

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, requesting that the City Council formally appropriate/allocate the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as follows:
  - 1A. 80% of FY2010 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$5,000,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust.
  - 1B. 10% of FY2010 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$625,000) allocated to Historic Preservation.
  - 1C. 10% of FY2010 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$625,000) allocated to Open Space.
  - 2A. 80% of FY2009 State Match revenues (received in FY2010) (\$1,440,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust.
  - 2B. 10% of FY2009 State Match revenues (received in FY2010) (\$180,000) allocated to Historic Preservation.
  - 2C. 10% of FY2009 State Match revenues (received in FY2010) (\$180,000) allocated to Open Space.
  - 3A. 80% of the Fund Balance (\$800,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Affordable Housing Trust.
  - 3B. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) allocated to Historic Preservation.
  - 3C. 10% of the Fund Balance (\$100,000) allocated to Open Space.
  - 4A. Appropriate from the Fund Balance the cost for the Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues (\$7,500).
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Raymond Gray as a Constable for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2009.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-99, regarding a report on the North Point development project and relocation of the Lechmere Green Line Station.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-89, regarding a report on ways the City can support and encourage residents to visit their local neighborhood restaurants.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-90, regarding a report on a summary of how the Taxicab Subcommittee functions.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-84, regarding a report on the takeover of the Youville Hospital by Partners Healthcare.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to amendments to Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Refuse and Litter" as well as a new proposed ordinance Chapter 8.25 "Dumpster Licenses."
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 09-94 and 09-95, regarding water play features.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance allocation grant in the amount of \$ 246,068 to the Police Department Grant Fund Salaries and Wages account which will provide funds to maintain two existing positions for two years within the Police Department: The Neighborhood Coordinator, who serves as the liaison for the Police Department and Cambridge neighborhoods; and the Case Manager who supports the daily operations of the Major Crime Unit.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Pathways grant in the amount of (\$56,000.00) received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Adult and Community Learning Services to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$10,644.12) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$45,355.88) and will be used to support case management and educational services for fifteen families and involves collaboration between the Community Learning Center, Agenda for Children, Center for Families, and the Childcare Resource Center. Parents attend ESOL classes, as well as participate in parenting education sessions and employability workshops.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Civic Education Grant for \$137,643.00 funded by the Adult and Community Learning Services through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$120,115.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$16,965.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$563.00) and will be used to support ESOL/Civic Education classes provided by the Community Learning Center (CLC).
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) grant received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the amount of \$637,443.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$543,863.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$92,410.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$1,170.00) and will be used to funds the salary costs for direct service staff, contractual hours for student leadership projects employing CLC students as job mentors and health advisors, mileage for in-state DESE meetings and for partial funding of conference expenses as well as providing funding for educational supplies and other operating costs.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Bunker Hill Community College Grant in the amount of \$3,250.00 to

the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$3,192.00) and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$58.00) and will be used to support professional development of Community Learning Center teachers on curriculum and instruction to assist upper level students in transitioning to higher education. Funds will also be used to pay for supplies for a curriculum workshop held at the Community Learning Center.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Community Learning Center's Notre Dame Education Center grant in the amount of \$10,300.00 funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$9,909.00), to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$289.00), and to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Travel and Training account (\$102.00) and will be used to allow The Notre Dame Education Center to subcontract with the City of Cambridge to partner in a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education distance learning project for ESOL students.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC) Money Smarts Coaches Grant in the amount of \$637.00 to the Grant Fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account and will be used to support a new student leadership opportunity, developed by CEOC and the Community Learning Center (CLC), for CLC students.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the Workplace Education grant from the Adult and Community Learning Services through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in the amount of \$5,608.00 to the grant fund Human Service Programs Salary and Wages account (\$5,008.00) and to the grant fund Human Service Programs Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$600.00) and funds will be used to support a planning process provided by the Community Learning Center (CLC) in partnership with the Cambridge Health Alliance and Youville Hospital to determine the interest and need of employees for basic skills instruction as well as other CLC operating expenses.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a reimbursement from NSTAR for \$74,348.64 to the Public Investment Fund Public Works Extraordinary Expenditures account for the new West Cambridge Youth and Community Center.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the National School Lunch: Equipment Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$45,461.00 to the School Department Grant Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account and will be used to purchase of a Blast Chiller at the Kennedy School, and a Tilt Kettle and Convection Oven at the Tobin School.
19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of the federal

McKinney-Vento American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocation grant in the amount \$ 20,702.00 to the School Department Grant Fund Travel and Training account (\$14,902.00) and to the School Department Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$5,800.00) and will be used to assist districts and schools in developing and enhancing the district's capacity to provide services to homeless children and youth enrolled, attending, and succeeding in the local school district.

