department's effort to reduce emissions from school buses.

O-13 November 22, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a special committee to look at issues of escalating property tax assessments and their effect on long term, senior, and disabled residents; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct this special committee to report back to the City Council prior to the submission of the Fiscal Year 2006 budget on its findings, including answers to the following questions:

1. Are there additional steps that the City of Cambridge could take in this matter?
2. Are there legislative changes that the City should be proposing to the state?

O-14 November 22, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to provide legal opinions on the following issues in relation to the proposed Special District 15 Zoning Petition:

* Spot Zoning

* Has the pre-existing use expired?

* Is it possible to put a restriction on the property such that a use other than housing could be allowed and made nontransferable?

And be it further:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant Manager for Community Development to provide information as to how many units of housing could be built at the site assuming no change in the current zoning.

O-15 November 22, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That this City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Cambridge comedian, Lenny Clarke, and be it further

ORDERED: That the Chief of Staff to the Mayor confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communication with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.