

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-108, regarding a report on the status of the proposed park at 238 Broadway.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-83, regarding a report on a plan for security of bathroom facilities in City Hall.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-29, regarding a report on appointing a committee to develop a ten-year plan to end chronic homelessness in the City.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the reappointment of Ted Carpenter, 175 Hancock Street, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire August 31, 2009.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-81, regarding a report and listing of all business the City does with Fleet Bank, including retirement accounts.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-52, regarding a report on establishing a reserve account to fund retirement health care benefits particularly in light of GASB.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 04-71, regarding a report on the actions taken by Boston in enacting an ordinance relating to dangerous animals.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek the Massachusetts Department of Revenue approval for the tax rate for FY2005:
  - A. Authorize the further use of Free Cash of \$5,650,000 to offset the 2005 tax rate as follows: Operating Budget: \$2,150,000; Public Investment: \$1,500,000; and Tax Support Reduction: \$2,000,000;
  - B. Classify property into five classes;
  - C. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 59.5733%;
  - D. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 30% for owner-occupied homes;
  - E. Double the normal value of the statutory exemptions for FY2005;
  - F. Increase the FY2005 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$227.65 to \$236.30;
  - G. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons from \$20,000 to \$40,000; and
  - H. Transfer \$1,987,095 of Overlay Reserve Funds to an Overlay Surplus Reserve Account to be used as a revenue offset to the Fiscal 2005 tax rate.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to recommendations for

amendments to the Police Review and Advisory Board ("PRAB") ordinance.

## **ON THE TABLE**

1. Placed on the Table on the motion of Councillor Simmons relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-137 of December 22, 2003, regarding a report on the number of investment managers for the pension fund with the list to reflect the number of women-owned and minority-owned investment managers.

## **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 September 22, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to implement the Tree Protection Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 18, 2004. Petition expires December 21, 2004.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. Constable bond surety received from Michael LaRosa.
2. An application was received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 615 Concord Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
3. An application was received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 28 Elliot Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
4. An application was received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 226 Main Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
5. An application was received from Bank of America, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1000 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
6. An application was received from David Huenneke, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 112 Prospect Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No response has been received from the Neighborhood Associations.
7. An application was received from Lollicup, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 54 JFK Street.
8. An application was received from Cambridge Family Literacy Collaborative/ChildCare Resource Center, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall.
9. An application was received from Heavy's Caps & Accessories, requesting permission for a display of

merchandise at the premises numbered 766A Cambridge Street.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting notice of a public hearing on October 22, 2004 at 2:00pm, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston on a petition of Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Boston Edison Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSYAR Gas Company, for approval of tariffs to provide recovery for costs associated with their obligations to provide employees pension benefits and post-retirement benefits other than pensions.
2. A communication was received from Lawrence J. Adkins, Riverside Neighborhood Association, regarding City Manager's Agenda item #13 of October 4, 2004.
3. A communication was received from the family of Maria Figueiredo, transmitting appreciation for your kind expression of sympathy.
4. A communication was received from Evva Donofrio and family, transmitting their gratitude for your condolences on behalf of John B. Donofrio.
5. A communication was received from Lawrence Adkins, Riverside Neighborhood Association, regarding Riverside Place residents rendering and design.
6. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding police power.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Darren J. Cunningham. Vice Mayor Decker
2. Resolution on the death of Specialist Rodney A. Jones Vice Mayor Decker
3. Resolution on the death of Specialist Allen Nolan. Vice Mayor Decker
4. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Mike A. Dennie. Vice Mayor Decker
5. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Tyler D. Prewitt. Vice Mayor Decker
6. Resolution on the death of Specialist Gregory A. Cox. Vice Mayor Decker
7. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Kenneth L. Sickels. Vice Mayor Decker
8. Resolution on the death of Hilda Gomes. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey
9. Congratulations to Frank Wilczek, physicist at M.I.T., on being awarded the 2004 Nobel Prize. Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Decker
10. Best wishes to Dan Curley, Executive Director of Cambridge Cares About AIDS, as he leaves to pursue his leadership role with Housing Works. Vice Mayor Decker
11. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Marilyn Bradshaw, Secretary to the School Committee. Mayor Sullivan