20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant (Year 2) in the amount of \$39,000 to the Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account and will support the purchase of approximately 15 computers which will expand public access to technology throughout the library system.  
[Note: That translates into \$2600 per computer. Has the City visited MicroCenter lately?]
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to information on both the seasonal flu and H1N1 flu.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the Planning Board not to adopt the Connor, et al Petition to rezone an area on the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge in the vicinity of Garden, Walden, Sherman and Winslow Streets from the current Residence C-1 designation to a Residence B designation.
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the supplemental appropriation of a Library Services & Technology Act Grant additional award received from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in the amount of \$2,800 to the Grant Fund Library Salary and Wages account (\$1,320) and to Grant Fund Library Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,480) to provide funds to support workshops and library materials and staff time to provide on-site services.
24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 09-78, regarding a report on how the City can support the Purple Hats Club.

#### **ON THE TABLE**

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on Unfinished Business.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87,

- 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 30, 2009 for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow wind turbines to be placed in the City of Cambridge. The petition was passed to a Second Reading on July 27, 2009. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 10, 2009. Planning Board hearing held on June 2, 2009. Petition expires Sept 28, 2009.
  5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on June 30, 2009 for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend Chapter 8.24 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Refuse and Litter" and to add a new proposed ordinance Chapter 8.25 "Dumpster Licenses." The proposed amendments were passed to a Second Reading on July 27, 2009. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 10, 2009.
  6. Committee Report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 2, 2009 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by Jean Connor et al. to amend the Zoning Map of Cambridge in an area described by a line, said line beginning at the intersection of the center-line of Garden Street and the Residence B zoning district line, a line parallel, to 100 feet distant from and northerly of the northerly sideline of Huron Avenue, by deleting the current Residence C-1 designation and substituting therefore the designation Residence B. The petition was passed to a Second Reading on July 27, 2009. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Aug 10, 2009. Planning Board hearing held July 7, 2009. Petition expires Sept 30, 2009.
2. A communication was received from Representative William N. Brownsberger, transmitting thanks for the letter regarding the City Council's resolution in support of H715, An Act to Promote Small Plot Farming in the Commonwealth.
  3. A communication was received from Representative Alice K. Wolf, supporting House Bill 1916, An Act relative to the provision of services to the City of Cambridge by the Cambridge Energy Alliance.
  4. A communication was received from Anne R. Shumway, 57 Fenno Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  5. A communication was received from Elizabeth Gibb, 10-12 Newell Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  6. A communication was received from Robert M. Frankerheim, 51 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  7. A communication was received from Samuel L. Bayer, 1 Stearns Street #3, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  8. A communication was received from Adam P. Mitchell, 48 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  9. A communication was received from Gloria Serpe, 27 Sherman Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  10. A communication was received from Roberto Cremonini, 8 Newell Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  11. A communication was received from Martha Bargmann, 65 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  12. A communication was received from Julio J. Cruz, 129 Garden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  13. A communication was received from Edward Duggan, 3 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  14. A communication was received from Maureen Frisoli, 14 Fenno Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  15. A communication was received from Paulann and David J. Finucane, 240 Walden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  16. A communication was received from John K. Felix, 41 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  17. A communication was received from Laura Burns Ratcliffe, 24 Newell Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  18. A communication was received from Rosemary Kennedy, 125 Garden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
  19. A communication was received from Campbell H. Ellsworth, 14 Sherman Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.

#### **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Harvard Square Business Association, requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall and JFK Street at Mount Auburn Street announcing Oktoberfest.
2. An application was received from Child Care Resource Center, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing Family Literacy Fun Day for Cambridge Families on Sat, Nov 7th from 10:30 am-2:30 pm.
3. An application was received from Central Brew, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign, two tables and eight chairs for restaurant seating in front of premises numbered 350 Massachusetts Avenue.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, regarding the creation of a new question mark.

