

**HEARING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING JULY 30, 2001**

Monday, July 30, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Special City Council Meeting (CRLS, 459 Broadway, Media Cafeteria)
Tuesday, August 7, 2001	4:00 P.M.	The Housing Committee will conduct a roundtable working meeting with representatives of Fresh Pond Apartment tenants, owner and regulatory agencies to follow up on the prior hearing on the condition of the housing and related matters. (Ackermann Room)
Wednesday, September 5, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 10, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, September 12, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, September 24, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, September 25, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (If necessary) (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, September 25, 2001	7:00 P.M.	The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the potential impact of the Community Preservation Act. (Sullivan Chamber)

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Monday, October 1, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, October 10, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, October 15, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, October 22, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Roundtable Meeting Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, October 29, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, November 5, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, November 19, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, November 26, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 3, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 10, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, December 17, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

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4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-195**, regarding information on performance evaluations of employees.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-200**, regarding a report on the use of mediation by the Police Review Boards and staff in other cities and on the availability of mediation training for PRAB and staff.
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- 22. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs of \$65,605 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$9,600), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$54,705) and Travel & Training Account (\$1,300) to provide funds to cover a portion of the salary of the Case Manager at Citywide Senior Center, as well as substance abuse and transportation services for seniors.**
- 23. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of (\$16,444) in proceeds from the City Run Road Race to the Grant Fund Department of Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds for Friends of Cambridge Athletics.**
- 24. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Commonwealth Corporation of \$125,000 to the Grant Fund Department of Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$10,350) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$2,150) to provide funds for the Out-of -School Youth/Adult Diploma Program and the Community Learning Center to implement projects to allow participants to earn high school credits.**
- 25. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a order requesting the transfer of \$3,000 from the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account to the Grant Fund Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to enable Cambridge Prevention Coalition to hire a contractor to provide services to reduce**

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substance abuse among youth in Cambridge.

- 26. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a donation from MIT of \$1,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to support educational programs in the Youth Division.**

- 27. Transmitting communication Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting an appropriation of \$180,000 from UDAG loan repayments to Community Development Extraordinary Expenditures Account to fund projects of public benefit for Area Four such as Scholar/Scholarship Programs, newsletter, affordable housing, and small business development.**

- 28. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education for \$205,435.00 to the Human Services Salaries & Wages Account (\$27,435) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$178,000) to provide funds for nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 33 sites throughout the City during summer months when schools are closed.**

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-199, regarding the feasibility of changing the policy of the cemetery to allow the cremated remains of widowed spouses to be buried in the Veteran's plots, received from Robert Stevens, Director of Veterans' Services.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-201, regarding a report on alternative action that can be taken to slow traffic on Warren Street in addition to the truck prohibition, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

Memorandum

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Cc: Katherine Watkins, Project Manager
Juan Avendano, Traffic Calming Project Manager
From: Susan E. Clippinger, Traffic Director
Date: June 29, 2001
Re: City Council Order and Hansen #8038 (May 21, 2001) – Review alternative action that can be taken to slow traffic on Warren Street in addition to the trucks prohibition.

In response to the above City Council Order, The Traffic Engineering Division and the Traffic Calming Project Manager has conducted a site investigation and study of Warren Street. Our comments and findings are noted below.

The Traffic Engineering Division conducted three hours of vehicle speed data collecting on June 20, 2001. The Division sampled 887 vehicles and the average 85th percentile speed was 24 M.P.H. These vehicle speeds are 6 M.P.H. lower than the legal speed limit of 30 M.P.H. and is an estimated 4 M.P.H. lower than vehicle speed on a typical street within the City of Cambridge.

A regional truck study is being conducted to identify actions that will reduce the impact of truck traffic on residential neighborhoods in Cambridge and surrounding communities. One of the actions being considered is a 24-hour truck restriction on Cardinal Medeiros Avenue and Warren Street. Model results indicate that truck traffic will divert to the preferred truck route of Binney Street, First Street and Land Boulevard. When approved by the regional policy committee, the City of Cambridge will seek this restriction with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department.

