

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000

1. 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 FY2001:
 - A. Appropriate \$2,615,000 to the Public Investment Fund as follows: \$1,365,000 for the Open Space Acquisition Account (sale of City land); \$480,000 for the Public Works Department equipment (Free Cash); \$700,000 for Real Estate Billing System (Free Cash); and \$70,000 for Community Input Process (Free Cash);
 - B. Authorize the use of \$6,193,000 in Free Cash to offset the 2001 tax rate as follows: Operating Budget \$1,800,000 (as adopted in the FY01 Budget); and Public Investment \$4,393,000 (as adopted in the FY01 Budget);
 - C. Appropriate \$473,359 to the School Department General Fund as follows: Salaries and Wages \$333,824 and Other Ordinary Maintenance \$139,535 from additional state aid;
 - D. Classify property into five classes;
 - E. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 56.9515%
 - F. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 20% for owner occupied homes;
 - G. Double the normal value of the statutory exemptions for FY2001;
 - H. Increase the FY2001 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$194.09 to \$200.88; and
 - I. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-72**, regarding a report on recent community meeting held relative to the disposition of the No. Cambridge VFW.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-65**, and Council Order Number 3, dated 9/11/00, regarding the West Nile Virus

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 18
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000**

At 5:30 P.M.

CHARTER RIGHTS

1. A charter right was exercised by Councillor Reeves on an order submitted by Councillor Davis relative to the proposed new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.

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2. Consent Agenda #7 of July 31, 2000, relative to the Report on the Disposition of the North Cambridge VFW.
3. Consent Agenda #14 of 9/11/2000, relative to the Final Study Report for designating the Park House Hotel, 1-5 Cedar Square/39 Cedar Street/1-3 McLean Place, as a protected landmark.
4. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club)

ON THE TABLE

5. Relative to considering an amendment to the Municipal Code of the City of Cambridge entitled "Historical Buildings and Landmarks" by inserting a subsection at the end of Section 2.78.050. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 20, 1999.
6. Relative to the Jack Prescott Loose, et al Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance by implementing an 18 month building moratorium for the area bordered by Memorial Drive, DeWolfe Street, Mount Auburn Street, Putnam Avenue and River Street. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after September 25, 2000. **The deadline for this petition is October 21, 2000.**

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL
ACTION**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2000

1. An application was received from Amaritsari Corporation, requesting permission to erect two tables and eight chairs in front of the premises numbered 313 Massachusetts Avenue, seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. An application was received from Charles Schwab, requesting permission to erect a projecting sign in front of the premises numbered One Winthrop Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000

1. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, relative to the public's right to speak at a public meeting.
2. A communication was received from Robert Banker, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:
 - 185 Mt. Auburn St.
 - 1718 Mass Ave.
 - 1720 Mass Ave.
 - 14A Eliot Street
 - 14 Eliot Street
 - 18 Eliot Street
3. A communication was received from Carl F. Barron, Central Square Business Association, relative to feeding of pigeons in Central Square/The Carl F. Barron Plaza.
4. A petition was received from the Bellis Circle neighborhood relative to the planned changes in Danehy Park.
5. A communication was received from Craig Kelley, transmitting concern relative to the planning process for the VFW hall.

6. A communication was received from Jonathan S. Myers, relative to his representation of the City of Cambridge at a "celebrity" chess match with World Champion Gary Kasparov in St. John, New Brunswick.
7. A communication was received from Peter Valentine, relative to the round table meetings.
8. A communication was received from Albert O. Wilson, Jr., Trustee Wilson-Cambridge Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:
 - 35 Smith Place
 - 49 Smith Place
 - 59 Smith Place
 - 75 Smith Place
 - 40 Smith Place
 - 40B Smith Place
 - 10-20 Wilson Road
 - 55 Wilson Road
9. A communication was received from Carol A. Hickey, Moulton Realty Corporation, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:
 - 25 Moulton Street
 - 27R Moulton Street
 - 33 & 45 Moulton Street
 - 61 Moulton Street
 - 55-59 Moulton Street
 - 665 Concord Avenue
10. A communication was received from John Kenneth Galbraith, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council congratulating him on his award of the "Medal of Freedom."
11. A communication was received from Tom Reisz, Chair, Cambridge Pedestrian Committee, relative to the North Mass Avenue design project.

12. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, transmitting notification of new addresses for:

- 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93 & 95 Auburn Park
- 1 Brookline Place
- 66, 68 & 70 Brookline Street
- 150 Franklin Street
- 60 Oxford Street

13. A communication was received from the family of **Helen B. Marchant**, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.

14. A communication was received from Michael J. Spinelli, Jr., Trustee, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:

- 20-22-26 Moulton Street

15. A communication was received from Jack (Scott) Loose, transmitting an amendment to the original petition regarding renovations to existing structures.

16. A communication was received from the family of **Leonora "Lee" Martignetti**, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on her behalf.

17. A communication was received from Jane and Benjamin Thompson, Thompson Design Group, extending grateful appreciation for the congratulatory resolution adopted by the City Council commending their long Cambridge residency, civic contributions and recent recognition by Finland.

18. A communication was received from John Kernochan, Brickyard Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owner of:

- 74 - 96 Sherman Street

19. A communication was received from Stuart Rothman, President, First Cambridge Realty Corp., 135 Inman Street Trust, 15 Bigelow Street Trust, 5-8 Craigie LP, Stu-Lin Family Trust, 10-12 Wendell Street, LLP, 4 Cogswell Ave Nominee Trust, Harvard & Trowbridge St. Realty Trust, George Rothman, 15 Linnaean St. LLP, 907 Mass. Ave. LLP, 85 Hancock St., LLP transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owners of:

- 52-58 Bishop Allen Drive
- 91 Brookline Street
- 13 Suffolk Street
- 576 Mass. Ave.
- 11-21 Pine Street
- 21 Brookline Street
- 173 Hampshire Street
- 464 Green Street
- 243 Columbia Street
- 135 Inman Street
- 15 Bigelow Street
- 5-8 Craigie Cir.
- 7-9 Banks Street
- 11 Fifth Street
- 23-27 Trowbridge Street
- 126-130 Gore Street
- 535 Cambridge Street
- 44 1/2 -50 Bishop Allen Drive
- 10-12 Wendell Street
- 4 Cogswell Avenue
- 364-366 Harvard Street
- 20-22 Trowbridge Street
- 512 Mass. Ave.
- 14 Agassiz Street
- 907 Mass. Ave.
- 85 Hancock Street

20. A communication was received from Dorothy Nemitz, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of her daughter, **Dr. Ann Nemitz.**

21. A communication was received from Dan Rea, WBZ-TV, transmitting deep appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of his father, **Daniel J. Rea, Sr.**

22. A communication was received from Marsha A. Cannon, Cambridge Postmaster, and Paul Schlaver, Cambridge Postal Customer Advisory Group, transmitting notification of an outreach effort to reach the most vulnerable Cambridge residents with a "safety net" called Carrier Alert.

23. A communication was received from State Representative Alice K. Wolf, transmitting her support for the feasibility study for the West Cambridge Youth Center at Glacken Field.

24. A communication was received from Carl F. Barron, Trustee, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owner of:

- Caru Realty, 40 Randolph St.
- 552 Mass Ave Realty Trust, 40 Randolph St.

25. A communication was received from Michael P. Simon, General Partner, Central Property Limited Partnership, Trustee, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owner of:

- 11 Brookline Street
- 731 Mass Ave.
- 698 Mass Ave.
- 492 Mass Ave.
- 347 Green Street
- 371 Green Street

26. A communication was received from Frank Mestromareo, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owner of:

- 853-863 Main Street
- 9 Bishop Allen Drive

27. A communication was received from Arnold B. Goldstein, Trustee, Mass Ave. Realty Trust, Trustee, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owner of:

- 489 Mass Ave. 28-30 Fiske Place

28. A communication was received from 720 Mass Ave Realty and Harry Katis, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition, as owner of:

- 712-730 Mass Ave.
- 349-357 Green Street
- 567-569 Mass Ave.

RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000

1. Congratulations to Thomas and Lucille K. Herlihy on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
2. Get well wishes to Marie Simard
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
3. Congratulations to the Fire, the Emergency Management and the Police Departments on their performance during the fire on Bowdoin Street.
Councillor Decker
4. Congratulations and to Robert Neily and to commend him on his years of service to the Cambridge Historical Commission.
Councillor Born
5. Commend the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation Commission on the organized public process for review of Harvard's Knafel Center
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
6. Congratulations to the Historical Commission on receiving an award from the Boston Society of Architects.
Mayor Galluccio

7. Resolution on the death of Mary E. (Norton) Tratnyek.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
8. Resolution on the death of Oscar Paul Neil.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of James H. Harris.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
10. Resolution on the death of Stephen M. O'Brien.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
11. Resolution on the death of Paul J. Caulfield.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership
12. Resolution on the death of Veronica R. (Azarowicz) Lamb.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
13. Resolution on the death of John Harold Earle.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership
14. Resolution on the death of Louise A. Azevedo.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
15. Resolution on the death of Anita A. (Colombe) Medeiros.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
16. Resolution on the death of Joao "John"C. Braga.
Councillor Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership
17. Resolution on the death of Flora J. (Camerlengo) Petrillo.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership

18. Resolution on the death of George A. Custodio.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
19. Congratulations to the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association on its 25th Anniversary.
Councillor Sullivan
20. Cambridge Rindge and Latin will hold an assembly at the Fitzgerald Theater on October 6, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. to welcome the exchange students from Puerto Rico.
Mayor Galluccio
21. State Representative Jarrett Barrios commended for his work with Oxfam America and Catholic Charities on the Cuba Library Book Donation Project.
Councillor Sullivan
22. Resolution on the death of Leslie L. Wood, Sr.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
23. Resolution on the death of Mavis McTaggart.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
24. Resolution on the death of Helen F. Maciel.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
25. Resolution on the death of James L. O'Brien.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
26. Congratulations to Jeff Seifert on his new position as President of the Cambridge Family YMCA.
Mayor Galluccio
27. Cambridge High and Latin celebrates its 50th reunion on October 7, at the Sheraton Commander, Cambridge.
Mayor Galluccio

28. Congratulations to George and Kelley Kokoros on the birth of their son.

Mayor Galluccio

29. **First Monday in Cambridge**, October 2, promoting an end to the epidemic of gun violence.

Mayor Galluccio

30. Congratulations to the North Division Major All-Star Team on winning the Jeffrey Curley City Wide All-Star Tournament.

Mayor Galluccio

31. Congratulations to the North Division Minor All-Star Team on winning the Jeffrey Curley City Wide All-Star Tournament.

Mayor Galluccio

32. Congratulations to the West Division Major All-Star Team, runners-up on the Jeffrey Curley City Wide All-Star Tournament.

Mayor Galluccio

33. Congratulations to the West Division Minor All-Star Team, runners-up on the Jeffrey Curley City Wide All-Star Tournament.

Mayor Galluccio

34. Best wishes to Leon W. "Mickey" Curtin in his retirement from his position as Director of Veterans' Services for the City of Somerville.

Councillor Toomey

35. The Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association will celebrate 25 years of service on October 22, 2000 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Main Cafeteria.

Mayor Galluccio

36. Congratulations to Eddie Priest for his hole-in-one shot.

Councillor Sullivan

37. Wishes for a speedy recovery to Timothy McCarthy.

Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership

38. Carrier Alert, a free program to alert the postal carrier to notify the Council on Aging if mail of senior Cantabrigians accumulates in their mailboxes. (To sign up, call 349-6055 and leave a message).

