

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2007: Kenneth Albert; Claude St. Louis; John D. Glover
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-66, regarding a report on the possibility of traffic calming measures on Middlesex Street.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 07-63, regarding a report on improving budget performance measures related to pedestrian and bicycle safety, tracking accidents and setting goals for consistently safe and legal behavior at crosswalks and red lights.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager to transfer appropriations for available balances prior to the close of the books for FY06-07. [The majority of these transfers involve funding departmental salary and wage accounts from the salary adjustment budget account. The funding for the salary adjustment budget account was approved in the FY07 Adopted Budget. The City Council in the past has authorized the City Manager to make necessary transfers from available budget balances to those needing supplementals to avoid budget overruns.]
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, the appropriation of \$19,675 from the 2007 City Run Road Race receipts to the Grant Fund Human Service Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will be used primarily to support athletic programs at CRLS through the Friends of Cambridge Athletics with a portion of the proceeds supporting the Special Olympics Program and the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$227,269 from the School General Fund Salary and Wages account to the School Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$171,533), to the School General Fund Travel and Training account (\$35,024) and to the School Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$20,712) to allow for reallocations related to approved school improvement plans, plant maintenance repairs (HVAC and roof repairs) and department operating transfers, including AVID training for staff at various schools, after-school and extended day programs, and CRLS technology equipment.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$1,700,000 from the FY07 School General Fund Salary and Wages account (\$1,130,000) and the School Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$570,000) to the School Debt Stabilization Fund and will be used to fund future school capital projects and help offset fluctuations in future debt service revenues and expenses, subject to appropriation.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits (salary adjustment) Salary and Wages account to the General Fund City Clerk

Extraordinary Expenditures account for the purchase of a replacement copier for the City Clerk's Office.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 06-06 of Feb 27, 2006, regarding a report on the legality of the banners in front of the Dunkin' Donuts at 2480 Massachusetts Avenue and at other location in the City. [Placed on Table on the motion of Councillor Kelley on Feb 27, 2006.]
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission to deny the Jitney License application of Star Shuttle, Inc. [Placed on Table City Manager Agenda Number Six of Nov 6, 2006 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Nov 6, 2006.]
3. 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 Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the Historical Commission's recommendation for the consolidation of the Half Crown and Marsh Neighborhood Conservation Districts. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Two of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Mayor Reeves on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]
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 Dec 13, 2006 for the purpose of considering the recommendations for changes to the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance and the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Order, submitted by the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District Boundary Study Committee and endorsed by the Historical Commission. [Placed on Table Committee Report Number Three of Jan 22, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Sullivan on Jan 22, 2007. On Feb 12, 2007 Agenda Item Number Eight was referred to the Ordinance Committee and Calendar Item Number Seven and Eight.]
5. That the City Council go on record in opposition to House Bill 847 An Act to Streamline Chapter 91 License Applications and Coastal Planning, Charter Right exercised by Councillor Sullivan on Order Number Sixteen of Mar 5, 2007. [Placed on Table on motion of Councillor Davis on Mar 19, 2007.]
6. Opposition to the Urban Ring Phase II bus system unless the whole route is grade separated to ensure that the buses would not have to compete with general traffic. [Placed on Table Order Number Nineteen of Apr 9, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 9, 2007. Councillor Kelley's motion to take from Table Failed 3-6-0 on Apr 23, 2007.]
7. An application was received from Singh Raghbin, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 66 Dudley Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Response has been received from

neighborhood association. [Placed on Table Applications and Petitions Number Four of Apr 23, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on Apr 23, 2007.]

8. That the City Manager is requested to direct the relevant Department heads to have the West Cambridge painted "rotary" removed. Charter Right exercised by Vice Mayor Toomey on Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007. [Placed on Table Order Number Sixteen of Apr 30, 2007 on the motion of Councillor Davis on May 7, 2007.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. 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.]
10. 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 public hearing held on Apr 26, 2007 to continue discussion on a proposed amendment to Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code, Animal Control Regulations, regarding rules for off-leash areas. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after June 4, 2007.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$5,700,000 to the Public Investment Fund School Extraordinary Expenditures account to finance the War Memorial renovation project. The question comes on adoption on or after June 4, 2007.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Cambridge Hair Design, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 389 Cambridge Street.
2. An application was received from Good Food Cafe, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 2378 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. An application was received from Desi Dhaba, requesting permission for nine tables and thirty chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 401 Massachusetts Avenue.
4. An application was received from Health Training Center, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of premises numbered 358 Broadway.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from the family of Mildred Chase, acknowledging your expression of sympathy and thoughtful resolution.
2. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, regarding City Council support of H2168, an Act to Promote Proper School Nutrition.