As part of the Cambridge Street Reconstruction Project, the intersection of Cambridge Street at Warren Street will be reconstructed. The reconstruction will reduce speeds of vehicles turning onto Warren Street from Cambridge Street. A curb extension will be installed on Warren Street to reduce the crossing distance and improve pedestrian safety.

On a street like Warren Street with two sides of parking and only T-intersections, parking will likely be impacted by most of the traffic calming improvements. It will be important for residents of the street to evaluate the various options and decide what is appropriate for their street.

Warren Street has been added to the list of traffic calming project request and will be prioritized along with the other request receiving by the city.

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-198, regarding a report on the failure of the E911 system due to problems with Verizon, received from Emergency Communications and 911 Director George Fosque.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

To: Robert Healy, City Manager
From: George Fosque
Re: Council Order #3 dated 5/21/01
Report on the failure of the E911 system due to problems with
Verizon
Date: 6/25/01

We have received the attached letter from Verizon, the telephone company that operates the statewide 911 phone system. In this letter, they describe the reasons for the 911 system failure on May 16, 2001 and, more importantly, the specific steps they have taken to insure that such a failure does not reoccur. We have also asked them to consider rearranging the way automated messaging occurs during a similar outage so that callers who fail to reach 911 get helpful instructions on alternate dialing. They are considering how they might institute these alternate dialing instructions.

The 911 Outage

After investigation, Verizon now reports that the 911 phone system outage lasted from 8:46 AM through 10:08 AM on May 16, 2001 - a period of 1 hour and 22 minutes. The outage involved over 15 communities and was first detected after 9:30 AM by Somerville, Belmont, and ourselves.

Callers to 911 during this outage got a recorded message (the 'vacant code message') saying "we're sorry, your call cannot be completed as dialed, please check the number and call again or call your operator to help you". In Cambridge, we appear to have had only one major emergency call to 911 in this period, a woman with chest pains. She called 911, got the above message, called the operator as instructed, got the operator's voice message, and was redirected back to the same "we're sorry ..." message again. Fortunately, she gave up on this approach and contacted someone in her building who reached us on our 10-digit, non-emergency line. The Cambridge Fire Rescue responded and she was transported to a hospital where she recovered.

Other callers to 911 in Cambridge during this interval called either the police or fire non-emergency numbers, 617-349-3300 or 617-349-4900, both of which were operational. We made 15 dispatches in this interval of which many were related to callers using our 10-digit numbers. None were to emergencies except the woman caller with chest pains.

The 911 system failed "quietly" due to an error in a software update being made on our regional 911 phone switch in Wakefield. No alarms were set off and no one at Verizon or their 911 Service Response Center knew there was a problem. The problem was first discovered by Somerville 911 who received a call on their police business line from a citizen saying he had called 911 and the call did not go through. Within a 15-minute period before 10:00 AM most of the 911 centers in the effected areas were notified by regional fire and police radio networks that 911 was inoperative. Shortly thereafter, at 10:08 AM, the 911 system became operative again.

Verizon Has Instituted Procedures to Prevent a Reoccurrence

The outage was caused by a software change to a 911 switch that accidentally removed a critical set of routing numbers. Verizon has taken steps to insure that software maintenance updates that impact 911-related phone switches are properly tested and verified upon installation. Further, they will make test calls to 911 to insure that the system works properly. Finally, technicians are being retrained to insure they are more alert to any sign of trouble with 911-related software.

We believe these steps are prudent and expect they will catch any such future programming errors from disrupting 911 phone service.

It should be noted that Cambridge's last experience with a 911 outage was in 1995 when Boston was starting up their E911 service. We experienced an outage of less than 20 minutes during which time callers also used our 7-digit business lines to get emergency help.

