

**HEARING SCHEDULE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING APRIL 2, 2001**

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| Monday, April 2, 2001     | 5:30 P.M.                | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Thursday, April 5, 2001   | 6:00 P.M.                | The Housing Committee will continue further discussion of the Community Preservation Act.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| Monday, April 9, 2001     | 5:30 P.M.                | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b><br><i><b>Special Recognition for a past member of the Police Review Board.</b></i>                                                                                                                |
| Wednesday, April 11, 2001 | 8:45 A.M.                | The Government Operations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss process for the evaluation of employees of the City Council.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                      |
| Wednesday, April 11, 2001 | 4:00 P.M.                | The Economic Development, Training and Employment and the Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committees will conduct a working meeting to continue discussions on planning the May 10, 2001 joint meeting.<br><b>(IF NECESSARY)</b><br><b>(Ackermann Room)</b> |
| Tuesday, April 17, 2001   | 5:30 P.M. –<br>7:00 P.M. | The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues of civic unity in the city.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                          |

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| Wednesday, April 18, 2001 | 12:30 P.M.                | The Economic Development, Training, and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Web Site and long term plan for the Committee.<br><b>(Ackermann Room)</b>                                         |
| Friday, April 20, 2001    | 12:00 P.M. –<br>2:00 P.M. | The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive from city agencies dealing with conflict resolution the services offered and the methodology used to resolve the conflicts.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b> |
| Monday, April 23, 2001    | 5:30 P.M.                 | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b><br><i>Presentation on rodent control</i>                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday, April 24, 2001   | 12:30 P.M. –<br>2:30 P.M. | The Neighborhood Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss issues relating to neighborhood planning.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                               |
| Tuesday, April 24, 2001   | 5:30 P.M.                 | The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the City.<br><b>(Ackermann Room)</b>                                                                   |

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

The Health and Environment committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the following:

6:00 P.M.

The Public Health Assessment

7:00 P.M.

Implementation of a plan for the establishment of permanent public toilet facilities.

**(Sullivan Chamber)**

Thursday, April 26, 2001

4:30 P.M.

The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive a presentation from Community Development Department on the Parking Transportation Demand Management Ordinance and to discuss reclassification of the ordinance and to receive public comment on the ordinance and any and all business which comes before the committee.

**(Sullivan Chamber)**

Thursday, April 26, 2001

5:30 P.M.

The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on the refiled East Cambridge zoning petition.

**This hearing is televised.**

**(Sullivan Chamber)**

Monday, April 30, 2001

5:30 P.M.

**Roundtable Meeting**

To discuss Playing Fields.

**Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised.**

**(Sullivan Chamber)**

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| Tuesday, May 1, 2001   | 10:30 A.M. –<br>5:30 P.M. | The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                            |
| Monday, May 7, 2001    | 5:30 P.M.                 | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                    |
| Tuesday, May 8, 2001   | 10:30 A.M. –<br>5:30 P.M. | The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                            |
| Tuesday, May 8, 2001   | 6:00 P.M.                 | The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 School Department Budget.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                               |
| Wednesday, May 9, 2001 | 4:30 P.M.                 | The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on the Special District 8A zoning petition.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b><br><b>This hearing is televised.</b> |
| Thursday, May 10, 2001 | 10:30 A.M. –<br>5:30 P.M. | The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget.<br><b>(IF NECESSARY)</b><br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                   |

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| Thursday, May 10, 2001  | 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. | The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Economic Development, Training, and Employment will conduct a joint public meeting to discuss the make-up, mission and function of the Central Square Advisory Committee, the issue of trash pickup, construction, bus stops, bus shelters, obstruction at Carl Barron Plaza and the Green Street Streetscape; follow up of Gibbs Report and any other matters relating to the Central Square area.<br><b>(Senior Center Ballroom, 806 Massachusetts Avenue)</b> |
| Monday, May 14, 2001    | 5:30 P.M.             | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday, May 15, 2001   | 6:00 P.M.             | The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the Public Health agreement.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Monday, May 21, 2001    | 5:30 P.M.             | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday, May 23, 2001 | 4:30 P.M.             | Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Monday, June 4, 2001    | 5:30 P.M.             | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Monday, June 11, 2001    | 5:30 P.M. | <b>Roundtable Meeting</b><br>Discussion with the Election Commission.<br><b>Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised.</b><br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b> |
| Wednesday, June 13, 2001 | 4:30 P.M. | Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning.<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| Monday, June 18, 2001    | 5:30 P.M. | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Monday, June 25, 2001    | 5:30 P.M. | Regular City Council Meeting<br><b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>                                                                                                                                                             |

April 2, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-165, regarding a report on the status of plans to repave Rindge Avenue, please be advised of the following:

Rindge Avenue from Massachusetts Avenue to Sheridan Square is presently under construction and completion is expected in July, 2001. The Public Works Department Engineering Division will ensure that the contractor maintains this roadway for safe pedestrian and motor vehicle passage while under construction. This also includes a daily sweeping of the construction site and the maintenance of potholes requiring attention.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 2, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your information the Site Assessment Study for the West Cambridge Youth Center at Glacken Field and behind the VFW adjacent to Huron Towers. This Study also responds to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-110.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

April 2, 2001

To Honorable, The City Council:

Please be advised that I have re-appointed Artis Spears, 124 Western Avenue, as an Election Commissioner for a term of four years, effective April 2, 2001.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 2, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City Council approve the following block rates for water consumption and sewer use for the period beginning April 1, 2001 and ending March 31, 2002. The recommendation calls for a 6.3% increase in water rates and a 12.3% increase in sewer rates. Overall, consumers will see a 9.9% increase in their annual water/sewer bill.
2. That the City Council establish the Senior Citizen Discount Program at 15% annually not to exceed \$90 annually, an increase from 10% or \$60 annually.
3. That the City Council establish a 30% discount not to exceed \$180 annually for senior citizen homeowners who qualify for tax abatements under Clause 41C (low income). The existing discount is 25% not to exceed \$150 annually.

|         | Annual Consumption | FY01<br>Water<br>Rate | FY02<br>Proposed<br>Water Rate | FY01<br>Sewer<br>Rate | FY02<br>Proposed<br>Sewer Rate |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Block 1 | 0 – 40 CcF         | \$2.22                | \$2.36                         | \$3.71                | \$4.17                         |
| Block 2 | 41 – 400 CcF       | \$2.40                | \$2.55                         | \$3.93                | \$4.42                         |
| Block 3 | 401 – 2,000 CcF    | \$2.53                | \$2.69                         | \$4.23                | \$4.75                         |
| Block 4 | 2,001 – 10,000 CcF | \$2.70                | \$2.87                         | \$4.56                | \$5.12                         |
| Block 5 | Over 10,000 CcF    | \$2.91                | \$3.10                         | \$4.83                | \$5.43                         |

\* All rates are per CcF. CcF is an abbreviation of 100 cubic feet. One CcF is approximately 750 gallons.

### SUMMARY

In March of each year, the City Council establishes water and sewer rates, which determine water and sewer revenues for the next fiscal year. Because of the timing requirements, water and sewer rates are set prior to the adoption of both the Cambridge budget and the MWRA budget; therefore, revenue needs are based upon estimated expenditures.

Historically, water and sewer rates have been established so that revenues generated by them cover one hundred percent of projected annual costs. However, beginning in the last fiscal year (2000)

and continuing for the next several, a portion of the fund balance from the water fund will be utilized to help offset large increases in the annual debt service required to fund the new water treatment plant. There is also a significant increase in the Water Department FY02 operating budget that reflects the full cost of operating the new plant. Table 3 on page 4 indicates the details of water fund actual and projected revenues and expenditures for the years 2001 to 2006.

For FY2002 sewer rates are required to increase by 12.3% primarily to cover an increase of approximately \$4,500,000 in sewer debt service. The debt service increase is attributed in large part to the following sewer projects currently underway: Fresh Pond sewer separation; New Street pump station; South Massachusetts Avenue; and combined manhole removal. It is important to note that since May of 1998 the City Council has authorized \$136,867,000 for water and sewer capital projects. This impressive investment in our water and sewer systems represents significant progress towards ensuring that Cambridge will continue to benefit throughout the century from a healthy and environmentally sound water and sewer system. In addition to projects underway, the five-year capital plan calls for an additional investment of approximately \$100,000,000 (primarily sewer, \$85,000,000) in the water and sewer systems. The additional funds for water will be used mainly for improvements to the distribution system while sewer improvements are projected to continue in the following areas: South Massachusetts Avenue; Agassiz Neighborhood; Fresh Pond Sewer Separation; Cambridgeport; and the continued elimination of common manholes.

It is important to note the state's contribution to our water and sewer capital improvement program. In FY2002, state subsidies on water and sewer debt will total \$4,115,000 (\$2,798,000 sewer/\$1,317,000 water) representing almost 12% of a consumer's annual water/sewer bill. Table 4 on page 5 indicates the detail of sewer-related expenditures and revenues for the years 2001 to 2006. Table 1 below summarizes the increase in water and sewer metered revenue, while Table 2 presents the established average change to residential water/sewer bills.