Councillor Davis

39. Resolution on the death of Gertrude (Gleis) Dlugos.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

40. Resolution on the death of Edward P. Rochon.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

41. Seventh Annual Scott C. Foster Memorial 4M Road Race will be held on Sunday, October, 2000

Councillor Toomey

42. Happy 50th Birthday to a special individual.

Councillor Toomey

43. Best wishes to Saint Anthony's Parish on their Annual Banquet on October 7, 2000

Councillor Toomey

44. Best wishes to Sergeant Ralph Ferracane Ladies Auxiliary on their Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 21, 2000 at First Street from 7:00 - Midnight.

Councillor Toomey

45. Cambridge Community Learning Center commended on their Bridge Program which offers training for people who desire to go to college but lack the necessary skills.

Councillor Davis

46. Kudos to the Danehy Park staff for their excellent maintenance of the invaluable city resource that is Danehy Park.

Councillor Sullivan

47. The Children's Choir of Rome will be welcomed at an Italian heritage Luncheon celebration on Tuesday, October 10, 2000.
Mayor Galluccio
48. Whittier Street Health Center will honor Marvin Gilmore at a "Roast to Toast Marvin Gilmore" at the Hynes Convention Center on Monday, March 4, 2001.
Councillor Davis
49. 8th Annual Cambridgeport Artists Open Studios (CAOS) on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Councillor Davis
50. Congratulations and thanks to the Friends of Alewife on the shoreline survey project.
Councillor Born
51. Congratulations to Marie Jose Hercule on becoming a citizen of the United States of America.
Mayor Galluccio
52. Resolution on the death of Susan (Solender) Bailis.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
53. Thanks to Don Matheson in his quick response to a situation that occurred at 51 Inman Street.
Mayor Galluccio
54. Congratulations to the MIT living group entitled "Chocolate City" on its upcoming 25th anniversary celebration.
Councillor Reeves

**CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000**

1. Traffic Study at the stop sign at the corner of Fairview Avenue and Oxford Street (between the Cambridge/Belmont line).
Councillor Decker

2. Dedication of the corner of Kinnaird Street and Western Avenue in honor of Evelyn Pearson.
Councillor Sullivan
3. Effort to coordinate traffic enforcement on Line Street and the surrounding areas.
Councillor Toomey
4. Space for senior citizen activity center in East Cambridge and to possibly include the city-owned fire station at Gore and Third Streets.
Councillor Toomey
5. The sign at the corner of Warren and Porter Streets replaced commemorating the 75th anniversary of Saint Cosmos and Damian.
Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Maher
6. Ensure that police officers are trained in proper enforcement of Noise Ordinance.
Councillor Davis
7. Reports from consultants regarding the site selection for a new library.
Councillor Born
8. Study on the potential use of a site of Huron Avenue for the West Cambridge Youth Center.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Decker and Toomey
9. An appropriate area in front of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church dedicated to the religious men and women of the parish.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
10. Support for the actions of the Redevelopment Authority to secure federal or state funds for the acquisition of the NSTAR (ComGas) land.
Councillor Toomey
11. Review of the Living Wage Ordinance to date.
Vice Mayor Maher

12. Dedication of the corner of Marney and Berkshire Streets in honor of Pat Morano.

Councillor Toomey

13. Parking difficulties on Riverside Place and why Riverside Place is not "Permit Parking Only".

Councillor Decker

14. Report on cross walk at the intersection of Huron and Cutler Avenues.

Councillor Sullivan and Vice Mayor Maher

15. Report on funding sources for community planning.

Councillor Davis

16. Immediate return of the system-wide maps to MBTA Red Line cars.

Councillor Davis

17. Roundtable discussion to be scheduled on the status of athletic fields.

Councillor Davis

18. Consider Riverside Place for conversion to a private way.

Councillor Born

19. Alleviate heavy congestion at the intersection of Walden and Garden Streets, and Walden and Sherman Streets.

Councillor Born

20. Hold a public meeting on restrictions on rush hour traffic in the Mount Auburn Street/Brattle Street area and the effect on neighborhood residents of the.