Verizon Is Reviewing Automated Instructions Given to 911 Callers

We are still working with Verizon to organize automated messages so they are able to direct callers during a similar 911 outage. Currently, the automated messaging sequence received by callers during a similar outage would not be helpful. We will report in the future on our progress to change this to a helpful message.

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-195, regarding information on performance evaluations of employees, received from Personnel Director Michael P. Gardner.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: Michael P. Gardner
Personnel Director

Re: Council Order Number 4, dated 5/14/01 Re: Report on Providing Information Relative to
Performance Evaluations of Employees

Date: June 18, 2001

The City requires all departments to complete performance evaluations on new hires during the first six months of employment, typically known as the Probationary or Introductory Period. This evaluation is designed to help the department and the employee work out a clear set of expectations and goals early in the employment relationship and to highlight any problems and recognize any outstanding strengths early. A copy of the form used or recommended is attached.

The City does not require on-going performance evaluations after the initial one. Instead, we encourage a process of performance management that emphasizes regular and routine performance monitoring and coaching. Formalized written performance evaluations can be and frequently are a part of this process, but are considered less important and less effective than regular and frequent conversation and feedback which recognizes and encourages positive performance and focuses on identifying and correcting performance problems. A copy of the handouts from our Supervisory Skills class on Performance Management describing the process is attached.

The Library and the Community Development Department are among those that do regular performance evaluations after the initial six-month period. The Election Commissioners evaluate the Executive Director yearly.

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-200, regarding a report on the use of mediation by the Police Review Boards and staff in other cities and on the availability of mediation training for PRAB and staff, Personnel Director Michael P. Gardner reports the following:

The Police Review & Advisory Board budget includes \$6,700 for Professional & Technical Services and \$3,000 in Travel & Training, which may be used at the Board's discretion.

In addition, the Personnel Department budget contains funds that can be used by City employees/departments to attend training that their department head/supervisor deems necessary. Typically, the individual/department determines that appropriate training and the Personnel Department processes the payment information for the requesting department, provided funds are available. In the past, some departments have requested mediation training for employees (usually through the Community Dispute Settlement Center). The Personnel Department currently has funds available, and would be able to pay for mediation training for Police Review & Advisory Board staff, should they desire it.

I am also attaching a response received from Executive Secretary of the Police Review & Advisory Board Malvina Montierio.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-206, regarding a report on the sewer construction in Area Four, received from Public Works Commissioner Lisa Peterson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-177, regarding a report on the scholarship committee's current practices, views and recommendations on the following issues involving the scholarship program, please be advised of the following:

- *The pros and cons of allowing students that are selected for the scholarship one-year to receive the scholarship for additional years.* **The Committee unanimously felt that the practice of repeat winners should be suspended at this time until they have had an opportunity to review the matter more fully.**
- *Information on how financial need is currently determined.* **Currently the applicants signature attests to a family financial situation. As a group, the committee had no clear feelings on verifying financial need. Some suggested that staff look at other scholarship programs for guidance in this matter. This request is being followed up on.**
- *Whether the children of City employees should be permitted to receive the scholarship.* **The Committee was unanimous in their feeling that children of City employee be permitted to receive scholarships.**
- *Any other relevant factors not mandated by the statutory scheme that should be considered.* **In general the committee is comfortable with the criteria as outlined in the fund's enabling legislation that states, "the committee should take into consideration each recipients financial need, character, scholastic record and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular activities." A majority of those polled felt academic achievement was the highest criteria except where family income was extremely high.**
- *Length of residence for recipients.* **The enabling legislation simply states, "the recipients be a resident of the City." The committee felt that a one-year requirement would be acceptable.**

The committee will also meet in the fall to more fully review the matters in the City Council order.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-184, regarding a report on what parking meters were installed in front of 170 Gore Street, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

On Wednesday June 27th, a meeting was held with the residents of the Pavilion to discuss this matter and to receive comments on this issue. Ms. Clippinger agreed to review the issues that were raised and respond to the residents in writing with the changes the Department recommends in response to their issues. No changes would be made to the parking at this site until the residents have a chance to review the recommendations at a future meeting.