TABLE 1  
Combined Water/Sewer Metered Revenue

|                                 | FY01 Revised | FY02 Projected | % Change |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Water                           | \$12,700,000 | \$13,500,000   | 6.3%     |
| Sewer                           | \$19,500,000 | \$21,901,679   | 12.3%    |
| Combined<br>Water/Sewer Revenue | \$32,200,000 | \$35,411,679   | 9.9%     |

TABLE 2  
Average Change to Residential Bills

| Residential<br>Type | FY01<br>Revised | FY02<br>Projected | Annual<br>Variance | % Change |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Single Family       | \$661           | \$726.44          | \$65.44            | 9.9%     |
| Two Family          | \$805           | \$884.70          | \$79.70            | 9.9%     |
| Three Family        | \$1,190         | \$1,307.81        | \$117.81           | 9.9%     |

## SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM

There are currently, 2,805 homeowners who qualify for the age 65+ water/sewer 10% discount (not to exceed \$60 annually) which is not tied to the homeowner's income. There are also 203 elderly homeowners who qualify for an income-based discount, which totals 25% not to exceed \$150 annually. Beginning in FY02, I recommend that the City Council increase the age 65+ non-income related discount to 10% not to exceed \$90 annually and the income related discount to 30% not to exceed \$180. This increase in the elderly discount program would be the first in several years and would serve to reduce the average increase to elderly homeowners by roughly 46%. To qualify for the 30% discount, a homeowners must be 70 or older and must have been granted the Clause 41C elderly real estate exemption. For FY02, the income guidelines are as follows: single, income of \$13,637 with assets of \$29,372; married, income of \$15,735 and assets not to exceed \$31,470.

## FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR RATES

Tables 3, 4 and 5 contain five-year forecasts for water and sewer revenue estimates. As can be seen in Table 5, the annual combined water/sewer rate is projected to increase by approximately 10% for the next few years. This projected increase is the result of the City's aggressive infrastructure improvement program mentioned above. The City Council should be aware that there are two external factors that could alter (positively or negatively) these projections. The first factor is the MWRA's annual charge to the City of Cambridge. Currently, the state subsidizes a portion of the MWRA's annual debt service, thus reducing the agency's cost to member communities. For FY02, the Governor's proposed budget does not continue the state subsidy. Should the Governor's recommendation be approved, the FY02 MWRA sewer charge to the City would be \$582,000 higher than the proposed FY02 Cambridge sewer use rate would support, resulting in an additional increase of 3% in the sewer rate. The second external factor that could change the five-year water/sewer revenue projections is consumption. During the last calendar year, water consumption fell by roughly 5%. It is unclear what caused the flow reduction, although additional conservation methods used by consumers or an unusually cool and wet summer are the two most likely causes. However, most of the drop in the consumption occurred over the period June through September indicating wet weather as the cause. Should the wet summer weather of last year be the cause there would likely be no long-term impact on rates. However, a continued drop in water consumption as a result of conservation could result in higher rates than currently projected for the future. We will continue to monitor both of these external factors and will keep the City Council informed.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachments

April 2, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-152, regarding a report on the Electric Transmission power source provided by NSTAR, received from City Solicitor Russell Higley.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor

DATE: March 28, 2001

RE: Response to Consent Communication #5, dated 2/26/01, re: Communication from Denise Desautels, Hearing Officer, Energy Facilities Siting Board, on public hearing regarding the petition of Comm. Gas. Co. for approval to construct a new underground natural gas pipeline in Cambridge, and

Response to Consent Communication #7, dated 2/5/01 re:  
Report on Electric Transmission Power Source proposed by NStar

1. In response to the above referenced communication regarding the underground natural gas pipeline proposed by Commonwealth Gas Company to serve the Kendall Square electric generating station, I report the following:

The Commonwealth Gas Company (d/b/a "Nstar Gas") filed with the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) a petition to construct and operate a new 2.2 mile long, 16-inch, 433 psig underground natural gas pipeline within the cities of Somerville and Cambridge.

#### EFSB Public Hearing

The notice regarding the March 5, 2001 public hearing was for the second public hearing held by the EFSB. The second hearing was scheduled to allow additional public comment because the notification to abutters for the first public hearing was not fully provided. The March 5, 2001 hearing was cancelled due to a snow emergency, and a new notice of a public hearing to be held on March 22, 2001 was issued.

The original public hearing was held on January 4, 2001 at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center on Broadway (the "Volpe Center"). It was attended by various members of the public, including representatives of the East Cambridge Planning Team, as well as representatives of MIT, Southern Energy, and the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. Attending on behalf of the City were John Bolduc of the Community Development Department and legal counsel.

The second public hearing was held on March 22, 2001, also at the Volpe Center. Southern Energy and Nstar gave their presentation to the Board. Four members of the public attended, and none had any comments. Legal counsel for the City attended the hearing.

#### City Petitioned to Intervene

Under the EFSB process, the City and other interested parties may petition to become "Intervenors" or "Interested parties". The City submitted a petition requesting Intervenor status on January 17, 2001.

Typically, the EFSB hearing officer notifies petitioners regarding the disposition of their requests to intervene after the initial public hearing process is concluded.

Granting of Intervenor status will give the City the right to participate fully in the evidentiary hearings to be held by the EFSB. The EFSB is tentatively scheduled to begin the evidentiary hearings either the week of May 21 or June 11, 2001. Typically, these hearings span several weeks.

2. In response to the above referenced communication regarding the 115 kV electric transmission power source proposed by NStar to serve the Kendall Square electric generating station, I report the following:

The Cambridge Electric Light Company ("CELCo"), which is a part of Nstar, filed with the EFSB a petition requesting approval to construct and operate a new 2.6 mile long, 115 kilovolt ("kV") underground transmission line within the City of Cambridge. CELCo also filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("DTE") a Petition for a Determination that the Proposed Transmission Line is Necessary and Will Serve Public Convenience and be Consistent with the Public Interest and a Petition under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40A, section 3 for Exemption of a Proposed Transmission Line from Zoning By-Laws of the City of Cambridge. These cases were consolidated and will be heard by the EFSB.

#### EFSB Public Hearing

A public hearing was held by the EFSB on January 17, 2001 at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center on Broadway (the "Volpe Center"). It was attended by various members of the public, including representatives of the East Cambridge Planning Team, as well as representatives of MIT, Southern Energy, and the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. Attending on behalf of the City were John Bolduc of the Community Development Department and legal counsel.

#### City Petitioned to Intervene

Under the EFSB process, the City and other interested parties may petition to become "Intervenors" or "Interested parties". The City submitted a petition requesting Intervenor status, which was granted by the EFSB on February 21, 2001. Typically, the EFSB hearing officer notifies petitioners regarding the disposition of their requests to intervene after the initial public hearing process is concluded.

Granting of Intervenor status will give the City the right to participate fully in the evidentiary hearings to be held by the EFSB. The EFSB is tentatively scheduled to begin the evidentiary hearings the week of June 11, 2001. Typically, these hearings span several weeks.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**City Council Calendar No. 9  
Monday, April 2, 2001**

**At 5:30 P.M.**

**CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to Applications and Petitions #1 of March 19, 2001 on an application from Lyme Properties, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 301 Binney Street.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis relative to Applications and Petitions #8 of March 19, 2001 on an application from Andrew P. Bendetson, President & Managing Member Putnam Avenue, LLC, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 431 Putnam Avenue.
3. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey relative to Consent Communication #7 of March 19, 2001 regarding notification of a new address for 127 Sixth Street from Owen O’Riordan, City Engineer.
4. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis relative to Committee Report #6 of March 19, 2001 regarding the consideration of the Community Preservation Act; recent state legislation which went into effect on December 13, 2000.
5. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis relative to Committee Report #7 of March 19, 2001 regarding a proposal to petition the legislature to lower the voting age to enable 16 and 17 year-old residents to vote in City Council and School committee elections.
6. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis relative to Committee Report #8 of March 19, 2001 to evaluate the City Council’s goal setting process.

### **ON THE TABLE**

7. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
8. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
9. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
10. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
11. Committee Report #2 of February 5, 2001 from the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for the purpose of evaluating the process used by the City Council to evaluate the City Manager.

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

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| 1. An application was received from The Dance Complex, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall. Approval has been received from abutters.                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1. |
| 2. Constable bond surety was received from Taylor F. Massie, Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2. |
| 3. An application was received from Carol Kenian, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 50 Mt. Vernon Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Historical, Public Works, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and abutters approval. Response has been received from one neighborhood association, which approved the curb cut.                       | 3. |
| 4. An application was received from James Friedell, Beatown Companies, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 361 Washington Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Historical, Public Works, Traffic, Parking and Transportation and abutters approval. Response has been received from one neighborhood association, which approved the curb cut. | 4. |
| 5. An application was received from CFAR, Inc., requesting permission to erect a sign at the premises numbered 1158 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Historical Commission, Community Development and abutters.                                                                                                                                  | 5. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

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| 1. A communication was received from Anita Delaney, transmitting many thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on her behalf.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1. |
| 2. A communication was received from Theodore Anastos, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of Dorothy Anastos.                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2. |
| 3. A communication was received from Representative John Joseph Moakley, transmitting thanks for thinking of him and your thoughts and prayers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3. |
| 4. A communication was received from Badiuzzaman Khan Naseem, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council expressing best wishes for their event.                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4. |
| 5. A communication was received from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting notice of a public hearing to receive comment on Verizon's provision of special access services on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Second Floor, Boston. | 5. |
| 6. A communication was received from Representative John F. Tierney, in response to the City Council resolution on the current oil/energy situation and its effect on Massachusetts.                                                                                                                                                                               | 6. |
| 7. A communication was received from Lew Weitzman, et al., regarding concerns of the Alewife Petition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7. |
| 8. A communication was received from Joseph Avin, 106 Spring Street, transmitting concern of work hours and idling trucks at Cambridge Research Park.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