Councillor Born

21. Program similar to Jamaica Plain where homeowners donate some of their profits to help low-income tenants in the area. Councillor Sullivan

Councillor Sullivan

22. Recent increase of rodents and skunks in Cambridge.

Councillor Sullivan

23. Issues relative to service since the merger of the electric companies.

Councillor Sullivan

24. Monitor traffic conditions in Meacham Road.

Councillor Decker

25. Monitor pedestrian safety conditions on Huron Avenue, between Garden and Sherman Streets.

Councillor Decker

26. Explore the possibility of developing a mentoring program.

Councillor Decker

27. Study on closing a portion of Lopez Avenue and extending the existing Costa Park.

Councillor Toomey

28. Review whether there are plantings that can thrive at Ben Oken Plaza (the southern entry to Harvard Square).

Councillor Reeves

29. Extremely dangerous situation on Francis Street as motorists drive two-ways on this one-way street.

Councillor Reeves

30. Urge Police Commissioner to participate in Police Review Advisory Board (PRAB) community-wide forum on police racial profiling.

Councillor Reeves

31. Update on status of previously requested study of college enrollment.

Councillor Reeves

**POLICY ORDERS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
OCTOBER 2, 2000**

O-1.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to conduct a traffic study at the stop sign at the corner of Fairview Avenue and Oxford Street (between the Cambridge/Belmont line) due to the speed that is occurring at this location; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide clarification for the residents regarding the issue of enforcement and who is response for enforcement – Cambridge or Belmont.

O-2.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the corner of Kinnaird Street and Western Avenue be dedicated in honor of Evelyn Pearson; and be it further

ORDERED: That after consultation with the family, the Assistant to the City Council arrange with the Department of Public Works for a sign and dedication ceremony.

O-3.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to schedule a meeting between the Police Departments of Cambridge and Somerville in an effort to coordinate the traffic enforcement on Line Street and the surrounding areas.

O-4.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services with a view in mind of securing space for a senior citizen activity center in the East Cambridge area; said possibilities to include the city-owned fire station at Gore and Third Streets

O-5.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the sign at the corner of Warren and Porter Streets be replaced with a more appropriate sign in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Saint Cosmos and Damian.

O-6.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That in light of a recent serious noise complaint on Cedar Street, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to ensure that police officers are sufficiently trained in proper enforcement of the Noise Ordinance.

O-7.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, in the interest of democracy and ensuring a fair, well-informed and public process, to release the reports from consultants regarding the site selection for a new library, including professional cost estimates for the two sites under consideration, to the public and especially to the media, including the local press, in a time frame ample enough to allow publication and/or coverage of such reports in the local press for the purpose of informing the public of the full range issues, in advance of any City Council action on the library site selection.

O-8.

October 2, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The current West Cambridge Youth Center, located in a two-bedroom apartment in Corcoran Park, is unable to support the size and needs of a growing number of young people in this area of the city; and

WHEREAS: Other communities throughout the city enjoy modern youth centers equipped with full-sized basketball courts, game rooms, arts-and-crafts centers, and study and computer rooms; and

WHEREAS: Funds have been allocated for the acquisition and building of a new West Cambridge Youth Center; and

WHEREAS: The New West Cambridge Youth Center Steering Committee has identified the recreational and parking footprint adjacent to Glacken Field on Huron Avenue as the optimal site for a new youth center; and

WHEREAS: This Committee has worked with city officials and members of Cambridge's state legislative delegation for several years to locate a site for the new youth center and rally community support around this location, exploring several other sites in the past without success; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager conduct a comprehensive feasibility study of the potential use of the Huron Avenue site for a youth center facility including a report on legal and regulatory

issues which may or may not affect the project and a thorough environmental assessment of the site including comments on best management practices for construction on the watershed area; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this council at or prior to the October 23, 2000 council meeting the findings of this study.