The comments made by the residents at the meeting that are being reviewed by the Traffic Department are as follows:

1. Metered parking Monday through Friday but not on Saturday.
2. Why are there four unrestricted spaces just beyond the driveway?
3. Can parking be added to the opposite side, making that side meters and change the meters outside the Pavilion to resident permit parking?
4. Driveway sight lines are a problem.
5. Can the two meters at the front door be eliminated with the creation of a drop-off and pick-up area or loading zone?
6. The front door has steps, is a separate drop-off area needed for people with mobility problems?

The Department is reviewing these issues now and will be sending a written response to the residents within a month. Ms. Clippinger is confident that changes can be made working with the residents that will address their concerns.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-196, regarding a report on the plan for internet access to Council orders and City Manager's responses that allows research and retrieval by subject matter and Councillor name, please be advised of the following:

Staff of the MIS Department, the Public Works Department and the City Manager's Office have been meeting to discuss ways for a process to be set-up to produce reports from the internet that would accommodate this request. Based on these discussions, it has been determined that the best way to proceed is by utilizing the Hansen system in a way that is similar to how the City Council Agendas are currently posted on the City's homepage. City Council orders are entered into Hansen and a system is being developed whereby reports can be run from Hansen and posted on the City's website once a week. The City Manager's responses will be entered into the related Hansen service number as received and can be retrieved by the same reports when run. These reports could then be sorted in a variety of ways, e.g. Councillor name, order date(s), Hansen service number, etc. The City Clerk is attending the next meeting to discuss "sorts" that may be desirable.

This process will run as a pilot beginning the week of July 30th by using the Council orders from that meeting. It is anticipated that this temporary process will be ready for use by September, 2001.

In addition, this temporary process will be upgraded when the Hansen system becomes web-enabled in approximately twelve to eighteen months.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Homeless Assistance Act for \$1,423,416 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$35,585.40) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$1,387,830.60) to provide funds to cover a portion of the salary of the Program Planner as well as eight contracts with Cambridge homeless services providers to deliver a wide range of services to the homeless.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Homeless Assistance Act for \$137,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$6,850) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$130,150) to provide funds for a portion of the salary of the Grants Manager as well as contracts with local shelter providers for operating or rehabilitation costs of shelter facilities and homeless prevention activities or essential services for the homeless.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Cambridge Housing Authority for \$66,385 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account to maintain the capacity of the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP) by continuing to fund a Vocational Case Manager to provide career counseling and case management services to Cambridge residents seeking employment as well as a part-time job developer to reach out to employers to generate job leads for CEP clients.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$1,300 in funds received by the Cambridge Prevention Coalition from its sponsorship of life skills staff training and other training related activities to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account to cover a portion of the salaries of the staff of the Cambridge Prevention Coalition.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
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To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$48,600.00 in the Grant Fund of the Department of Public Works Salary and Wages Account. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has awarded funds through its Municipal Recycling Incentive Program (MRIP) to support environmental programs. These funds will be used to continue funding two full time contract positions, the Recycling Program Manager and the Recycling Specialist.

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Public Safety for \$30,000 to the Grant Fund Police Extraordinary Expenditures account to provide funds to significantly upgrade the department's computer network speed.