12. Congratulations to John P. Allen on his retirement from the East Cambridge Savings Bank. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey
13. Very Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Cleland Haywood as Tuesday, November 2, 2004 is proclaimed Cleland Haywood Day in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
14. Congratulations to Dr. Anne Larkin and Representative Peter Larkin on the birth of their son, Matthew Sean Larkin. Councillor Toomey
15. Congratulations to Juanita Anderson on her 60th Birthday. Councillor Simmons
16. Congratulations to Cori Tiffany Azevedo and Justin Dupont on the birth of their son, Justin Cori King Azevedo. Mayor Sullivan
17. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Dave Collier. Vice Mayor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Christopher Potts. Vice Mayor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Jack Hennessy. Vice Mayor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Michael Uvanni. Vice Mayor Decker
21. November proclaimed as National Adoption Month in Cambridge. Councillor Maher
22. Resolution on the death of Leonora (Cirolo) Nadeau. Mayor Sullivan
23. Resolution on the death of Christopher Reeve. Mayor Sullivan
24. Congratulations to the retirees of the Cambridge School Department and a retirement party will be held on Friday, November 19, 2004, at the VFW Post 3273 on First Street. Mayor Sullivan
25. Congratulations to retiree Bill Bates of the Cambridge Public School Athletic Department and support for his retirement party on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Mayor Sullivan
26. Congratulations to Marta Rosa as she retires from the Child Care Resource Center. Mayor Sullivan
27. Congratulations to Doris Kearns Goodwin on winning the 2004 Amelia Earhart Award and proclaim Friday, November 12, 2004 as Doris Kearns Goodwin Day in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
28. Resolution on the retirement of Thomas M. Maynard.. Mayor Sullivan
29. Resolution on the death of Grace M. Colisomo. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
30. Congratulations to Ted and Tanya Carr on the birth of their daughter. Vice Mayor Decker
31. October 2004 proclaimed as National Arts and Humanities Month in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
32. Congratulations to Jarrett Barrios and Douglas Hattaway on their upcoming wedding. Councillor Toomey
33. Congratulations to Richard and Susan Smith on the dedication of the Family Therapeutic Pool at the Franciscan Hospital for Children, and Thursday,

- November 4, 2004 is proclaimed as Richard and Susan Smith Day in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
34. Greetings sent to the Jose Mateo Fonseca School as members of the Christ Church of Cambridge visit Cuba. Vice Mayor Decker
  35. Resolution on the death of Private First Class James Prevete. Vice Mayor Decker
  36. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Andrew Halverson. Vice Mayor Decker
  37. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Andrew Brown. Vice Mayor Decker
  38. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Michael Voss. Vice Mayor Decker
  39. Resolution on the death of Specialist Jessica Cawvey. Vice Mayor Decker
  40. Resolution on the death of Private Jeungjin Na Kim. Vice Mayor Decker
  41. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Richard Morgan. Vice Mayor Decker
  42. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant James Pettaway, Jr.. Vice Mayor Decker
  43. Resolution on the death of Staff Sergeant Michael Burbank. Vice Mayor Decker
  44. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Aaron Rusin. Vice Mayor Decker
  45. Resolution on the death of Private Carson Ramsey. Vice Mayor Decker
  46. Resolution on the death of Specialist Morgen Jacobs. Vice Mayor Decker
  47. Condolences to be prepared to the Sousa family. Councillor Toomey
  48. Congratulations to Christ Church Cambridge on its first delegation to Cuba and its visit to Cienfuegas, Cuba, Cambridge's Sister City. Councillor Reeves
  49. Congratulations to Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Principal (CRLS) Sybil Knight, Assistant Principal Caroline Hunter and the leadership of CRLS and faculty on their hard work and successes in regaining CRLS's full accreditation. Councillor Reeves
  50. Resolution on the death of William G. Shea. Mayor Sullivan
  51. Veterans Day celebrated on November 11, 2004. Vice Mayor Decker
  52. Recognition of Carla Becerra, who came to the aid of her suddenly sick friend, Patricia Santana, upon an allergic reaction to nuts and Friday, October 22, 2004, is proclaimed Carla Becerra Day. Mayor Sullivan
  53. A Happy 25th Anniversary wish to Whole Foods and Saturday, October 30, 2004, proclaimed as Whole Foods Day. Mayor Sullivan
  54. Resolution on the death of Grace M. Marchant. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Maher, Councillor Toomey
  55. Resolution on the death of Jacqueline H. Sparks. Mayor Sullivan
  56. Resolution on the death of Major Charles Robert Soltes, USAR. Mayor Sullivan
  57. Resolution on the death of Anthony J. Rosetti. Mayor Sullivan
  58. Resolution on the death of David M. MacMillan. Mayor Sullivan
  59. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Jean Cantwell. Mayor Sullivan
  60. Very Happy 2nd Birthday wishes to Grace Carven. Mayor Sullivan
  61. Resolution on the death of Rose T. Dailey. Councillor Toomey
  62. Resolution on the death of Joan J. Albanese. Councillor Toomey
  63. Resolution on the death of George R. Gittens. Councillor Simmons, Mayor Sullivan
  64. Resolution on the death of Eileen M. Hughes. Mayor Sullivan
  65. Support for the Open House celebrating the renovations to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at 20 Sacramento Street and the opening of the 4th Annual Small Works Exhibition and Sale on Friday, October 22, 2004 at 4:00pm. Mayor Sullivan
  66. Resolution on the death of Franklin S. Browning, Jr. Councillor Maher
  67. Assisted Technology display by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the Diversity Committee applauded. Councillor Davis
  68. Best wishes to Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot at her informal seminar (Emily Hargroves Fisher Professor Education on her recently published book "The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Can Learn From Each Other") at the Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge, October 27, 2004 from 3:30-5:30pm. Vice Mayor Decker