O-9.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing heartiest congratulations and best wishes to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED: That an appropriate area in front of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church be dedicated to the religious men and women that have provided service to the parish and beyond over these many years; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-10.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The residents of East Cambridge consistently identified the need for open space to serve the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: There is a local need for housing to serve the residents of Cambridge, including sales and rental housing for low and moderate income persons and families; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined that the 14.3 acre Parcel 1 of the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area which was acquired by the Federal Government from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and which is the site of the John A. Volpe National Transportation System Center (NTSC), is significantly under-utilized; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, as supervising public agency for the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, will be attempting to reacquire a portion of Parcel 1 to be used for the construction of open space and the construction of housing; and

WHEREAS: If 5.8 acres of land were to be reconveyed to Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, based on present zoning as many as 144 to 288 dwelling units and a full size soccer field could be developed; and

WHEREAS: It is proposed that a minimum of 30% of the housing units be developed for low and moderate income families and individuals of which 25% would be for low-income families; and

WHEREAS: Residential development is compatible with Kendall Square development and will contribute to the achievement of a mixed-use district; and

WHEREAS: The reconveyance of this under-utilized land would not negatively impact the federal jobs or the private sector jobs now at the Volpe Center; and

WHEREAS: 8.5 acres of land would remain in the Federal ownership allowing development of additional building space and which would permit NTSC to expand its present facilities, and continue the operation of a national center for new transportation technology and research; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the federal land, NSTAR Services Company (ComGas) is the owner of a 3.9 acre tract of land located on Parcel 1, which is under-utilized as well; and

WHEREAS: If this parcel were to be acquired by the Authority by negotiated sale, based on present zoning, 285 to 570 additional housing units could be developed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the efforts of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to ensure this under-utilized Department of Transportation land be reconveyed for open space and housing purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the actions of the Redevelopment Authority to secure federal or state funds for the acquisition of the NSTAR (ComGas) land and for the requisite site preparation activities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the continuation and expansion of the National Transportation Systems Center in Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council enthusiastically endorse the acquisition of the NSTAR site for housing purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Redevelopment Authority, in cooperation with the Mayor and City Council shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of representatives of the community, appropriate recreation and housing organizations, and the Community Development Department to consult and assist the Authority in this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward an executed copy of this resolution to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Senator John F. Kerry and Congressman Michael E. Capuano and to all interested community-based organizations.

O-11.

October 2, 2000

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the city with a review of the Living Wage Ordinance to date, with special attention paid to what has happened on the second year to the wages of those employees of the School Department and the City whose wages were set at \$10. per hour initially as a result of the Ordinance.

O-12.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Marney Street and Berkshire Street in honor of Pat Morano; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 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-13.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department to investigate the parking difficulties on Riverside Place; and be it further

ORDERED: That it be further investigated why parking on Riverside Place is not "Permit Parking Only."

O-14.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking with the view in mind of reporting on the cross walk at the intersection of Huron and Cutler Avenues.

O-15.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The State has available funding for community planning; and

WHEREAS: This planning must be done to access community preservation funds; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the funding sources and to report back to the City Council.

O-16.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge endeavors at all times to maximize the use of public transportation; and

WHEREAS: A key to the use of public transportation is information being available to the public about those services; and

WHEREAS: In order to get to the airport and other key destinations, it is necessary to change to other subway lines; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is required to contact the heads of the MBTA to accomplish the immediate return of the system-wide maps to its Red Line cars.

O-17.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That a roundtable discussion be scheduled on the status of athletic fields throughout the city regarding the conditions of the fields, maintenance schedule and upgrade, scheduling challenges, fees for use, eligibility requirements and criteria and priority for youth and adult athletics.

