

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-142, regarding a report on revisiting the issue of public restrooms in Central Square. **REFERRED BACK TO CITY MANAGER**
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-148, relative to a report on ensuring that all sidewalk ramps for disability access throughout the City are kept clear of debris.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-187, regarding a report on investigating a possible gas leak on Van Norden Street.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-172, regarding a report on steps that have been taken to make the intersection of Route 16 and Rindge Avenue safer for pedestrians.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-179, regarding a report on the resources necessary to get through the testing phase for wireless access for the City.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item 06-175, report on status of tree removal in Linear Park.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-170, regarding a report on constructing a sidewalk on Fulkerson Street between Charles and Binney Streets.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-152, regarding the use of rubber sidewalks, especially near tree wells.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, the appropriation of a FY07 Community Policing Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for \$403,750 to the Grant Fund Police Salary and Wages account (\$264,043), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$22,690), Travel and Training account (\$24,000) and Extraordinary Equipment account (\$93,017) for the purpose of enabling police departments to develop comprehensive community policing strategies tailored to address the particular needs of their communities and address crime, fear of crime, and issues that detract from overall quality of life.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative the appropriation of Grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau in the amount of \$20,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account to be used to conduct underage alcohol enforcement.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant received from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council through the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Police Department Salary and Wages account to be used to support youth violence prevention and anti-gang initiatives by the Police Department by increasing Police visibility, building enforcement and intervention capacities and supporting gang interdiction activities. **[Kelley voted NO]**
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a supplemental grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$2,370 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account. The City Council approved an earlier appropriation in October 2006 for \$17,200. With this supplemental appropriation, the total grant award will be \$19,570 and will be used to provide mini-grants to artists, arts organizations and community groups in Cambridge.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$1,889,400 to the General Fund Employee Benefits (Pension) Salary and Wages account from available balances in City's Teachers Retirement Agency Fund and will be used to make a lump sum payment to City's Contributory Retirement System to fund a portion of the System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (insurance) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgment and Damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for personnel injured in performance of their duties.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$1,300 from General Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to cover the cost of interpretive support services requested by a hearing impaired member of the community panel for the Cambridge Arts Council Mini-Grant Program.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-177, regarding a report on how the library construction will help meet the City's CO2 reduction goals and what green standards will be used for the construction.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a Massachusetts Public Construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for \$4,046,848 to the Public Investment Fund Library Extraordinary Expenditures account to offset the construction costs of the new main library.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional ~~\$12,925,000~~ **\$13,075,000** to the Public Investment Fund Library Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the Main Branch Library renovation project. **PASSED TO 2ND READING AS AMENDED (including an additional \$150,000 for application for LEEDS certification)**

19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$9,890,000 to the Public Investment Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the West Cambridge Youth and Community Center project. **PASSED TO 2ND READING**
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-158 and 06-183, regarding a report on a process that would solicit the general qualities, values and vision that the City Council would like to see in a new Police Commissioner and on appointing a Citizen's Advisory committee.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Nellie Mae Education Foundation Grant funded by the New England Literacy Resource Center for \$47,278.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$40,298.00), Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$6,555.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel & Training account (\$425.00) which will cover the costs for the Bridge Transition to College Program at the Community Learning Center.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$1,082,120.00 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 (\$189,930), Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$892,090) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$100) to support the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Mount Auburn Hospital Grant in the amount of \$13,600.00 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary and Wages account (\$12,800.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$800.00) and will be used to support two ESOL classes and its related services provided by the Community Learning Center.
24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Shelter Plus Care Grant for \$127,947.00 funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorized under the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to subsidize the cost of permanent housing for persons with disabilities.

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. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on monies expended to needy veterans and their families. [Placed on Table Order Number Seven of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Nov 6, 2006.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. 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.]
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy and Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 4, 2006 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to amend the zoning map at the end of Loomis Street by substituting the zoning designation Residence B for the current Industry B-2/Alewife Overlay District 1 designation for a portion of the lot at 61R Smith Place. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Nov 13, 2006. Petition expires Jan 2, 2007.