20. A communication was received from Irene O'Leary, Trustee, 212-214 Walden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
21. A communication was received from Legacy Properties, 29-31 Winslow Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
22. A communication was received from Diane Bello, 232 Walden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
23. A communication was received from Robert Larsen, Manager, 56 Winslow St LLC, 48-56 Winslow Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
24. A communication was received from Deborah Baskin, Manager, 56 Winslow LLC, 48-56 Winslow Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
25. A communication was received from Frederick Todd and Susan H. Todd, 6 Newell Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
26. A communication was received from E. Sarah Slaughter and James Newman, 11 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
27. A communication was received from Dura Winder, 36 Sherman Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
28. A communication was received from Alice W. Hall, 273 Upland Road, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
29. A communication was received from Joseph D. Maguire, 16 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
30. A communication was received from Robert M. Groves, Director, United States Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U.S. Census bureau, regarding issues related to data about same-sex married couples in the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey (ACS).
31. A communication was received from Ellen G. Brodsky, 34 Sherman Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
32. A communication was received from Paul D. Tarquinio, 272 Walden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
33. A communication was received from Eden Naby Frye, 43 Sherman Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
34. A communication was received from Paul Graham, 135 Garden Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
35. A communication was received from Cynthia Vreeland, 20 Sherman Street, Unit 3, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
36. A communication was received from Joseph Maguire, 16 Stearns Street, regarding the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
37. A communication was received from Department of Public Utilities, transmitting notice of a public hearing on Sept 24,

- 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at One South Station, 2nd floor, Boston, to receive comments on a petition of NSTAR Electric to the Department of Public Utilities for review and approval of the Company's 2008 Energy Efficiency Annual Report.
38. A communication was received from E. Ainslie Wallace, 44 Stearns Street, transmitting written protest to the Jean Connor et al. Zoning Petition.
39. A communication was received from John Natale, 45 Chester Street, Winchester, regarding parking permit for absentee owner 92-94 Sciarappa Street.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution on the death of Richard M. Brescia. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Stella M. Burke. Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Pamela L. (Smith) Curtis. Councillor Toomey
4. Resolution on the death of Anthony G. Daveta. Councillor Toomey
5. Resolution on the death of Alice R. (Johnson) DeVincent. Councillor Toomey
6. Resolution on the death of Betty Luther. Councillor Toomey
7. Resolution on the death of John F. O'Flaherty. Councillor Toomey
8. Resolution on the death of Jennie "Jean" (Fiorino) Privitera. Councillor Toomey
9. Resolution on the death of Julio T. Volpe. Councillor Maher
10. Congratulations to Jason and Joanna Alves on the birth of their daughter Sophia Marie Alves on Aug 10, 2009. Councillor Toomey
11. Congratulations to the Harvard Extension School on the occasion of its Centennial. Councillor Maher, Councillor Decker
12. Congratulations to the Cambridge Fire Department on being awarded the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Councillor Maher
13. Retirement of Michael Lange from the Public Works Department. Mayor Simmons
14. Retirement of James Townes from the Police Department. Mayor Simmons
15. Retirement of Stephen Caiazzo from the Police Department. Mayor Simmons
16. Retirement of Robert Pasco from the Police Department. Mayor Simmons
17. Retirement of Margaret Lynch from the Cambridge Hospital. Mayor Simmons
18. Retirement of Norman Waksler from the Cambridge Public Library. Mayor Simmons
19. Urge residents to participate in the Second Annual Walk for Hydrocephalus on Sept 20, 2009. Councillor Maher
20. Retirement of Karen Jenner from the Cambridge Housing Authority. Mayor Simmons
21. Retirement of Macedone "Mark" MontLouis from the Water Department. Mayor Simmons