3. A communication was received from the Walpole Board of Selectmen, asking for support on legislation that will cause the immediate suspension of MGL Chapter 40B, the Comprehensive Permit Law.
4. A communication was received from Richard P. Carbone, Jr., President, Cambridge Hotel Association, requesting an extension on the hearing regarding the Hotel Worker Retention Ordinance scheduled for June 6, 2007.
5. A communication was received from Ruth E. Catavolo, transmitting thanks for the resolution in George's name.
6. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding immigration.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulations to SCM Community Transportation for its exemplary service providing transportation to seniors and people with disabilities. Councillor Davis
2. Welcome the new Kendall Square Farmers' Market to Cambridge. Councillor Davis
3. Congratulations to Joe Petner on his retirement as principal from the Haggerty School and wish him well. Councillor Decker, Councillor Sullivan
4. Thanks to Omar Bandar for his efforts as the Mayor's Office staff person designated to oversee efforts related to Cambridge's presence and effectiveness at the BIO 2007 Conference in Boston. Mayor Reeves
5. Best wishes to Rounder Records as they relocate to Burlington. Mayor Reeves
6. Congratulations to Reverend L. Nelson Fox on his 25th Anniversary as a Priest. Mayor Reeves
7. Congratulations to Judge Joyce London Alexander on her election as Board chairperson of the Joint Center for Policy, a division of the Congressional Black Caucus. Mayor Reeves
8. Welcome to the Harvard Class of 1972 to Cambridge on the occasion of their 35th Harvard College Reunion. Mayor Reeves
9. Congratulations to Henry Lewis on his graduation from Harvard University in the School of Extension Studies. Mayor Reeves
10. Congratulations to Joseph Johnson on his graduation from Harvard University in the School of Extension Studies. Mayor Reeves
11. Congratulations to Councillor Marjorie Decker on her graduation from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mayor Reeves, Councillor Davis, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Kelley, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey.
12. Congratulations to Mayor Joseph Curtatone on his recent election to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Vice Mayor Toomey
13. Congratulations to J. Keith Motley on being nominated to become the first black chancellor of the University of Massachusetts. Mayor Reeves
14. Congratulations to the senior citizens who will be recognized at the 2007 Senior Recognition Award. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Reeves

