

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2000:

Without Power
Donald Ackerman
68 Lincoln Avenue
Haverhill, MA 01830

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Loose, et al Petition to impose a moratorium on non-residential construction in an area bounded generally by Banks Street, River Street, Memorial Drive, DeWolfe Street and Mt. Auburn Street.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-71**, regarding a report on the current make-up, mission and functioning of the Central Square Advisory Committee.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-52**, regarding a report on silver paint dripped on the sidewalks while painting the parking meters around the City.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-75**, regarding a report on the feasibility of having a "Barrier Free Park" in the City.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-60**, regarding a report on MediaOne's practices regarding the provision of competitive service in multifamily and commercial buildings.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-73**, regarding a report on ensuring minimum disruption of services during the temporary relocation of the Harvard Square Branch Post Office.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-64**, regarding a report on fire prevention efforts.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-76**, regarding a report on regulation of telecommunications facilities.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-54**, regarding a report on the relocation claim of George Welsh.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-31**, regarding a report on whether impact fees can apply to all development, including as-of-right development.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$380,000 in the Grant Fund of the Community Development Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Mass Highway Dept. and the Federal Highway Assoc. to allow for the development and implementation of a shuttle to connect portions of Cambridge to North Station.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Finance Department (Personnel) Travel & Training Account from the Mass Dept. of Industrial Accident Office of Safety to cover costs for the Ergonomic Safety Training Program.
14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$2,130 in the Grant fund of the Public Celebrations Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Mass Cultural Council to support the exhibition program and staff and program costs for CAC's grant program.
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a private donation for \$1,025 to the Grant Fund Public Works Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to resurface the Ahern Field street hockey court.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$7,225 in Project Bread funds to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds for food purchases for the Senior Food Pantry.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of proceeds raised from the Housing the Homeless Golf Tournament for \$6,850 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds for emergency/transitional housing for Cambridge homeless clients.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$6,500 from the Cambridge Head Start to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$6,460) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$40) to provide funds to cover a portion of the salary of a part-time instructor at the Community Learning Center who teaches ABE and ESL classes to Head Start

parents.

19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$30,240 to the Grant Fund Salary & Wages Account (\$29,964) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$276) to provide funds to enable the CLC to provide ESL classes for employees of several Harvard Square workplaces.
20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. for the Federal Emergency Shelter Program for \$138,000 to the Grant Fund Salary & Wages Account (\$6,368) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$131,632) to provide funds to enable Human Services to contract with local shelter facilities and for homeless prevention activities and other essential services for the homeless.
21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Executive Office of Elder Affairs for \$65,605 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$9,984), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$52,881) and Travel & Training Account (\$2,740) to provide funds to enable the Council on Aging to provide various services.
22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a Grant from the Mass Department of Education, through ERI for \$17,722 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$14,404), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,502), and Travel & Training Account (\$180) to provide funds to enable the CLC to provide Adult Secondary Education classes.
23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of Keefe Bryant Clemons, 177 Putnam Avenue, as an Associate Member of the BZA for a two-year term effective October 5, 2000.
24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-87**, regarding a report on the crosswalk at the intersection of Huron and Cutler Avenues.
25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$30,415 from the U.S. Dept. of Housing through the CHA to the Grant fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$26,551) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$3,864) to provide funds to enable the CLC's Bridge Program to provide classes to CHA residents.

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 20
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2000**

At 5:30 P.M.

ON THE TABLE

1. 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.
2. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club)
3. Relative to the proposed new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

1. An application was received from Statravel, requesting permission to erect a non-illuminate, aluminum/acrylic sign with goose neck lighting in front of the premises numbered 65 Mt. Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.
ORDER ADOPTED.
2. An application was received from Peer Partnerships, d/b/a Working Capital, requesting permission to erect a vinyl banner, across Mass. Ave. advertising the Holiday Gift Fair, Saturday, December 2, 2000. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.
ORDER ADOPTED.
3. An application was received from Ted Kaptchuk, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 29 Bay Street; approval was received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical Commission and Public Works Department. Response has been received from neighborhood association and abutters.
ORDER ADOPTED.

4. An application was received from East End House, requesting permission to erect a vinyl banner in front of the premises numbered 105 Spring Street celebrating 125 years of community service; East End House, 125 Anniversary; A community Center since 1875. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters.

ORDER ADOPTED.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

1. A communication was received from the Galvin family, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of **Patrick J. Galvin.**
PLACED ON FILE.
2. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting new addresses for 48 - 54 Clay Street
PLACED ON FILE.
3. A communication was received from James Hill, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:
 - o 527 Mass Ave.

REFERRED TO THE PETITION.

4. A communication was received from Bernard F. Shadrawy, Jr., Shadrawy & Rabinovitz, Carmine A. Martignetti, Trustee, Martignetti Brothers Realty Trust and Drew M. Leff, Principal, GLC, transmitting written opposition to the Alewife Petition; as owner of:
 - o 195 Concord Turnpike
 - o 205 Concord Turnpike
 - o 223 Concord Turnpike
 - o 225 Concord Turnpike
 - o 231 Concord Turnpike

REFERRED TO THE PETITION.

5. A communication was received from Sister Mary Mark, Sancta Maria Hospital, Inc., transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:

- 799 Concord Avenue.

REFERRED TO THE PETITION.

6. A communication was received from Dr. J. R. Fennell, Fennell Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:
 - 457 Mass Ave.
 - 9-19 Columbia Street
 - 415-429 Mass Ave.
 - 433-445 Mass Ave.
 - 877 Main Street
 - 65 Bishop Richard Allen Dr.
 - 16 Columbia Street
 - 883-891 Main Street
 - 7 Douglass Street
 - 47 Bishop Richard Allen Dr.
 - 22 Bishop Richard Allen Dr.
 - 865-871 Main Street
 - 497 Mass Ave.
 - 413 Mass Ave.
 - 507 Mass Ave.

REFERRED TO THE PETITION.

7. A communication was received from Jack Loose, transmitting clarification of a previously submitted letter referring to an amendment to the Jack Prescott Loose, et al Petition.

REFERRED TO THE PETITION.

8. A communication was received from the Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Clarence House SQ1A, 1BA, transmitting grateful appreciation for the royal greetings she received from the entire City Council on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

PLACED ON FILE.

9. A communication was received from Phebe M. Ward and family, transmitting, transmitting gratitude for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of the **Rev. Clayton M. Ward, Sr.**

PLACED ON FILE.

10. A communication was received from Winifred F. Carfagno, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.

PLACED ON FILE.

11. A communication was received from David C. Driscoll, Vice President and Treasurer, The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Inc., transmitting written opposition to the Planning Board's Citywide Rezoning Petition; as owner of:

- 160 Broadway
- 1 Hampshire Street

REFERRED TO THE PETITION.

12. A communication was received from Harold Curll and Family, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.

PLACED ON FILE.

13. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, relative to the issue of affordable housing in the City of Cambridge.

PLACED ON FILE.

14. A communication was received from Joseph J. Joseph, North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, expressing displeasure with the community process regarding the North Cambridge VFW building.

PLACED ON FILE.