22. Retirement of Mary Paula from the Water Department. Mayor Simmons
23. Resolution on the death of Edward J. "Eddie" Oliver. Councillor Toomey
24. Resolution on the death of Maria Jose C. (Freitas) Rego. Councillor Toomey
25. Resolution on the death of Emilia (Resendes) Santos. Councillor Toomey
26. Resolution on the death of Lucy R. (Paolillo) Ciano. Councillor Toomey
27. Congratulations to Mr. Carl Brown on being ordained at the Mass Avenue Baptist Church on Sept 20, 2009. Mayor Simmons
28. Resolution on the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker, Mayor Simmons, Councillor Maher
29. Resolution on the death of Philip Harrington. Mayor Simmons
30. Resolution on the death of Eleanor V. (Lally) Beucler. Councillor Maher
31. Resolution on the death of Concetta M. (Bonacci) Hazard. Councillor Maher
32. Congratulations to Ferna L. Phillips on her on Ordination at the Mass Ave Baptist Church. Mayor Simmons
33. Congratulations to Lesley University on its 100th Anniversary. Mayor Simmons
34. Congratulations to Tutoring Plus on the occasion of their 45th Anniversary. Councillor Toomey
35. Welcome the Forsyth Institute to 245 First Street, Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
36. Resolution on the death of Florence J. (Janelle) McEvoy. Councillor Maher
37. Congratulations to Mayor E. Denise Simmons and Mattie B. Hayes on their recent marriage. Councillor Maher
38. Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Saheed, Principal of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, on being named one of seven public high schools that rival their private counterparts. Councillor Maher
39. City Council support to the CitySprouts program and its contribution to the children and families of Cambridge. Mayor Simmons
40. Congratulations to Emily Hoffman and Roberto Navarro on the birth of their daughter Isabel Flora Hoffman Navarro on Aug 28, 2009. Councillor Davis
41. Congratulations to the participants of the Cambridge Open Studios who displayed their work at Logan Airport in Terminals A and the B & C Walkway through Sept 18, 2009. Councillor Davis
42. Resolution on the death of Private Taylor D. Marks. Councillor Decker
43. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Earl D. Werner. Councillor Decker
44. Resolution on the death of Second Lieutenant Joseph D. Fortin. Councillor Decker
45. Resolution on the death of Private First Class William Z. Vanosdol. Councillor Decker
46. Resolution on the death of Specialist Matthew D. Hastings. Councillor Decker
47. Resolution on the death of Specialist Richard A. Walters Jr. Councillor Decker
48. Resolution on the death of Private Keiffer P. Wilhelm. Councillor Decker
49. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Johnny R. Polk. Councillor Decker
50. Resolution on the death of Specialist Herberth A. Berrios-Campos. Councillor Decker
51. Congratulations to Sr. Mary Orontia Walsh as she celebrates her sixty years as a Sister of Notre Dame. Councillor Maher, Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Ward
52. Resolution on the death of Edward G. Callinan. Councillor Toomey
53. Thanks to the Hunt Alternatives Fund for their dedication to ARTWorks for Kids and wish them a successful Blooming Art event on Sat, Oct 3, 2009. Councillor Davis
54. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Todd W. Selge. Councillor Decker
55. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jordan M. Shay. Councillor Decker
56. Retirement of Thomas Reagan from the Fire Department. Mayor Simmons
57. Congratulations to Paddy's Lunch on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. Councillor Decker, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Maher
58. Thanks to Steve Buckley for his dedication and fundraising efforts of the OldTime Baseball Game which took place on Aug 13, 2009. Councillor Decker
59. Thanks to Beatrice "Bea" Harvey for her dedicated service to the Cambridge community. Councillor Decker, Councillor Maher, Councillor Davis
60. Appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. Councillor Decker
61. Congratulations to Charles and Leonora (Antoncecchi) Siciliano as they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Aug 28, 2009. Councillor Decker
62. Congratulations to Jana Matuskova and Ramesh Raskar on the birth of their daughter, Nia, on Aug 26, 2009. Councillor Decker
63. Retirement of Henry Manuel from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Simmons
64. Retirement of James Costa from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Mayor Simmons.
65. Resolution on the death of Theodore Rubin. Councillor Toomey
66. Speedy recovery wishes to Chester Mitchell. Councillor Maher
67. Best wishes to the Kendall Square Association as it kicks off the fall with an evening of food, entertainment and raffles on Sept 10, 2009 at the Broad Canal Landing. Councillor Davis
68. Thanks to Jim Smith on the occasion of his retirement from the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. Councillor Davis
69. Congratulations to Michael Walsh on his appointment as President of the Board of Directors of the Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House. Vice Mayor Seidel
70. Resolution on the death of Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Vice Mayor Seidel
71. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Joseph D. Helton. Councillor Decker

72. Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary wishes to Joan and Walter Barringer, Jr. Councillor Toomey
73. Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Rappaport on the publication of her newly-published book "In Her Wake: A Child Psychiatrist Explores the Mystery of Her Mother's Suicide." Councillor Davis
74. Retirement of Charles Linehan from the Cambridge Police Department. Mayor Simmons
75. City Council support of the Travel Responsibility Outreach & Mentoring Project (TROMP). Vice Mayor Seidel
76. City Council support and endorsement of the goals and objectives of the Blue Ribbon Commission report. Mayor Simmons, Vice Mayor Seidel
77. Retirement of John Samp from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Decker
78. Retirement of Edward McGillicuddy from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Decker
79. Retirement of John Haverty from the Cambridge School Department. Councillor Decker
80. Thanks to Alison Glastein for her service to Breakthrough Cambridge as its Executive Director. Vice Mayor Seidel
81. City Council support of efforts to maximize individual and family preparedness for emergencies. Councillor Kelley

