

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for \$21,600 to the Grant Fund Public Celebrations (Arts Council) Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used to provide mini-grants to artists, arts organizations and community groups in Cambridge.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$175,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account (Insurance) to the General Fund Fire Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for fire personnel injured in performance of their duties.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-112, regarding a report on increased on-street parking pressure from residents of the apartment complex at 205 and 225 Walden Street.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-127, regarding a report on the issuance and effects of special variances under the provisions of the Noise Ordinance.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constable without power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2008: Brenden Fraser, Steve Ortiz
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program grant for \$2,249,710.00 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 (\$282,479.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,961,231.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Travel and Training account (\$6,000.00) and will provide funds for the operation of the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serving Cambridge and Somerville.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-95, regarding a report on statistics of all formal enforcement actions involving excessive noise from January 2007 and June 2008. **Referred to Health & Environment Committee and Transportation, Traffic & Parking Committee - Davis**
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 08-138, regarding the status of street work at Columbus Avenue.

## ON THE TABLE

1. Opposition to the closing of the Oliver Farnum Senior Health Center. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Maher on Order Number Fourteen of Nov 3, 2008.]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]

## APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Tory Row, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 3 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development Department, Historical Commission and abutters.
2. An application was received from Original Mike's Gym, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign next to premises numbered 691 Concord Avenue.
3. An application was received from Harvard Coop, requesting permission for two sandwich board signs in front and rear 1400 Massachusetts Avenue.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Robert J. La Tremouille, regarding the BU Bridge reconstruction project.
2. A communication was received from Daniel Andrew Schofield-Bodt, President, Unofficial Tours, 124 Mt. Auburn Street, regarding future use of space at the Out of Town News site in Harvard Square.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Ann L. Sartanowicz. Councillor Maher
2. Thanks to the Cambridge Fire Department for its good work and effort in battling the Prince Street fire. Councillor Decker
3. Thanks to the Tavern in the Square for holding its 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 27, 2008. Councillor Decker, Mayor Simmons
4. Thanks to Ilana Goldman for her work with the Women's Campaign Forum and best of luck in future endeavors. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Penny (Mullen) Piro. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Specialist Armando A. De La Paz. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Specialist Corey M. Shea. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Theron V. Hobbs. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jose Regalado. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Corporal Aaron M. Allen. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Bradley S. Coleman. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist James M. Clay. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Specialist Adam M. Wenger. Councillor Decker

**December 8, 2008 Cambridge City Council meeting**

14. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Christian P. Humphreys. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Scott J. Metcalf. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Chief Warrant Officer Donald V. Clark. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Timothy H. Walker. Councillor Decker
18. Happy birthday wishes to Sharon Pritchett. Mayor Simmons
19. Get well wishes to Fred Fantini. Councillor Toomey
20. Get well wishes to Spike Lawless. Councillor Toomey
21. Thanking Mass Ave Baptist Church for their efforts in feeding the community on Thanksgiving Day. Mayor Simmons
22. Resolution on the death of Richard Dangora. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Dr. Marjorie Rekant. Councillor Toomey
24. Congratulating Patricia Montes on being the new Executive Director of Centro Presente. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Private Charles Yi Barnett. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Captain Warren A. Frank. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant William K. Jernigan. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Miguel A. Wilson. Councillor Decker
29. Resolution on the death of Gunnery Sergeant Marcelo R. Velasco. Councillor Decker
30. Resolution on the death of Master Sergeant Anthony Davis. Councillor Decker
31. Resolution on the death of Rev. Edward M. McMahon. Councillor Maher, Councillor Reeves
32. Congratulating the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership on its 25th Anniversary. Councillor Decker
33. Resolution on the death of Corine Moore. Councillor Reeves
34. Declare December 9, 2008 as Central Square Theater Day in Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
35. Happy 90th Birthday to Valentina Perry. Councillor Toomey
36. Congratulating Alex Rigopoulos and Eran Egozy on the enormous success they and Harmonix are enjoying. Councillor Toomey
37. Congratulating the Haitian Community Forum on its new program. Mayor Simmons
38. Appreciation to all those who have given their time, spirit and resources to assist the victims of the Prince Street Fire. Mayor Simmons, Councillor Davis
39. Extending its condolences to the families of those who perished in the violent Mumbai attacks. Councillor Davis
40. Welcoming Sofra to Cambridge. Councillor Davis
41. Get Well wishes to Honorable Reginald Lindsay. Councillor Reeves
42. Congratulations to the Department of Public Health on launching their new programs, "Mens Health League", "Fit for Life" and "Fitness Buddies." Councillor Reeves
43. Resolution on the death of Tina DiDomenico. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
44. Resolution on the death of Charlotte W. Hill. Councillor Davis, Mayor Simmons
45. Resolution on the death of Mary Anna (Feroletto) Camelio. Councillor Maher