15. A communication was received from Thecla Ree, transmitting a description of the meeting relative to the VFW.

REFERRED TO CALENDAR ITEM #1

16. A communication was received from Carol Bankerd, transmitting a petition in support of the Loose Petition.

REFERRED TO CALENDAR ITEM #6

RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

1. Congratulations to Janice Bourque on being named President and CEO of the Mass. Biotechnology Council.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED

2. Congratulations to Michael Astrue on being named Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mass. Biotechnology Council.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED

3. Congratulations to Professor Mary Elizabeth Hooker on completing a professional development program at the University of Lowell.
Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED
4. Forum on domestic violence presented on Saturday, October 14, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Christian Life Center, 99 Bishop Allen Drive, and a special healing service for family and friends on October 15 at 4:00 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED
5. Congratulations to School Committee Member Susana Segat on her election as Chair of the Mass. Commission on the Status of Women.
Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED
6. The Boston Herald will purchase the Cambridge Chronicle from Fidelity Capital.
Councillor Sullivan
ORDER ADOPTED
7. Resolution on the death of Clarence "C.B." Bennett.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
8. Resolution on the death of Lilian A. (Springer) Green.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
9. Resolution on the death of Carl Stanley Hart.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
10. Resolution on the death of John Keenan, Sr.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED>
11. Resolution on the death of Mary R. (Crowley) White.
**Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
and entire membership**
ORDER ADOPTED
12. Resolution on the death of Isabelle (Murphy) Sylvester.
**Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan
and entire membership**
ORDER ADOPTED

13. Resolution on the death of Daniel J. Finn, Sr.
**Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio
and entire membership**

ORDER ADOPTED

14. Resolution on the death of Gerard F. McCourt
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED

15. Cambridge Opera will host Opera Mystery Night at the Edward
Pickman Hall, Longy School of Music at 27 Garden Street.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED

16. Congratulations to Stephen Vesce, the new Deputy Director of the Cambridge
Department of Veterans Services.>
Councillor Decker
ORDER ADOPTED

17. Congratulations to Rick and Chris Colbath-Hess on their Wedding Anniversary.
Councillor Decker and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED

18. Happy Birthday to Aine Farrell.
Councillor Decker and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED

19. Congratulations to Ann and Guy Moore on their marriage.
Councillor Decker and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED

20. Resolution on the death of George H. Williams
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED

21. Resolution on the death of Mary Ellen (Kelly) Davenport
Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED

22. Resolution on the death of Ursula Cusick
**Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and
entire membership**
ORDER ADOPTED

23. Resolution on the death of Elizabeth M. (Potts) Sullivan
Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
24. Resolution on the death of Amanda Rogna (Hamilton) Schultz
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio
and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED
25. Resolution on the death of Ernest J. Ritchie
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
26. Resolution on the death of Marguerite A. Scannell
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
27. Resolution on the death of Rita M. (Cirolo) Uglietto
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
28. Resolution on the death of Eileen M. (Connors) Comer
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
29. Resolution on the death of Lucille A. (Sheehan) Aylward
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
30. Resolution on the retirement of Lucille A. Rebello
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
31. Congratulations to Keith Robert Allard upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award on
October 29, 2000
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
32. Congratulations to Paul Tierney on his appointment as Superintendent of the Middlesex
County Jail
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
33. Resolution on the death of Reverend Joseph D. Flynn
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

34. Resolution on the death of Norma C. (Schwartz) Sherman

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

35. Resolution on the death of Ethel Sheehan

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

36. The 2nd Annual Brendan Noonan, Jr. Charitable Foundation, Inc. Dinner to be held on November 3.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED

37. The 125th Anniversary Year of the East End House to be held on October 28.

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED

38. Cambridge Cares About AIDS 2nd "Night of Illumination" at which Harold Cox and Dr. Lisa R. Hirschorn will be honored

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED

39. Congratulations to Michael J. Sullivan, Jr. on his appointment to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Councillor Sullivan

ORDER ADOPTED

40. Resolution on the retirement of Daphne H. Chapin

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

41. Resolution on the death of Louis Saks.

Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher,

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

42. Resolution on the death of Ron LaValle.

Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

43. Resolution on the death of Eugene J. Reposo, Jr.

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

44. Resolution thanking the Central Square Business Association for the holiday lighting in Central Square
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
45. Congratulations to CRLS Football Coach Kwame Dixon on his selection as New England Patriots High School Coach of the Week.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
46. Congratulations to Allison Tracy High for her placement as third runner up in the National Miss Teen America competition.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
47. Resolution on the Auburn Court rental housing development.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
48. Resolution honoring National Family Literacy Day.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
49. Resolution welcoming back Nnenna Freelon and success in her concerts.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
50. Resolution on the 75th Birthday of Paul Cusick.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
51. 13th Annual Foster Children's Holiday Party.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
52. Resolution congratulating Julia Child on her induction into the French Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
53. Congratlans to CASPAR Outpatient Clinic and Youth Services Program on their new home.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED

54. National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
55. Congratulations to graduates of Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
56. Resolution honoring a Cambridge resident on a special occasion.
Mayor Galluccio
ORDER ADOPTED
57. Resolution wishing Best Wishes to Larry Burke.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
58. Resolution on the death of Janice DaSilva.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
59. Resolution on the death of Martin T. Meehan.
Councillors Sullivan, Decker and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
60. Resolution thanking all of the citizens participating in the first two neighborhood forums.
Councillor Braude
ORDER ADOPTED
61. Resolution on the death of Charles A. Pappas.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
62. Resolution thanking Pamela Spencer for her dedication to the young women of Cambridge.
Councillor Decker and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
63. Congratulations to District Attorney Martha Coakley and Cambridge Police Deputy Superintendent Thomas O'Connor on their recent marriage.
Councillor Decker and entire membership
ORDER ADOPTED
64. Congratulations to Cambridge women who participated in the 24th Annual Tufts Health Plan 10K Race.
Councillor Decker

ORDER ADOPTED

65. Congratulations to Jay and Kim Versackas on the birth of their daughter, Abigayle Ann.

Vice Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Decker

ORDER ADOPTED

66. Resolution on the death of Albert L. Young

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

67. Resolution on the death of David C. Fitzgerald

**Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher
and entire membership**

ORDER ADOPTED

68. Resolution on the death of Jorge A. Reis

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

69. Resolution on the death of Monica A. Pieciul

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

70. Resolution on the death of Domenic P. Mazzeo

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

71. Resolution on the death of Stella (Frangos) Bonitatibus

Councillors Sullivan and Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

72. Resolution on the death of Reverend Paul H. McEntee

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

73. Prepare a suitable resolution on the death of Jeremiah Riley

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

74. +Open House to celebrate public-private partnership between NorthPoint Communications Group and CTNet will be held at Noon on Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

75. Congratulations to Martha Coakley, Middlesex District Attorney, on being award the "President's Award" by the Middlesex County Bar Association

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

76. Congratulations to Sheila McGovern, First Justice, Middlesex Probate and Family Court for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Middlesex County Bar Association

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

77. Congratulations to City Lights on winning the Best in Boston and on their 25th Anniversary

Councillor Born and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

78. The corner of Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Vandine Street be named Manuel M. Sousa Square

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

79. Condolences to the family of Robert "Bob" Tweedy, Fiscal Director of C.E.O.C.

Councillor Decker and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

80. Wishes of a speedy recovery to William Sullivan

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

ORDER ADOPTED

81. Happy Birthday to Siddartha Mitter

Councillors Reeves and Decker

ORDER ADOPTED

**CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000**

1. Evaluation of the Hansen computerized work order system.
Councillor Davis
2. Effects on residential taxes and city finances of taxation and budget strategies.
Councillor Braude
3. Timeline for choosing a contractor and undertaking the renovations at Magazine Beach.
Councillor Davis

4. City Council meeting of November 27, 2000 cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Born
5. Concerns of public safety and level of service relative to the Cambridge Electric/NSTAR's closing of their Cambridge service centers.
Councillor Sullivan
6. Underground drainage system installed during renovations of City Hall.
Councillor Sullivan
7. Report on the impact on Cambridge should Questions 4 and 6 be approved by the voters this November ballot.
Councillor Braude
8. Assign a School Crossing Guard at the intersection of Cambridge and Windsor Streets.
Councillor Toomey
9. Dedication of the corner Massachusetts Avenue and Harvey Street in honor of Frank ?The Barber? Minnelli.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
10. Services provided to participants in the Nine-Week Program during and after their employment.
Mayor Galluccio
11. Report on the current status of efforts to develop a skate park in Cambridge.
Mayor Galluccio
12. Report on the police incident at 1100 Massachusetts Avenue.
Councillor Davis
13. Report on the reasons for the extended closing of Oxford Street.
Councillor Born
14. Posting of signs that give clear and sufficient warning to drivers of alternative points.
Councillor Decker

15. Ownership of the rail spur formerly serving NECCO as possible open space, a bike trail or other public use.

Councillor Davis

16. Graffiti on mailboxes, especially in Cambridgeport.

Councillor Davis

17. Designating one individual to coordinate city operations related to energy conservation and efficiency.

Councillor Davis

Planning study of the Riverside Neighborhood to analyze further growth and recommend zoning measures and to address community concerns.