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| 1. Declare April 8-14 <sup>th</sup> , 2001 as National Dispatchers Week in the City of Cambridge.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>                                                                             | 1.  |
| 2. Resolution on the death of James F. Burke.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                                               | 2.  |
| 3. Resolution on the death of Lloyd W. Crick.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                                               | 3.  |
| 4. Resolution on the death of Gaston E. Morath.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                                             | 4.  |
| 5. Commend the efforts of the staff of the Neville Manor which resulted in such positive results in the annual performance survey conducted by the Department of Public Health.<br><b>Councillor Toomey</b> | 5.  |
| 6. Resolution on the death of Daniel J. Curtin.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                                             | 6.  |
| 7. Resolution on the death of Albert M. "George" Garber.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                                    | 7.  |
| 8. Resolution on the death of Joseph S.R. Zagarella.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                                    | 8.  |
| 9. Resolution on the death of Manuel Pereira.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                                           | 9.  |
| 10. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Theresa Fitzmaurice.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>                                                                                                                 | 10. |
| 11. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Vincent Serrano.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>                                                                                                                     | 11. |
| 12. Retirement of William L. Holhouser from the Cambridge Housing Authority.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                | 12. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

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| 13. Retirement of Genevieve A. Webb from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>      | 13. |
| 14. Retirement of Christina Uhlig from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>        | 14. |
| 15. Retirement of Gloria Santiago from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>        | 15. |
| 16. Retirement of Patricia A. Santapaola from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b> | 16. |
| 17. Retirement of Karen Oliveira from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>         | 17. |
| 18. Retirement of Frances Mulvey from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>         | 18. |
| 19. Retirement of Bernadette McCollin from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>    | 19. |
| 20. Retirement of Donna MacNeil from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>          | 20. |
| 21. Retirement of Cicily Harvey from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>          | 21. |
| 22. Retirement of Willa D. Hairston from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>      | 22. |
| 23. Retirement of Mary Elizabeth DiPetro from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b> | 23. |
| 24. Retirement of Jocelyn "Lyn" R. Dever from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b> | 24. |
| 25. Retirement of Merlyn Davis from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>           | 25. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

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| 26. Retirement of Dorothy Davis from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                  | 26. |
| 27. Retirement of Joycelene M. Crick from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>             | 27. |
| 28. Retirement of Nora Connor from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                    | 28. |
| 29. Retirement of Marion F. Connell from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>              | 29. |
| 30. Retirement of Iselma Carrington from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>              | 30. |
| 31. Retirement of Alice Cajolet from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                  | 31. |
| 32. Retirement of Linda Bryan from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                    | 32. |
| 33. Retirement of Carol Bolli from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                    | 33. |
| 34. Retirement of Mary Barrett from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                   | 34. |
| 35. Retirement of Rose C. Balog from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                  | 35. |
| 36. Retirement of Anna Aurelio from the Neville Manor.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                   | 36. |
| 37. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to State Senator Stephen F. Lynch.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey</b> | 37. |

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| 38. Commend all city departments for doing an extraordinary job in securing an accurate census.<br><b>Councillor Toomey</b>                                                                               | 38. |
| 39. Resolution on the death of Gertrude B. Askew.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                    | 39. |
| 40. Resolution on the death of Vera Dunham.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                          | 40. |
| 41. Resolution on the death of Nicholas E. Welsh.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                                         | 41. |
| 42. Resolution on the death of William Lusk.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                                         | 42. |
| 43. Appreciation to the Traffic Supervisors who, in the distinctive uniforms that are the badge and emblem of their work, inspire confidence in the safety of our children.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b> | 43. |
| 44. Congratulations to WHERE Magazine on the occasion of its 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Silver Plume Awards.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                                                                       | 44. |
| 45. Resolution on the death of Dr. David S. Gordon.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership</b>                                                                                 | 45. |
| 46. Resolution on the death of Henry M. Hoover, Assistant City Clerk of Waltham.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                      | 46. |
| 47. Resolution on the death of John A. Kosinski.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership</b>                                                                  | 47. |
| 48. Resolution on the death of Mary C. McMahon.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                                       | 48. |

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| 49. Resolution on the death of Serafino F. Fabiano.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>              | 49. |
| 50. Resolution on the death of Mary E. Guarnieri.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                | 50. |
| 51. Resolution on the death of Catherine Treadwell.<br><b>Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>     | 51. |
| 52. Resolution on the death of Thomas Timoney.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                        | 52. |
| 53. Resolution on the death of Charles Paul Ventre.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                   | 53. |
| 54. Proclaim April 24, 2001 as Armenian Martyrs' Day in memory of the Armenian Genocide.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                    | 54. |
| 55. Resolution on the death of Julius Morrison.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                       | 55. |
| 56. Resolution on the death of Lawrence J. Stempkowski.<br><b>Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>            | 56. |
| 57. Resolution on the death of Francis J. Murphy.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                     | 57. |
| 58. Resolution on the death of Mary F. Wadden.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership</b> | 58. |
| 59. Resolution on the death of Carol A. Burns.<br><b>Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                      | 59. |
| 60. Resolution on the death of Suzanne Maniscalco.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                    | 60. |

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| 61. Resolution on the death of Patrick G. Corcoran, retired Captain of the Cambridge Police Department.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b> | 61. |
| 62. Resolution on the death of Frank Rubino.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>                                                                               | 62. |
| 63. Prepare a suitable resolution on the death of Leonard Canner.<br><b>Councillor Davis and entire membership</b>                                                                                                | 63. |
| 64. Best wishes to Els Knoppers, Deputy Director of Personnel, in her new position as Director of Human Resources for the Committee for Public Counsel Services.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b>                       | 64. |
| 65. Congratulations to Lance Dottin on being named Coach of the Year.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                                                                                                                   | 65. |
| 66. Congratulations to Louis Ford on being named Player of the Year by School Sports Magazine.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                                                                                          | 66. |
| 67. Resolution on the death of George M. LaFlamme.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                           | 67. |
| 68. Resolution on the death of Richard H. Harrington.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                        | 68. |
| 69. Thanks to production staff and participants of Cambridge's Inside Out weekly cable political commentary show that taped its last show on March 13, 2001.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>                        | 69. |
| 70. Congratulations to the Honorees of the Women Coming Together event that will take place on May 1, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. at Anthony's Function Hall, 158 Highland Avenue, Somerville.<br><b>Councillor Toomey</b>  | 70. |

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| 71. Congratulations to Tammy Marie Keeler and Michael Joseph McDermott on their upcoming nuptials.<br><b>Councillor Toomey</b>                                                                                                                    | 71. |
| 72. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Installation of Officers for the Cambridge Emblem Club #108 on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Watertown Lodge of Elks, 268 Arlington Street, Watertown.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b> | 72. |
| 73. Congratulations and best wishes to William F. Kennedy as he assumes a new position at Nutter, McClennen & Fish's Public Law Group.<br><b>Councillor Toomey</b>                                                                                | 73. |
| 74. Congratulations to Cambridge residents who are active in World Boston who have been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b>                                                                                           | 74. |
| 75. Thanks and congratulations to Cambridge School Volunteers, Inc. as they near the conclusion of the 200-2001 school year.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                                                                                            | 75. |
| 76. Thanks to the CRLS students for a Free Tibet for their efforts in addressing the issues facing the Tibetan nation and people.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                                                                                       | 76. |
| 77. Congratulations to Jennifer Singh on being elected to the Harvest Co-op's Board as Vice President.<br><b>Councillor Decker</b>                                                                                                                | 77. |
| 78. Happy Birthday wishes to Connor Donavan.<br><b>Councillor Decker</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | 78. |
| 79. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the fifth annual Immigrants Day at the State House on April 3, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.<br><b>Councillor Decker</b>                                                                             | 79. |

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| 80. Resolution on the death of Lois Sementelli.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>                                                                                                     | 80. |
| 81. Urge citizens to be cognizant of CCTV's Public Service<br>Announcement Days on April 6 and 11, 2001.<br><b>Councillor Decker</b>                                                                    | 81. |
| 82. Urge citizens to be cognizant of the Mother's Day March on Sunday,<br>May 13 <sup>th</sup> at the Boston Common from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. to rally for<br>sensible gun laws.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b> | 82. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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| 1. Confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development with the view in mind of providing the City Council with a report on Cambridge 2000 census data.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>                                    | 1.  |
| 2. Financial need standards for the city's scholarship program.<br><b>Councillor Braude and Mayor Galluccio</b>                                                                                                                   | 2.  |
| 3. Update of the Climate Protection Task Force on its planning efforts to decrease emissions in Cambridge.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b>                                                                                             | 3.  |
| 4. Possibility of expanding the police bicycle patrol.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b>                                                                                                                                                 | 4.  |
| 5. Constitutionality of permit and fee requirements of the Street Performers Ordinance.<br><b>Councillor Braude</b>                                                                                                               | 5.  |
| 6. Access to and training on computers for the city's senior population.<br><b>Councillor Braude</b>                                                                                                                              | 6.  |
| 7. Report on practice of reserving metered parking spaces for private institutions, businesses and others.<br><b>Councillor Born</b>                                                                                              | 7.  |
| 8. Update on the status of domestic partnership benefits.<br><b>Councillors Decker and Reeves</b>                                                                                                                                 | 8.  |
| 9. Possibility of doubling the city's support for neighborhood block parties.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b>                                                                                                                          | 9.  |
| 10. Ensure safety aspects of the city's playgrounds and parks.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>                                                                                                                                      | 10. |
| 11. Support of three bills relating to gun control which will be heard at a public hearing before the Public Safety and the Criminal Justice Committees on Tuesday, April 3, 2001.<br><b>Councillor Davis and Mayor Galluccio</b> | 11. |

O-1.