#### **ORDERS**

1. Dedication of a suitable location in the vicinity of Shepard Street and Massachusetts Avenue in honor of Eddie Tabet. Councillor Reeves
2. That the Connor et al. zoning petition to amend the Zoning Map from its current designation as a Residence C-1 to a Residence B District encompassing all or portions of lots on Assessors Plats #205, #206 and #228 including but not limited to those abutting Garden, Winslow, Fenno, Stearns, Esten, Sherman Streets and Upland Road, be re-filed with the City Council upon the expiration of the current petition on Sept 30, 2009, that said re-filed petition be referred to the Planning Board and City Council Ordinance Committee; and that upon adoption of this order, the Ordinance Committee public hearing be advertised and scheduled promptly, with a report back to the City Council as soon as possible. Councillor Maher and Vice Mayor Seidel
3. Home Rule Petition filing regarding AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Councillor Toomey
4. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of initiating curbside pickup of food waste. Councillor Davis
5. That the City Manager is requested to refer to the Community Development Department the matter of the state's proposed stretch energy code in order to contact stakeholders and hold informational meetings about the code. Councillor Davis
6. That the City Manager is requested to continue to negotiate with the owner of the greenhouses on Whittemore Avenue with the goal of securing this property for public benefit, if it is appropriate. Councillor Davis
7. That the City Manager is requested to support the car seat installation program and make available the information about the program to the public on the City's web site, on the cable channel and wherever expectant parents may be found, such as doctors' offices. Councillor Davis and Councillor Toomey
8. That the City Manager is requested to revisit the positioning of safety devices that were installed, especially near the dangerous intersections of: Sherman Street, Rindge Avenue and Montgomery Street and to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and other departments with the goal of added protection for the residents of Rindge Avenue. Councillor Maher
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Chief Public Health Officer and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to report back to the City Council at what steps are currently being taken to protect the Albany Street residents from further outbreaks of scabies and similar diseases. Councillor Decker
10. That the City Manager is requested to direct Comcast to verify the cause of the technical problems that prevented the broadcast on the City TV-8 channel on July 27, 2009. Councillor Decker
11. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to draft a Cambridge City Ordinance to curb motorcycle noise in the city. Councillor Decker
12. That the City Council go on record requesting the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to pursue legislation similar to the "ALERT Drivers" Act, which would ban all drivers from texting while operating a vehicle throughout the State. Councillor Decker
13. That the City Manager is requested to work with the Community Development Department, business associations within the City, the Cambridge Arts Council and others as appropriate to develop policies to promote proper lighting of vacant storefronts in commercial areas and opportunities for collaboration with area arts and cultural organizations to display their work in said storefronts. Vice Mayor Seidel
14. That the City Manager is requested to investigate placing a pedestrian crossing sign in the crosswalk at Norfolk Street and Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square and report back to the City Council on its feasibility. Vice Mayor Seidel
15. That the City Manager is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop "next steps" and an action plan for the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle School Youth report. Mayor Simmons and Vice Mayor Seidel
16. That the City Council go on record asking the Cambridge Housing Authority to use any new renovation funds to include the hiring of security desk personnel to monitor and record visitors. Councillor Decker
17. That the City Manager is requested to inquire with the Housing Authority on the status of the Housing Authority's ability to continue to provide support for the Purple Hats Club. Councillor Decker

18. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on what steps can be taken to implement a 311 system. Councillor Decker
19. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's plans to help fund the Housing Authorities redevelopment projects, to include any land swaps, loan backing or direct financial assistance. Councillor Kelley
20. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the protocols followed by City agencies and large-scale housing providers relevant to bedbugs and other similar infestation. Councillor Kelley
21. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of street crimes and relevant investigations as well as under what circumstances an Electronic Alert should be issued. Councillor Kelley
22. That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the management for the Galleria Mall to determine a means of more regular cleanup of the areas on residential streets and to report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on July 9, 2009 to discuss the neighborhood rents for retail space.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on June 23, 2009 to discuss plans for a public forum to provide information and support for homeowners or tenants who may be facing displacement because of economic distress.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Health and Environment

Committee, for a meeting held on July 28, 2009 to discuss the State's Stretch Energy Code.

4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and Councillor David Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on May 7, 2009 for the purpose of considering possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to yard and lot line definitions and measurements, review of combined townhouse and multi-unit housing development, and open space requirements for Business A-3 districts.
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7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on Aug 26, 2009 for the purpose of initiating a conversation to strengthen the Lincoln Way community for a safer neighborhood.
8. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on July 1, 2009 to conduct an informal brainstorming conversation with individuals and organizations working on energy conservation and climate protection and with youth organizations in Cambridge on how better to engage youth, in energy and action, about environmental actions and awareness in their communities.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Craig A. Kelley, regarding bedbugs at 35-37 Lee Street.