Councillor Davis

**POLICY ORDERS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2000**

O-1.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an evaluation of the functioning of the Hansen computerized work order system with special attention to timelines of responses to constituents and City Councillors, both first and final responses.

O-2.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Finance to provide a report to the City Council on the effects on the residential taxes and city finances of certain taxation and budget strategies as follows:

- Over the last ten years, what would the differential in residential taxes have been, with and without new construction tax revenues? What would it be over the next ten years? Please include the estimated tax differences per dwelling unit and in gross.
- For both the last ten years and the next ten years, what do you estimate the additional costs would have been/would be if the free cash fell to such levels that the bond rating was dropped to AA? And be it further

ORDERED: That the response to this order, along with the order be referred to the Finance Committee.

***** O-3,
October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the timeline for choosing a contractor and undertaking the renovations at Magazine Beach. Has the original schedule been delayed and, if so, why?

***** O-4,
October 16, 2000

VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the meeting of November 27, 2000 be and hereby is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

O-5.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: There has been much discussion relative to changes that are taking place in Cambridge's supplier of both electric and gas utilities; and

WHEREAS: Said changes include the closing of the electric and gas service centers and calls will be dispatched from locations that are further out (even the longevity of these new dispatch locations are in question); and

WHEREAS: These changes caused public safety officials, such as the fire chief, assistant commissioner of Inspectional Services, the city electrician and others to raise serious and grave concerns with regard to the public safety of our residents and business persons; and

WHEREAS: There will more than likely be a request for an increase in rates, while there will be a decrease in the high level of service that Cantabrigians expect and are used to; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge's requirements for electric power is increasing at one of the highest rates in recent history; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is concerned with regard to the public safety of its citizens, the level of service, the increase in costs and the sustainability of NSTAR's ability to meet future demands in our community as a result of their proposed changes; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to direct the City Solicitor to contact the DTE and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Antitrust Division relative to Cambridge Electric/NSTAR's closing of their Cambridge service centers and our grave concerns of public safety and level of service to inquire as to what, if any, rights the City Council/City of Cambridge may have to insure the public safety of our residents and businesses as well as the level of service; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to direct the City Solicitor to insure that all the "T's" are crossed and the "I's" are dotted with regard to the actions of Cambridge Electric/NSTAR and that there are no conflicts with regard to these transactions.

***** O-6.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: City Hall will have an underground drainage system with retention tanks installed during the current renovations of City Hall; and

WHEREAS: A number of entities have sought to use such retained water for the purpose of irrigating their own landscape and thus not relying on other water sources for such endeavors; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager consider the advisability of designing the underground water storage for water runoff to have the capability of using the runoff for

the purpose of irrigating City Hall's lawns.

O-7.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to prepare a report for the City Council on the projected impact on Cambridge should Questions 4 (reduction of the state income tax to 5%) and 6 (the tax credit for tolls and auto excise paid) be approved by the voters on this November's ballot; and be it further

ORDERED: That such report be made available to the Council and public as far in advance of November 7 as is possible.

O-8.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to assign a School Crossing Guard at the intersection of Cambridge and Windsor Streets due to the heavily traveled conditions in this area.

O-9.

October 16, 2000

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

WHEREAS: Francis Dominic Minnelli was born on January 28, 1936 in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Francis D. Minnelli married his beloved wife of thirty-eight years, Joan Hamilton, on September 30, 1962 and from this union came four children; Francis Dominic, Jr., James John, John Edward, and Jean Marie; and

WHEREAS: From these four children came three grandchildren; John Edward Minnelli, Jr., Nicole Marie Minnelli, and Cynthia Minnelli; and

WHEREAS: Francis D. Minnelli attended St. John's Grammar School in Cambridge and graduated from Rindge Technical School in 1953; and

WHEREAS: Francis D. Minnelli served in the Army National Guard from 1958 to 1962; and

WHEREAS: Francis D. Minnelli graduated from Massachusetts Barber School in 1954 and worked at Montouri's Barber Shop shortly thereafter in 1955; and

WHEREAS: On February 6, 1956, Francis D. Minnelli opened Frank's Barber Shop at 2384 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Frank's Barber Shop has become a North Cambridge institution, serving many loyal customers over the years including former U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. who was also a close friend; and

WHEREAS: At the closing of the year 2000, Francis D. Minnelli will retire after almost forty-four years of business at his North Cambridge shop, giving him the well-earned opportunity to pursue his favorite hobby of golf full-time; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a corner at Massachusetts Avenue and Harvey Street in honor of Frank "The Barber" Minnelli; and be it further

ORDERED: That a suitable dedication be arranged after consultation with the Minnelli family.

***** O-10.

October 16, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS The City regularly hires casual workers for temporary assignments under the so-called
Nine-Week Program; and

WHEREAS Most of the individuals who receive these jobs are interested in longer term employment opportunities but lack skills or work history; and

WHEREAS The City and the Commonwealth are in the midst of unprecedented economic and employment growth yet these individuals have been left behind due to factors such as lack of skills, job history or other local factors; and

WHEREAS In the past it has been suggested that these employees be a focus for entry point job workforce development and job training efforts; and

WHEREAS The City's workforce development effort could be helpful in linking these individuals to training and full-time employment; now therefore be it

ORDERED That the City Manager confer with the Office of Workforce Development and other appropriate City Departments to determine what services are provided to participants in the Nine-Week Program during and after their employment and report back to this City Council by November 6, 2000; and be it further

ORDERED That the City Manager confer with the Office of Workforce Development and develop a process to ensure that individuals hired through the 9-week program are provided an employment and training plan that can help lead these individuals to permanent private or public employment and long-term employment security.

***** O-11.

October 16, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS A number of younger Cambridge residents have identified the need for a skate park in the City to serve the growing interest in skate sports; and

WHEREAS The lack of such a facility has resulted in skate sport enthusiast using other public places to practice their sport; and

WHEREAS This City Council has previously asked for a received information from the City Council regarding actions towards development of a skate park; now therefor be it

ORDERED That the City Manager work with appropriate City departments and report back to this City Council by October 30, 2000 regarding the current status of efforts to develop a skate park in the City of Cambridge.

***** O-12.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to investigate and report back on the incident at 1100 Massachusetts Avenue described in the attached

letter.*****

O-13.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the reasons for the extended closing of Oxford Street and to provide a timetable for its reopening.

O-14.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: When motorists approach Oxford Street from the Harvard Square side, they see a sign at Kirkland Street that says Oxford Street open; and

WHEREAS: In fact it is only open for motorists trying to get to a few Harvard-owned buildings – residents or motorists cutting through or attempting to get to a residence have to turn around; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and the Department of Public Works to post other signs that give clear and sufficient warning to drivers of alternative points.

O-15.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the availability of ownership of the rail spur formerly serving NECCO as possible open space, a bike trail or other public use.

O-16.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Post Office regarding the graffiti on mailboxes, especially in Cambridgeport.

O-17.

OCTOBER 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to designate one individual to coordinate city operations related to energy conservation and efficiency.

O-18.

October 16, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, working in coordination with all parties to accomplish a planning study of the Riverside Neighborhood to update the neighborhood study completed several years ago, to analyze potential further growth in that neighborhood and recommend zoning measures to address community concerns.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2000**

1. 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 13, 2000 to continue the discussion on the regional truck study, a shuttle update and the progress of signage of bus stops.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE. ORDERS ADOPTED.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee for a meeting held on September 20, 2000 to discuss potential incentives relative to property taxes for homeowners who maintain rental units, assessing methods of assisted living projects and providing a tax break to property owners who have between market rents and rents available to low income families.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE.

3. 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 September 26, 2000 to continue the discussion on the issues of public unity in the city and hearing recommendations from the public and city departments as to the role that the committee can take to support civic unity and as to any other issues relative to civic unity in the city.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE.

4. 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 September 27, 2000 to discuss the reduction of storm water by commercial and residential property owners and the Alewife area.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE. ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a meeting held on September 29, 2000 to discuss the cleanliness of the city squares and to continue the discussion on employment in the city including the issue of linking job sites and new businesses to employment in the city.