April 2, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development with the view in mind of providing the City Council with a report on Cambridge 2000 census data.

O-2.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs on financial need eligibility standards for the city's scholarship program and report back to the City Council.

O-3.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Climate Protection Task Force to update the City Council on its planning efforts to decrease emissions in Cambridge.

O-4.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Bicycle officers have a wonderful impact on community policing in the City of Cambridge;  
now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the possibility of expanding  
the bike patrol.

O-5.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to report back to the Council why he believes that the permit and fee requirements of the city's Street Performer Ordinance (Section 12.16.170) do not violate the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and be it further

ORDERED: That such analysis be provided to the Council in a timely fashion so that if the Council deems suspension or repeal of the offending sections of the ordinance to be appropriate, it could be done before prime performance season begins.

O-6.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

WHEREAS: Use of the internet approaches 90% for those in Cambridge 45 years old and younger;  
and

WHEREAS: Use declines as age increases, ultimately falling to nearly 50% for those 56 years of age  
and above; and

WHEREAS: Computer access and internet use not only serve a utilitarian and education function, but  
allow for social interaction as well; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on  
access to and training on computers for the city's seniors.

O-7.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report to the City Council on the practice of reserving metered parking spaces for private institutions, businesses and others through the technique of bagging the meters and posting them "No Parking" for the general public; and be it further

ORDERED: That said report include information for the past calendar year on the number of permits granted, the businesses or other organizations and institutions that have received these permits, the dates and duration of the reservations, and the number of parking spaces affected.

O-8.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update on the status of domestic partnership benefits.

O-9.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Fostering community is a new City Council goal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Public Facilities Committee consider the following:

- Doubling the city's support for neighborhood block parties.

O-10.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Spring has arrived and the use of our playgrounds and parks will come alive; and

WHEREAS: It is time to do some preliminary maintenance to ensure that the parks are safe; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That The City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that our parks are inspected and any safety problems are resolved, for example, the gate at Hancock Street Park.

O-11.

April 2, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record supporting three bills relating to gun control which will be heard at a public hearing before the Public Safety and the Criminal Justice Committees on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, as follows:

1. Relating to Ballistic Fingerprinting - An Act to Further Reduce Gun Violence in the Commonwealth - Senate #1193;
2. An Act to Prevent the Illegal Trafficking of Firearms - Senate #166; and
3. An Act to Close the Assault Weapons Loophole.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a meeting held on February 28, 2001 for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to extend the time during which the Interim Planning Overlay Petition (IPOP) is in effect by changing the expiration date to October 15, 2001.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee for a meeting held on February 28, 2001 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning in the Alewife area filed by the City Council.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a meeting held on February 20, 2001 for the purpose of receiving an update on the status of neighborhood study committees and to plan for a public hearing of the committee on this topic.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a meeting held on March 20, 2001 to discuss the issue of the status of neighborhood planning committees, what has been done, implementation and feedback.
5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk and D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a joint public hearing held on March 1, 2001 to receive to receive an update on the status of the Gibbs Report, a briefing on all committees related to Central Square and to plan the joint meeting of these committees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk and D. Margaret Drury, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee for a joint public hearing held on March 21, 2001 to continue the discussions on planning a community meeting.
  
7. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Chair of the Veteran Services Committee for a meeting held on March 16, 2001 to review the veteran's statutory abatement and any and all business that may come before the committee.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**Committee Report #1  
In City Council April 2, 2001**

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on February 28, 2001, beginning at 4:57 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance to extend the time during which the Interim Planning Overlay Petition (IPOP) is in effect by changing the expiration date to October 15, 2001.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Jim Braude, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Deputy City Solicitor Don Drisdell, First Assistant City Solicitor Nancy Glowa, and Les Barber, Director of Land Use Planning and Zoning for the Community Development Department.

Councillor Born convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She invited the petitioners to make a presentation.

Stash Horowitz, Vice President of the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods began with an outline of the order of the presentation. He then introduced Steven Kaiser, 191 Hamilton Street.

Mr. Kaiser submitted a letter for the record (**Attachment A**), and summarized its main points. He stated his preference for the IPOP over the new project review.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, stated that he has attended the Planning Board hearings of 20 of the last 20-25 IPOP's that have come through the process. He submitted newspaper articles from the Globe and the Times regarding the new U.S. Supreme Court decision about the EPA's authority. He stated that the IPOP is very significant in that it recognizes that traffic from a particular development can affect neighborhoods across the city.

Mr. Horowitz noted the change in the Project Design provisions in the Citywide Rezoning petition which result from eliminating the word "citywide." Councillor Born noted that this was not a change suggested by the Ordinance Committee. It was part of the recommendation submitted by the Planning Board. Mr. Horowitz said that the language in the Citywide Petition dilutes the citywide protections from traffic. See Sec. 19.211. He urged that the newly adopted Citywide Rezoning Petition be quickly amended.

John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill Road, Vice President of the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods continued the petitioners' presentation. He noted that the IPOP is much more precise with regard to measurement of traffic impacts. He also objected to the narrowing of the

criteria for measuring the impacts on the local property owners. It is reminiscent of the narrow interests recognized in zoning with regard to who is considered to be an interested party – only abutters and abutters to abutters have standing as interested parties.

Councillor Born inquired as to whether the disparity between the assessment of the traffic impacts in the citywide rezoning and the IPOP was brought to the attention of the Planning Board. Mr. Horowitz said that the change was made by the Planning Board after its public hearing, so there was no opportunity for public testimony.

Councillor Born asked Mr. Barber why the language was changed and whether the language change resulted in looser criteria for measuring traffic impacts.

Mr. Barber stated that the Planning Board understood even under IPOP that in reviewing individual projects, one particular project could not be held responsible for a citywide traffic condition. The Planning Board concluded that a more rational and defensible way to address the citywide the traffic impacts was by the citywide FAR reduction in commercial zones. Thus the traffic impacts criteria in the project review focus on the number of vehicle trips and specific intersection impacts generated by the project.

Councillor Born asked if it is the case that the Section 19.21 specifies that the purpose of the traffic review is to ensure that new construction or changes in building use do not impose substantial adverse impacts on city traffic. Mr. Barber answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Kaiser stated that the old IPOP required an assessment of whether the infrastructure could support the additional traffic, while the new zoning talks about substantial impacts.

Councillor Born also noted that other sections of the new ordinance requires assessment of the cumulative impacts. She then stated that with all of the work the Ordinance Committee has before it, in a case where City staff has said that the new ordinance does not decrease the standard of review, it is unlikely that the City council will put a high priority on revisiting what it just enacted.

Mr. Horowitz also noted that Mr. Kaiser's concern that because Memorial Drive is not a public way, the exception in Table 1 for projects more than 100,000 feet from a public way will mean that MIT can build without any project review.

Councillor Born requested that Mr. Barber respond. Mr. Barber stated that Table 1 is the table which establishes when a traffic study is required. The only criteria for traffic review of institutions is whether the project calls for the described increase in parking spaces. An institution's proposal for a 50,000 square foot or larger project triggers project design review, but not a traffic study.

Mr. Horowitz stated that the ordinance should contain language requiring a finding by the Planning Board that the project does not affect traffic congestion citywide, or if it does, there must be mitigation.

Councillor Born requested information from the City Solicitor with regard to the assertion that Memorial Drive is not a public way and thus projects along it are not subject to the new zoning ordinance because of the exemption of projects of 100,000 feet from a public way.

Councillor Davis stated that 100 feet is just two residential yards deep. She asked what is the rationale for excluding this area from traffic review? Mr. Barber replied that the standard for review of institutional projects vis-à-vis traffic impact relates to increases in parking facilities.

Councillor Decker stated that she had to leave for a Kids Council meeting.

Councillor Born then invited public comments.

Elie Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, spoke in support of extension of the IPOP. It was intended to stay in effect until the citywide rezoning was completed. It is far from complete. Mr. Barber himself stated that citywide traffic impacts were to be dealt with by FAR reductions, and those reductions have not yet been made.

Sheila Cook, 34 Follen Street, noted the limitations of a standard that only considers the interests of abutters and abutters to abutters. Route 2 and Alewife Parkway are already horrendous. She urged continuation of the IPOP until all of the citywide rezoning is passed.

Councillor Born and Vice Mayor Maher thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

For the Committee,

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Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

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Vice Mayor Maher, Co-Chair

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**Committee Report #2  
In City Council April 2, 2001**

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on February 28, 2001, beginning at 5:53 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the zoning in the Alewife area filed by the City Council.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Jim Braude, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Lester Barber, Director of Zoning and Land Use Planning for the Community Development Department (CDD) and Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor.

Vice Mayor Maher convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He began with a review of the history of rezoning proposals for the Alewife triangle. He noted that the rezoning that the Ordinance Committee chairs have been working on is more restrictive than the citywide proposal for this area. He then read a letter from the co-chairs (**Attachment A**), requesting the Committee's support for revised zoning proposal and outlining goals and parameters for a new petition.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that they asked the City Solicitor if these goals could be accomplished through amendment of the present petition, and they were informed that it was unlikely.

Councillor Born stated that there will be several opportunities for public input. She said that this is an opportunity to achieve some publicly beneficial open-space.