#### **HEARING SCHEDULE**

##### **Mon, Sept 14**

5:15pm Special Presentation - Celebration of City Sprouts in Cambridge Public Schools District-wide. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Sept 15**

5:30pm The Health and Environment and Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committees will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss illegal idling in Cambridge. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Mon, Sept 21**

5:00pm Special Presentation - U.S. Census 2010 Kick-off Event (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

##### **Tues, Sept 22**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Thurs, Sept 24**

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting on the climate emergency.  
This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Sept 29**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss clarification of the city's policy of parking motorcycles and motor scooters on city sidewalks. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 5**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 6**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 13**

5:30pm The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss pedestrian safety, dangerous intersections and any possible lessons learned that could prevent future collisions. (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 19**

5:15pm Special Presentation for the new program being launched by the Women's Commission "Cut it Out Cambridge," to train hair salon staff in recognizing domestic violence and acting as a resource for their patrons. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Oct 20**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Oct 26**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 2**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 9**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 16**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Nov 17**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 23**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Nov 30**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 1**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 7**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 14**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Tues, Dec 15**

6:00pm School Committee Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 21**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**Mon, Dec 28**

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate a suitable location in the vicinity of Shepard Street and Massachusetts Avenue in honor of Eddie Tabet; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Executive Assistant to the City Council is 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 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the Connor et al. zoning petition to amend the Zoning Map from its current designation as a Residence C-1 to a Residence B District encompassing all or portions of lots on Assessors Plats #205, #206 and #228 including but not limited to those abutting Garden, Winslow, Fenno, Stearns, Esten, Sherman Streets and Upland Road, be re-filed with the City Council upon the expiration of the current petition on Sept 30, 2009, that said re-filed petition be referred to the Planning Board and City Council Ordinance Committee; and that upon adoption of this order, the Ordinance Committee public hearing be advertised and scheduled promptly, with a report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

O-3 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record authorizing the City Clerk to file on its behalf the attached Home Rule Petition entitled: "AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CAMBRIDGE RETIREMENT SYSTEM"

O-4 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works initiated a program in Feb 2008 whereby residents can drop off food waste at the Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 500 households are participating in the food waste drop off program, and to date, 64,000 pounds of food waste have been collected; and

WHEREAS: Since July 2008, Whole Foods has been accepting food waste at its Prospect Street location; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the possibility of initiating curbside pickup of food waste.

O-5 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The state has offered communities the chance to adopt a stretch energy code which can be adopted either by Jan 1 or June 1 of any year; and

WHEREAS: Energy use in buildings is responsible for over 80% of greenhouse gas emissions in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is working comprehensively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in its building practices, city operations, energy consumption, purchasing and transportation policies; and

WHEREAS: The stretch energy code sets a higher standard for energy performance of buildings involving new construction and major renovations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to refer to the Community Development Department the matter of the state's proposed stretch energy code in order to contact stakeholders and hold informational meetings about the code; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to report back to the City Council by Dec 1, 2009 in order to discuss this matter further.

O-6 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There are several abandoned greenhouses on Whittemore Avenue that would be a potentially excellent location for growing fresh food in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue to negotiate with the owner of this property with the goal of securing this property for public benefit, if it is appropriate.

O-7 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Car seats are essential to insuring child safety and 90% of car seats are installed incorrectly; and

WHEREAS: Both the Cambridge Police Department and the Cambridge Fire Department have done an excellent job of providing car seat installation; and

WHEREAS: Some Cambridge residents have been under the mistaken impression that the Cambridge Police Department no longer offers to install car seats; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to support the popular car seat installation program and insure that it be continued; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to make available the information about the city program for car seat installation to the public on the City's web site, on the cable channel and wherever expectant parents may be found, such as doctors' offices.

O-8 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Recently the City installed safety devices to protect the houses on Rindge Avenue from being hit by vehicles; and

WHEREAS: These safety precautions failed to protect 213 Rindge Avenue from a vehicle which did extensive damage to the resident's property; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to revisit the positioning of said devices that were installed, especially near the dangerous intersections of: Sherman Street, Rindge Avenue and Montgomery Street and to work with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and other departments with the goal of added protection for the residents of Rindge Avenue.