46. Thanks to the members of the Public Construction team for their hard work in making street dedications possible. Councillor Toomey
47. Resolution on the death of Manuel C. Bairos. Councillor Toomey

## ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to designate relevant staff to meet with the Health and Environment Committee to report how new code measures will affect the city and how building inspectors will be trained to assure compliant and quality installation of all measures related to energy efficiency. Councillor Davis
2. That the City Manager is requested to appoint a public housing or Section 8 tenant to fill the existing vacancy on the Cambridge Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners. Councillor Decker
3. That the Mayor schedule a roundtable with the School Committee, to which relevant Department staff would be invited to discuss the use of CPS facilities by both CPS and non-CPS entities. Councillor Kelley
4. That the City Manager ensure that all reasonable methods of informing the public of the new sticker placement requirements are utilized to make sure people understand where to place the new parking stickers. Councillor Kelley
5. That the City Council meeting scheduled for Dec 29, 2008 be and hereby is cancelled. Councillor Toomey
6. Support of the national single payer health care system. Councillor Kelley
7. That the City Manager update the City Council on any progress of stopping delivery to Porter Chevrolet via Lexington Avenue. Councillor Maher
8. That the City Manager to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and any other relevant personnel, to review the Article XXIV Special District Parking Regulation and report back on proposed remedies to the residents' concerns. Mayor Simmons
9. That the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development staff to report on how many businesses similar to Biogen have relocated some or all of their personnel from Cambridge-based offices, whether there is any indication that other businesses are contemplating or preparing to leave Cambridge, and what are our strategies to keep businesses in Cambridge and to encourage and attract new businesses to Cambridge in both the short- and long-term. Mayor Simmons
10. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the Council on the status of pedestrian access in and around Russell Field with a hope that convenient pedestrian access from Clifton Street to the T Station will be uninterrupted. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on staffing for the Human Rights Commission. Mayor Simmons
12. That the City Manager is requested to bring forward regulations and appropriate fines for the Council to consider to address recurring problems with trash collection and storage at large multi-unit buildings. Councillor Davis

13. That the City Manager is requested to rename the building the Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center.  
Councillor Davis
14. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as urging the Governor and Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health to retain funding for the Cambridge-Somerville Social Club, even if the general budget line item for social clubs across the state continues to be eliminated.  
Councillor Davis **Amended**
15. That the City Manager is requested to explore the possibility of a dog park at NorthPoint. Councillor Davis
16. That the City Manager arrange for relevant staff to meet, in consultation with the Ordinance Committee, to propose remedies [for issues raised re: 280-290 River St.], including examining how these matters are addressed in other communities. Councillor Davis
17. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council on the status of the report on land use, housing or the programs and incentives other cities have utilized to stabilize or increase the family population in their cities, as requested in City Council Order Number Thirteen of July 28, 2008. Councillor Seidel
18. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the draft amendment to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to enable the city the option of requiring the calculation of the affordable housing donation in square footage; said draft was most recently requested in City Council Order Number Eleven of July 28, 2008.  
Councillor Seidel
19. That the City Manager confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the Housing Committee with the report requested in Order Number Twelve of July 28, 2008 for a detailed description of how the Zoning Ordinance could be amended to utilize special permits to encourage the construction of larger families sized market rate units. Councillor Seidel
20. That the City Manager, a representative from the Historical Commission, Office of Tourism, Community Development Department (Economic Development), Harvard Square Business Association, Harvard University, and the interested citizens to meet with the City Council Committee on Economic Development, Training and Employment to discuss future potential plans and uses for the Kiosk. The meeting should be scheduled prior to the end of 2008. Councillor Reeves
21. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on the number of spaces in city-owned lots and garages that are designated for car sharing programs. Councillor Toomey
22. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if a super crosswalk similar to the one in Harvard Square would be a safety improvement to the intersection of First and Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 28, 2008 to receive a report on the recent workshop with the Harlem Children's Zone and next steps for supporting early childhood services.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment Committee, for a meeting held on Oct 30, 2008 to discuss winter heating and weatherization.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held Nov 5, 2008 to discuss NorthPoint.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 9

1:00pm The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of the Human Services Committee trip to the Harlem Children's Zone and next steps to support children and their families during early childhood. (Sullivan Chamber)

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

### Wed, Dec 10

1:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the process that the City Council will use to evaluate the City Manager. (Ackermann Room)

### Thurs, Dec 11

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a zoning petition submitted by Lesley University to create a new Lesley Porter Overlay District in the area of Porter Square with a base Business C zoning district. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Dec 16