REPORT ACCEPTED. PLACED ON FILE. ORDER ADOPTED.

In City Council October 16, 2000

**TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee held a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2000, beginning at five o'clock and forty minutes p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of continuing discussion on the regional truck study, a shuttle update and the progress of signage of bus stops.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Councillor Jim Braude, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Susan Clippinger, Director of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department, Jason Schreiber, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department, Cara Seiderman, Katherine Preston and Joe Barr, Transportation Division, Community Development Department, and Richard Scali, Deputy Director of the License Commission.

Councillor Davis convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She began the meeting the meeting with the issue of the regional truck study and introduced State Representative Jarrett Barrios, 28th Middlesex District, to talk about the truck study.

Representative Barrios described the efforts which led to funding in the State Transportation Bond Bill to fund a regional truck study to be done by the Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) at the direction of the Regional Truck Advisory Group. The Advisory Group is made up of officials from Somerville, Everett, Boston, Arlington, Watertown and Boston, the Attorney General's Office, the Massachusetts Motor Transportation Association, Metropolitan District Commission and the Massachusetts Highway Department. The CTPS is holding three public hearings. The first was in Somerville and Everett.

Representative Barrios emphasized the important of public participation in these hearings. The first one was held in Somerville and there was good participation from Somerville. The second meeting will take place at Cambridge City Hall on October 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. He requested that this committee publicize this meeting and he stressed its importance. Maximum representation by Cambridge citizens and public officials is essential.

Councillor Born asked if there will be more meetings after this one. Representative Barrios said that this is the second in a series of three meetings pursuant to the memorandum of understanding.

Councillor Davis then invited Susan Clippinger to talk about the regional truck study work to date. She submitted a press release regarding the upcoming October 3 meeting, **Attachment A**, and a report on Cambridge's truck count results which was submitted to the Regional Truck Study Subcommittee (**Attachment B**), and summarized the information therein.

She summarized the following areas of concern:

- Rapid increase in truck trips before 7 a.m.;
- Cardinal Medeiros Way residents unhappy with truck volume;
- Cardinal Medeiros Way is the only major street in that area route without a truck ban;
- Cameron Avenue and Warren Street have over 5% trucks. Both are small residential streets. The high percentage is inconsistent with the role of these streets in the city's street system;
- Kirkland and Gore Streets have over 600 daily trucks. These volumes seem inconsistent with the role these streets play.

Councillor Davis questioned the solid yellow line on one of the maps. Ms. Clippinger explained that the solid yellow line represents the study's best estimates of the routes, estimated from the points of highest counts.

Councillor Toomey asked whether Warren Street is a state highway. Sue Clippinger answered in the negative.

Councillor Toomey asked if there had been an attempt to put a truck restriction on Warren Street. Ms. Clippinger said not to her knowledge. Councillor Toomey said much of the traffic comes from one rubbish company.

Councillor Toomey asked the reason for high traffic volume on Gore Street. Ms. Clippinger stated that the high volume is related to the Cardinal Medeiros Avenue volume. The trucks are coming from Somerville, onto Lambert Street, then to Cambridge Street or Cardinal Medeiros Avenue.

Councillor Born asked if this information has been presented to the committee and Ms. Clippinger said that it has been.

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Councillor Born asked if other communities are presenting this kind of information. Ms. Clippinger said that Somerville is doing some studies now, but no other community has presented any data.

Councillor Born asked what is Cambridge's recourse if the City doesn't like the conclusions of the study. Ms. Clippinger said that the effort right now is to achieve regional strategies. If the City Council is uncomfortable with the outcome, there is still the zoning ordinance.

Councillor Davis asked if the Truck Committee reports were passed on to the Study Committee. Ms. Clippinger answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Davis noted that large numbers of elected officials from other communities are coming to these meetings and talking about all of the truck problems in their communities. It is not unlikely that Cambridge, as a community, will find some recommendations with which it is not satisfied.

Councillor Davis requested advice on where best to put lobbying efforts. Ms. Clippinger stated that it is useful to emphasize nighttime traffic and through truck traffic, especially at sensitive

times.

Councillor Davis then invited public comment.

Robert Travers, 54 Fulkerson Street, discussed the heavy early morning traffic on Fulkerson Street. There is less police enforcement lately. Trucks came from Twin City Mall and Medford Street. He urged people to attend these CTPS study public hearings.

Anita Byers, Concord Avenue, asked several questions on the following subjects:

1. Publicity. Has there been postcard notification?
2. Origin and destination studies?
3. Comparison of high truck traffic versus land use.
4. Is there a citizen advisory committee?
5. Was a speed study done along with the truck count study?
6. Related policy issues, for instance prioritizing maintenance on streets where there is high truck volume.

Ms. Clippinger said that Cambridge has not done origin/destination studies. That information is difficult to collect locally. Cambridge is urging that a regional truck study collect this data. She stated that Cambridge has not done a formal study of truck use versus land use, but land use assumptions have been used, based on general knowledge of the city. The regional truck study will include some density analysis.

Sandra Dimaio, Fulkerson Street, stated that she is very discouraged about ever getting relief from the truck traffic. There are no businesses left on Fulkerson Street; there is no reason for trucks to be on Fulkerson Street, but there are still trucks there. The truck route is Medford Street to Gore to Fulkerson Street. It has been the same problem for sixty years.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, stated that the study done by Rizzo Associates is excellent. He recommends that Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department do further analysis and report on it at the October 3 hearing. Data should be made available to the public as soon as possible so that the public can make intelligent comments on October 3. He stated that he recommends having a number as to how many through trucks travel on Cambridge streets for October. The City has done a very good job collecting this information and is entitled to make logical assumptions based on the data. He expressed his concern about intentional delay by the Massachusetts Highway Division and urged sticking to the one-year moratorium.

John Gintell, 9 West Street, urged the City to make a major effort to do a good job to publicize the October 3, 2000 hearing.

Councillor Davis stated that she will be submitting orders relating to publicity and presentation of material at the October 3 hearing.

After a brief recess, Councillor Davis moved to the issue of signage at bus stops.

Ms. Clippinger reported that the Traffic Department has acquired a new machine for making signs. It takes some time for staff to learn the process. She expects that the improved bus signs with more information will be available in approximately a year.

Councillor Davis requested a report back to the committee on what the signs will look like in two months. Ms. Clippinger said that she believes this could be produced in four months.

Ms. Clippinger distributed a copy of the MBTA signs for the CT 1 stops (**Attachment C**). The CT 1 and CT 2 routes do have information signs.

Councillor Davis then invited public comment.

John Gintell, 9 West Street, stated that the City has a tremendous opportunity to impact traffic and transportation through use of these signs. He believes that many more people would take buses if there were more readily available information about their routes.

Hedwig Pocius, Mt. Auburn Street, spoke in support of good, informative signs, but noted that the problem of cars and delivery trucks parking in bus stops must be solved. It is especially difficult for seniors to board buses when the buses cannot pull over; and also, sometimes bus drivers can't see people waiting at the bus stop. When stepping off buses that have not pulled over, passengers also face a danger from bicyclists.

Robert Travers, 54 Fulkerson Street, stated that it is very difficult to get to the bus stop when the bus stops halfway out into the streets. Buses often do this even when cars are not blocking the space.

Councillor Davis moved that the Committee meet in three months and that the Traffic, Parking and Transportation bring a mockup of the information that will be on the bus stop sign and a route map to be posted in Central Square.

The order passed without objection.

Councillor Davis next moved that the City Manager be requested to notify the MBTA that buses are not always pulling up to the curb at bus stops even when there are no illegally parked cars blocking bus access to the curb, and this failure creates a hardship and safety hazard, especially for seniors.

The motion passed without objection.

Councillor Davis then moved that the City Manager be requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Traffic Department to direct additional enforcement efforts toward the problem of parking in bus stops.

The motion passed without objection.

Councillor Davis then made the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the City Council commend the MBTA for extension of the CT 2 route and for the informative route signs at the CT 1 and 2 bus stops.

The motion passed without objection.

Councillor Davis then moved the discussion to the issue of shuttles and requested an update from staff.