O-9 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that there have recently been outbreaks of scabies at the Albany Street homeless shelter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chief Public Health Officer and the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to report back to the City Council at what steps are currently being taken to protect the Albany Street residents from further outbreaks of scabies and similar diseases; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager also be requested to include in the report information about methods for protection of homeless shelter residents from scabies and similar diseases, for example use of plastic mattress covers sterilized between use by different residents, and what, if any, steps the City could take to ensure that best practices are implemented.

O-10 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the July 27th City Council meeting was unable to be broadcast on the usual CITY TV-8 channel; and

WHEREAS: An inquiry conducted by the CITY TV-8 production unit discovered that the problem was due to technical difficulties at the Comcast "hub"; and

WHEREAS: It was due to the quick thinking and good training of CITY TV-8 staff, Grant Casassa and Dhonyale Jones, that the City Council meeting that evening was able to be broadcast on the School Department Channel while Comcast fixed its technical problems; and

WHEREAS: These technical problems could have been resolved much quicker had it not been for difficulties in communicating with unresponsive Comcast personnel; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct Comcast to verify the cause of the technical problems that prevented the broadcast on the City TV-8 channel; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to request from Comcast information as to what steps will be taken in the future to prevent this from happening again, and what steps will be taken to ensure that Comcast personnel will be more responsive to CITY TV-8 staff; 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 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Noise pollution, and motorcycle noise specifically, detracts from an individual's quality of life; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Solicitor to draft a Cambridge City Ordinance to curb motorcycle noise in the city; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with the language of this Ordinance.

O-12 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: A recent Virginia Tech study found that drivers who send texts are 23 times more likely to get into an accident; and

WHEREAS: Other research concluded that the practice of texting while driving is more dangerous than drunk driving; and

WHEREAS: On July 29, 2009, State Senators representing New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, and North Carolina proposed legislation, the "ALERT Drivers" Act, to ban all drivers from texting while operating a vehicle; and

WHEREAS: On June 1, 2009 the City Council passed a Council order requesting that the City Manger confer with the appropriate departments to explore the possibility of banning the use of cell phones and text messaging while driving in Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to pursue legislation similar to the "ALERT Drivers" Act, which would ban all drivers from texting while operating a vehicle throughout the State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-13 Sept 14, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: Vibrant commercial and retail districts are critical to the character and economic well-being of the City; and

WHEREAS: Appropriate and attractive lighting are important not only to attracting customers to businesses but also maintaining safety and acting as a deterrent to criminal activity; and

WHEREAS: The recent economic downturn has forced some businesses to close in Cambridge, leaving vacant storefronts; and WHEREAS: Lacking tenants, many building landlords have decided to leave storefronts dark; and

WHEREAS: Lighting is still necessary for these spaces whether or not they are occupied; and

WHEREAS: Storefronts that are temporarily vacant can be used by area artists and non-profits to display their works, as piloted in programs in other communities; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Community Development Department, business associations within the City, the Cambridge Arts Council and others as appropriate to develop policies to promote proper lighting of vacant storefronts in commercial areas and

opportunities for collaboration with area arts and cultural organizations to display their work in said storefronts.

O-14 Sept 14, 2009

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate placing a pedestrian crossing sign in the crosswalk at Norfolk Street and Massachusetts Avenue in Central Square and report back to the City Council on its feasibility.

O-15 Sept 14, 2009

MAYOR SIMMONS

VICE MAYOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle School Youth (see attachment) has met over the course of the past year and developed a report on the status of middle school youth in out-of-school time activities; and

WHEREAS: The report has outlined goals and objectives for providing meaningful engagement in out-of-school time activities for all middle school youth in Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to work with the Superintendent of Schools to develop "next steps" and an action plan for the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle School Youth report; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter by Dec 14, 2009.

O-16 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Cambridge Housing Authority is in the process of receiving millions of dollars for renovations for some of its sites; and

WHEREAS: The issue of security and safety continue to be a high concern for residents of elderly and disabled housing in the city; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Housing Authority once had resources to provide for personnel to sign in visitors to the buildings which provided a record of housing visitors but this is no longer the case; and

WHEREAS: Security cameras have taken the place of real people, but the cameras do not replace the record keeping of a live person, nor do they provide the comfort or confidence to residents who often feel intimidated to not let strangers into the building; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record asking the Cambridge Housing Authority to use any new renovation funds to include the hiring of security desk personnel to monitor and record visitors.

