

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Patty Chen, et al Zoning Petition. [The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Petition.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-138, regarding a report on updating the archived Council meetings to a standard platform capable of playback on a mobile device.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-97, regarding a report on the incident at the Cambridge Gateway Inn on July 5, 2012.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a report from the Department of Public Works that summarizes the results from a feasibility study regarding a possible pilot program for curbside food scraps collection from residents for composting.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee is requested to hold a meeting to discuss the light cycle and street layout at the junction of Rindge and Massachusetts Avenue. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Three of Dec 3, 2012.]
2. That the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee is requested to hold a meeting to discuss the impact of tour buses parking, loading, unloading and driving through Harvard Square on local air quality, noise and traffic and to explore possible alternatives that would mitigate those impacts. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Four of Dec 3, 2012.]
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 16, 2012 to discuss the expiring use agreement for University Park and to receive an update from Boston Properties on their commitment to build affordable housing in Kendall Square. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Committee Report Number One of Dec 3, 2012.]
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Housing Committee for a public meeting held on Oct 16, 2012 to receive an update on plans to sell 2 Mount Auburn Street. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Committee Report Number Two of Dec 3, 2012.]

ON THE TABLE

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-09, regarding a report on the use of coal and on Cambridge becoming coal-free. [City Manager Agenda Number One of Mar 5, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Mar 5, 2012.]
6. Urge greater cooperation from the Cambridge Housing Authority to better serve the people of Cambridge. [Order Number Two of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Vice Mayor Simmons on Apr 9, 2012.]

7. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Community Development Department and other relevant departments in order to present to the City Council a map of Cambridge that shows, by location and by date, all of the areas where construction is and will be taking place over the coming decade. [Order Number Four of Apr 9, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Apr 9, 2012.]
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item No. 12-28, regarding temporary ramps and obstructions in construction zones. [City Manager Agenda Number Eight of Apr 23, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on Apr 23, 2012.]
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-35, which requests a report on whether there were any public safety officers that falsified their emergency medical training re-certification while employed by the City of Cambridge. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on City Manager Agenda Number Two of May 21, 2012. Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on June 4, 2012.]
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 12-63 regarding a report on safety issues at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. [City Manager Number Twenty-three of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Kelley on July 30, 2012.]
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and report back to the City Council on whether a tagging program could be implemented to notify owners of bicycles that have been removed from sign posts by the Department of Public Works and contact information for retrieval of said bicycle. [Order Number Fourteen of July 30, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor vanBeuzekom on July 30, 2012. Councillor Toomey recorded in the negative on Tabling.]
12. That the Cambridge City Council go on record urging the members of the Massachusetts Committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling to pass MA House Bill 4165, "An Act Relative to Speed Limits." [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012. Order Number Eleven of Nov 19, 2012 Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Toomey on Dec 3, 2012.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Oct 3, 2012 to discuss a zoning petition filed by Susan Yanow, et al to rezone from the existing Business A to Business A-1 the areas bounded by Windsor, Main Streets, Bishop Allen Drive, Columbia, Prospect and Norfolk Streets; rezone from the existing Bus. B and CRDD to a proposed new district Bus. B-3 in the area bounded by Green, Landsdowne, Magazine and Prospect Streets and Mass. Ave. define as a protected neighborhood zone the area zoned Res. C-1 and bounded by Portland, Main and Windsor Streets and a line 120 feet

north of and parallel to Main Street; rezone the areas currently identified as Municipal Parking Lots along Bishop Allen Drive to a proposed new Municipal Parking District (MP).

14. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public meeting held on Oct 3, 2012 to discuss the zoning petition filed by Patty Chen, et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 20.300 Central Square Overlay District in Section 20.304.5 Use Limitations and Restrictions. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 17, 2012. Planning Board hearing held Nov 20, 2012. Petition expires Feb 12, 2013.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Seventh Sense Bio Systems requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 286 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Community Development and abutters.
2. A zoning petition has been received from Zevart M. Hollisian, Trustee of Garabed B. Hollisian Trust and L-Z Realty Trust and Seth D. Alexander, President, MIT Investment Management Company to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Map by extending the Cambridgeport Revitalization Development District from Green Street out to Massachusetts Avenue in the area adjacent to Blanche Street; said petition includes a map and a commitment letter.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Tom Stohlman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Thanks to Christian Abebe of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
2. Thanks to Jonathan Medina-Rosario of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
3. Thanks to Natnale Mengesha of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
4. Thanks to Lidwine St. Rose of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
5. Thanks to Keshena Octavien of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
6. Thanks to Tristen Howell of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
7. Thanks to Tafari Augustin of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
8. Thanks to Josiane Deguenon of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker

9. Thanks to Amira Nwokeji-Iwuala of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
10. Thanks to Denesia Campbell of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
11. Thanks to Roldy Toussaint of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
12. Thanks to Alex Shulman of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
13. Thanks to Taisha Daniel of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
14. Thanks to Kalieyah Lahens of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
15. Thanks to Lyvenie St. Pierre of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
16. Thanks to Julie Kahn-Schaye of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
17. Thanks to Solome Nakimuli of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
18. Thanks to Zohar Fuller of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
19. Thanks to Olivia Harris of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
20. Thanks to Jamila Derring of the Youth Action Corps for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
21. Congratulations to CCTV for their work in the City of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
22. Resolution on the death of Paul Joseph Murphy. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. "Peggy" O'Connor. Councillor Maher
24. Retirement of Lieutenant Timothy Hogan from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Davis
25. Retirement of Joao Cassama from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Davis
26. Retirement of Salvatore Bonnacci from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Davis
27. Thanks to Carol Sousa, Supervisor of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers, for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
28. Speedy recovery wishes to Bill Zamparelli. Vice Mayor Simmons
29. Thanks to Rabeya Akther of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers for their efforts in making the

- 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
30. Thanks to Ionabe Klais of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
31. Thanks to Michelle Godfrey of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
32. Thanks to Magaly Ayala of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
33. Thanks to Tagesech Wabeto of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
34. Thanks to Carrine Bury of the Community Learning Center's Outreach Workers for their efforts in making the 21 Days of Questions 365 Days of Action campaign a success. Councillor Decker
35. Commend Tags Hardware for their community service in offering a free parcel pick up service in the lower level of their store after a string of stolen packages reported by residents. Councillor Cheung.

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to implement a plan for online, offline, and mobile communication of public safety information that is resilient to power outages and other natural disasters. Councillor Cheung
2. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review the condition of Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and South Street to determine if safety improvements or changes to traffic patterns are necessary. Councillor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to review the condition at the intersection of Windsor Street and Lincoln Street to determine if a STOP sign should be installed to improve public safety. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the cause and other details of the power outage on Nov 29, 2012. Mayor Davis
5. That the Cambridge City Council endorse the letter written by City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding MassDOT challenges. Mayor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine whether a STOP sign might be installed at the corner of Brookline and Erie Street. Vice Mayor Simmons
7. That the City Manager is requested to work with the appropriate City staff to explore how the City of Cambridge might provide a reduced rate Hubway bike-share membership to its limited income residents and report back to the City Council. Councillor vanBeuzekom
8. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department and other agencies