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss planning along Massachusetts Avenue, between Harvard and Porter Squares and the impacts of possible development along this corridor. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 22

5:15pm Special Presentation to thank all involved in the disaster relief effort for victims of the Prince Street fire. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Jan 7

5:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to hear from the public regarding the evaluation of the City Manager. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Jan 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**December 8, 2008 Cambridge City Council meeting**

**Tues, Jan 13**

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss opportunities to grow fresh fruits and vegetables in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Wed, Jan 14**

6:00pm Human Services Committee (Broad Institute, 7 Cambridge Center)

**Mon, Jan 26**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting on emergency preparedness. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 3**

5:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Feb 23**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with NSTAR. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Feb 24**

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

**Mon, Mar 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Mar 30**

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting with School Committee. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 6**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 13**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Apr 27**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 4**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 11**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, May 18**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 1**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 8**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 15**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 22**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, June 29**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Eighty percent of Cambridge's carbon footprint comes from buildings; and

WHEREAS: Energy efficiency measures to reach the City's goal of reducing its carbon emissions involve retrofitting existing buildings and building new energy efficient buildings; and

WHEREAS: New energy efficient building code measures will require more careful inspection of such things as insulation and other building attributes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate relevant staff to meet with the Health and Environment Committee to report how new code measures will affect the city and how building inspectors will be trained to assure compliant and quality installation of all measures related to energy efficiency.

O-2 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to appoint a public housing or Section 8 tenant to fill the existing vacancy on the Cambridge Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the appropriate City department to send letters to all public housing and Section 8 tenants advertising this existing vacancy; and be it further

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

O-3 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Conflicts over the use of Cambridge Public School (CPS) buildings during out-of-school time has led to friction between various parties who had hoped or planned to use CPS facilities for various activities but could not because other activities, either CPS-based or non-CPS activities, had pre-empted them; and

WHEREAS: Many people do not understand the policies underlying use of CPS-facilities, to include how CPS decides the priorities between competing non-CPS activities that would like to use the same facilities at the same time; now be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a roundtable with the School Committee, to which relevant Department staff would be invited to discuss the use of CPS facilities by both CPS and non-CPS entities.

O-4 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge Residential Parking Permits will be placed in the windshield in the coming year; and

WHEREAS: This placement is new and will not be expected, or understood, by some residents; and

WHEREAS: Residents may continue to place their parking stickers where they have always placed them in violation of the new rules; and

WHEREAS: Such improper placement may be frustrating for both residents and parking control officers and may also lead to additional parking tickets for residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that all reasonable methods of informing the public of the new sticker placement requirements are utilized to make sure people understand where to place the new parking stickers.

Suggested methods include notices on City Cable, prominent directions in the packet along with the new sticker and verbal instructions at the desk when stickers are handed out in person; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the rationale for developing and implementing these new regulations.

O-5 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Dec 29, 2008 be and hereby is cancelled.

O-6 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Affordable health care remains one of our nation's biggest obstacles in ensuring Americans are as healthy, happy and prosperous as possible; and

WHEREAS: Recent changes in health care laws have indicated that significant reform to the entire health care system is needed to make affordable health care adequately available to the general public; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the national single payer health care system; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution along with a copy of the attached letter to Cambridge's Congressional Representatives on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on any progress in stopping delivery to Porter Chevrolet via Lexington Avenue.

O-8 Dec 8, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Special Districts 12, 13, and 14 under the Article XXIV Special District Parking Regulation prevents those who live in the Harvard University dormitories and housing developments constructed after Oct 27, 2003 from being eligible to receive a Resident Parking Permit or Visitor Pass from the City of Cambridge for on-street parking; and

WHEREAS: This arrangement was adopted by the City Council in Oct 2003, as the result of a compromise that sought to balance the City's concerns about the lack of parking with the University's desire to construct new buildings and residences; and

WHEREAS: Residents who live in the areas covered under this agreement have been voicing their displeasure to the Mayor's Office. These residents – who are neither Harvard University students nor employees – state that it is unfair to have them pay taxes to the City, and to be considered full residents, while at the same time blocking them from obtaining on-street parking permits. Residents are also unhappy that they cannot obtain guest permits that would allow friends and family to visit their homes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department, and any other relevant personnel, to review the Article XXIV Special District Parking Regulation and report back on proposed remedies to the residents' concerns.

O-9 Dec 8, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development staff to report on how many businesses similar to Biogen have relocated some or all of their personnel from Cambridge-based offices, whether there is any indication that other businesses are contemplating or preparing to leave Cambridge, and what are our strategies to keep businesses in Cambridge and to encourage and attract new businesses to Cambridge in both the short- and long-term.