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Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$16,444 in proceeds from the City Run Road Race to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds for the Friends of Cambridge Athletics, a volunteer parent organization that supports athletic programs at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

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City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs for \$65,605 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$9,600), Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$54,705), and Travel and Training (\$1,300) to provide funds to cover a portion of the salary of the Case Manager at the Citywide Senior Center as well as substance abuse services for seniors, transportation for Cambridge seniors to medical appointments as well as weekly food shopping, and instructors for the Citywide Senior Center.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Commonwealth Corporation for \$12,500 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$10,350) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$2,150) to provide funds to expand the Out-of-School Youth / Adult Diploma Program as well as enable the Community Learning Center to implement projects to allow participants to earn high school credits as well as develop standards for evaluation. This program involves collaboration among Just-A-Start, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Office of Workforce Development, and Community Learning Center.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the transfer of \$3,000 from the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to enable the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to hire a contractor to provide services to reduce substance abuse among youth in Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a donation from MIT for \$1,000 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to support educational programs in the Youth Division.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$180,000 in the Public Investment Fund of the Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account. These funds are part of the U.S. Trust UDAG repayments awarded to the Area Four Neighborhood. The UDAG funds will be used to fund projects of public benefit, consistent with the needs of the community as a whole, such as an Area Four Scholars/Scholarship Program, newsletter, affordable housing, and small business development.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy,
City Manager

RWH/dls

July 30, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant for \$205,435 from the Massachusetts Department of Education to the Human Services Grant Fund Salaries and Wages account (\$27,435) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$178,000) to provide funds for nutritious meals to Cambridge youth at 33 sites throughout the City during summer months when schools are closed. 22 of these sites are enrolled camps with the remainder drop-in and open to anyone up to the age of nineteen. The Salaries and Wages funds will be used to cover a portion of the salary of the program director with the Other Ordinary Maintenance allotment covering the cost of food supplies as well as related program costs.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 18
Monday, July 30, 2001**

At 5:30 P.M.

ON THE TABLE

1. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
2. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
3. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
4. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
5. 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.
6. Consent Communication #7 of March 19, 2001, and Calendar Item #3 of April 2, 2001 regarding notification of a new address for 127 Sixth Street from Owen O’Riordan, City Engineer.

7. Committee Report #1 of April 23, 2001 regarding a meeting held on March 27, 2001 for the purpose of discussing whether a zoning prohibition of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 zoning districts is consistent with the City's goal of promoting affordable housing.
8. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
9. An order introduced by Councillor Decker regarding increasing the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million dollars.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning of East Cambridge proposed as part of the Citywide Rezoning package and refiled as a separate petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 28, 2001. **The deadline for this petition is July 25, 2001.**

PLACED ON FILE DUE TO EXPIRATION OF TIME LIMIT.

11. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in Special District 8 in Cambridgeport submitted by the Planning Board. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 28, 2001. **The deadline for this petition is August 27, 2001.**

