

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Council on Aging Board effective May 1, 2006:
NAME; TERM
Margaret Murray; 3 years
John T. Owens; 3 years
Rev. Marnette Saz; 3 years
Edna Stamp; 3 years
Kathleen Connelly, LCSW; 2 years
Mary Costello; 2 years
Christina Murphy, LICSW; 2 years
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-42, regarding the reuse of the police station for school administrative offices.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-57, regarding a report on a request for documents related to the Trolley Square and No. Massachusetts Avenue VFW construction projects.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-43, regarding a report on the schedule and improvements to the Glacken Field tennis courts.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-45, regarding a report on a replacement for the Huron Drug Store.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance Recertification.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-37, regarding a report on ways to strengthen public participation and community benefit elements of the special permit process.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-54, regarding a report on amending the Zoning Ordinance and Planning Board procedures as they relate to public input.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order Number 38, dated 2/27/06, which requested a draft amendment to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance for City Council consideration to limit use conversion allowances to projects in which at least 65% of the original structure is to remain intact.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-39, regarding a report on the City's policies and plans to minimize bothersome vehicular noise.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-12, regarding future purchases or leases of either hybrid or low-emission vehicles.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons to serve as members of the Cambridge Kids'

Council effective May 3, 2006:

City Councillor Craig Kelley
School Committee Member Luc D. Schuster
School Committee Member Richard Harding, Jr. (Mayor's representative)

13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-28, regarding a report on obtaining portable outdoor air quality monitoring equipment.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-51, regarding a report on when the tree planting will take place on Cameron Avenue.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$70,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary and Wages account to the General Fund Public Works Travel and Training (Judgments & Damages) account to cover medical services and/or prescription reimbursement costs for Public Works personnel injured in performance of their duties as well as for lump sum settlement payments.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. That the City Council go on record reaffirming its commitment as a Sanctuary City. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Simmons on Order Number Eighteen of May 1, 2006.

ON THE TABLE

2. Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on February 27, 2006 on Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of February 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on November 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 February 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.]
4. 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 March 15, 2006 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Neighbors and Abutters of Blessed Sacrament (NABS)/Alan Zimlicki et al. to amend the Zoning Ordinance with regard to yards, open space, parking and special permit criteria for the redevelopment of existing buildings. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 8, 2006. Petition expires June 13, 2006.
5. Proposed amendment to the Cambridge Municipal Ordinance regarding creating a Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship. The question comes on passing to

- be ordained on or after May 8, 2006.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization order to borrow \$1,500,000 to continue sewer reconstruction projects in the Cambridge Highlands and Cambridgeport areas of the City. The question comes on adoption on or after May 15, 2006.
 7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization order to borrow an additional \$350,000 to finance the reconstruction of the pedestrian underpass at Yerxa Road. The question comes on adoption on or after May 15, 2006.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Joe Sent Me, requesting permission for eight tables and sixteen chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 2388 Massachusetts Avenue.
2. An application was received from the Margaret Fuller House, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Sweet Soul Supper.
3. An application was received from Charlie's Kitchen, requesting permission for six tables and twenty chairs for restaurant seating in front of the premises numbered 10 Eliot Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding Immigrant Commission and City Council Goals.
2. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding harassment based on sexual preference.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Nancy P. (McCarthy) Collette. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Davis
2. Resolution on the death of John L. McAdams Jr. Councillor Sullivan
3. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Michael Ford. Councillor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Private Raymond Henry. Councillor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Metodio Bandonill. Councillor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jason Daniel. Councillor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Robert Ehney. Councillor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Corporal Shawn Lasswell Jr. Councillor Decker
9. Resolution on the death of Private Jacob Allcott. Councillor Decker
10. Resolution on the death of Private Michael Bouthot. Councillor Decker
11. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Kyle Colnot. Councillor Decker
12. Resolution on the death of Specialist Eric King. Councillor Decker
13. Resolution on the death of Sergeant 1st Class Richard Herrema. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Corporal Brandon Hardy. Councillor Decker

15. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Lea Mills. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Edward Davis III. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jose Gomez. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Bryant Herlem. Councillor Decker
19. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the exhibit entitled "Above and Beyond: Our Community Responds to HIV/AIDS" on June 5, 2006 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center, 85 W. Newton Street, Boston. Mayor Reeves
20. Resolution on the death of Maria DeFatima Martins. Vice Mayor Toomey
21. Congratulations to Amgen on the receiving the Leading Edge Award at the Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Reeves
22. Congratulations to the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center on receiving the Nonprofit of the Year Award at the Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Reeves
23. Congratulations to CTC Communications on receiving the New Member of the Year Award at the Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Reeves
24. Congratulations to jazz guitarist Fred Woodard on winning the award for Best Jazz Group at the 1st Annual New England Urban Music Awards. Mayor Reeves
25. Congratulations to Genzyme Corporation on receiving the Corporate Citizen of the Year Award at the Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Reeves
26. Congratulations to PlanetTran, LLC on receiving the Small Business of the Year Award at the Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Reeves
27. Congratulations to Susan Lapierre on receiving the Barron Business Person of the Year Award. Mayor Reeves
28. Congratulations to Nathaniel Cary on receiving the Ambassador of the Year Award at the Excellence in Business Awards. Mayor Reeves
29. Resolution on the death of Donald B. Flanagan Sr. Councillor Galluccio
30. Resolution on the death of Margaret A. "Margo" (Olsen) O'Loughlin. Councillor Sullivan
31. Support of the 2006 Community-Wide Yard Sale to support our Sister City, Moss Point, Mississippi on June 24-25, 2006. Councillor Sullivan
32. Urge all residents to be cognizant of and participate in the National Aphasia Association Speaking Out Conference in June 2006 at the Park Plaza Hotel. Councillor Sullivan
33. Congratulations to MIT President Susan Hockfield on the successful MIT energy forum and the release of the report of the Energy Research Council. Councillor Davis
34. Declare 2007 to be Poetry Year in Cambridge. Councillor Davis
35. Best wishes for The Kendall Square Interactive Media Design Competition Final Presentations on May 10, 2006. Councillor Sullivan
36. Appreciation to Julie Jacobowitz as she leaves her position as Director of CASPAR Youth Services to take a new position in New York City. Councillor Sullivan
37. Urge all residents to participate in the tour of the Secret Gardens which will take place on Sunday, June 11, 2006 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Councillor Sullivan
38. Congratulations to Alison Jean Devaney and Gregory Paul Serra on their upcoming wedding. Councillor Sullivan
39. Resolution on the death of Tia Nicole Curry. Councillor

Sullivan

40. Urge residents to be cognizant of the Warren Street Club's Annual Memorial Mass honoring the departed "Brother Pals" which will take place on Sunday, May 14, 2006 at 8:45am at St. Francis Church. Councillor Sullivan
41. Congratulations to Mr. Q and Ms. U on their marriage and to the honored guests of St. Peter School K2 class who will be attending the nuptials. Councillor Sullivan
42. Congratulations to the recipients of the Tenth Annual Preservation Awards. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves
43. Urge all senior residents to be cognizant of the Citywide Senior Center's Mother's Day Brunch which will take place on May 14, 2006. Councillor Sullivan
44. Thanks to the Visual and Performing Arts Department of the Cambridge Public Schools for hosting an "Empty Bowls" Luncheon at CRLS. Mayor Reeves
45. Congratulations to Marie-Noelle Doucet on the occasion of becoming a United States citizen. Councillor Kelley
46. Thanks to the Harvard Museum of Natural History for hosting the Cambridge Family Night on April 28, 2006. Councillor Kelley
47. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Alexander Jablokow. Councillor Kelley
48. Resolution on the death of Hugh Clarke. Councillor Sullivan
49. Urge residents to be cognizant of the 11th Annual "Lift Every Voice & Sing" concert which will take place on June 18, 2006 at the First Parish Church in Brookline. Mayor Reeves
50. Best wishes to Dr. Deborah James as she opens her own office in July, 2006. Councillor Sullivan
51. Welcome Dr. Pearl Riney to Cambridge as she joins the practice of Epstein, Ballenger and Goldstein M.D.s. Councillor Sullivan
52. Resolution on the death of Mildred Kneeland. Vice Mayor Toomey

ORDERS

1. Suitable dedication for Clelia Farinato. Vice Mayor Toomey
2. Proposed amendments to City Clerk fees. Vice Mayor Toomey
3. That the City Manager is requested to develop a "Budget in Brief" citizens guide similar to that used in Pasadena, California. Councillor Murphy
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Postmaster as to the future location of the Post Office at 303 Cambridge Street as the building is up for sale. Vice Mayor Toomey
5. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the status of the Metropolitan Pipe site on Fulkerson Street for open space. Vice Mayor Toomey
6. That the City Manager is requested to instruct all City departments, including Inspectional Services, to take appropriate action to address rabid raccoons living in abandoned buildings. Councillor Davis
7. Dedication of a suitable location in honor of Maria De Fatima Martins. Vice Mayor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to examine the feasibility of instituting resident parking on both sides of Gore Street between Lambert and Seventh Streets. Vice Mayor Toomey