ORDAINED 9-0-0, ORDINANCE #1303

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Olive Tree Cafe, requesting permission for three tables and six chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 245 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from Caza Flowers, requesting permission for a sign and an awning at the premises numbered 207 Cambridge Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Mr. Bartley's Burger Cottage, requesting permission for seven tables and fourteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 1246 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from William Kremer, requesting to close the existing driveway to the east of the property and opening the curb and sidewalk creating a driveway west of the property at the premises numbered 164 Brattle Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, and Public Works with the condition that owner will install new curb cut. No response has been received from neighborhood association.

5. An application was received from Jorge Domingos, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 9 Sparks Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, and Public Works. No response has been received from neighborhood association.
6. An application was received from Lev Markov, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 117 Lexington Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, and Public Works with the condition that the owner will be responsible for installation of curb cut and repair of sidewalk. No response has been received from neighborhood association.
7. An application was received from 1369 Coffee House, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 1369 Cambridge Street.
8. An application was received from 1369 Coffee House, requesting permission for four tables and sixteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 757 Massachusetts Avenue.
9. An application was received from 88.9 WERS, requesting permission for a table and chairs to display of merchandise in front of premises numbered 630 Massachusetts Avenue in conjunction with the Central Square Holiday event on December 12, 2006.
10. An application was received from Sergio Espinoza, requesting permission for a table to display of merchandise in front of premises numbered 694 Massachusetts Avenue in conjunction with the Central Square Holiday event on December 12, 2006.
11. An application was received from Mosaic Dance Body, requesting permission for a table and chairs to display of merchandise at the corner of Prospect Street and Massachusetts Avenue in conjunction with the Central Square Holiday event on December 12, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Jon Williams, regarding a parking plan that would reduce the number of parking places in the Dana Street area.
2. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding the city government to create four new departments.
3. A communication was received from Kathy Podgers, regarding information on emergency preparedness for you and your pets.
4. A communication was received from Mary Ann Herlihy and family, transmitting thanks to the Mayor and City Council for the resolution in honor of her husband, John.
5. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding running City Council meetings, voting rules, personal privilege and youth violence.
6. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding misfeasance.
7. A communication was received from Noam Weinstein, transmitting thanks to the entire Council for the generous show of support.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Nelson P. Pina. Mayor Reeves
2. Resolution on the death of Marion Betty O'Connor. Councillor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of Kenneth R. Moe. Councillor Sullivan
4. Congratulations to Ron Savage on his achievements and wish him well as the Ron Savage Quartet performs at An Evening of Jazz presented by the Abundant Life Church on Dec 8, 2006. Mayor Reeves
5. Resolution on the death of Evaristo Santiago. Vice Mayor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Salvatore "Sal" Coppola. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of Robert F. Sheehan. Councillor Sullivan
8. Resolution on the death of Alexandrina F. (Rodrigues) Serpa. Councillor Sullivan
9. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Kristopher Warren. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Daniel Allman II. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jang Kim. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Timothy Brown. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Mario Gonzalez. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Specialist Eric Rivera. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Michael Scholl. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Specialist Eric Vizcaino. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Courtland Kennard. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Angel De Jesus Lucio Ramirez. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Specialist Brad Shilling. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jeremy Shock. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael Mutz. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Michael Cerrone. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Captain John Dennison. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Misael Martinez. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Richwell Doria. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Specialist Justin Garcia. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Gregory McCoy. Councillor Decker