Katherine Preston, PTDM Officer, and Joe Barr, PTDM Planner, reported on the Phase I Transportation Service Study – in a progress report on the shuttle study submitted by Rizzo Associates. The study identified the major gaps in coverage of Cambridge by bus service. In many areas, Cambridge is well covered by buses but not well served. The most underserved areas are:

- Cambridgeport
- Inman Square/mid Cambridge
- East Cambridge
- West Cambridge

Ms. Preston noted that attendance was sparse at the public meetings arranged to receive citizen comment. The first meeting was not advertised enough in advance, but for the others there was sufficient notice. Rizzo Associates also did telephone surveys, and they did achieve a statistically significant sample.

She summarized some of the most significant findings from the study. In general, people rated transit service to the city neighborhoods as acceptable and not in urgent need of attention. Cambridgeport seemed to be the most interested in improved service. The most frequently cited locations for improved service were Central Square, Fresh Pond Mall and the Galleria area, followed by Harvard Square, Inman Square and Kendall Square. The study found an express need for human services transportation, especially for the elderly and youth.

Joe Barr then described the scope of work for the second phase of the study and submitted a written description for the record (**Attachment D**). The second phase will be a service analyses consisting of five tasks:

1. Analysis of potential service
2. Analysis of public/private partnerships
3. Regulatory and legal issues
4. What funding is available
5. Recommendations based on analysis

Councillor Davis pointed out that in Cambridgeport there are lots of buses going by but they are not going far enough, they are terminating close by.

Councillor Davis then invited comments from other staff present.

Richard Scali, Deputy Director the License Commission stated that the License Commission is about to embark upon a study of adequacy of taxi service in Cambridge. The Commission hopes it will be completed in the fall and will help determine whether more medallions are needed or whether a new kind of medallion for short trip service is needed. Mr. Scali then described the License Commission's function in regulating shuttles. Mr. Scali noted that the License Commission licenses fixed route jitneys, which is what shuttle buses are.

Councillor Davis asked whether the regulations could include a requirement that fixed route shuttles open their doors to the public. Joe Barr pointed out that the process includes approval by the City Council.

Councillor Davis then invited public comment.

John Gintell, 9 West Street, encouraged the City to have a shuttle as a pilot project and publicize it. He believes there is unmet needs and dissatisfaction with the present public transportation options.

Joe Barr stated that the City has applied for and received a grant for shuttle service between North Station and Central Square. Charles River Transportation Management Association (TMA) is a partner. They hope to have it on the road by next spring.

Councillor Davis observed that this grant-funded shuttle will constitute a pilot.

In response to questions from Councillor Davis, Mr. Barr said that the fiscal details of the route are still being worked out. There will be private/public involvement.

Councillor Davis suggested involving Star Market and ensuring that the shuttle serve residents' needs as well as business needs.

Councillor Davis moved that the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee meet again for report on Phase II of the shuttle study in two months and that in the interim coordinating staff meet with the School Department, and also ensure that shuttle planning take into account the need of the residents.

The motion passed without objection on a voice vote.

Councillor Davis thanked those present for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at seven o'clock forty-seven minutes p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee meet in three months to continue discussion of new signage for bus stops and that the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department bring a mockup of the information that will be on the bus stop sign and of a route map to be posted in Central Square.

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the MBTA that buses are not always pulling up the curb at bus stops even when there are no illegally parked cars blocking bus access to the curb, and that this failure creates a hardship and safety hazard, especially for seniors.

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to direct additional enforcement resources to illegal parking in bus stops.

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record commending the MBTA for the extension of the CT2 bus route and for the informative route signs at the CT 1 and 2 bus stops.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS In City Council October 16,2000

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair

Councillor Kathleen L. Born

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Henrietta Davis,

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker

Vice Mayor David P. Maher

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

The Finance Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday,

September 20, 2000 at six o'clock and five minutes p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential incentives relating to property taxes for homeowners who maintain rental units, assessing methods of assisted living projects and providing a tax break to property owners who charge below market rents and/or rent to low income families.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Sullivan, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Braude, Reeves, Decker, Born and Toomey; James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs; Ellen Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services; Sally Powers, Director of Assessors; Darcy Jameson, Housing Director, Community Development Department and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Sullivan asked Mr. Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, to give a brief report and then he would open the meeting up to public comment.

Mr. Maloney distributed a memo from City Manager Robert W. Healy dated September 20, 2000. **(ATTACHMENT A)** He stated that the state law puts restrictions on the city. The courts have rendered a decision that if landlords have set non economic rents it is not up to other taxpayers to subsidize rents. The City Council has asked the City Manager to look at increasing the residential exemptions from 20% to 30%. This could be accomplished through the Legislature, he said. Assessments below \$500,000 will see a reduction in taxes and above will see an increase. An analysis will be done, but not until the fiscal year 2001 bills go out.

A discussion ensued on the issue of a binding agreement between property owners and the city. Councillor Decker asked what are the rules for this provision. Mr. Maloney stated that there are no set rules. The city would like to see a 20-30 year binding agreement between the Board of Assessors and the property owners. Councillor Reeves asked if there was any incentive that would encourage participation in this agreement. Mr. Maloney responded that mostly non-profits participate in this provision. Ms. Jameson, Director of Housing, stated that non-profits have a conventional agreement.

Councillor Braude asked Mr. Maloney to walk through an example. Mr. Maloney used 122 Berkshire Street as follows:

- 11 units;
- \$60 tax per month per unit
- \$33 tax increase per unit per month.

Councillor Decker asked for an example with a decrease in taxes. Mr. Maloney used 28 Berkshire Street as follows:

- \$14 average tax
- \$28 tax reduction per month per unit.

Mr. Maloney stated that the average tax per month per units is not as significant as expected. Income information, he said, cannot be made public. On Dana Street more significant monthly taxes are realized, but rents are in excess of \$1,000 per month, he said. The printout (**ATTACHMENT B**) shows why private landlords are reluctant to sign an agreement. Residential property taxes, he said, have been kept low in the last few years.

Councillor Decker stated that she wanted to hear responses to the two orders adopted by the City Council and attached to the report as **ATTACHMENT C**.

Mr. Maloney again stated that the city is heavily restricted to what it can do. Assisted living facilities for low-income people will be moved to a tax-exempt status based upon recent court rulings.

Councillor Reeves asked where does the authority on this matter come from. Mr. Maloney responded legislature and the courts and then the Board of Assessors and legal counsel.

Councillor Sullivan stated that the Cambridge Homes and the Youville had been a non-issue because of their operation. Now as assisted living entities of low income set asides they are, he said. Ms. Powers stated that nursing care facilities are not assessed; only rental units are assessed.

Councillor Reeves stated that the incentive needs to be so significant to the owner to encourage participation. Landlords will sign up for the plan if they receive more money. Councillor Sullivan stated that a "no tax incentive" does work. Landlords will participate "out of the

goodness of their hearts". Non-profits participate because they receive a tax credit on their financing.

At six o'clock and thirty-five minutes p. m. Councillor Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

The committee heard from Bill Cavellini, 9 Speradakis Terrace, who stated that in 1974 Cambridgeport homeowners came to the city for tax breaks and were told about the restriction. In 1994 and 1995 the Eviction Free Zone Committee did the same. He stated that he would like to see some action. He is glad to hear that the city is willing to do what it can do. If small landlords could view the fact that they could pay less taxes because they charge less rents and that the city is appreciative to them for the low rents this will receive good public relations. This does send a message, he said.

Councillor Toomey stated that in 1990-1991 he submitted a housing package to the City Council that was not acted upon. He further stated that the only incentive he sees is that of the social consciousness of landlords. Rental incentives will take creative solutions. Councillor Sullivan stated that there is a perception, although not true, that if below market rent is being charged it is because the tenant is a family member. He asked where is the city's policy published on non-economic rents. Councillor Toomey stated that rents charged by new landlords is driven by the price of the mortgage.