9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ascertain the possibility of turning the City-owned land adjacent to Lopez Park in East Cambridge into a public park or community garden. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Davis
10. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ascertain the City's detection and repair policy for potholes throughout the City. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the status of repairs and corrections to bike lanes and bike route markings throughout the City. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Davis
12. That the City Clerk be is requested to send copies of the minutes for the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee's two meetings on the upcoming Storrow Drive reconstruction project to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Unit within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, along with a cover letter noting that the enclosed minutes include Cambridge residents' concerns about the project and requesting that the noted concerns be including in the MEPA scoping process. Councillor Kelley and Councillor Davis
13. That the Cambridge City Council go on record as opposing any development in the Belmont Uplands that does not fully protect the Alewife Reservation and that the City Manager is requested to direct the City's appropriate departments of Community Development and Cambridge Conservation Commission to respond fully to the Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals process. Councillor Kelley, Councillor Davis and Vice Mayor Toomey
14. That this City Council go on record urging MIT to lead by example by making all its new buildings exemplary green buildings and in the case of the new graduate dormitory property on Vassar Street, in particular to take this opportunity to install either a green roof, solar panels or both. Councillor Davis
15. That the City Manager is requested to designate the appropriate City staff to discuss with the M.I.T. Museum the placing of an appropriate creative and scientific installation at Lafayette Park in time for the 1st Annual Cambridge Science Festival expected to take place in the spring of 2007. Councillor Davis and Mayor Reeves
16. Reaffirm Cambridge as a Sanctuary City and endorse the platform of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities' Keep Our Families Together Campaign. Councillor Simmons, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Decker, Mayor Reeves, Councillor Davis and Councillor Murphy
17. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to draft changes to relevant City ordinances to allow Cambridge residents using designated car-share automobiles to take advantage of all of the parking privileges available to residents who own their own cars, including the opportunity to park in resident-only spaces throughout the City and not just in their own neighborhoods

without getting ticketed Councillor Kelley

18. That the City Manager is requested to urge the Department of Conservation and Recreation to make all necessary repairs to the pedestrian overpass bridge on Memorial Drive including those requested three or more years ago to make the bridge safer, such as lighting and drainage among other things. Councillor Davis

19. That the City Council go on record in support of H. 4719, An Act Reducing Diesel Emissions from Non-Road Construction Vehicles. Councillor Kelley

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 10

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the proposal for WIFI. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 11

6:00pm The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 17

8:30am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussions with emphasis on a senior panel and resource fair geared to issues of concern to the senior population and its relation to neighborhoods. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:15pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on and amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to change the language "useable open space" to "private open space." (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from Eileen Woodford et al. (Tobin-Danehy Zoning Petition) requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone an area currently zoned Res. C-1A, Res. B, and Industry A-1 to Residence C in the area bounded by Bay State Road, Fern, Field, New Streets and Concord Avenue. (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FAR, traffic and transfer of development rights relative to the Concord Alewife rezoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, May 18

10:00am The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss FY07 City Budget. (*if necessary*) (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 22

4:00pm 2006 Scholarship Award Ceremony (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 24

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss pedestrian issues relating to sidewalks specifically material used for sidewalks, tree roots, and sidewalk maintenance and repair and the report on provisions for parking for motorcycles, motor scooters and mopeds. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 30

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of the anti idling regulation and a follow up to the traffic enforcement management plan. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, May 31

8:30am The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion as they relate

to neighborhoods, specifically to receive information about Transit Realty and the Bennett Street project, to receive information about demographics available from Election Commission, Inspectional Services and School Department and information about space available for community meetings. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from MSNP Cambridge Acquisition, LLC requesting to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance in Article 20.80 -

Memorial Drive Overlay District by inserting "Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of computing lot area per dwelling unit, the provisions of Article 5.14 shall not apply" at the end of paragraph c. of Section 20.810. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss environmental and infrastructure issues relative to the Concord Alewife rezoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, June 8

6:30pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss why there are so many outages in the Area Four Neighborhood with NSTAR. (Auditorium, 225 Windsor Street, Fletcher-Maynard Academy)

Mon, June 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 14

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a working meeting on Concord Alewife rezoning petition. No public comment. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, June 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Aug 7

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

Mon, Sept 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 16

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Oct 30

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 May 8, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of Clelia Farinato; and be it further

ORDERED: That Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for the sign.