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 1. Constable surety bond was received from Michael LaRosa for approval of surety. | 1. |
| 2. An application was received from Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, requesting permission to hang a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue for the Grecian festival. | 2. |
| 3. An application was received from Origins Services, Inc., requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 8 Brattle Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters. | 3. |
| 4. A petition was received from Scott Loose (Loose Moratorium Extension) et al., to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Cambridge to extend the Loose Moratorium for an additional eight months. | 4. |
| 5. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting permission for a marquee at the premises numbered 600 Technology Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development and abutters. | 5. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 1. A communication was received from Roselyn Gray, transmitting many thanks for the resolution honoring her retirement. | 1. |
| 2. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, transmitting information regarding the death penalty in Massachusetts. | 2. |
| 3. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, transmitting information on House bill 2169, "An Act Expanding Access to Health Care, Reducing Youth Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products and Improving the Public Health in the Commonwealth." | 3. |
| 4. A communication was received from J. Bryan Hehir, transmitting thanks to the City Council for the resolution adopted on his behalf. | 4. |
| 5. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, regarding House bill 2467, "An Act to provide for a living wage for certain human services workers." | 5. |
| 6. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, regarding Senate bill 628, "An Act to transfer ownership and control of Metropolitan District Commission roadways and boulevards to the Department of Highways and Senate bill 629, "An Act to transfer ownership of Metropolitan District Commission parks and open space to the Department of Environmental Management." | 6. |
| 7. A communication was received from George W. Keefe, Brigadier General, MA ANG The Adjutant General, inviting the City Council to the Civil War investiture ceremony on September 15, 2001, at the Massachusetts National Guard Military Museum, 44 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA at 10:00 A.M. | 7. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 8. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, regarding Tax Bills, H. 4262 and H. 3636. | 8. |
| 9. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, regarding the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. | 9. |
| 10. A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, regarding House bill 2613, "An Act Providing Equal Employment Benefits for Public Sector Employees." | 10. |
| 11. A communication was received from Senator Steven Tolman, regarding Senate bill 1344, "An Act providing equal employment benefits for public sector employees." | 11. |
| 12. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting notification of a temporary trailer address of 364 Third Bent Street. | 12. |
| 13. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting notification of a temporary address of 50 Linsky Way. | 13. |
| 14. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting notification of address changes for Cambridge Street and Tremont Street. | 14. |
| 15. A communication was received from Catherine Lynch, transmitting gratitude for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of her late husband, Francis P. Lynch. | 15. |
| 16. A communication was received from the family of Edmund Medeiros, Jr., transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council. | 16. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 17. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, regarding the Charles River White Geese. | 17. |
| 18. A communication was received from Kathy A. Spiegelman, Associate Vice President for Planning and Real Estate for Harvard University, transmitting information about Harvard's land purchases and sales from 1975 to the present and a description and map of the "Red Line" agreement and boundaries. | 18. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

1. Resolution on the death of Tyrone Bridgeman. 1.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
2. Resolution on the death of Francis W. "Bubba" Coveney. 2.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
3. Resolution on the death of Frederick C. Langone, Esquire. 3.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
4. Resolution on the death of Rose C. Mazzei. 4.
**Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio,
Councillor Toomey and entire membership**
5. Resolution on the death of Michael T. Wells. 5.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
6. Resolution on the death of Matthew B. Ginnetty. 6.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
7. Resolution on the death of Margaret Ann Phelan. 7.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
8. Resolution on the death of Francis Ronchetti. 8.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Ann Rita DeLuca. 9.
**Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and
entire membership**
10. Resolution on the death of Brendan Peter Anthony Grant. 10.
**Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire
membership**
11. Resolution on the death of Jack Lemmon. 11.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
12. Resolution on the death of Alfred J. McGreal. 12.
**Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Sullivan,
Toomey and entire membership**