#### **ORDERS**

1. Urging Genzyme and R&C Cleaning to support the right of janitors to organize and join a union. Councillor Murphy
2. The City Manager is requested to update the City Council on discussions with the Massachusetts Highway Department to implement a truck traffic ban. Councillor Murphy
3. The new conference room at City Hall be named in honor of Sophie Anastos. Councillor Maher
4. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to examine the newly redesigned intersection of Brattle Street and Mason Street and to improve the signage to clarify to motorists who has the right of way. Councillor Maher
5. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Law Department and report on the long neglected parcel at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Magoun Street to consider a possible taking of the land for community benefit. Councillor Maher
6. Dedication in honor of George P. Blair. Councillor Toomey

7. City Council meetings for December 27, 2004 and January 3, 2005 be and hereby are cancelled. Councillor Murphy and Councillor Simmons
8. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Election Commission and report on simplifying the information on the City's web page about applying for absentee ballots. Councillor Maher
9. The City Manager is requested to consult with the owners of 2464 Massachusetts Avenue regarding their future plans to close Edmunds Street to through traffic, and to report back on this issue. Councillor Maher
10. The City Manager is requested to transmit to the MBTA the concern of the City Council for bus passengers on new CNG buses which do not have adequate stop request signals and poles to assist passengers. Councillor Davis
11. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to provide for benches at Fresh Pond to encourage walking and to enable seniors to use that resource and to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to install a bus shelter on Massachusetts for inbound passengers to Harvard Square from the Burns Apartments. Councillor Davis
12. The City Manager is requested to report on violence prevention efforts in the City and refer this order and the response to the Public Safety Committee. Councillor Davis
13. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to transmit a progress report on issues from the Sidewalk Snow Clearance meeting for referral to a December Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee meeting during the snow season. Councillor Davis
14. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to investigate making Recreation Department facilities available, such as the War Memorial, for adult walking and report back to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee. Councillor Davis
15. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to investigate programs to install LED traffic lights in other cities to see how those cities analyzed the costs and benefits of these energy saving traffic light bulbs and decided to install them. Councillor Davis
16. The City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to report on the use of the green machine to clean sidewalks and also to report on steam cleaning sidewalk efforts. Councillor Davis
17. That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with the Director of Veterans Services to ensure that all residents of Cambridge, who served in World War II are added to the database in Washington, D.C., in particular those who were killed in the line of duty. Mayor Sullivan
18. That the City Manager is requested to create a position of "Homeland Defense" from within the existing Public Safety personnel, and further that the City ensures that said person receives the appropriate training. Mayor Sullivan
19. The City Manager is requested to determine with the Police Commissioner if it would be appropriate as part of Community Policing to have the registered Cambridge owners of Honda vehicles informed that Hondas are currently especially favored by vandals that special precautions be used by owners. Councillor Reeves
20. Request for developer, Sam Azzam to meet with representatives of the Porter Square Neighborhood Association to make reasonable design changes to satisfy neighborhood concerns regarding the structure at the former site of the Long Funeral Home. Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan
21. City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to consider establishing a larger fine for failure to clear the sidewalk, a fine that is greater than the cost of clearing the sidewalk and also consider the creation of an enforcement scheme that provides for increased fines for subsequent violations. Councillor Davis