O-17 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Council previously passed an Order regarding the Purple Hats Club asking the City Manager to inquire with the Housing Authority on the status of the Housing Authority's ability to continue to provide support for the Purple Hats Club; and

WHEREAS: Funding for the Purple Hats Club is slated to be cut and the program to cease on Dec 31st, 2009 (see attachment); and

WHEREAS: The Purple Hats Club provides an important social network for seniors at Roosevelt Towers; and

WHEREAS: At a small expense, sustaining the hosting and activities of the Purple Hats Club provides the significant benefits of a safe space to gather and necessary social engagement for many seniors; and

WHEREAS: Given that the CHA is potentially slated to receive millions of dollars for renovations, it seems short sighted for the CHA not to fund the Purple Hats Club, if not fully then at least partially, because of the mental health benefits the Club provides to seniors who are otherwise unable to benefit from other city services; now therefore be it

WHEREAS: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire with the Housing Authority on the status of the Housing Authority's ability to continue to provide support for the Purple Hats Club; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire with the Department of Human Services how that department can support the Housing Authority's ability to continue to support the Purple Hats Club; 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-18 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The City has previously explored the possibility of a 311 system; and

WHEREAS: The 311 system is a valuable tool to inform the public and is used in such cities as Somerville and New York City; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on what steps can be taken to implement a 311 system.

O-19 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Housing Authority is embarking on a 10-year, 250,000,000 dollar renovation project that will involve the demolition and rebuilding of various CHA developments; and

WHEREAS: The first of these demolition/renovation projects has tentatively been scheduled to start in late 2009; and

WHEREAS: It is not clear how the Cambridge Housing Authority is involving the public in any planning process for its renovation projects; and

WHEREAS: The City may be financially involved in these various renovation projects; now be it therefore

ORDERED: That the City Council's Housing Committee is requested to hold a public hearing in the near future to review CHA's plans and the City's plans to help finance them; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's plans to help fund the Housing Authorities redevelopment projects, to include any land swaps, loan backing or direct financial assistance.

O-20 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: A recent incident of bedbug infestation in a multi-unit condo building was probably caused by the placement in a Cambridge Housing Authority unit without adequate screening and supervision of individuals in a CASCAP program; and

WHEREAS: Bedbugs are a problem at a variety of housing developments and units across the City; and

WHEREAS: Successful placement of individuals who require special screening and support to live on their own is dependent on the screening and support being properly carried out; now be it

ORDERED: That the City Council's Housing Committee is requested to hold a public hearing in the near future to review the process of placing and then supporting needy individuals in a residential setting; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the protocols followed by City agencies and large-scale housing providers relevant to bedbugs and other similar infestation.

O-21 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: There have been at least two violent street crimes in North Cambridge within the past several weeks, one a stabbing and the other a slashing; and

WHEREAS: There was apparently no Electronic Alert sent out for either attack; and

WHEREAS: It is important for the public to understand under what conditions an Electronic Alert will be issued; now therefore be it  
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of these street crimes and relevant investigations as well as under what circumstances an Electronic Alert should be issued.

O-22 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There has been an increase in the amount of litter on residential streets that residents attribute to shoppers at the Galleria Mall; and

WHEREAS: Tree wells and gutters are routinely cleaned by concerned residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the management for the Galleria Mall to determine a means of more regular cleanup of these areas and to report back to the City Council.

O-23 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has installed a traffic calming mechanism on Appian Way, a very short street in Harvard Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a justification of the traffic calming installation on Appian Way and to include the amount of meters being removed and the cost of the project to the City.

O-24 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Residents have expressed concern regarding the cleanliness of the playground at the Cambridge Common; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to report back to the City Council on the schedule for general upkeep of the playground at the Cambridge Common.

O-25 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has initiated a curbside pick up of plastic bags with recycling; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on Cambridge's ability to begin a similar initiative with our curbside recycling program.

O-26 Sept 14, 2009

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The number of homeless people camping with tents, tarps and similar large-scale equipment in public places appears to be increasing; and

WHEREAS: These temporary campgrounds, including the Cambridge Common, parts of Harvard Square and other parts of Cambridge, are not designed to be residential areas and lack basic hygiene facilities; and

WHEREAS: It is important to provide appropriate services for individuals camping in various parts of Cambridge and to the general homeless population at large; and

WHEREAS: Use of hotel rooms as temporary homeless shelters has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased transportation costs for the Cambridge Public School system alone; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council's Human Services Committee is requested to hold a public hearing in the near future to discuss homeless issues in Cambridge with the goal of helping to determine if proper regulatory measures are in place including appropriate zoning and licensing regulations and support programs.