28. Resolution on the death of Captain Rhett Schiller. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant William Jackson II. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Harry Winkler III. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Bryan Burgess. Councillor Decker
32. Resolution on the death of Sergeant 1st Class Tung Nguyen. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Sergeant 1st Class Schuyler Haynes. Councillor Decker
34. Resolution on the death of Colonel Thomas Felts Sr. Councillor Decker
35. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin Drama and Music Departments on their performance and production of the musical, Little Shop of Horrors. Councillor Davis
36. Thanks to Thomas P. O'Neill III for his many years of leadership to the Mount Auburn Hospital. Councillor Sullivan
37. Happy 73rd Birthday wishes to His Majesty, Emperor Akihito of Japan. Councillor Sullivan
38. Congratulations to Centro Presente as it celebrates 25 years of work for social and economic justice for immigrant rights. Councillor Sullivan
39. Proclaim the week of Jan 2-9, 2007 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" in Cambridge. Mayor Reeves
40. Congratulations to Joseph Fournier as he pursues his goal as a United States Air Force Firefighter. Councillor Galluccio
41. Resolution on the death of Stephen John Heywood. Councillor Sullivan
42. Resolution on the death of Concetta A. (Alibrandi) DiCara. Vice Mayor Toomey
43. Resolution on the death of Michael J. Sarchioni. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan
44. Congratulations and best wishes to the Cambridge Pop Warner B Team Cheerleaders as they compete for the National Championship in Orlando, Florida on Dec 5, 2006. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Simmons
45. Congratulations to Gus Rancatore and Toscanini's on their 25th anniversary and the publication of his memoir "Ice Cream Man." Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Davis, Councillor Murphy
46. Congratulations to Swanee Hunt on the publication of her new book "Half-Life of a Zealot." Councillor Decker
47. Thanks to Tom P. Workman, M.D. for his dedicated service to the citizens of Cambridge and wish him well in his future endeavors. Councillor Sullivan
48. Thanks to the Cambridge Action Fund Inc. on their annual forum entitled "How Best to Help the Homeless." Councillor Sullivan
49. Resolution on the death of Luigi Fusco. Councillor Sullivan
50. Thanks to the businesses and organization that contributed food and support to the women affected by the fire at the YWCA. Councillor Davis
51. Resolution on the death of Jack E. Robinson. Councillor Sullivan
52. Resolution on the death of Manuel R. Moreira. Vice Mayor Toomey
53. Congratulations to Lyme Properties on receiving the Phoenix Award from the Environmental Protection Agency. Vice Mayor Toomey
54. Resolution on the death of Merico "Pope" Petrolati. Vice Mayor Toomey
55. Resolution on the death of John J. "Buster" Woods. Councillor Galluccio
56. Congratulations to the Everett Crimson Tide Football and Cheerleading Teams for winning the Division I State Football Superbowl. Councillor Galluccio
57. Resolution on the death of Brian Owens. Vice Mayor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to work with the area neighbors to study the conflicts at the Rindge Avenue/Massachusetts Avenue intersection and make recommendations for immediate and long-term improvements that lead to a safer intersection and report back to the City Council. Councillor Davis **AMENDED**
2. That the City Council urge Governor-elect Deval Patrick to sign Massachusetts onto the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as soon as he takes office. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to notify the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Cambridge Disabilities Commission about the dangerous condition of the sidewalk beside Memorial Drive that lies behind the headquarters of the Harvard Facilities Department between River Street and Western Avenue. Councillor Davis **AMENDED**
4. That the City Manager is requested to re-establish a study commission dealing with review of the previous study of North Massachusetts Avenue, updating said study and an implementation plan. Councillor Sullivan
5. That the City Council support "E-accessibility"-making information intended for the general public available to persons with disabilities in accessible formats and technologies appropriate to different kinds of disabilities in a timely manner and without additional cost. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to ensure that the Walden Street Bridge website is updated on a weekly basis so that the public can be apprised of the current status of the project. Councillor Kelley
7. That the Mayor is requested to conduct an interim review of the research assistant program to include an analysis of the research actually conducted by these assistants and a review of any other duties they may carry out. Councillor Kelley **REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