- to purchase the property at 186 Western Avenue and develop it as affordable two or three-bedroom housing for the residents of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
9. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the Law Department, draft a response regarding an Open Meeting Law complaint received on Dec 4, 2012 for the City Council's consideration at its Dec 17, 2012 City Council meeting in order to meet the Dec 21, 2012 deadline. Mayor Davis
 10. That the City Manager is requested to conduct an inventory of school playgrounds for current safety issues and suitability of playground equipment for the age groups being served. Mayor Davis
 11. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department to confer with residents regarding concerns about bump-outs which will reduce parking options, particularly on Windsor Street, as the snow season begins. Councillor Cheung
 12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Finance Department to communicate tax-deductible information in solicitation letters. Councillor Cheung
 13. That the City Manager is requested to call upon members of the Cambridge Congressional delegation and the President to adopt Federal budget policies that prioritize the revitalization of the economy, the creation of millions of new jobs, and a return to broadly-shared prosperity; to avoid cuts to Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits or shifting of costs to the states; to resist cuts to the safety net or to vital services for the most disadvantaged members of society; to restructure our tax system to ensure sufficient revenue - at least 20 percent of GDP by the end of the decade - in order to fund crucial services and investments; and to raise income tax rates on the richest Americans to their levels during the prosperous 1990s. Councillor Cheung
 14. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department regarding posting a sign for no truck traffic on Roberts Road. Councillor Cheung
 15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to finish the utility pole project on Walden Street. Councillor Cheung

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Mayor Henrietta Davis transmitting a copy of the Silver Ribbon Commission Report.
2. A communication was received from Mayor Henrietta Davis transmitting a copy of the safe routes to school order from the School Committee.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 11

4:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the impacts of mobile internet technology on On-Demand Transportation Infrastructure. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 12

4:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on the long-term vision for Kendall Square. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 13

4:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss matters relating to dogs including waste removal, off leash access and other recently raised concerns. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, Dec 18

3:00pm The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to explore the Cambridge Police Department's practices and policies surrounding minority hires, promotions, and recruitment efforts. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Dec 19

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a ban on plastic bags. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:30pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions as it relates to the City Council's desire for a visioning/search process for the City Manager. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Dec 20

4:00pm The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the home improvement program and safety concerns of alleged sub-standard work. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Jan 9

10:00am The Community Health Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the soda ban. (Sullivan Chamber)

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a City Council Zoning Petition, to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by amending the Section 13.59.33 Building and Site Design Requirements for Active Uses and Open Spaces by deleting condition numbered (5) In order to promote pedestrian activity on adjacent public streets from tenants and employees within commercial buildings, any cafeteria serving such commercial space may be located only on the ground floor level of a building and must be opened to the public at least 20 hours per week. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Jan 10

2:00pm Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 6

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 13

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to implement a plan for online, offline, and mobile communication of public safety information that is resilient to power outages and other natural disasters.

O-2 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and South Street in Somerville is currently a two-way street; and

WHEREAS: This portion of Windsor Street is a narrow roadway and two-way traffic can, at times, pose traffic issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review the condition of Windsor Street between Cambridge Street and South Street to determine if safety improvements or changes to traffic patterns are necessary.

O-3 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Historically residents have sought traffic improvements at the intersection of Lincoln Street and Windsor Street; and

WHEREAS: New housing developed at this intersection will bring more pedestrians and vehicles traveling on Windsor Street and concerns about safety of this intersection have persisted; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to review the condition at the intersection of Windsor Street and Lincoln Street to determine if a STOP sign should be installed to improve public safety.

O-4 Dec 10, 2012

MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There was a power outage on Nov 29, 2012 that affected much of the city; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the cause and other details of the power outage.

O-5 Dec 10, 2012

MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council endorse the letter written by City Manager Robert W. Healy regarding MassDOT challenges; and be it

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-6 Dec 10, 2012

VICE MAYOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the City Council's attention that residents of the LBJ Apartments have voiced their concern over continued speeding vehicles on Brookline Street near Erie Street, despite the raised crosswalk that had been installed to lessen the dangers associated with this issue. Residents maintain that speeding vehicles create a potentially dangerous environment for pedestrians; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine whether a STOP sign might be installed at the corner of Brookline and Erie Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of implementing this speed control measure.