O-18.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That in light of current parking problems at Riverside Place, the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking for conversion to a private way in consultation with the residents of the street and neighborhood.

O-19.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to alleviate heavy congestion at the intersection of Walden Street and Garden Street, and Walden Street and Sherman Street.

O-20.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to hold a public meeting for residents of the Mount Auburn Street/Brattle Street area for the purpose of discussing and evaluating the past or future restrictions on rush hour traffic and the effect on neighborhood residents.

O-21.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant Director of Community Development to research and report back to the City Council on the possibility of developing a program similar to Jamaica Plain where homeowners donate some of their profits to help low-income tenants in the area, as described in the attached **Boston Globe** article.

O-22.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate and report to the City Council on the recent increase of rodents and skunks in the City of Cambridge.

O-23.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That there have been some issues relative to service since the merger of the electric companies; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the Finance Committee on the possibility of municipalization of electric companies in the City of Cambridge.

O-24.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to monitor the traffic conditions in Meacham Road.

O-25.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to monitor the pedestrian safety conditions on Huron Avenue, between Garden Street and Sherman Street.

O-26.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of developing a mentoring program; said program to include, but not limited to:

1. Pairing high level management staff with entry level employees in an effort to nurture and train our future management personnel;
2. Looking to outside firms for mentors and established mentoring programs to emulate;
3. Establish a standard assessment for all city employees;
4. Hearing from employees their career goals and establishing measures for employees to reach their goals; and
5. Expanding the tuition reimbursement program for union and non-union employees.

***** O-27.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has recently come to the attention of the City Council that Beal Companies, LLP is in the process of deeding a parcel of property located at the corner of Charles Street and Lopez Avenue to the City; and

WHEREAS: The lack of open space in the eastern portion of the city is well documented; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, regarding assembling a committee of East Cambridge residents to study the feasibility of closing a portion of Lopez Avenue and extending the existing Costa Park; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on the status of said land acquisition, and the progress made in the assembly of a committee to study the expansion of Costa Park.

O-28.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Ben Oken Plaza (the southern entry to Harvard Square) is the site of consistently bare flower and tree beds; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works Landscape Planner to review the current situation and determine whether there are plantings that can thrive in this area.

O-29.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Police Commissioner to review the extremely dangerous situation developing on Francis Street as motorists are driving two-ways on this one-way street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the relevant departments to schedule and post a public meeting for residents to participate in a solution to this dangerous situation.

O-30.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Review and Advisory Board (PRAB) is planning to hold a community-wide forum on police racial profiling; and

WHEREAS: PRAB has asked the Cambridge Police Department to participate in planning the forum; and

WHEREAS: A recent letter from the Police Commissioner indicates his extreme reluctance to have the Cambridge Police Department participate, both because he believes a forum where citizens are their views about police interactions will be confrontational and because in his own words, he does not believe that racial profiling has been an issue during his tenure; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager review this matter with the Police Commissioner, particularly because Cambridge has adopted community policing which would seem to include hearing from the community their views of police actions; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to urge the Police Commissioner and other members of the Police Department to participate in this forum on an issue which has been the subject of a great deal of public attention and concern throughout the nation.

O-31.

October 2, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: On several previous occasions the Superintendent of Schools has indicated that she would provide the results from a study of the college enrollment and completion data for CRLS graduates for the past several years; and

WHEREAS: At a recent conference at the Kennedy School of Government, it was suggested that a private vendor of such information might be the most efficacious choice as a provider; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby requests that the School Committee confer with the Superintendent of Schools to update the City Council on when this report will be available, and what steps could be taken to help the report as soon as possible.

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**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY
OFFICERS**

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000

1. A communication was received from Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting a letter to and a response from David B. Balfour, Jr., Commissioner, MDC, relative to complaints regarding the MDC pool on Rindge Avenue.
2. A communication was received from State Representative Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., transmitting his support for the development of a permanent new facility for a West Cambridge Youth Center.