15. Retirement of Isaac M. Colbert from MIT as the Dean for graduate students. Mayor Reeves
16. Best wishes to Cassandra Koutalidis on her new position as City Engineer for the City of Medford. Mayor Reeves
17. Resolution on the death of Charles J. "Charlie" Ayers. Vice Mayor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Josephine A. "Joni" (Aufiero) Cebrero. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
19. Resolution on the death of Terpsichore Citino. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
20. Resolution on the death of Chester L. Edwards. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
21. Resolution on the death of Muriel E. (Greene) Fowler. Councillor Galluccio
22. Resolution on the death of Martha C. (McGee) Lang. Councillor Sullivan
23. Resolution on the death of Celso A. Moreira. Vice Mayor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Catherine T. (Welsh) O'Brien. Councillor Galluccio
25. Resolution on the death of Herbert W. Randell. Councillor Galluccio
26. Congratulations to the participants of the City-Links Program. Councillor Sullivan
27. Thanks to Senator Barrios for his service to the people of Cambridge and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Councillor Sullivan
28. Resolution on the death of John Joseph Pollander. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio
29. Congratulations to Deb Sercombe on being named Principal of the Amigos School. Councillor Sullivan
30. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the exhibition by Thomas Doane Perry III at the Greek Institute, 1038 Massachusetts Avenue on June 8, 2007 from noon to 5:00pm. Councillor Sullivan
31. Happy 75th Birthday wishes to William Daley. Councillor Sullivan
32. Retirement of Nancy Goodale Daniels from the School Department. Councillor Simmons
33. Congratulations to Anthony Petrucelli on his successful senate race. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan
34. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Daniel Courneya. Councillor Decker
35. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Aaron Gautier. Councillor Decker
36. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Robert Worthington. Councillor Decker
37. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Joseph Anzack Jr. Councillor Decker
38. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Robert Dembowski. Councillor Decker
39. Resolution on the death of Private First Class William Farrar Jr. Councillor Decker
40. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jonathan Hamm. Councillor Decker
41. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Nicholas Hartge. Councillor Decker
42. Resolution on the death of Specialist Rhys Klasno. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Benjamin Desilets. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Roy Jones III. Councillor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Specialist Matthew LaForest. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Private Christopher Murphy. Councillor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Private Oscar Saucedo. Councillor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Walker. Councillor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Corporal Jonathan Winterbottom. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Corporal Julian Woodall. Councillor Galluccio [presumably Decker]
51. Resolution on the death of Specialist Benjamin Ashley. Councillor Decker
52. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Daniel Cagle. Councillor Decker
53. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael Davis. Councillor Decker
54. Resolution on the death of Corporal Victor Pulido. Councillor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Private Anthony Sausto. Councillor Decker
56. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Casey Zylman. Councillor Decker
57. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Steven Packer. Councillor Decker
58. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Anthony Schober. Councillor Decker
59. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Allen Dunckley. Councillor Decker
60. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Christopher Gonzalez. Councillor Decker
61. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Kristopher Higdon. Councillor Decker
62. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Andrew Bacevich. Councillor Decker
63. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Steve Butcher Jr. Councillor Decker
64. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant David Kuehl. Councillor Decker
65. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Shannon Weaver. Councillor Decker
66. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Robert Montgomery Jr. Councillor Decker
67. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant John Self. Councillor Decker
68. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jason Vaughn. Councillor Decker
69. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Russell Shoemaker. Councillor Decker
70. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Brian Ardron. Councillor Decker
71. Resolution on the death of Major Douglas Zembiec. Councillor Decker
72. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Robert Dunham. Councillor Decker
73. Resolution on the death of Specialist Michael Frank. Councillor Decker
74. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Thomas Wright. Councillor Decker
75. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class James Connell. Councillor Decker
76. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Major Bradley Conner. Councillor Decker
77. Congratulations to Jack Connelly on winning the Alderman-At-Large seat in Somerville. Councillor Galluccio
78. Best wishes to Martin Martinez in his future endeavors. Councillor Galluccio
79. Resolution on the death of Kyle Campbell. Vice Mayor Toomey, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
80. Resolution on the death of Joseph B. Beatty. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
81. Resolution on the death of Maria do Carmo Pimentel. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio
82. Resolution on the death of Rosemary A. (McDonough) Hopkins. Mayor Reeves, Councillor Davis
83. Congratulations to the recipients of the Cambridge First Day Awards. Mayor Reeves
84. Resolution on the death of Eleanor O. (Adenauer) DeSantis. Councillor Galluccio
85. Resolution on the death of Scott C. Bachelder. Councillor Galluccio
86. Resolution on the death of Dave "Tim" Middleton. Councillor Sullivan
87. Congratulations to the 8th grade students of the Baldwin School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
88. Congratulations to the 6th - 8th grade students of the Amigos School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
89. Congratulations to the students of the King Open School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
90. Congratulations to the students of the Haggerty School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
91. Congratulations to the members of the King Open School Science Club for Girls for visiting the King Open classrooms and explaining how Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs can save energy, money and fight global warming. Councillor Davis

92. Congratulations to 7th and 8th grade students of the Cambridgeport School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
93. Congratulations to the students of the Kennedy-Longfellow School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
94. Congratulations to the students of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Environmental Action Club for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
95. Congratulations to the 5th grade students of the Peabody School for their fundraising efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis
96. Congratulations to the students of the Fletcher-Maynard Academy for their efforts to help save energy while raising money for programs at their school. Councillor Davis