O-10 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council on the status of pedestrian access in and

around Russell Field with a hope that convenient pedestrian access from Clifton Street to the T Station will be uninterrupted.

O-11 Dec 8, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on staffing for the Human Rights Commission.

O-12 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There are continuing problems with large multifamily buildings and the storage and collection of trash; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to bring forward regulations and appropriate fines for the Council to consider to address recurring problems with trash collection and storage at large multi-unit buildings.

O-13 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The restored War Memorial is due to open in January; and

WHEREAS: With the mobility of the Cambridge population, many may not have an idea of the resources available in the War Memorial building since the name gives no indication of its function; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to rename the building the Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center.

O-14 Dec 8, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Governor Patrick's budget cuts have eliminated many services designed to meet the needs of the state's most severely mentally ill residents, the Cambridge-Somerville Social Club among them; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge-Somerville Social Club serves approximately 160 patients and will now have no local alternative programming available to them; and

WHEREAS: Their only viable options will be clubhouses in Brookline and Boston which would exceed the financial, much less the emotional resources of the Social Club clients and without sufficient structured daily and early evening programming, the clients will likely spend their time on the streets or isolated in their residences, at grave risk for decompensation and loss of function; and

WHEREAS: Clients will also require much increased attention at psychiatric emergency services and psychiatric inpatient units, at significantly increased cost to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge and Somerville have been targeted with over 10% of all DMH cuts across the State, not including whatever cuts may accrue to the Cambridge Health Alliance; now therefore be it

**ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with the Mayors of Cambridge and Somerville, the Assistant City Manager for Human Services and stakeholders of the Cambridge-Somerville Social Club to discuss and advocate for a structure that resembles the Cambridge-Somerville Social Club and replicate some of the services and functions; and be it further**

**ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as urging the Governor and Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health to retain funding for the Cambridge-Somerville Social Club, even if the general budget line item for social clubs across the state continues to be eliminated; and be it further**

**ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a copy of this resolution to the Cambridge delegation at the State House.**

O-15 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Many residents of the Regatta Riverview Residences on Museum Way are enjoying the new park at NorthPoint; and

WHEREAS: Many of the residents in the NorthPoint area own dogs and wish to keep their dogs safe and give them a location to socialize and play; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of a dog park at NorthPoint.

O-16 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The development at 280-290 River Street has raised concerns about the definitions of side and rear lot lines and types of multifamily structures; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: This matter has been before the Council for a period of time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby arrange for relevant staff to meet, in consultation with the Ordinance Committee, to propose remedies, including examining how these matters are addressed in other communities.

O-17 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the status of the report on land use, housing or other programs and incentives that other cities have utilized to stabilize or increase the family population in their cities, as requested in City Council Order Number Thirteen of July 28, 2008.

O-18 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the draft amendment to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to enable the City the option of requiring the calculation of the affordable housing donation in square footage to support the city goal of providing housing for larger families; said draft was most recently requested in City Council Order Number Eleven of July 28, 2008.

O-19 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide the Housing Committee with the report requested in Order Number Twelve of June 28, 2008 for a detailed description of how the Zoning Ordinance could be amended to utilize special permits to encourage the construction of larger families sized market rate units. If the program would provide for density or other zoning bonuses as incentives, the report should include suggestions for additional provisions and limitations, such as limitations to sites close to public transportation and other locations where increased density is supported by good urban planning principles.

O-20 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Harvard Square, Cambridge, is the most notable American square after Times Square; and

WHEREAS: A recent Boston Phoenix article observed "By now it is a time-honored tradition to bemoan that this red-brick Cantabrigian triangle has lost its character - its soul - as the rapacious chain stores have wedged their big boxes into its tiny, tweedy confines"; and

WHEREAS: The city-owned kiosk, which current tenant Hudson News is leaving, is currently subject to an RFP, issued by the City Manager for a new news stand use; and

WHEREAS: The city-owned Harvard Square Kiosk is a valuable city-owned asset and an integral part of the square's past and future; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager, a representative from the Historical Commission, Office of Tourism, Community Development Department (Economic Development), Harvard Square Business Association, Harvard University, and the interested citizens meet with the City Council Committee on Economic Development Training and Employment to discuss future potential plans and uses for the Kiosk. The meeting should be scheduled prior to the end of 2008.

O-21 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and report back to the City Council on the number of spaces in city-owned lots and garages that are designated for car sharing programs.

O-22 Dec 8, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The intersection of First Street and Cambridge Street is a problem spot for motorists and pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to determine if a super crosswalk similar to the one in Harvard Square would be a safety improvement to this location.