Councillor Decker stated that the tax burden is high for landlords who charge below market rents. She stated she would like to file a home rule petition. Councillor Reeves stated that the city needs to focus on who charges below market rents and the income of tenants. He also suggested that the city should converse with below market rent homeowners to encourage them to sell their property to the city or to non-profit organizations. Councillor Toomey stated that the Cambridge Housing Authority had a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a request to sell units and no requests were received.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that he agrees it is token recognition. He told of a situation where a landlord of three units charges low rent. The landlord heard that taxes would increase. She will increase the rent in this instance only. He stated that there are a handful of landlords who are not charging large rents.

Councillor Born stated that the incentive will not make a significant difference, but it is good to make the gesture. She asked Mr. Maloney to outline the necessary steps to be taken. Mr. Maloney responded that the committee, consisting of Ms. Powers, Mr. Wuenschel, Ms. Jameson and himself, will sit down and look at the issue of how many years can the city bring the taxes down, before it is challenged. Councillor Sullivan stated that a lease in excess of seven years has to be recorded.

Mr. Maloney stated that the second issue is legal review. Assessment Law, he said, is driven by the State Constitution. The committee will look at what can be done.

Councillor Born asked what kind of oversight will be provided by the city. Mr. Maloney responded that oversight would not be onerous. She asked if there is a way to put a restriction to

who units are rented. Mr. Maloney stated that the Law does not care about who is paying the rent.

Councillor Born asked how is market rent determined. Ms. Powers responded that it is based on city data.

A discussion ensued about comparable rents citywide. Mr. Maloney stated that Area 4 has the highest increase in rents. Councillor Decker told of an apartment on Cherry Street that charged \$2,200 in rent. Councillor Born stated that it is a benefit to the landlord to rent to a good tenant. When landlords have a good tenant they are reluctant to increase the rent charged, she said.

Mr. Maloney stated that in West and North Cambridge two and three family dwellings are being converted back to single family dwellings.

Ms. Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services, stated that symbolic value is not unimportant, but time value is important on a fifteen-year commitment. She feared that property owners will not hear that the city is appreciative of the commitment. Councillor Decker asked if the fifteen-year commitment would apply to smaller Buildings. Mr. Maloney stated that it is harder on a smaller building. Councillor Decker asked what does the city need to do legally for commitment on large and small buildings. Mr. Maloney stated that a policy question that the city needs to answer is the impact on the middle income segment of the population.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that the fifteen-year approach would not work. The tax differential is an example that people do not take advantage of, said Mr. Maloney. Vice Mayor Maher stated that the low rent landlords will not seek this program.

Councillor Sullivan asked when should the Finance Committee reconvene on this matter. Mr. Maloney suggested late December or January, 2001.

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Sullivan made a motion that the Finance Committee would reconvene in late December or January, 2001 to discuss this matter. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at seven o'clock and five minutes p. m. on motion of Vice Mayor Maher.

For the Committee,

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan,

Chair

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CIVIC UNITY In City Council October 16, 2000

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

Councillor Kathleen L. Born

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

The Civic Unity Committee held a public meeting on September 26, 2000 beginning at 5:53 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of discussing issues of public unity in the city and hearing recommendations from the public and city departments as to the role that the committee can take to support civic unity and as to any other issues relating to civic unity in the city.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair, Councillor Kathleen Born, Councillor Kenneth Reeves and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

Also present were Kenneth Bowles, member of the Commission on Disabilities, Dwayne Brown, Affirmative Action Director, Cathy Hoffman, Executive Director of the Peace Commission, Els Knoppers, Deputy Director of Personnel and member of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, Susan Ostrander, member of the Human Rights Commission, Nancy Ryan, Executive Director of the Women's Commission, Hilda Silverman, member of the Peace Commission, Quan Troc, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, Mary Wong, Executive Director of the Kids' Council, Laura Booth, CEOC, Elaine DesRosiers, Executive Director of CEOC, Arnold Goldstein, Vice President of the Central Square Business Association, and David Washington, 16 Chauncy Street Unit K, Staff psychologist, Mass General Hospital.

Councillor Decker convened the meeting and explained the purpose. She emphasized that this is a very initial meeting. The City Council, through its Civic Unity Committee and its predecessor, the Civil and Human Rights Committee, has always played an important role with regard to

initiatives in the area of race, class and gender. She stressed her desire for a working committee of all of those interested in this issue.

Councillor Decker then invited her fellow committee members to comment.

Councillor Reeves noted the importance of this committee. In the last Council term the city could not have a dialogue on race and class. This year, so far, the Police Commissioner has written a letter stating that the Police Department cannot be involved in the discussion on racial profiling begin held by the Police Review and Advisory Board.

At this time Councillor Decker invited all those present to introduce themselves. She then distributed copies of an agenda for the meeting, Attachment A, and requested that those present divide into two groups to discuss the questions set out in the agenda and then report back to the full meeting.

The questions for discussion were as follows:

1. What issues are you currently involved in or working on that are relevant to this committee;
2. What issues, initiative or support of current work should this committee of the Cambridge City Council be engaged in;
3. How should these issues be addressed - in what format/process...;
4. How do we create an ongoing working group of this committee; and
5. Who else needs to be at the next meeting - other groups not represented today.

In both groups, the discussion centered on the first and second questions, what issues are those present working on that relate to civic unity and suggestions for priorities for the committee. Responses were as follow

- Multicultural initiatives related to schools
- The MCAS high-stakes, standardized test
- Housing
- Deadlocked dialogue on race and class
- Empowering parents with regard to the issues their kids face at school, for example, the school searches for which there has still not been closure
- Equity in the delivery of services in school settings
- Discrimination in the criminal justice system, particularly sentencing issues.
- ESL issues, especially in the schools where the grant that supported bilingual parent liaisons has ended.
- Fostering acceptance of affordable housing in all neighborhoods
- Loss of diversity in the city
- Need for an umbrella to bring all of the civic unity issues together

- Navigation mental health benefits system
- Forum for citizen discussion of these issues
- The digital divide
- What role can the business community play in enhancing the quality of life and building a better Cambridge?
- Combatting ignorance regarding people with disabilities
- Impact of welfare reform
- Combination of poverty, race and gender
- Fragile people with mental health problems losing housing through the ignorance of the community
- Follow up on recommendations from October forum on race and class
- Issues of diversity of race and class in city employees
- Keeping the sense of neighborhood
- Ongoing conversations about what makes Cambridge a great community

Councillor Decker thanked everyone for their participation in this discussion. She requested that the City Clerk arrange for the report from the Forum on Race and Class to be distributed to those present.

At this time Councillor Decker invited a general discussion on what the Committee could do to promote civic unity.

Nancy Ryan observed that over the past five years there have been some "signature events" - moments that crystallized and epitomized the divisions in our society. These events included the Rodney King beating, the Agassiz School conflict, and the crisis resulting from the school search of students who were predominantly kids of color. Ms. Ryan suggested that the committee members reflect on those moments and ask themselves how each would have liked a Civic Unity Committee to respond in those situations, either in terms of immediate response or public education.

Mr. Arnold Goldstein noted the importance of the question of what makes a community. He sees it as diversity. This committee is not yet diverse. The high-tech community and students are also needed. He suggested getting people from all the segments of the community to be part of the committee to diversify and broaden the committee.

Councillor Reeves noted Councillor Born's remarks last night at the September 25, 2000 City Council meeting about the new business in Cambridge being concerned about the global community, not the local community. He also remarked that although former Mayor Duehay's attempt in the last term to organize a city-wide discussion on race and class was not successful, the question that discussion posed, the question of "Who is my neighbor" was and is, in many ways, the essential question.

Kenneth Bowles stated that what makes a community is people making a commitment to a place and then finding the time to work side-by-side. One good thing about the increased home ownership that is occurring in Cambridge is that once people own property, they become much more committed.

Laura Booth noted that when tenants are threatened with rent increases, it is very destructive to the community.

Councillor Born stated that Mr. Bowles' view is the conventional view but she sees a new twist in that people have paid so very much for their homes they have the attitude "Well, I've got mine - no affordable housing - protect the investment."

Ms. Silverman suggested that perhaps landlords could be encouraged to pledge not to charge these high prices.

Councillor Decker asked for volunteers to help plan the next meeting. David Washington, Ken Bowles, Hilda Silverman, Cathy Hoffman and Nancy Ryan volunteered. She noted the resounding question of what is community and stated her belief that it is the responsibility of long-time residents to knock on doors and meet their neighbors and make them aware of our community values.