AND RULES COMMITTEE ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DAVIS

8. That the City Manager is requested to investigate whether ChemLawn is being used on the Cambridge side of the Charles River and if so, to take the proper steps to see if a more environmentally safe substance can be used. Councillor Simmons
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to update the City Council on follow up from various committee meetings relative to housing policy. Councillor Simmons
10. That the City Council's University Relations Committee hold a hearing on developing a partnership with the Universities, Institute, businesses, neighbors and city for the planning of Massachusetts Avenue. Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Murphy
11. That the City Manager is requested to convene a meeting with the residents and property owners in and around Tyler Court to discuss public safety issues. Councillor Kelley
12. Support of the measurement of mechanical noise as specified in the ordinance requiring "measurement from the nearest point to the nuisance noise source on the lot line of the neighbor or complainant..." Councillor Kelley
13. Request that the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee develop a task force to continue discussing the matter of the complex alcohol cap policy. Councillor Decker **AMENDED**
14. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner for a status update on what current outreach and programs are being offered to those who have recently been released from prison. Councillor Decker
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner for a status update regarding the meeting held with Anthony Braga. Councillor Decker
16. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance to provide the City Council with a status update on whether a nutritionist is working with the food pantries on a regular basis. Councillor Decker
17. That the City Manager is requested to contact Governor-elect Deval Patrick's transition team "Energy & Environment" working group to highlight the need to allow new municipal electric utilities in Massachusetts. Councillor Sullivan
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Water Board and revisit the Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan with the hopes that a compromise in the best interest of public safety is achieved. Councillor Sullivan
19. That the City Manager is requested to confer with NSTAR for a status update of the work being done by NSTAR on the Walden Street Bridge. Councillor Decker
20. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on what resources are available to those in need of heating assistance. Councillor Decker

21. That the City Manager is requested to ensure that the reopening of the waitlists for family public housing and the Housing Choice Voucher programs, along with the details, be posted on the Cambridge web site and on Cambridge Municipal television. Councillor Davis, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Simmons
22. That the City Manager is requested to report back to this City Council with a report on safety issues in the area of Elm and Davenport Streets where it is reported that parked cars obstruct the visibility of motorists in this area. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a copy of a memorandum from Joseph E. Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC to the Cambridge Retirement Board regarding required Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation.
2. A communication was received from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, regarding City Manager Agenda Item Number Twenty on the hiring process and selection criteria for the new Police Commissioner.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 4

- 3:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to finalize the language of the FY-08 City Council Goals for submission to the full City Council for its review and vote. (Ackermann Room)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 6

- 5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Awaiting Report 06-77 regarding weekly inspections by bicyclists of potholes and other defects on main bicycle routes. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 11

- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 12

- 11:30am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss Electro Muscular Disruption Technology, and guns and gun traffic. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss city plans to address pedestrian issues related to the new Lechmere Station. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 13

- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed order for the City Manager to require utilization of a more protective noise affidavit in building/construction permit applications. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to require public review for smaller scaled residential and commercial development in B, BA-1 and B-2 districts and reduced heights and increased side yard requirements in these districts under certain circumstances. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:45pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the recommendation from the Cambridge Historical Commission on the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study. (Sullivan Chamber)

7:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the question of whether all neighborhood conservation districts should have the same review standards. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 8, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Jan 9, 2007

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following: Awaiting Report 06-119 regarding the contributions required of contractors who receive permits to disrupt street and sidewalk pavement and Awaiting Report 06-116 regarding a report to charge rent for parking spaces. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 22, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 29, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 5, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 12, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 26, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 5, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 12, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 19, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 26, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 9, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 23, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 30, 2007

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 December 4, 2006 **AMENDED**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Walden Street bridge is closed and drivers are seeking alternate routes, including Rindge Avenue; and

WHEREAS: Many pedestrians cross Massachusetts Avenue at Rindge Avenue and there are conflicts between pedestrians and cars as well as between bikers and cars; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the area neighbors to study the conflicts at the Rindge Avenue/Massachusetts Avenue and **Brookline Street and**

Massachusetts Avenue intersections and make recommendations for immediate and long-term improvements that would lead to a safer intersection and report back to the City Council.

O-2 December 4, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to urge Governor-elect Deval Patrick to sign Massachusetts onto the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as soon as he takes office.

O-3 December 4, 2006 **AMENDED**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The stretch of "sidewalk" beside Memorial Drive that lies behind the headquarters of the Harvard Facilities Department between River Street and Western Avenue is in such deplorable condition that it is impossible for wheelchairs and hazardous for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS: There is a fifteen yard section that is 20-24" wide where the pavement is broken and jagged toward Memorial Drive and causes a drop-off that is very dangerous and fills with water when it rains; and

WHEREAS: The section of sidewalk from the entrance to Riverside Park to the Shell Station at the corner of River Street is extremely bumpy and broken with one stretch where the pavement is only 18" wide and another which includes a raised metal platform; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Cambridge Disabilities Commission, state officials concerned with disabilities, and Tom Vautin, Harvard's Associate Vice President for Facilities and Environmental Services about the dangerous condition of this sidewalk; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to notify the Cambridge delegation about this dangerous and inaccessible sidewalk; and **be it further**

ORDERED: That if no action is taken within six weeks that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to file a complaint with the Massachusetts Architectural Board.