O-2 May 8, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: During the revisions of Sections 2.24.50 and 2.119.030A. of the Cambridge Municipal Code to revise the fee structure in the Cambridge City Clerk's Office, the fees for Termination of Business Certificates and Domestic Partnerships were inadvertently omitted from the amended ordinances; and

WHEREAS: There was no change to these fees; now therefore be it ORDERED: That Chapter 2.24 entitled "City Clerk" in Section

2.24.050 "Fee Schedule" be amended to add after the item Amending Business Certificates the following fee:
Termination of Business Certificate \$5.00
Also in Chapter 2.119 entitled "Domestic Partnerships" in Section 2.119.030 entitled "Registration and Termination" add at the end of Paragraph C the following:
The fee for a Domestic Partnership termination shall be \$5.00 and be it further

ORDERED: That the following proposed amendments to the Municipal Code be passed to a second reading.

O-3 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop a "Budget in Brief" citizens guide similar to that used in Pasadena, California.
(www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/Finance/pdf/budgetInBrief.pdf)

O-4 May 8, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The building that houses the Post Office branch located at 303 Cambridge Street is up for sale; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Postmaster as to the future location of this branch at 303 Cambridge Street.

O-5 May 8, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an update on the status of the Metropolitan Pipe site on Fulkerson Street for open space.

O-6 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct all City departments, including Inspectional Services, to take appropriate action to address rabid raccoons living in abandoned buildings.

O-7 May 8, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location to Maria De Fatima Martins after consultation with the family; and be it further
ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council arrange a suitable dedication ceremony and for a sign.

O-8 May 8, 2006

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to examine the feasibility of instituting resident parking on both sides of Gore Street between Lambert and Seventh Streets.

O-9 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is a lack of public open space in East Cambridge; and
WHEREAS: East Cambridge is very densely populated and has little green space; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge Community Gardens have been very successful neighborhood resources in other parts of the City; and
WHEREAS: Cambridge currently owns a small paved piece of property opposite Lopez Park in East Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ascertain the possibility of turning the City-owned land adjacent to Lopez Park in East Cambridge into a public park or community garden.

O-10 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to ascertain the City's detection and repair policy for potholes throughout the City; 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 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate City departments to determine the status of repairs and corrections to bike lanes and bike route markings throughout the City; 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-12 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send copies of the minutes for the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee's two meetings on the upcoming Storrow Drive reconstruction project to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Unit within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, along with a cover letter noting that the enclosed minutes include Cambridge residents' concerns about the project and requesting that the noted concerns be including in the MEPA scoping process.

O-13 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Alewife Reservation, its significant wildlife populations, and associated wetlands and woodlands are an important natural resource for all of Cambridge; the area now borders a large proposed development; and
WHEREAS: The Alewife Reservation and associated wetlands and uplands provide important floodwater storage capacity for Cambridge and Arlington; and
WHEREAS: The health of the Alewife Reservation is dependent on ecologically sound understanding of property up-gradient from it, to include the multi-acre, privately owned Belmont Uplands forest; and
WHEREAS: The Belmont Uplands are currently under consideration for a comprehensive permit to be developed; and
WHEREAS: Development of the Belmont Uplands could have severe negative consequences for the Alewife Reservation and associated Cambridge wetlands that border these uplands, and floodwater storage; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as opposing any development in the Belmont Uplands that does not fully protect the Alewife Reservation; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the City's appropriate departments of Community Development and Cambridge Conservation Commission to respond fully to the Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals process now ongoing in Belmont.

O-14 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging MIT to lead by example by making all its new buildings exemplary green buildings and in the case of the new graduate dormitory property on Vassar Street, in particular to take this opportunity to install either a green roof, solar panels or both; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to MIT President Susan Hockfield on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-15 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate the appropriate City staff to discuss with the M.I.T. Museum the placing of an appropriate creative and scientific installation at Lafayette Park in time for the 1st Annual Cambridge Science Festival expected to take place in the spring of 2007.

O-16 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR DECKER

MAYOR REEVES

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been enriched and built by generations of immigrants; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has a proud history as a Sanctuary city, as declared by City Council Order Number 4 of April 8, 1985; and

WHEREAS: There are now approximately 12 million undocumented immigrants in the United States who have been systematically denied the opportunity enjoyed by past generations of immigrants to become legal permanent residents or citizens of this country; and

WHEREAS: Over the past two decades, immigration policy has become even more restrictive and punitive and closed off avenues previously available for immigrants to obtain legal permanent residency, while the US-Mexico border has been further militarized; and

WHEREAS: While borders have been closed off to people over the past two decades, they have been simultaneously opened up to trade and capital; and