O-7 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

WHEREAS: The Hubway bike-share program has successfully provided both transportation and recreation which is often cheaper and more direct in many cases than the -MBTA; and better exercise than a cab; and often faster than a car in rush hour; and

WHEREAS: The growing bike culture and expanding, local infrastructure within Cambridge and the greater region supports this mode of transportation and the Hubway bike-share membership costs are approximately \$85/year; and

WHEREAS: Public access to the Hubway bike-share program may not be within the financial reach for every resident of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The city of Boston offers to its low-income residents a reduced rate Hubway bike-share membership for \$5/year, that additionally expands the basic rental time

from 30 minutes to 60 minutes and includes a helmet; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the appropriate City staff to explore how the City of Cambridge might provide a reduced rate Hubway bike-share membership to its limited income residents and report back to the City Council.

O-8 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The house at 186 Western Avenue has been abandoned and boarded up for years. This house is a blight in the neighborhood; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department and other agencies to purchase the property and develop it as affordable two or three-bedroom housing for the residents of Cambridge.

O-9 Dec 10, 2012

MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Clerk, in consultation with the Law Department, draft a response regarding an Open Meeting Law complaint received on Dec 4, 2012 for the City Council's consideration at its Dec 17, 2012 City Council meeting in order to meet the Dec 21, 2012 deadline.

O-10 Dec 10, 2012

MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Schools have been reorganized by age group; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to conduct an inventory of school playgrounds for current safety issues and suitability of playground equipment for the age groups being served; 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-11 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that neighborhoods being impacted by the Alewife Sewer Separation Project have expressed concerns about bump-outs reducing their parking options, particularly on Windsor Street as the snow season begins; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department to confer with residents regarding these concerns and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-12 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Donors interesting in contributing to the Scholarship Fund are interested in knowing whether donations are tax-deductible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Finance Department to communicate this information in solicitation letters and report back to the Cambridge City Council.

O-13 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: Local Progress, a coalition of progressive local elected officials from more than 30 cities and towns around the country, is pushing for a fair federal budget deal that best benefits municipalities; and

WHEREAS: The United States government is currently confronting major decisions regarding our nation's budget and fiscal policies; and

WHEREAS: As the American economy continues its slow and inadequate recovery from the Great Recession, twenty million people want to work full time but cannot; unemployment stubbornly remains at 8 percent; and a weak economy undermines the nation's social fabric and deprives future generations of the opportunity to live rich and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are central to the vitality of the middle class and keep millions of Americans out of poverty and federal investments in education and infrastructure are essential to the nation's future prosperity; and

WHEREAS: Unwise cuts to the federal spending inevitably shift costs onto states and municipalities, which, unlike the federal government, cannot adequately cope with them through deficit spending; federal borrowing costs are at an all-time low; and senseless austerity policies have pushed Europe into a double-dip recession; and

WHEREAS: The short-term federal budget deficit is primarily the result of a weakened economy; long-term budget deficits pose no immediate threat to the American economy; and long-term deficits are driven largely by rising health care costs that must be addressed carefully over the course of years, not weeks; and

WHEREAS: The Federal Reserve has a legal mandate to pursue both "stable prices" and "maximum employment" but in recent years inflation has been consistently below its stated target and the unemployment rate has soared; and

WHEREAS: Real median family income has been nearly stagnant for four decades despite continued growth in productivity; economic inequality has expanded to levels unseen since the 1930s; the wealthiest Americans receive an ever-larger share of national income and pay an ever-smaller percentage of taxes; and millions of families are unable to afford basic necessities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to call upon members of the Cambridge Congressional delegation and the President to adopt Federal budget policies that prioritize the revitalization of the economy, the creation of millions of new jobs, and a return to broadly-shared prosperity; to avoid cuts to Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits or shifting of costs to the states; to resist cuts to the safety net or to vital services for the most disadvantaged members of society; to restructure our tax system to ensure sufficient revenue - at least 20 percent of GDP by the end of the decade - in order to fund crucial services and investments; and to raise income tax rates on the richest Americans to their levels during the prosperous 1990s; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to members of the Cambridge delegation.

O-14 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that Roberts Road is being used by trucks during periods of high traffic and throughout the entire day; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors feel that posting a sign for no truck traffic and reinforcing it would alleviate the situation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and report back to the City Council.

O-15 Dec 10, 2012

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to finish the utility pole project on Walden Street.