O-4 December 4, 2006

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Approximately fifteen years ago the City issued a study of North Massachusetts Avenue dealing with the mix and vitality of the avenue; and

WHEREAS: The City Council recently passed zoning amendments that would require the construction of ground floor retail space, however it would not mandate such use; and

WHEREAS: A vibrant community has mixed-use developments that provide for the needs of the community, with mixed retail uses which provide streetscape life; and

WHEREAS: These retail uses are dependent upon one another for survival; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to re-establish a study commission dealing with review of the previous study of North Massachusetts Avenue, updating said study and providing an implementation plan; and be it further

ORDERED: That said study should include the area along Massachusetts Avenue, both North of Harvard Square and North of Porter Square to the Arlington line; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council within one month on the appointment of the study commission and the commission report to be completed within six months and reported to the City Council.

O-5 December 4, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: December 3, 2006 is International Day of Disabled Persons; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting "E-accessibility"-making information intended for the general public available to persons with disabilities in accessible formats and technologies appropriate to different kinds of disabilities in a timely manner and without additional cost; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a timeline for reaching these goals.

O-6 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Walden Street Bridge construction project has caused significant traffic disruptions throughout North Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The construction project is officially planned to last until the fall of 2008; and

WHEREAS: Residents of Cambridge and people who drive through Cambridge have expressed concern over the status of the bridge's repairs and would like an easy way to keep up to date on the project; and

WHEREAS: The city's website on the Bridge Project has not been updated since early October, 2006; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to ensure that the Bridge website is updated on a weekly basis, with an explanation of what happened in the previous week and what is planned to happen in the following week; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to have the portable information lights that now state that the Walden Street Bridge is closed to also include a reference to the Walden Street Bridge website for people who would like to learn more about the current status of this project; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to ensure that the Walden Street Bridge website address is easily remembered by people who see the information sign; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads to also change the wording on the informational light signs to note that the Walden Street Bridge is open to both pedestrians and cyclists; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this issue by January 8, 2007.

O-7 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Through the Mayor's Office, the City Council started a program of research assistants in August, 2006; and

WHEREAS: There is some public confusion over the role of these research assistants; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor is requested to conduct an interim review of the research assistant program to include an analysis of the research actually conducted by these assistants and a review of any other duties they may carry out; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor is requested to provide the results of this interim review in a written format to facilitate further discussion of this issue.

REFERRED TO THE GOV'T OPERATIONS AND RULES COMMITTEE ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DAVIS

O-8 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has made the commitment to environmentally safe practices; and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that ChemLawn will be used on the entire Cambridge side of the banks of the Charles River; and

WHEREAS: ChemLawn may not be environmentally safe; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate whether ChemLawn is indeed being used and if so, to take the proper steps to see if a more environmentally safe substance can be used.

O-9 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: In Order Number 9 of January 23, 2003, the City Council requested an update on the City's Housing Policy and further requested that a facilitated workshop be held on this topic; and

WHEREAS: On April 12, 2006, the City Council met with the Affordable Housing Trust in a facilitated roundtable discussion; and

WHEREAS: On September 27, 2006, the Housing Committee held a public meeting to discuss follow up to that roundtable discussion; 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 update the City Council on follow up from that committee meeting relative to housing policy.

O-10 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The universities and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (the Institute) have a significant impact on the economic development of our community as well as providing community benefits; and

WHEREAS: There have been a number of Council Orders dealing with both the declining nature and the need for investment along major sections of Massachusetts Avenue; and

WHEREAS: The universities and the Institute own major portions of the area along Massachusetts Avenue and are major players in maintaining the magic of some sections of the Avenue as well as making an investment in the "dead zones;" now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council's University Relations Committee hold a hearing on creating a partnership with the universities, Institute, businesses, neighbors and the City for the development of a plan to enable the Avenue to reach its full potential.