Councillor Davis stated that much of the proposal looks quite good. She asked for more specifics about the height limits and expressed a concern about whether height limits could be decreased from whatever height is set forth in the advertisement for the public hearing. Attorney Glowa stated that the legal standard for changes that cannot be made without readvertising is whether the changes alter the fundamental character of the petition. It does not mean that no provision can be made any more restrictive than originally advertised.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that the proposal that he and Councillor Born envision would be more restrictive than those that were proposed for the area in the citywide rezoning petition.

Councillor Davis asked where the specifics of the new petition will come from. Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Davis said that they will come from the staff. CDD staff have been very involved in trying to develop a plan for a zoning petition that will significantly increase

environmental protection and public benefits. The staff will forward a proposal to the City Manager, and the Manager will transmit it to the City Council on his agenda.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that the present petition will remain on the table, so there is no issue of a developer obtaining building permits to build to the level of the current zoning. If the new petition cannot be finalized before this petition expires, then the present petition could be refiled.

Councillor Born stated that it is clear that the FAR must be reduced. It is also clear that some development is going to happen there in order to achieve some of the environmental goals. The city cannot just order an owner to tear down buildings which are currently occupied.

Vice Mayor Maher then invited public testimony.

Attorney Kevin Crane, 104 Mount Auburn Street, representing Martignetti Bros. Realty Trust, stated that in view of the new proposal, he looks forward to working to make zoning that is mutually beneficial to the community and to his client, the property owner.

Anthony Martignetti, property owner, said that the new proposal means there is lots of work to do and he looks forward to working together for a solution that works for all.

Richard McKinnon, 39 Lee Street, stated that he is working with Acorn Properties, owner of the other property in the affected area. They look forward to working on these goals. Mr. McKinnon said that these goals would mean relocating the existing parking to another place on his property because of the lease. In addition, he is being asked to think about accepting a very significant downzoning. He is willing to work with the community and city staff to try to find a solution that accomplishes the goals set out in Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born's letter.

Lew Weitzman, 124 Montgomery Street, stated that after having looked over the goals stated in the new proposal, he is encouraged. The proposal speaks to one of his biggest concerns in the present petition in Item Number 3 in the letter from Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born. He stated a concern about Cambridgepark Drive. He is particularly concerned about the amount of buildout there. Councillor Born pointed out that the Cambridgepark Drive area is not part of the petition before the committee. Councillor Born noted that under the Citywide Rezoning petition, at Cambridgepark Drive the FAR was reduced from 2.0 to 1.5.

She explained that the only portion of the Alewife area cut out of the citywide downzoning is the portion directly north of the Little River. Mr. Weitzman urged the City Council to consider a .75 FAR for the area now under consideration. In addition, he suggested looking at what area is unbuildable due to wetlands.

Councillor Born said that to accomplish the restoration of the reservation, some development must be allowed as an incentive.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, Vice President of the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, stated that if the quid pro quo for restoration is more development, the developer

will inevitably request more parking. He stated that his concern with Item Number 4 in the memo from Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born. There is no need to barter away height. There is plenty of land to build on. In general, FAR cuts have averaged 50% across the city under the citywide rezoning. He urges 1.0 FAR with the height limit to stay as it is. The effect of the number of cars must be considered. A huge project is proposed on the Mugar land in Arlington. The traffic effects will be cumulative. He told the committee it should not sell out North Cambridge for a 452-car parking lot. He stated his concerns that under Number 5, the developers will “ask for the sky.” The affected property owners, the neighborhood and the Council should all meet together in public.

Councillor Born announced that she had to leave to go to the Kids’ Council to vote on the budget.

Mr. Horowitz said that traffic should be the governing consideration. He then provided the committee with his opinion on special permits. He urged that the zoning be as-of-right.

Joe Joseph, Kassul Park, stated that he is troubled by how zoning is perceived in the Alewife area. Sacrifices are made in the eastern and northern parts of the city to protect the middle. A “big picture” point of view is required. Too many things are going on in the Alewife area. The sewer separation system that is being put in response to a court order is going to guarantee excessive amounts of coliform bacteria four times a year. The plan calls for substandard water. He recommended that all zoning amendments be put in final form two weeks before a final vote.

Sheila Cook, 34 Follen Street, stated that she is concerned about proposed changes that come up at the last minute. She urged the Ordinance Committee to have public meetings with developers and the community at the same meeting. She said that heights should be kept low – consider the gateway function of the Alewife area. It is the western entrance to Cambridge.

Ralph Yoder, Rindge Avenue, stated that he can see important steps. He urged the City Council to think about the ideal – and think of this area in the same way as Cape Cod or the Boston Harbor Islands. The reservation is no place for expedient dumping. Water levels should be increased by dams.

**Councillor Sullivan made a motion to close the public comment.** He stated that he would rather see higher buildings with height instead of width to leave more natural area. He urged the co-chairs to keep in mind that the bulky housing looks as bad as bulky commercial buildings. He does not want to see Museum Place in Fresh Pond.

**Councillor Sullivan moved that the letter from Councillor Born and Vice Mayor Maher be incorporated in this report and that the Ordinance Committee recommend that the City Council refer the parameters in the letter to the City Manager for his staff to develop a draft zoning amendment in accordance with the goals.** The order passed on a voice vote without objection.

Vice Mayor Maher thanked those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. on motion of Councillor Sullivan.

For the Committee,

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Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

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Vice Mayor Maher, Co-Chair

The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee held a public hearing on February 20, 2001, beginning at 12:40 P.M. in the City Council Office, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving an update on the status of neighborhood study committees and to plan for a public hearing of the committee on this topic.

Present at the hearing were Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Committee, City Clerk D. Margaret Drury and Stuart Dash, Director of Neighborhood and Community Planning, Community Development Department.

Councillor Decker convened the hearing and explained that the purpose is to receive background information and plan for a public hearing on the neighborhood study committee process. She stated that the public hearing would report on ongoing neighborhood studies and implementation of study recommendations, and would be an opportunity to describe the neighborhood planning process and how residents can participate, and to look at how it is working.

Councillor Decker asked Mr. Dash what neighborhood studies are currently in progress, and Mr. Dash replied that the Agassiz Neighborhood study is going on now, and when former Community Development Department (CDD) planner Carlton Hart's position is filled, CDD staff will begin the study of the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood.

Mr. Dash continued that CDD is now working on including a final implementation plan for follow-up after the study committee has completed its work. He stated that CDD is doing this with the Cambridgeport study. There have been two meetings. Mr. Dash submitted a copy of the Cambridgeport implementation chart which came out of the first meeting and was sent to the neighborhood (**Attachment A**). After the chart was sent there was another meeting to prioritize and come up with a work plan. That meeting took place two weeks ago, at the Morse School. About 35 people came.

Mr. Dash stated that in the next fiscal year, CDD would like to do this with a few neighborhoods that have had neighborhood studies. The goal is to get to a more formal implementation plan, a more measurable work plan format, to go forward with after the study itself has ended.

Councillor Decker requested input from CDD on their thoughts on how the public hearings should work – who from the City should be involved in presentation area, who should be invited/notified of the hearing. She stressed that the purpose is to update the community on the status of the reports and the study process. It may be that more than one hearing should be held. In response to a question from Mr. Dash, Councillor Decker said that ideally, the hearing(s) would take place in early spring.

Councillor Decker said that she would like to provide a foundation for what this committee should be doing on a regular basis. She would like to see a much closer connection of the committee to the ongoing neighborhood study and planning work of the city, both to keep the Council informed and to generate community support.

Councillor Decker asked Mr. Dash to describe the process for a neighborhood study. Mr. Dash stated that the meetings begin with presentations by city staff. The process also includes public meetings so that more residents than just the committee members can receive information and provide input. The City Manager chooses the committee members. CDD sends out flyers to the neighborhood to solicit applicants. The City Manager tries to balance membership with respect to several valuables: new/long term residents, some local business owners, diversity that reflects the neighborhood makeup, etc. Mr. Dash stated that CDD also does an opinion survey, a statistically accurate randomized telephone survey of the neighborhood.

Councillor Decker requested a list of the members of the Cambridgeport Study Committee and a copy of the telephone survey. Mr. Dash stated that he would provide this material. He noted that for the telephone survey, there is a set of standard questions that are asked in each neighborhood and there are also some that are customized for the particular neighborhood being studied.

Councillor Decker said that she wants to be sure that the new zoning proposal for Special District 8 is on track with the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study recommendations. Mr. Dash noted that the implementation chart (see LU4) reflects the study committee's recommendation for transition zones and strong support for affordable housing.

Councillor Decker observed that the recommendations also support density bonuses where necessary to provide sufficient incentive for the housing.

Councillor Decker stated that on March 20, there will be a follow-up to this meeting, a final planning meeting for the public hearing. She said that she also wants to look into citywide rezoning and how that fits with neighborhood planning.

Councillor Decker thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND LONG TERM PLANNING**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair*

*Councillor Kathleen L. Born*

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

**Committee Report #4**

**In City Council April 2, 2001**

The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee held a public hearing on March 20, 2001, beginning at 12:43 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber to discuss the issue of the status of neighborhood planning committees, what has been done, implementation and feedback.

Present at the hearing were Marjorie C. Decker, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Department (CDD). Stuart Dash, Director of Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, CDD, and Elaine Thorne, Planner, CDD.

Councillor Decker convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She stated that the committee is interested in a progress report on neighborhood studies and would also like to look at the studies in conjunction with the new citywide rezoning. The meetings will take place in the neighborhoods in which the studies took place.