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Department of Conservation and Recreation with the view in mind of installing trash receptacles along the Esplanade with particular emphasis on the area in front of the IBM Buildings, the Hotel Sonesta, the Hotel Marlowe and the Galleria Mall. Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Toomey
2. That the City Manager is requested to investigate why NSTAR Electric rates are higher in Cambridge than in other NSTAR serviced communities and report back to the entire City Council and the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridge Health Alliance with the view in mind of explaining why this action is contemplated and to further inform the Chief Executive Officer that neighborhood clinics need to be full service in order to meet the needs of the patients who use these clinics and these services. Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio and Councillor Simmons
4. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridge Health Alliance with the view in mind to request that in the future, when a major decision is made that affects the neighborhoods such as the obstetrics and gynecological services being eliminated at the Windsor Street Clinic, that the Cambridge Health Alliance as a courtesy notify the City Council of their decision. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Galluccio
5. That the City Manager is requested to designate funds for a portrait of former Mayor Michael A. Sullivan. Mayor Reeves
6. Urge the Massachusetts Legislature and the Patrick Administration, in the strongest possible manner, to oppose any effort to eliminate the municipal consent process for competitive providers of cable television service until, at a minimum, a thorough evaluation is completed of the current system and the effect of any proposed changes on local governments, residents, competitors, and incumbents is analyzed. Mayor Reeves
7. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of how the bike racks at Trolley Square got vandalized and how other bike racks in the City will be kept more secure in the future. Councillor Kelley
8. That the City Manager is requested to develop and implement relevant policies as outlined in the attached Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2006, amended by Chapter 310, Sections 8, 33 and 34, of the Acts of 2006 to carry out the new law that grants new property tax exemptions for disabled veterans, surviving spouses and Gold Star parents which also contains motor vehicle excise exemptions as well. Councillor Kelley
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads and the Department of Conservation and Recreation or Mass Highway to determine what sort of temporary signage might be used to let drivers know that Memorial Drive is closed on Sundays, what sort of specific traffic enforcement, especially at intersections where drivers frequently "block the box," might help traffic flow more smoothly and whether the lights at the intersections of Western Avenue and Putnam Avenue, Memorial Drive and Storrow Drive can be better synchronized. Councillor Kelley
10. That the City Manager is requested to provide the City Council with the accident statistics for Massachusetts Avenue from Upland Road to the Arlington line from Jan 2005 through June of 2006, broken down by the type of accident, severity of any injuries, date of accident and location of accident. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's policy concerning idling City vehicles. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to address the strong odors emanating from the sewers along Cambridge Street. Vice Mayor Toomey
13. That the City Manager is requested to update the City Council on the impact of the Attorney General's settlement of a Class Action lawsuit regarding minority hirings for police and fire positions. Councillor Galluccio
14. That the City Council, through their representative in the State House Vice Mayor Toomey and the City Manager, confer with MassPort on revisiting the granting of permission to Cambridge cabs the ability to pick up passengers at the airport after they drop off passengers. Councillor Simmons and Vice Mayor Toomey
15. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance to ensure that services are not stopped until a public discussion of this matter has come before this City Council and that this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing. Councillor Decker
16. Congratulations to Allied Barton, Harvard University, and SEIU 615 on reaching a contract agreement. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker and Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, Co-Chairs of the Human Services Committee, for a public hearing held on May 3, 2007 to discuss the vision for our youth centers.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a public hearing held on May 24, 2007 to discuss the petition from the Constellation Charitable Foundation to amend the Zoning Ordinance in Section 13.42 and 13.43 in Article 13.000, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 13.40, PUD-3 Development Controls.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a public hearing held on May 22, 2007 to discuss regulations relating to a proposed generator installation on Revere Street, adjacent to housing in a residential area and to receive a follow up on NSTAR outages.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, June 4

5:00pm Special Presentation to Father Tsehai Birhanu for his leadership of the Ethiopian Christian community in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 5

6:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss citywide neighborhood issues and a presentation on community participation by Marian Darlington-Hope. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 6

5:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from Craig H. Appel et al., requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge in Section 4.34 Office and Laboratory Use and Section 4.40 Footnotes. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from Felicia Cott et al., requesting to amend the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge by changing the area bounded by the centerlines of Broadway, Hancock Street, Harvard Street and Lee Street from Residence C-1 district to Residence B district. This hearing to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 13

5:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities will conduct a public meeting to discuss Building Code revisions on green buildings. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 18

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, June 20

9:30am Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 26

2:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update from the Cambridge Health Alliance on current projects. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 30

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

Mon, Sept 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that trash is accumulating along the Esplanade due to there being no trash receptacles; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Department of Conservation and Recreation with the view in mind of installing trash receptacles along the Esplanade with particular emphasis on the area in front of the IBM Buildings, the Hotel Sonesta, the Hotel Marlowe and the Galleria Mall.

O-2 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate why NSTAR Electric rates are higher in Cambridge than in other NSTAR serviced communities and report back to the entire City Council and the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee.

O-3 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that effective July 1, 2007 the obstetrics and gynecological programs currently available at the Windsor Street Clinic will no longer be available; and

WHEREAS: The patients who use these programs at the Windsor Street Clinic will be sent to either the Cambridge Hospital or the East Cambridge clinic for these services; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridge Health Alliance with the view in mind of explaining why this action is contemplated and to further inform the Chief Executive Officer that neighborhood clinics need to be full service in order to meet the needs of the patients who use these clinics and these services.

O-4 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chief Executive Officer of the Cambridge Health Alliance with the view in mind to request that in the future, when a major decision is made that affects the neighborhoods such as the obstetrics and gynecological services being eliminated at the Windsor Street Clinic, that the Cambridge Health Alliance as a courtesy notify the City Council of their decision; and be it further

ORDERED: That this policy be transmitted to any and all agencies, boards and commissions that the City Manager deems necessary.

O-5 June 4, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate funds for a portrait of former Mayor Michael A. Sullivan.

O-6 June 4, 2007

MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Verizon Communications has built facilities through which competitive cable television services can be offered in nearly 50 Massachusetts communities, yet it is not clear whether or when any other municipality in which Verizon also operates will enjoy the benefits of competition to the same extent as these communities; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth provides a primary role for local governments to negotiate the terms and conditions under which a wireline cable television company may provide cable television service to its residents pursuant to a municipal consent ordinance, and this requirement of law is consistent with the long-standing principle of ascertaining and addressing community cable-related needs at the local level; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth's wireline cable television companies constructed and now operate cable television systems under municipal consents that address the specific needs of local communities with specific agreed upon terms; and

WHEREAS: Federal law explicitly prohibits cable companies and municipalities from entering into exclusive franchises. Yet, notwithstanding non-exclusivity, construction of competitive wireline cable television systems in Massachusetts has not occurred to the extent desired due to economic factors beyond the control of local government; and

WHEREAS: Competition in the provision of cable television service is desirable and has the potential for producing consumer benefits through increased choice and Cambridge supports competition; and

WHEREAS: In order to ensure nondiscriminatory and equal access to competitive services consistent with federal and state law, Cambridge has an obligation to ensure that its residents are among those to whom Verizon's competition services will be made available by a date certain; and

WHEREAS: Verizon is seeking state legislation that would exempt it from the municipal consent process to which all cable television companies now operate and, if such legislation were enacted, would be permitted to offer competitive cable services under a state-issued franchise that would bypass municipal authorization and approval; and

WHEREAS: The process for award of such a state-issued franchises will have the effect of eliminating any meaningful opportunity for Cambridge to address the specific cable-related needs that otherwise might be fulfilled by Verizon and prevent Cambridge the ability to ensure competition is offered on equal terms; and

WHEREAS: Municipalities and their residents have a significant and specific interest in the terms and conditions attendant to the award of a cable television franchise; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts Legislature and the Patrick Administration, in the strongest possible manner, to oppose any effort to eliminate the municipal consent process for competitive providers of cable television service until, at a minimum, a thorough evaluation is completed of the current system and the effect of any proposed changes on local governments, residents, competitors, and incumbents is analyzed.