Councillor Reeves said that in the two-year council term, most of the work gets done this year. The committee needs to conclude what the mission is this year. The committee can do more than one thing. It would be wonderful to inspire and put on cable about ten dialogues among residents about what Cambridge is to them.

Nancy Ryan stated that the Women's Commission has received a grant to collect information for the new library's 1% art project which will focus on Women's History. The grant will finance collection of the stories of women over time. There will be four public meetings focusing on different groups, for example, immigrants and feminists, talking about their lives as women. She is open to collaboration with this committee if that would be useful.

Councillor Decker thanked all those present for their contributions. It was agreed that all present would personally recruit people they think should be involved with the committee to come to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

For the Committee

Councillor Marjorie Decker

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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT In City Council October 16, 2000

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Kathleen L. Born

Councillor Jim Braude

The Health and Environment Committee conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2000 at six o'clock and forty minutes p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the reduction of storm water by commercial and residential property owners and the Alewife area.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Davis, Chair of the committee; Councillor Braude; Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager; Lisa Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager; Julia Bowden, Director of the Conservation Commission; Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Davis stated the intention of this meeting was to find out the city's responsibility to reduce the storm water and what programs are in place.

Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, gave a presentation based on a diagram of a map entitled "Sewer Separation and Storm Water Management Project." He stated that the storm water travels to the Charles River on to Alewife and the remainder goes to Deer Island. There are thirteen combined sewer outlets (CSO) structures; seven in Alewife and six at the Charles River. Users, he said, are being encouraged to do different things with the storm water. The city has worked with most development in the Kendall Square area. Some developments have built systems and use the storm water for uses such as irrigation. Homeowners have also been encouraged to use storm water for different uses. There have been 8,000 properties surveyed in reference to the sewer separation project. Cambridge sewerage is discharged into the Alewife and the intent is to reduce the volume of the combined sewerage to the Alewife. A new outfall will be build between Concord Avenue, Huron Avenue and Alewife Brook. The benefit of this is that it will incorporate backwash that will be used to flush the storm lines. An appropriation has been made and the project is currently in the design mode.

Councillor Davis asked Ms. Bowden, Director of the Conservation Commission, to outline the conditions at Alewife and how will the area be cleaned up and the prevention of the condition worsening.

Ms. Bowden stated that the benefit of the project will be that the storm drain will be separated from the sewer and this will eliminate sewer overflow. The permitting procedure is regulated by the Wetlands Protection Act and storm water standards, as required by the Department of Environmental Protection, are enforced. The standards regulate that 80% of solids must be removed from the storm drain. On the Alewife Project, the Alewife Reservation land needs to be crossed to get to Little River. The plan chosen will have a minor impact on the wetlands. Details of the plan are still being worked on at the Department of Public Works. Mr. O'Riordan stated that the Public Works Department has worked on the storm water conveyance plan.

Councillor Davis asked where was the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Bowden responded jurisdiction is the 100 year flood plan. She gave boundaries of Cambridgepark Drive to Genetics site, all of the Alewife Reservation and the wetlands, the Little River and Arthur D. Little site.

The committee heard from Diane M. Mahon, Selectman, Town of Arlington, who informed the committee that Arlington is concerned about the quality of life in the Alewife area. She requested that she be kept informed of the situation at Alewife. The Town of Arlington, she said, is trying to do its part.

Ms. Sheila Cook, 34 Follen Street, asked where is the wetlands. Ms. Bowden responded behind 80 Cambridgepark Drive. Ms. Cook asked how clean is the water when it gets to Little River. Mr. O'Riordan stated that the existing line will have the best managed plan.

Ralph Yoder, 364 Rindge Avenue, asked Mr. O'Riordan once the storm water is separated will the storm water flow to Alewife. Mr. O'Riordan stated that the base flow will go through the lines and keep wetlands wet. All the storm water will flow out. The public source of storm water will be discharged through the storm drain. Mr. Yoder stated that at Alewife there are six species of Heron which have been an endangered species. Alewife, he said, is the oldest natural area in the Western Hemisphere. Pollution, he said, comes from things in storm water such as metals and salts.

Mr. O'Riordan stated that the City Council has appropriated \$300,000 for the Phase 2 Action Plan to begin the public process to dispose of the clean up properly. Community education will be used to achieve best results, he said.

Ellen Mass, 104A Inman Street, Member of the Friends of Alewife, stated that the Friends of Alewife are developing a presence at Alewife to bring about public involvement. Alewife is in danger of being overdeveloped, she said. She requested support from the City Council of the MDC Masterplanning. She requested letters of support for the allocation of \$75,000 for the Alewife Brook Reservation planning be forwarded to the MDC Commissioner David Balfour, 20 Somerset Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Councillor Davis submitted the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Council express its strong support for the appropriation of \$75,000 for the Fresh Pond Reservation planning; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk forward this support to MDC Commissioner David Balfour.

This motion carried on a voice vote.

Elsie C. Fiore, 58 Mott Street, Arlington, member of the East Arlington Good Neighbor Committee, asked if the water will be filtered or unfiltered that goes into Little River. Mr. O'Riordan responded that the water will be filtered. Ms. Fiore asked how is a detection pond installed when the area is wet. Mr. O'Riordan stated the detection pond is in the wetlands. Ms. Fiore asked if this is MDC land. Mr. O'Riordan responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bowden informed all present that the Conservation Commission will hold hearings on this project in the future.

Stephanie Moura, MWRA, Combined Sewer Overflow Program, 100 First Avenue, Boston, stated that the MWRA will conduct meetings on this project. She further stated a MEPA process will also be required.

Carolyn Mieth, 15 Brookford Street, asked about the status of the court order regarding the North Mass Ave Sewer Improvement Project. Mr. O'Riordan stated that the sewer separation will be done as mandated by the court order. Fresh Pond and an area south of North Mass Avenue is the area affected by the notice of change order, he said.

Prior to the meeting, Councillor Davis received a communication from Roger Frymire, 22 Fairmont Avenue, who urged a city-wide effort to retain stormwater together with a sewer separation program that will lead to a zero overflow of sewerage into the surrounding waterways.

At the conclusion of the hearing Councillor Davis thanked all who attended this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING In City Council October 16, 2000

AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker

Vice Mayor David P. Maher

The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee conducted a public meeting on Friday, September 29, 2000 at twelve o'clock and ten minutes p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the cleanliness of the city squares and to continue the discussion on employment in the city including the issue of linking job sites and new businesses to employment in the city.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Davis, Chair; Vice Mayor Maher; Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager; Lisa Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager; Robert Bersani, Inspectional Services Commissioner; Bill Fraser, Superintendent of Sanitation, Public Works Department; Lenny Silva, Street Cleaning Division of Public Works; Mary Wajakowski, Inspector and Enforcement, Public Works Department; Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services; Ellen Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services; Malaina Bowker, Deputy Director for Community Development; Elaine Madden, Project Planner, Economic Development Division of Community Development Department; Jennifer James, Economic Development intern, Community Development Department; Susan Mintz and Susan Walsh, Office of Workforce Development; Jason Marshall, Project Manager, Assistant to the Mayor; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting with the discussion of the cleanliness of city squares. She asked what is expected of the city and private property owners and is there an ordinance to encourage participation by private property owners.

Mr. Bersani, Inspectional Services Commissioner, stated that his department works with the Public Works Department on the issue of cleaning city squares. There is a Refuse and Litter Ordinance. There is a very specific inspection that is done throughout the city on squares. A focus is also given to property rear entrances and alleys to make sure litter is not a problem. If deficiencies are found, a letter is sent to the property owner. The State Sanitary Code can also be utilized, he said.

Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, outlined the distributed literature on the cleaning of city squares. **(ATTACHMENT A)** The city, he said, has not had the luxury of a lot of personnel assigned to this task. A variety of cleaning goes on seven days a week from 4:00 a.m. through the evening hours. Cooperation from the business community is the key. Kendall Square businesses cooperate to the maximum. He will meet with the business leaders to enlist their help with supplementing the city personnel to clean up the squares and to outline their responsibility. If this effort does not work, enforcement will be more aggressive and violations will be tracked by the city. Data will

be computerized to track the successes and failures. A meeting has been scheduled with the business district leaders for October 11, 2000 to discuss this issue. Awards will be given to businesses who maintain their property.