WHEREAS: These same "free trade" economic policies, have increased poverty and decreased opportunities for people to make a dignified living and support their families; and

WHEREAS: In 2005, record numbers of migrants seeking a means to support their families, with no alternative to migrate safely into the United States, perished in the desert along the US-Mexico border, while countless others lost their lives in the journey; and

WHEREAS: The migration experience has adverse emotional and psychological effects on families, who are kept apart for many years due to unjust immigration policies and backlogs in visa applications; and

WHEREAS: Undocumented immigrants are especially vulnerable to workplace abuses and housing discrimination; and

WHEREAS: Current US immigration policy does not reflect our standards of what is just, humane and moral; and

WHEREAS: Both undocumented and documented immigrants in the U.S. fuel our economy and those of their countries of origin; and

WHEREAS: On December 16, 2005, the House of Representatives passed HR-4437, which would have drastic consequences for nearly all immigrants to this country, their families, their neighbors and those who support them; and

WHEREAS: The US Senate is currently considering a companion bill to HR-4437 that contains many of the same counterproductive, misguided measures, including criminalization of immigrants and those who help them, further militarization of the border, turning police into immigration agents and erosion of cherished legal traditions such as due process; and

WHEREAS: The US Senate is also considering guest worker programs that would create a second-class citizenry without basic rights that would be disenfranchised and would be vulnerable to

exploitation by unscrupulous employers; and

WHEREAS: Much of the public discourse surrounding immigration has taken on a tone that ranges from irrational to racist, as seen in the use of language such as "illegal" and "alien" to describe immigrants, which has a dehumanizing effect and helps justify policies that seek to criminalize and exclude immigrants; and

WHEREAS: Raids carried out by the federal government, ranging from the highly publicized nationwide workplace raids on April 17, 2006 that resulted in the arrest of 1,187 employees, to the less widely-known sweeps of homes such as occurred in Massachusetts on March 6, 2006, have instilled fear and panic in immigrant communities and created environments that are ripe for intimidation, harassment and racial profiling; and

WHEREAS: Following the raids in April, the US Homeland Security Secretary announced that it would be intensifying such enforcement measures, an announcement that came in the midst of unprecedented numbers of immigrants demonstrating in defense of their dignity, against HR-4437, and for an opportunity to obtain legal permanent residency; and

WHEREAS: The cities of Maywood, Huntington Park and Coachella, CA have resurrected the spirit of the Sanctuary City movement in recent months and declared themselves Sanctuary Cities, and cities such as San Francisco and Chicago have reaffirmed their commitments as a Sanctuary Cities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge reaffirm its commitment as a Sanctuary City, as declared by City Council Order Number 4 of April 8, 1985; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge endorses the platform of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities' Keep Our Families Together Campaign:

* Legal permanent residency for all undocumented immigrants.

* Expedition of family visas.

* Visionary program for future migration flows that respects the rights of immigrants as workers and as human beings.

* The social, political and economic integration of new immigrants into US society;

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the US Department of Homeland Security and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement be called upon to issue a moratorium on raids until the US congress comes to an agreement on comprehensive immigration reform so that the debate can be carried out in good faith, rather than against a backdrop of fear, repression and intimidation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge affirms the basic human rights and dignity and every human being; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge rejects the use of the word "illegal" to describe human beings and the use of the word "aliens" to describe immigrants and hereby adopts the language "undocumented" when referring to those who do not have federally recognized resident status and "immigrant" to refer to those who have migrated to the US from another country; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby urges the United States Senate to defeat HR 4437 and does hereby urge the President of the United States to veto such legislation if it is in fact approved by the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Congressional delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-17 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor and the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to draft changes to relevant City ordinances to allow Cambridge residents using designated car-share automobiles to take advantage of all of the parking privileges available to residents who own their own cars, including the opportunity to park in resident-only spaces throughout the City and not just in their own neighborhoods without getting ticketed; and be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with said draft amendments as soon as possible.

O-18 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Department of Conservation and Recreation to make all necessary repairs to the pedestrian overpass bridge on Memorial Drive including those requested three or more years ago to make the bridge safer, such as lighting and drainage among other things.

O-19 May 8, 2006

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Air quality issues in Cambridge pose severe public health concerns; and

WHEREAS: Diesel exhaust from construction vehicles contributes to Cambridge's air quality problems; and

WHEREAS: Current construction equipment technology allows the use of less polluting ultra low sulfur diesel in construction equipment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of H. 4719, An Act Reducing Diesel Emissions from Non-Road Construction Vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to provide a copy of this resolution of support to the Cambridge delegation at the State House, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House and Governor Romney.