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on September 21, 2004 to receive a major debriefing on the success and areas of improvement on the events held during the month of July in the City, to determine whether the work of this committee should continue with an eye toward MacWorld 2005 and to answer questions on how to institutionalize the City's future Destination Cambridge abilities.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on September 29, 2004 to continue discussing plans for the Senior Town meeting to be held on October 2, 2004.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee, for a meeting held on September 28, 2004 to discuss bus shelters and benches, snow removal plans, policies and procedures and the maintenance of public handicapped parking spaces.

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

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, regarding a change in order deadline for November 15, 2004 City Council meeting.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Oct 18

- 5:00pm Special presentation to celebrate and welcome the Collaborative Law Professionals. (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, Oct 19

- 10:00am The Economic Development, Employment and Training Committee will conduct a public meeting to determine a funding mechanism for an annual expenditure relative to public celebrations. Can the City of Cambridge broker a public/private partnership for a public celebrations budget that exceeds \$300,000. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Oct 20

- 2:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss City Council Order #8 of May 10, 2004 regarding establishing criteria for naming squares and Order #15 of June 14, 2004 regarding the development of a GIS format for displaying online all of the Cambridge Squares that have been named for people. (Ackermann Room)
- 3:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss City Council Order #14 of August 2, 2004 regarding the purview of City Council Committees and their role in policy development. (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Oct 25

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

### Tues, Oct 26

- 11:00am The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a report on parking passes and permits issued by the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and to discuss clearly marked bicycle routes through the City's major squares and other areas where obstacles are created by such things as one-way streets. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Wed, Oct 27

- 9:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss out of school time permits and Summer School. (Sullivan Chamber)
- 4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to increase the Zoning Petition Filing Fee. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Fri, Oct 29

- 9:00am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a working public meeting to receive a report of the results of the survey of citizens satisfaction and opinion with regard to city services. No public comment. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 1

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

### Wed, Nov 3

- 7:00pm The Government Operations and Rules Committee invites members of the public to a facilitated opportunity to receive a brief presentation on the results of a citizen satisfaction survey and to express their views on city services and City Council priorities. (Senior Center, 806 Mass. Ave.)

### Thurs, Nov 4

- 4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition to create a new Special District 15, Section 17.600 and to amend the Zoning Map in the area of 237 Putnam Avenue and 19-21 Blackstone Street. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 8

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

### Tues, Nov 9

- 11:30am The Public Safety Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion regarding a new or renovated police station. At the meeting, committee members and administrative staff will also agree upon a regular monthly meeting time. (Ackermann Room)

### Wed, Nov 10

- 9:00am The Human Services Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss transportation for seniors and accessible taxi cabs. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 15

- 8:30am The Government Operations and Rules Committee will conduct a facilitated working meeting for the City Council to set FY 06 priorities. No public comment. (Water Department, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, Conference Room)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 22

- 2:00pm Government Operations and Rules Committee (Ackermann Room)
- 5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 29

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

### Mon, Dec 6

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

### Mon, Dec 13

- 5:30pm Roundtable City Council Meeting. Joint public meeting with the School Committee for a discussion of school related issues. No public comment. No votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Location TBA)

### Mon, Dec 20

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

### Mon, Dec 27

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

### Mon, Jan 3, 2005

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

### Mon, Jan 10, 2005

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

### Mon, Jan 24, 2005

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

### Mon, Jan 31, 2005

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

**TEXT OF ORDERS**

O-1 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging Genzyme and R&C Cleaning to support the right of janitors to organize and join a union; and be further

RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be to forward to Genzyme and R&C Cleaning on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-2 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on discussions with the Massachusetts Highway Department to implement a truck traffic ban.