Mr. Rossi did list a problem. That being the use of trash receptacles on the sidewalk for the use of the public being used by the business community. Steam cleaners will be purchased to clean the trash receptacles. Tree grates, he said, will be removed and the area around the trees will be cleaned. The area will be filled in with stone in Central Square and if this proves successful, Harvard and Kendall Square will be done.

Councillor Davis asked if the property owners will get a copy of the ordinance. Mr. Rossi stated that the ordinance will be attached to the letter addressed to the property owner as contained in Attachment A. Councillor Davis suggested that the snow removal regulation be attached also. Mr. Rossi responded that this is a great idea.

Councillor Davis complained about the pigeon droppings at Western and Massachusetts Avenues. Mr. Rossi stated that the city does have the right to enforce the Sanitary Code if the building owners are doing nothing about the pigeons whose droppings are falling from their buildings onto the city sidewalk. Piano wire needs to be installed on these buildings, he said. Mr. Bersani stated that his department will investigate this situation. Councillor Davis suggested a product called "tangle foot."

Mr. Rossi stated that the cleanliness of McDonald's on Massachusetts Avenue is a prime example to review the cleanliness of a business. Debris from Dunkin Donuts and cigarette products are the worst offenders. Due to the fact that there is no database, there is no way to see who the constant offenders are and who is cooperating.

Councillor Davis stated that the condition of Central Square at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays is like walking through snow ankle deep. Bus and transit riders travel through Central Square and this does not project a good image for the city. At this time, Councillor Davis made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the feasibility of adding additional clean-up to the city squares with particular attention to Sunday afternoons.

The motion carried on a voice vote.

The committee heard from Arnold Goldstein, Central Square Business Association, who informed the committee of a plan to establish a "business improvement district." The business improvement district will tax businesses to provide money for the clean up of the business district. Time Square is an example of a business improvement district, he said. There are 2,000 business districts in the country. Massachusetts has two; one in Springfield and one in Hyannis. The Massachusetts Legislation on business improvement districts allows property owners to "opt out" of becoming a member. Those businesses who "opt out" pay nothing and businesses who commit end up paying for the whole project. A petition, he said, will be distributed to the city agencies and the property owners. An implementation plan will be distributed to the city and to property owners to sign up. There has been a positive response from the business community, he said. Mr. Rossi informed the committee that cities are not allowed to use this plan to cut their budget; cities can only supplement their work with this plan.

Councillor Davis suggested the "Golden Broom" Award for display in the business windows. Councillor Davis thanked all the city staff who attended the hearing. The meeting turned to the employment issues of the meeting.

Ellen Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services, stated that a report will be given on the issue of the possibility of providing links to the city's web page. She was informed by the City Manager that the link is already in place, there is a minor barrier because there is no Web Master. Approval has been received from the City Manager, she said, to make the link. A commitment has been received from the MIS Department to make the link without the Web Master. The issue now is to figure out what links will be made. The 25 top employers appear on the Community Development Web site.

Councillor Davis stated that there needs to be a publicity effort to let the public know that there is a link. When a link is made are employers told there is a link.

Ms. Bowker, Deputy Director of Community Development, stated that out of courtesy, the city would let the employer know that contact has been made. Vice Mayor Maher asked where does the information come from. Ms. Elaine Madden, Economic Development Division of the Community Development Department, responded that historical lists do exist. Ms. Jennifer James, Economic Development intern, stated that the American Business Index was also queried. This information is last year's information asked Vice Mayor Maher. Ms. James stated that this is the baseline. Ms. Madden stated that newspapers are also reviewed.

Councillor Davis requested that the list of the employers be provided for the City Council. New businesses need to be greeted as they come into Cambridge, she said. The city, she said, needs to be proactive in reaching businesses when they move into the city. Ms. Semonoff stated that survey work is done by the Community Development Department. Ms. Bowker stated that the survey is done to target the hot section of the city. The data from 1993 and 1998 was reviewed and the growth rate was looked at and several sections were identified to survey. There are 2,000 businesses with 50,000 employees. The questions that are asked in the survey are:

- Kinds of jobs
- Salary
- Educational requirements
- Are the employers willing to train
- Hiring sources where employers get employees
- Number of employees that are Cambridge residents
- Where growth will be anticipated.

One-third of the businesses are surveyed. Then a follow-up survey is mailed. The surveys will be distributed by the end of October and responses will be due by the end of the year. The three sections that will be surveyed will be business and finance, information and technology and science and health.

Ms. Susan Mintz, Office of Workforce Development, stated that the hospitality industry has more opportunity. She is trying to do a small survey of smaller hotels in Cambridge in an effort to show that there are career opportunities for people in this area. Ms. Semonoff stated that historically this area has a large turn over each year. People have assumed that there is no room for growth, but there is an opportunity for a career ladder in this industry. Ms. Susan Walsh, Office of Workforce Development, stated that the barrier in the hotel industry is that employees must be willing to move or relocate. Prospective employees want to work in the hospitality industry as long as they do not have to clean rooms.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that Hyatt and Howard Johnson's are doing interesting things with kids in the schools to expose them to the different jobs available. A culinary arts internship was developed last year that also included special needs students stated Ms. Walsh. Vice Mayor Maher stated that Bill Sage, owner of Howard Johnson's now known as Radisson, is very active in the community.

Ms. Mintz distributed an **ANALYSIS OF CAMBRIDGE RESIDENTS SERVED BY LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPEMNT PROGRAMS (ATTACHMENT B)**. She gave the committee an overview of Career Source, a state and federally funded entity charged with providing employment services. **(ATTACHMENT C)** Cambridge is one of 22 cities involved with Career Source. People who use Career Source are:

- Low income;
- Persons of color; and
- Education level equal = GED or high school level.

Ms. Semonoff stated that the Cambridge Employment Plan's focus on providing counseling and job placement and then referral is made to a training program. Other agencies - the focus is on career training.

Councillor Davis asked where does the program at Bunker Hill fit in. Ms. Mintz responded that it is a certificate program. Ms. Semonoff stated that the Bunker Hill Program and educational programs are a subject that would be worth more discussion. Ms. Semonoff informed the committee of a Medical Interpreter Program presently being conducted at Cambridge College. Medical Interpreters is a service that must be provided by medical facilities. Vice Mayor Maher asked about the funding for these programs. He was informed that scholarships are available. Ms. Semonoff stated that employers have offered to pay for this training. Vice Mayor Maher asked what is the salary of a medical interpreter. Ms. Herald responded that Cambridge Hospital is known for its interpreter services. The salary range is \$27,000 to \$29,000. There are three levels of interpreters she said:

- Full-time budgeted positions;
- On-call positions; and
- Interpreter Services provided through telephone service (ATT).

Mr. Jason Marshall, Project Manager, Assistant to the Mayor, stated that the medical Interpreter Service Program at Cambridge College is a very intense program. Applicants to the program are screened before accepted to the program. Ms. Mintz stated that three additional classes are being added to the Medical Interpreter Program because of the high demand. Language skills, she said, must be strong in both languages.

A discussion ensued regarding the services provided to the city by Career Source. Councillor Davis asked what services is the city requesting from Career Source. Ms. Walsh stated that guidelines need to be provided to this agency. Ms. Madden stated that the city needs to check to ensure that there is a link to Career Source. Ms. James stated that the downfall with Career Source is there is no relationship with businesses.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that private business is unlikely to opt to use a temporary agency to secure employees. The School Department, he said needs to be included in this process.

Councillor Davis stated that the next meeting of the committee will be to brainstorm the following issues:

- Outline service needs as they relate to career placement agencies;
- Identify other stakeholders;
- Discuss educational programs/institutions;
- Outline the agenda for the committee; and
- Any other matter that may come before the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p. m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis,

Chair

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY
OFFICERS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2000**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Anthony Galluccio, transmitting notification of the fundraising efforts with respect to the Mayor's Fire Fund.