Ms. Rubenstein stated that the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee's plan will fit well within CDD's new strategy to revisit the neighborhood studies. CDD has done neighborhood studies since the early 1980's. They have been intensive, year-long efforts, approximately two per year. About twelve have been completed. Ms. Rubenstein said that it has been noted that there is an issue of what happens when the study is completed. CDD feels that these studies have done much more than just sit on the shelf after completion. For example, renovation of parks, traffic studies, zoning changes have often come out of recommendations from neighborhood studies. CDD could have done more to inform the public of the actions that have been initiated as a result of the study committee recommendations.

With regard to this committee's interest in follow-up of neighborhood studies, CDD has proposed as part of the budget in the next fiscal year to go back to three to four neighborhoods that have been studied to review what has happened since then. CDD started this with Cambridgeport. The staff brought a spreadsheet of all of the recommendations to see what has been done. CDD's proposal is for a "sequential refreshment" of studies.

Councillor Born asked what is the ideal cycle for revisiting these studies. Ms. Rubenstein said that the staff wants to try a cycle of about three years, doing three to four each year. The second look would not be another year-long study, but would involve substantial effort.

Councillor Born asked how the public outreach is done. Mr. Dash said that generally there is outreach to each household when the study begins. For these studies follow-up meetings, CDD will advertise widely.

Councillor Decker said that she sees a disconnect between the work that the city is doing and the City Council's knowledge of this.

Ms. Rubenstein suggested that perhaps one of the “revisit” meetings that CDD holds in the neighborhood about the neighborhood study committee report can be a joint meeting with the City Council and the Long Term and Neighborhood Planning Committee.

Councillor Born stated that she believes that this would be a good idea.

Councillor Decker emphasized the importance of integration of the work of the City Council with the neighborhood study committee recommendations. For example, when new zoning petitions come to the neighborhood, she would like to see information come to the council on how the petition relates to the neighborhood study committee recommendations.

Ms. Rubenstein said that Cambridgeport is the first neighborhood that will get a “refresher” look at the progress in implementation of the study committee recommendations.

Councillor Born asked whether the three to four-year cycle of review can be used as an opportunity for updating demographic data. She encouraged the use of GIS Technology in this regard.

Ms. Rubenstein agreed that there could be opportunities for incorporation of some of this kind of information.

Councillor Reeves suggested stepping back and looking at why the City does the studies. He likes the idea of the studies but he has not seen the impact of the studies. What is the ultimate goal of these studies?

Ms. Rubenstein said that the idea has been to take a look at what is happening in the neighborhood and to end up with a series of action items that come from the people in the neighborhood. Mr. Dash stated that as he has been looking back at the studies, he has been surprised at how many recommendations/action items are still relevant.

Councillor Reeves said that he is not sure that it is fruitful to focus on these studies.

Councillor Decker stated that the neighborhood studies are important – we could decide to broaden the focus of the studies.

Councillor Reeves asked what other cities do to look at neighborhood planning. Ms. Rubenstein said that a lot of other cities, especially progressive cities like Seattle and Portland, utilize these neighborhood studies. Councillor Reeves asked what else cities have done. Mr. Dash said that there is also topic-based planning, such as affordable housing planning.

Councillor Decker described another type of neighborhood planning, which involves bringing together issue groups, neighbors, business people and holding a charette over a couple of weekends. The goal is to facilitate honest dialog on topics where there can be conflicts, such as density and affordable housing, perhaps with a facilitator who does conflict resolution.

Councillor Reeves said that Cambridge pioneered something of this kind with the Central Square process. Central Square had a process and then it got derailed. Now there is going to be a Wendy's. If there had been a real process ongoing, could Wendy's have been stopped? Ms. Rubenstein said that she doubted it.

Councillor Reeves pointed to the Riverside issue, where the Riverside group cannot get the funding they want. Often these meetings are not grounded in history. He does wish that there could be a process like the Central Square process for Riverside that would determine whether a museum should be there.

Councillor Decker asked how the Cambridgeport study could have gotten to issues like the need for Pacific Park. Ms. Rubenstein stated that this is the kind of issue that would come out of the land use discussions in the neighborhood study committee. She emphasized the need to make choices as to the levels and issues for focus.

Councillor Decker requested a list of all the neighborhood studies and when they were done. She stated that she would like to work with Ms. Rubenstein on when these meetings will happen, and which neighborhoods should be looked at first. Councillor Decker also asked if there is a way to get the information that will be discussed distributed to residents and participants before the first meeting.

Councillor Reeves said that he wants to know what are the ingredients of a good neighborhood, and how does Cambridge measure up. For example, it is clear that in the not-too-distant future, we are going back to the neighborhood school concept. Area Four should have had a new school to remain competitive. Perhaps these committees should involve school personnel.

Councillor Decker stated that equitable distribution of benefits and resources among neighborhoods is very important and is a matter of concern for this committee. She then turned to public comment.

Elie Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, stated that neighborhoods are people, and their networks have a very important effect on neighborhood planning. The census should include all

ages of residents. He suggested that looking at earlier neighborhood studies as well as the most recent one would be useful. He gave the example of the need for a pedestrian way through Trader Joe's parking lot for kids going to the Morse School, which has been brought up for years.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence, praised CDD for its work over the three years of the citywide rezoning. The September recommendation was the envy of many surrounding cities. He hopes that Cambridge can return to this. Mr. Horowitz said that Cambridge can return to this. Mr. Horowitz said that there is the factor of citizen apathy with regard to public meetings, for example, he got three notices of the upcoming Housing Committee Community meeting. He would like to see neighborhood planning councils like the ones in Boston. They are built upon neighborhood associations to which the mayor appoints additional members. All developers must first go before the neighborhood council. Such a process would empower individual neighborhoods.

Councillor Decker thanked those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND**

**EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair*

*Councillor Marjorie C. Decker*

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

**Committee Report #5  
In City Council April 2, 20001**

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND LONG TERM PLANNING**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair*

*Councillor Kathleen L. Born*

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee held a joint public hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 4:20 p. m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update on the status of the Gibbs Report, a briefing on all committees related to Central Square and to plan the joint meeting of these committees scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2001.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, Councillor Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood Long-Term Planning Committee, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Department (CDD), Elaine Madden, Economic Development Planner, CDD, Elaine Thorne, Associate Planner, CDD, Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, Richard Scali, Executive Director, License Commissioner, D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk. Also present at the meeting was Robert Winters.

Councillors Davis and Decker opened the meeting. Councillor Decker stated her goal was to better understand the plans, status and goals of the issues relating to Central Square.

The discussion focused on a briefing on the committees related to Central Square.

Ms. Elaine Thorne, Associate Planner, CDD, informed the committee that the Central Square Advisory is the only committee that is staffed by the Community Development Department. The Central Square Improvement Committee was an 18-member committee, appointed by the City Manager representing the business community, property owners and residents of the abutting residential neighborhoods. This committee wrote the scope for the consultant and was responsible for the Master Plan of Central Square. This committee met twice since 1997, she said, once to discuss improvements to Carl Baron Plaza and secondly, to discuss the bench issue in front of Libby's Liquor.

Councillor Decker asked what is the status of this committee. Ms. Thorne responded that this committee is defunct. Councillor Decker stated that should this committee be reinstituted she wanted neighborhood representation. She further requested that thank you letters be sent to the people who served on this committee. Councillor Davis stated that there needs to be a group who will pay attention to improvements to Central Square.

Mr. Robert Winters, 366 Broadway, stated that the Central Square Coalition was started in 1993. This committee is also defunct, he said.

Councillor Decker requested that Community Development Department notify the Central Square Improvements Committee of the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councillor Davis asked if the Central Square Improvements Committee should be resurrected and new membership solicited. Councillor Decker stated that she would like to see who attends the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Thorne stated that the Central Square Advisory Committee was established in the Zoning Ordinance in May, 1989. It contained 9 members appointed by the City Manager. Four members were neighborhood residents, one from each of the following neighborhoods: Cambridgeport, Riverside, Area 4 and Mid-Cambridge. Four

members were business/property owners and one member was required to be an architect or a landscape architect. This is an advisory committee and is the only committee staffed by the Community Development Department, she said. As an advisory committee the committee conducts reviews on large projects and reviews Board of Zoning Appeal cases and special permits.

Councillor Decker asked if the committee is consistent. Ms. Thorne stated the committee meets on demand. It met to discuss the YWCA and a building on Windsor Street relating to the Vickers zoning petition.

Councillor Decker asked about the terms of the members. Ms. Thorne stated the terms are staggered. Councillor Decker asked if this process has been evaluated. Ms. Thorne responded in the affirmative.

The committee now focused its discussion on the Gibbs Report.

Ms. Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, introduced Ms. Elaine Madden, Economic Planner, CDD, who gave an overview of the Gibbs Report. Action Items, she said, are at the end of the report and this will help plan the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Madden read the "**Scope of the Study**" from the report. (**ATTACHMENT A**). She outlined the methodology used by Mr. Gibbs. A qualitative assessment was developed. The retail market was assessed. The report outlined the Retail Category that the square needed. (**ATTACHMENT B**).

Councillor Decker asked where does the support come from for the Business Improvement District (**BID**), which is under the Central Square Business Association. Ms. Rubenstein responded the City gives informal support. Community Development Department, she said, is the liaison; this is a private initiative. The plan comes to the City Council for approval, she said.

Councillor Decker asked if approval is also needed from the state legislature. Ms. Rubenstein responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Rubenstein listed what new businesses have come to Central Square since the completion of the Gibbs Report. The businesses listed were:

- The Gap;
- Rodney Bookstore;
- Centro Restaurant;
- Zebra Graphics;
- Holmes Development; and
- Boston Sports Club, which will open in the late spring.