O-11 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Tyler Court area of North Cambridge is being extensively re-developed and is likely to be re-developed even further in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS: Current and future Tyler Court development poses severe public safety issues in terms of vehicular access and lighting; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a meeting with the residents and property owners in and around Tyler Court, to include Edmunds Street and Massachusetts Avenue; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that representatives from the City Electrician's Office and the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation attend this meeting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to invite representatives from the Community Development Department and the Department of Public Works to attend this meeting.

O-12 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: A citizen's property includes the yard/outdoor area around the building upon which rent or property taxes are paid; and

WHEREAS: The full enjoyment of that property both inside and outdoors must be protected as described in the Cambridge Noise Ordinance; and

WHEREAS: Noise from building mechanical equipment can be very loud and disruptive to area residents and businesses and excessive noise can be harmful to long-term human health; and
WHEREAS: Noise from building mechanical equipment is regulated by the City of Cambridge at 50 decibels in the evening and 60 decibels during the day; and
WHEREAS: The License Commission does not always measure mechanical noise as specified in the Noise Ordinance; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record supporting the measurement of mechanical noise as specified in the ordinance requiring "measurement from the nearest point to the nuisance noise source on the lot line of the neighbor or complainant..."

O-13 December 4, 2006 **AMENDED**
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a complex alcohol cap policy; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting that the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee develop a task force to continue discussing this matter; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the License Commission and its Advisory Board, the Human Services Department, the Economic Development division of the Community Development Department and any other appropriate City department to participate in this Task Force; and be it further
ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee.

O-14 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner for a status update on what current outreach and programs are being offered to those who have recently been released from prison; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back his findings to the City Council.

O-15 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner for a status update regarding the meeting held with Anthony Braga.

O-16 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: In a previous Health and Environment Committee meeting it was discussed that the Cambridge Health Alliance provide the services of a nutritionist to work with the food pantries on a regular basis to provide assistance with customers who need special diets; and
WHEREAS: The City Council adopted an order on this matter on June 25, 2005; and
WHEREAS: It is unclear if these services are taking place in the food pantries; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance to provide the City Council with a status update on whether a nutritionist is working with the food pantries on a regular basis.

O-17 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Investor-owned electric utilities (or "IOUs") currently enjoy a monopoly in their respective service area, resulting in high electricity prices and poor service, particularly from NSTAR; and
WHEREAS: Legislation is needed to allow a municipality to purchase the IOU's assets at their fair value in order to form a municipal electric utility (or "Muni"). Two bills were introduced in the 2005-06 legislative session; and

WHEREAS: Simplification of these municipal electric utilities would allow Massachusetts residents, businesses and municipalities lower rates and better service; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact Governor-elect Deval Patrick's transition team "Energy & Environment" working group to highlight the need to allow new municipal electric utilities in Massachusetts; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council.

O-18 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The residents of Cambridge are concerned that the removal of existing lighting in the area known as "Little Fresh Pond" could lead to a public safety issue; and
WHEREAS: It is known that Fresh Pond is opened from "dawn to dusk" however because of the change of season it is getting darker earlier and the lighting allows for many users of the Fresh Pond to get in some exercise either before or after the work day; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Water Board and revisit the Fresh Pond Reservation Master Plan with the hopes a compromise that is in the best interest of public safety is achieved; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council.

O-19 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with NSTAR for a status update of the work being done by NSTAR on the Walden Street Bridge; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-20 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments on what resources are available to those in need of heating assistance; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-21 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: The Cambridge housing authority is reopening the waitlists for family federal public housing and the Housing choice Voucher programs (Section 8); and
WHEREAS: Effective December 5, 2006 applications for these programs will be available in the lobby of 675 Massachusetts Avenue and online at www.cambridge-housing.org; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that this information, along with the details in the attached letter from the Cambridge Housing Authority, be posted on the Cambridge web site and on Cambridge Municipal television.

O-22 December 4, 2006
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council with a report on safety issues in the area of Elm and Davenport Streets where it is reported that parked cars obstruct the visibility of motorists in this area; and be it further
ORDERED: That a report with recent accidents that have taken place at this intersection be submitted to the City Council.