O-3 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: Sophie Anastos, employee of the Finance Department of the City of Cambridge, has provided the citizens of Cambridge with 52 years of service at City Hall; and

WHEREAS: Sophie is the longest serving employee at Cambridge City Hall; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the new conference room at City Hall be named in honor of Sophie Anastos.

O-4 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to examine the newly redesigned intersection of Brattle Street and Mason Street and to improve the signage to clarify to motorists who has the right of way.

O-5 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Law Department regarding the long neglected parcel at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Magoun Street to consider a possible taking of the land for community benefit and report back to the City Council.

O-6 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate site in honor of George P. Blair; and be it further

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

O-7 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Council meetings scheduled for December 27, 2004 and January 3, 2005 be and hereby are cancelled.

O-8 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission with the view of simplifying the information on the City's web page about applying for absentee ballots; and be it further

ORDERED: That among possible improvements to be considered, the Election Commission consider a direct link from the home page to a clear set of instructions including a printable letter requesting an absentee ballot or application for it, as well as information about what will happen next and timeframes; 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-9 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR MAHER

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the owners of 2464 Massachusetts Avenue regarding their future plans to close Edmunds Street to through traffic, and to report back on this issue.

O-10 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the MBTA the concern of the City Council for bus passengers on new CNG buses which do not have adequate stop request signals and poles to assist passengers. Some Cambridge passengers have been injured.

O-11 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to provide for more benches at the Fresh Pond Reservation to encourage walking and to enable seniors to use that resource; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to install a bus shelter on Massachusetts for inbound passengers to Harvard Square from the Burns Apartments.

O-12 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on violence prevention efforts in the City and refer this order and the response to the Public Safety Committee.

O-13 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: A lot of good ideas came out of the sidewalk snow clearance meeting; now therefore be it

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to transmit a progress report on the issues raised at that meeting for referral to a December Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee meeting during the snow season.

O-14 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to investigate making Recreation Department facilities, such as the War Memorial, available for adult walking during the winter and to report back to the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee.

O-15 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to investigate programs to install LED traffic lights in other cities to see how those cities analyzed the costs and benefits of these energy saving traffic light bulbs and decided to install them.

O-16 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to report to the City Council on the use of the green machine to clean sidewalks and also to report on steam cleaning sidewalk efforts.

O-17 October 18, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. is a wonderful and well deserved tribute to those who served their country during World War II; and

WHEREAS: As part of this memorial there is a database that lists the names of those who have registered as having served; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is hereby requested to confer with the Director of Veterans Services to ensure that all residents of Cambridge, who served in World War II are added to the database in Washington D.C., in particular those who were killed in the line of duty.

O-18 October 18, 2004

MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create a position of "Homeland Defense" from within the existing Public Safety personnel, and further that the City ensures that said person receives the appropriate training.

O-19 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine with the Police Commissioner if it would be appropriate as part of Community Policing to have the registered Cambridge owners of Honda vehicles informed that Hondas are currently especially favored by vandals that special precautions be used by owners.

O-20 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The City Council has expressed its serious concern about the building structure constructed at the site formerly known as the Long Funeral Home on Massachusetts Avenue and Beech Street; and

WHEREAS: Over 200 concerned residents appeared at the recent BZA meeting to voice their concerns about the project; and

WHEREAS: The City Council has unanimously requested that the BZA consider revoking the existing building permit for this project; and

WHEREAS: The Chairman of the BZA has filed reconsideration of a final vote rejecting the neighborhood's appeal of the building permit; and

WHEREAS: This motion for reconsideration gives the developer Sam Azzam and the neighborhood another opportunity to work out a compromise which would be in the best interest of all parties involved; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting that the developer, Sam Azzam to meet with representatives of the Porter Square Neighborhood Association and make every effort to make reasonable design changes to satisfy neighborhood concerns; and be it further

ORDERED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this order be sent to the Porter Square Neighborhood Association.

O-21 October 18, 2004

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to consider establishing a larger fine for failure to clear the sidewalk, a fine that is greater than the cost of clearing the sidewalk; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager also consider the creation of an enforcement scheme that provides for increased fines for subsequent violations.