Ms. Madden informed the committee that she toured the Holmes site because Community Development Department will be getting an incubator space on the Green Street side for a small retail establishment. The ground floor will be all retail, she said. CVS will move back to its original location. Two to three of the original businesses are negotiating to move back into the square.

Ms. Rubenstein informed the committee of several "rumors."

- Footlocker site is negotiating for a user of the space;
- Buzzy's may house a bank;
- City Foods may be broken up into three storefronts, possibly housing a food store, a clothing store and a restaurant.

In response to a question from Councillor Davis, Ms. Rubenstein stated that siting a homegoods store has not been successful for Central Square.

Councillor Decker requested a graph of the recommendations in the Gibbs Report from the Community Development Department. Ms. Rubenstein stated that she would provide, in writing, the progress that has been made and what needs to be done on the Action Items.

A discussion ensued regarding the Recommendations in the Gibbs Report. **(ATTACHMENT C).**

Mr. Rossi, Deputy City Manager, stated that there are trends in the market that affect the introduction of new business to the square. Ms. Rubenstein stated that the Gibbs Report outlined that money was going to the Arsenal and Galleria Malls and not being spent in the square.

Mr. Winters stated that there is no other place in the city that includes so many neighborhoods as Central Square. Mr. Rossi stated that the Central Square Business Association is a good group to work with because this association works well together. Improvements that were needed in the square were a consensus decision by the association.

Councillor Davis stated that the BID is a central part of the improvements. Ms. Rubenstein stated that the Phase II recommendations in the Gibbs Report assume that there would be a BID in place. Mr. Rossi stated that the BID supplements and enhances the city's work in Central Square.

The meeting now turned to planning the April 28<sup>th</sup> joint meeting.

Councillor Decker stated that her goal was to have the two sub-committees of the City Council work hand-in-hand. Several City Council orders regarding conditions in Central Square have been adopted. She wanted to look at the groups involved in this area and have a community meeting to review the needs of the Central Square area. The process can be evaluated and the neighborhoods in the square can be updated as to where the City is and address concerns that have not been addressed.

Councilor Davis suggested that the attendees of the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting break up into smaller groups to discuss issues such as transportation, bus stops, pedestrian crossings, street furniture, graffiti, public toilets, retail mix, nightlife, cultural districts, restaurants, and public safety.

Councillor Davis asked what if there is no BID. Mr. Rossi stated that he believes that a balanced group of residents and business people could be very useful.

Councillor Decker stated that she would like to see clear ties to the City in achieving goals. Mr. Rossi stated that the language in the BID statute makes it very clear that the city cannot transfer its responsibilities to the BID.

Mr. Rossi stated that the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting should be a positive, visioning session.

Mr. Scali, Executive Director, License Commission, expressed the concerns of the businesses who would like to serve alcohol at their sidewalk tables. He also stated that he has received complaints about the high rents in the square.

Councillor Decker asked if there were any other concerns. Mr. Winters stated that housing information should be made available at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting the committee made the following recommendations regarding the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

1. The hours of the meeting will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
2. Buffet breakfast will be provided
3. Information on housing will be available at the meeting
4. A real estate agent will be invited to the meeting
5. Members of the Central Square Business Association will be invited
6. Members of the Police Department will be invited
7. Members of the Ward 5 Committee, Area 4 Neighborhood Coalition and the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association will be invited
8. The presentations will include:  
Demographics and

Gibbs Report and will be no more than 30 minutes, with 4-5 minutes for each topic

9. Attendees will break up into smaller groups for 90 minutes maximum
10. Attendees may rotate between break out groups
11. Resource persons and/or facilitators will be attending meeting
12. Recorder is needed for each break up group
13. The joint sub-committees will make a progress report.

Councillor Davis asked how would the session on transportation issues be conducted. Mr. Rossi stated that the session could be used to explain to the general public how decisions are made, the process that is used to implement pedestrian safety issues.

Councillor Decker stated that the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting should be a place where all stakeholders of Central Square including residents, families, youth, neighborhood groups, business and the restaurant community can learn about the variety of resources in Central Square, as well as share new ideas and express concerns regarding quality of life issues.

Mr. Rossi stated that everyone needs to contribute to the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting; this is a ***community conversation***.

Councillor Davis stated that publicity of the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting is needed.

Councillors Davis and Decker thanked all the attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p. m.

For the Committees,

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Councillor Davis, Chair  
Economic Development,  
Training and Employment

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Councillor Decker, Chair  
Neighborhood Long-Term Planning

***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING  
AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

*Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair  
Councillor Marjorie C. Decker  
Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

***NEIGHBORHOOD AND LONG TERM  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

*Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair  
Councillor Kathleen L. Born  
Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

**Committee Report #6  
In City Council April 2, 2001**

The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee conducted a joint public meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 4:30 p. m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussions on planning a community meeting.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, Councillor Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Braude, Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development (CDD), Elaine Madden, Economic Development Planner, CDD, Elaine Thorne, Associate Planner, CDD, Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner, D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order and changes were made to the recommendations made at the March 1, 2001 meeting as follows:

- The community meeting will take place on Thursday, May 10, 2001
- from 6-9 p. m.
- The location was changed to the Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts
- Avenue, if available. (***On Saturday mornings the Senior Center is***
- ***not available for this meeting.***)

It was decided that Mr. Rossi, Deputy City Manager, would invite city departments. The city departments would distribute and/or discuss information on the activities that are happening in Central Square as follows:

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| Police Dept.                                 | Information on community policing and public safety issues                                          |
| Inspectional<br>Services Dept.               | The permitting process in the city                                                                  |
| Human Services<br>Dept.                      | Information on services offered in the<br>City.<br>Childcare is required<br>Interpreters are needed |
| Traffic, Parking and<br>Transportation Dept. | MBTA, bus stops and pedestrian issues                                                               |
| Public Works Dept.                           | Maintenance issues                                                                                  |
| Community Development                        |                                                                                                     |

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| Dept.              | Housing information, real estate trends, report including retail mix in Central Square, retail and commercial vacancy rate and update of the Gibbs Report |
| License Commission | Licensing issues, outside restaurant furniture and restaurant cap                                                                                         |
| Budget Dept.       | Copies of the Annual Report                                                                                                                               |

Mr. Rossi will contact George Metzger, Central Square Business Association to discuss the Business Improvement District (BID).

The Chamber of Commerce will be contacted to secure reference for a real estate agent to discuss the real estate trends, the real estate market and the vacancy rate.

Councillor Decker requested that the Community Development Department invite community groups to attend and participate in the community meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the community meeting. Councillor Decker stated that there are many resources in Central Square for families such as the YMCA, YWCA and the Dance Complex. She wanted the public to be made aware of all the resources available in Central Square. Councillor Davis stated that she felt the meeting should contain the following:

- Brief introduction;
- Presentations of Central Square;
- Roundtable for the public (the break out groups); and
- Report back on the next steps.

Councillor Decker stated that there should be a progress report on the Gibbs Report including what has been done. A chart should be presented by Community Development. This should be a visual around the room highlighting what has been done and what is in progress. Councillor Decker stated that people need to know what was done, what is left to be done and what are the hopes and dreams of the public. The City Council's job is to develop the vision and the people will provide the dialogue. Vice Mayor Maher suggested information should be provided on particular building projects in Central Square and the sewer separation completion date. Mr. Rossi stated that after the introduction and before the break out-groups, dialogue is needed with the groups.

Mr. Rossi informed the committees that there are no funds allocated for a large capital investment to be made in Central Square. Cambridge recently spent funds on capital improvements for Central Square. What the city can offer is an improvement and enhancement of services. Councillor Davis stated that maybe the first step is to make this a project. Mr. Rossi informed the committees that this needs to be included in the budget queuing. The Gibbs Report needs to be built upon stated Councillor Davis.

Councillor Davis outlined the subjects for the break out-groups as follows:

1. Services, clean up, Business Improvement District (BID);
2. Pedestrian and traffic issues;
3. Retail and real estate market;
4. Housing in the square;
5. Street furniture, sidewalk restaurant issues; and
6. Cultural resources in Central Square (arts and leisure in Central Square).

Mr. Robert Winters suggested the theme of chronicle, geography and function.

Mr. Rossi requested language for the advertisement of the community meeting from Councillors Davis and Decker.

Councillor Decker stated that she wanted to see cultural and family resources in Central Square displayed. Mr. Rossi stated that the YMCA will send material to the meeting.

Councillor Decker stated that she would like to see a strategic plan that shows this is where Central Square was, this is where Central Square is now and this will be Central Square in the future.

City Clerk D. Margaret Drury asked about the need for childcare and interpreters. The City Clerk would make the necessary arrangements with the Assistant City Manager for Human Services.

Councillor Decker stated that seniors are lost if the meeting occurs at night. Child care, she said is needed. It was stated that seniors could attend an evening meeting in May because it stays lighter longer. It was also pointed out that on Saturday mornings many parents and their children are occupied with youth sports such as soccer and baseball.

Councillors Davis and Decker thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p. m.