O-7 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge prides itself on being a City where bicycling is a popular and effective method of alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS: Numerous bicycles are stolen in Cambridge every year; and

WHEREAS: Bicyclists need to be able to securely lock their bicycles if they wish to run errands or otherwise do activities that require leaving their bicycles outside and unattended; and

WHEREAS: Many cyclists leave their bicycles locked up outside because there is not enough room in their apartments or apartment buildings to conveniently store them; and

WHEREAS: Two bicycle racks were torn out of the pavement near Trolley Square recently; and

WHEREAS: These bicycle racks were recently installed; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with an explanation of how these bike racks got vandalized and how other bike racks in the City will be kept more secure in the future.

O-8 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2006, as amended by Chapter 310. Sec. 8, 33 and 34 of the Acts of 2006, grants new Property tax exemptions for disabled veterans, surviving spouses and Gold Star parents; and

WHEREAS: The same law also contains motor vehicle excise exemptions as well as a provision that creates a new local option statute, G.L. c. 59, S. 5L that give MA National Guardsmen and reservists deployed outside the state, or their dependents, up to 180 days after that service to pay their property taxes without interest or penalties; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record supporting Cambridge's adoption of this new law (as attached); and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to develop and implement relevant policies to carry out this new law.

O-9 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The closure of Memorial Drive on Sundays creates significant traffic impacts on streets leading to and from the Charles River and various parts of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: These traffic impacts include drivers getting stuck in intersections and blocking cross traffic, drivers getting impatient and honking their horns and drivers finding themselves unable to turn right from Western Avenue onto Memorial Drive and having to aggressively merge back into traffic; and

WHEREAS: Better signage of Memorial Drive's closure and better enforcement of traffic laws at relevant intersections could help alleviate these traffic impacts; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the relevant Department heads and the Department of Conservation and Recreation or Mass Highway to determine what sort of temporary signage might be used to let drivers know that Memorial Drive is closed on Sundays, what sort of specific traffic enforcement, especially at intersections where drivers frequently "block the box," might help traffic flow more smoothly and whether the lights at the intersections of Western Avenue and Putnam Avenue, Memorial Drive and Storrow Drive can be better synchronized.

O-10 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: There have been several accidents and reports of accidents on North Mass Avenue in the past several months; and

WHEREAS: Recent and pending new construction will have, and have had, impacts on traffic patterns in the area; and

WHEREAS: Without data it is impossible to determine what, if any, City policies and programs need to be changed to address traffic safety issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with the accident statistics for Massachusetts Avenue from Upland Road to the Arlington line from Jan 2005 through June of 2006, broken down by the type of accident, severity of any injuries, date of accident and location of accident; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this data in digital form in an access database, an Excel spreadsheet or a similar type of data management program.

O-11 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Idling vehicles have a negative impact on local air quality; and

WHEREAS: City vehicles idle under a variety of circumstances; and

WHEREAS: Sometimes it is necessary for a City vehicle to idle in order to run relevant equipment, but sometimes it would be proper for the vehicle to be turned off; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's policy concerning idling City vehicles.

O-12 June 4, 2007

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works to address the strong odors emanating from the sewers along Cambridge Street.

O-13 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the impact of the Attorney General's settlement of a Class Action lawsuit regarding minority hirings for police and fire positions.

O-14 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is the hub of technology; and

WHEREAS: The rise in Cambridge tourism has increased two-fold; and

WHEREAS: The ability to keep Cambridge competitive depends in part on transportation to Cambridge hotels is significant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council, through their representative in the State House Vice Mayor Toomey and the City Manager, confer with MassPort on revisiting the granting of permission to Cambridge cabs the ability to pick up passengers at the airport after they drop off passengers.

O-15 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the Windsor Street Clinic, operated by the Cambridge Health Alliance, will no longer practice OB\GYN services there as of July 1, 2007; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Health Alliance to ensure that services are not stopped until a public discussion of this matter has come before this City Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That this matter be referred to the Health and Environment Committee for a public hearing.

O-16 June 4, 2007

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Allied Barton, Harvard University, and SEIU 615 have reached a contract agreement with security guards employed at Harvard University after 2½ years of negotiations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record congratulating Allied Barton, Harvard University, and SEIU 615 on reaching a contract agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Allied Barton, Harvard University, and SEIU 615 on behalf of the entire City Council.