

MEETING **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
November 16, 2015

TIME 5:06 PM

PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor Maher

PRESENT Mayor Maher, Councillors Toomey, McGovern, Simmons, Mazen, Carlone and Kelley

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Rossi, City Manager, Lisa Peterson, Deputy City Manager, Nancy Glowa, City Solicitor, Vali Buland, First Assistant City Solicitor, Greg Russ, Executive Director, Cambridge Housing Authority, Jefferson Smith, Chief of Staff for Mayor Maher, Sandra Albano, Executive Assistant to the City Council, Paula Crane, Deputy City Clerk and Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk.

Mayor Maher convened the meeting at 5:06 PM. He read the Call of the Meeting which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT THE CALL OF THE MEETING)

Mayor Maher announced that the meeting was being recorded with audio and visual devices.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Maher opened public comment. No one appeared for public comment.

Councillor Toomey moved to close public comment - and hearing no objections public comment was -

Closed

The City Council now proceeded to take action on Calendar Item # One, the same being a Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey at the City Council meeting of November 9, 2015 on an order that the City Council go on record favoring the filing of a Home Rule petition entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAX STATUS OF CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY A HOUSING AUTHORITY WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE," which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT THE ORIGINAL POLICY ORDER # 3).

At this time Councillor McGovern submitted a revised order. He read the added language and stated that this was a procedural matter. The amendment was to add the following language: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:" before the language of the act.

City Manager Rossi summarized the home rule petition. It is a home rule petition which would allow the Cambridge Housing Authority to finance its programs through the RAD program.

Councillor Simmons asked what the process is if this goes forward.

Councillor Toomey outlined the process that would be followed at the state level. Councillor Simmons asked Mr. Russ about the Housing Authority process. Councillor Simmons stated that she wanted to expedite this as much as possible. She suggested that before things become problems that the City Council and the Cambridge Housing Authority should discuss matters. She praised the work of the Cambridge Housing Authority.

Mayor Maher now moved the amendment - and on a voice vote of seven members the amendment -
Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR # 1)

The order was -
Adopted as amended on a voice vote of seven members.

At this time Councillor Toomey moved suspension of the rules in order to move reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Councillors Carlone, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 7
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	Vice Mayor Benzan and Councillor Cheung	- 2

and the rules were -
Suspended.

The question now came on reconsideration and on a voice vote reconsideration -
Failed.

Councillor Toomey praised the work of the Fire and Police Departments, the Animal Commission and the Red Cross for their rapid response to a fire on Hurley Street.

ADJOURNMENT On motion of Councillor Simmons the special meeting adjourned
at 5:16 PM.

A list of the documents and other exhibits used at the special meeting:

***Call of the Meeting
Original Policy Order # 3 of November 9, 2015 which was the subject of the
Charter Right
City Council Calendar - November 16, 2015
Order for Calendar Item # 1 as amended including the home rule***