For the Committees,

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Councillor Henrietta Davis  
Chair  
Economic Development, Training  
and Employment Committee

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Councillor Marjorie C. Decker  
Chair  
Neighborhood and Long Term  
Planning Committee

**THE VETERANS' COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Chair*

*Councillor Marjorie C. Decker*

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

**Committee Report #7**

**In City Council April 2, 2001**

The Veterans' Committee conducted a public meeting on Friday, March 16, 2001 at 12:45 p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the veteran's statutory abatement and any and all business that may come before the committee.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Toomey, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Decker, Robert Stevens, Director of Veteran Services, Stephen A. Vesce, Deputy Director of Veteran Services, James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, James Monagle, Acting City Auditor, Faith McDonald, Principle Assessor, Donna Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Assessors Department, James Ryan, Superintendent of the Cemetery and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk. Also present at the meeting was Mr. Lawrence Sullivan.

Councillor Toomey opened the meeting and stated the purpose. He requested the Auditor to explain Clause 22 to the committee. Mr. Monagle stated that Clause 22 is a federal clause. This clause provides for a 10% veteran's exemption for service connected disability. The maximum abatement under this clause is \$250.00. **(ATTACHMENT A).** Under Clause 22E **(ATTACHMENT B)** a veteran with 100% disability with 10% being service connected is entitled to a maximum statutory exemption from real estate of \$600.00 for a single family dwelling. Veterans, he said, need to apply for the abatement each year. Abatements are not listed on the tax bill, he said. Vice Mayor Maher asked if this is a city or state statute. Mr. Monagle responded it is a state statute.

Mr. Robert Stevens, Veteran Service Director, stated that some disabled veteran abatements are reduced. A re-certification process must be done annually and the veteran must prove their disability. The Veterans' Administration can reduce the compensation. Mr. Stephen Vesce, Deputy Director of Veteran Services, stated that twenty years must be locked in so that the percentage cannot be reduced.

Vice Mayor Maher asked can the City of Cambridge file a home rules petition to overrule the state statute. Mr. Monagle stated that one-half of the real estate bills must be paid and then the reduction takes place on the second half of the bill.

Mr. Stevens stated that 99% of assessment from the Veterans' Administration (VA) does not change. It is a burden for the veteran to file for the abatement annually.

Vice Mayor Maher asked how many people do not get the paper work done on time. Ms. Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Assessors Department, replied that about 50 people do not file the necessary application on time. Vice Mayor Maher asked are these 50 people denied an abatement. Ms. Pritchard responded in the affirmative. The forms, she said, are automatically mailed to the veteran. Vice Mayor Maher asked what happens in the case of a medical emergency. Ms. Pritchard stated that these cases are submitted to the Board of Assessors and the board makes a decision. Ms. Faith McDonald, Principle Assessor, stated that in the case of a late filing due to a medical emergency a statement is needed from a doctor stating the veterans is ill and the Board of Assessors generally approve these cases.

Vice Mayor Maher asked if there was a problem if the veteran did not have to file for the abatement yearly. Ms. McDonald stated that the city does not know the status of the applicant. The yearly filing requirement is the only way the city knows the applicant's status. Tax bills, she said, are sent to the owner of the property and are based on the category of the property. Vice Mayor Maher asked why the credit cannot be placed on the first-half tax bills. Ms. Pritchard responded that there is not enough time between the setting of the tax rate and the printing of the tax bills.

Vice Mayor Maher asked how many veteran abatement applications are filed. Ms. Pritchard responded 300-400. Vice Mayor Maher asked what are the other types of abatements. Ms. Pritchard stated that the other types of abatements are:

- the blind;
- the elderly; and
- low-income.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that disability is made retroactive from the VA. Is there any adjustment made to the exemption on the city tax roll? Mr. Monagle responded in the negative. He further stated that Mr. Sullivan was sent a letter from the Assessors Department informing him that the city has not retroactive provision. Property, he said, must be taxed on what is the category at the time. The Department of Revenue (DOR) will only recognize the 100% disability from the VA.

The committee heard from Mr. Lawrence Sullivan, 453 Huron Avenue, who stated that he was 80% disabled prior to 1992. In 1992 he was classified 100% disabled. He stated that he receives payment under Clause 22E, but he filed for the abatement under Clause 22. He is a *Purple Heart* recipient. Councillor Toomey asked Mr. Sullivan if he was getting an abatement for the *Purple Heart*. Mr. Sullivan stated that he did not know. He informed the committee that the only certification he filed was the letter for the *Purple Heart* and the VA informed him that he did not have to file a letter annually regarding the *Purple Heart*. Councillor Toomey stated that the *Purple Heart* abatement is separate from the other abatements. He asked Mr. Sullivan what clause does his 80% abatement fall under and when did this occur. Mr. Sullivan stated that his 10% disability was increased to 50% in 1980. Ms. McDonald stated that the Assessing Department notified Mr. Sullivan in September 2000 of his 100% disability from the VA. A VA sample letter is attached. **(ATTACHMENT C)**. Cambridge is not affected until a letter is received from the VA. The September 2000 letter from the VA is the notification of declaring the disability under Clause 22E and to not tax the person at 100%.

Vice Mayor Maher asked what is the amount of the abatement for 100% under Clause 22E. Mr. Monagle stated \$600.00. Ms. McDonald stated that Mr. Sullivan technically was not eligible for the abatement under 2002, but was given the abatement this year.

Councillor Toomey stated that he was confused because Mr. Sullivan stated that he was disabled since 1992. Ms. McDonald stated that Mr. Sullivan was disabled since 1992 for VA purposes, not for property tax purposes.

Vice Mayor Maher asked if it was common for the VA to handle retroactive cases similar to the way that Mr. Sullivan's case was handled. Mr. Stevens stated that veterans could apply for an upgrade in disability. This process can take a long time. In Mr. Sullivan's case this took a long time. Councillor Toomey asked if the VA gave Mr. Sullivan a retroactive amount. Mr. Stevens responded yes, including interest and cost of adjustments since 1992. Councillor Decker stated that this is a VA problem. The VA has put off people for years, she said. If the VA did what it should have in 1992 this would not have happened. This committee should write a letter to the VA to indicate the hardship this delay causes our citizens. Councillor Decker informed Mr. Sullivan that it is not in the city's control to give him a retroactive refund.

Mr. Stevens stated that Clause 22 has been amended. Years ago all of the exemption clauses were not included in the law. Vice Mayor Maher asked about the *Purple Heart*. Mr. Stevens stated that the law stated that no evidence of the *Purple Heart* is required; the *Purple Heart* can never change. Categories and percentages of disabilities have changed, he said. The *Purple Heart* is different as is the Gold Star Mothers, he said.

Mr. Sullivan asked where did he get his post-traumatic stress. He filed for disability under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22 over forty years ago. He received \$350.00 from the VA and \$500.00 from the city.

Vice Mayor Maher asked what does Mr. Sullivan need to do to make sure that he gets \$600.00 each year. Ms. McDonald stated that \$600.00 is the maximum abatement for a single-family dwelling. If Mr. Sullivan's assessment drops he will get less. He must file for the abatement each year. ***Mr. Sullivan lives in a multi-family dwelling and is entitled by state law to 50% of the maximum abatement for the fiscal year.***

Mr. Sullivan stated that he wanted to know how his disability and filing became Clause 22E when he filed for disability under Clause 22. Ms. Pritchard stated that the VA letter indicated Clause 22E.

Mr. Sullivan stated that in 1954 he purchased his house. He stated that he knew he was entitled to an abatement because of his *Purple Heart*, which did not require any evidence. I have been declared 100% disabled and if there is any retroactive funds I am entitled to I want the funds, he said. Councillor Toomey stated that the state law prohibits the city giving retroactive funds back to 1992. Mr. Sullivan stated that he could not find the state law that states this provision.

Mr. Stevens stated that as long as Mr. Sullivan remains 100% disabled that he would be entitled to the abatement. Vice Mayor Maher stated that Mr. Sullivan must apply for the disabled veteran's abatement every year with proper documentation, such as a physician's letter stating that he is incapable of working. Mr. Stevens informed the committee that his department provides assistance to veterans if the veteran needs assistance. The veteran only needs to contact his office and whatever assistance is needed will be provided to the veteran by members of his department.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he is upset about his disability provision being Clause 22E. Councillor Toomey informed Mr. Sullivan that the VA can go back and give retroactive payments, but the city of Cambridge is prohibited by state law to go back and give retroactive payments. Vice Mayor Maher stated that the committee wants to make sure that Mr. Sullivan is given the maximum abatement allowed by law. Mr. Stevens stated that the Veteran Services Department is handling Mr. Sullivan's case and he has met with the Assessing Department who guaranteed that Mr. Sullivan will receive the maximum exemption under the state law.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that this committee now has a better understanding of the problem that veterans are facing about filing an abatement and the City Council can advocate to change the law.

Mr. Stevens stated that as of this year Mr. Sullivan would be entitled to the maximum exemption amount of \$600 for a single-family dwelling. The \$500.00 that Mr. Sullivan received was based on last year's tax bill, said Ms. McDonald.

Councillor Toomey stated that Mr. Sullivan would be provided with a copy of the Committee Report.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that an abatement form would be sent from the Assessors Department to Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan should contact Mr. Stevens who would start the paperwork for the Assessors Department.

Councillor Toomey thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.  
Chair



**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS -  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001**

1. A communication was received from Vice Mayor David P. Maher, transmitting a communication from Yasuna John Murakami regarding adding "Speedvision" to the cable television lineup.
2. A communication was received from Councillor Henrietta Davis, transmitting a communication from M. Carolyn Shipley et al, regarding a petition seeking resolution of obstacles to pedestrian accessibility and usage in Central Square Plaza.
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a summary of discussion points from the March 26, 2001 Roundtable Meeting, for inclusion in the record of the City Council