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 13. Resolution on the death of Joseph J. Murphy.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 13. |
| 14. Retirement of Ellen Kelly, Director of the Cambridge-Ellis School
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 14. |
| 15. Congratulations to the Cambridge Girls Softball Major League
Runner-up team, the Angels.
Mayor Galluccio | 15. |
| 16. Congratulations to the Cambridge Girls Softball Minor League
Runner-up team, the Ruby Reds.
Mayor Galluccio | 16. |
| 17. Congratulations to the Cambridge Girls Softball Major League
Champions, the Unknowns.
Mayor Galluccio | 17. |
| 18. Resolution on the death of Francisco de Matos.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 18. |
| 19. Resolution on the death of Helen P. Lima.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 19. |
| 20. Resolution on the death of Anne T. Hacker.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 20. |
| 21. Resolution on the death of Robert A. Ford, Sr., Esquire.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 21. |
| 22. Resolution on the death of Mary G. Morris.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 22. |
| 23. Resolution on the death of Joseph A. Souza.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 23. |
| 24. Resolution on the death of Edward J. Doherty.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 24. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 25. Retirement of Francis J. McCarthy from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 25. |
| 26. Retirement of Timothy F. Mahoney from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 26. |
| 27. Retirement of Lynda Mahoney from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 27. |
| 28. Retirement of John M. Kawadler from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 28. |
| 29. Retirement of Monaks Kanel from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 29. |
| 30. Retirement of Thomas C. Haley from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 30. |
| 31. Retirement of George Greenidge from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 31. |
| 32. Retirement of David F. Goodwin from the School Department
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 32. |
| 33. Retirement of Barbara Ehrlich from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 33. |
| 34. Retirement of Margaret Cassidy from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 34. |
| 35. Retirement of Vasco S. Caetano from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 35. |
| 36. Retirement of Alfred Simmons from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 36. |
| 37. Retirement of Ralph Sennott from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 37. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 38. Retirement of John Sennott from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 38. |
| 39. Retirement of Patricia Rizzo from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 39. |
| 40. Retirement of Robert Riordan from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 40. |
| 41. Retirement of Janet B. Rife from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 41. |
| 42. Retirement of Teresa Ragosta from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 42. |
| 43. Retirement of William J. Morris from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 43. |
| 44. Retirement of William H. McGinness from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 44. |
| 45. Retirement of Sherry Trella from the School Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 45. |
| 46. Resolution on the death of Sarah V. Dente.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 46. |
| 47. Get Well wishes to Senator Robert Travaglini.
Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Toomey | 47. |
| 48. Resolution on the death of William H. Reardon.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher,
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 48. |
| 49. Resolution on the death of Paul G. Brousseau.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 49. |
| 50. Resolution on the death of Kathleen M. Dukeman.
Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership | 50. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 51. Resolution on the death of Augusta Farrell.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 51. |
| 52. Resolution on the death of Frank J. Morello.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 52. |
| 53. Resolution on the death of Ruth A. Mulcahy.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 53. |
| 54. Resolution on the death of Charles J. Sharry.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 54. |
| 55. Resolution on the death of Agnes T. Simmons.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and
entire membership | 55. |
| 56. Resolution on the death of Edith Blair Staton.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 56. |
| 57. Resolution on the death of Eugene Thorp.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 57. |
| 58. Congratulations to Joseph F. D'Antonio as Assistant Athletic
Director for Providence College.
Mayor Galluccio | 58. |
| 59. Proclaim September, 2001 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction
Recovery Month.
Mayor Galluccio | 59. |
| 60. Resolution on the death of Julian Epps.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 60. |
| 61. Welcome to the Boston International Piano Competition to
Cambridge and extend best wishes to all of the participants.
Mayor Galluccio | 61. |
| 62. Congratulations to Donal Lyons on his election as Mayor of Galway.
Mayor Galluccio | 62. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

63. Happy 101st Birthday wishes to Mamie Compton. 63.
Mayor Galluccio
64. Resolution on the death of Richard T. Sleeper. 64.
**Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Sullivan and
entire membership**
65. Resolution on the death of Manuel S. Barros. 65.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
66. Resolution on the death of Sylvia L. Douglas. 66.
**Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire
membership**
67. Resolution on the death of Anna R. Leonardo. 67.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership
68. Resolution on the death of Konstantinos Kapetanakos. 68.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
69. Resolution on the death of Edith A. Witt. 69.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
70. Commendation and appreciation to all of the firefighters who 70.
rescued a sixteen year old girl who fell from the tower on the
Longfellow Bridge.
Councillor Toomey
71. Congratulations to the CRLS Falcons Baseball Team on qualifying 71.
for the State Tournament competition.
Mayor Galluccio
72. Congratulations to Marvin E. Gilmore, Jr. on his reappointment to 72.
the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.
Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Sullivan
73. Resolution on the death of Mary R. Elibero. 73.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 74. Welcome Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner to Cambridge.
Councillor Toomey | 74. |
| 75. Resolution on the death of Helen T. Ryan.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 75. |
| 76. Resolution on the death of Louis J. Pellegrine.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 76. |
| 77. Congratulations to William L. Cobham on his reappointment to the Massachusetts Asian American Commission.
Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Sullivan | 77. |
| 78. Resolution on the death of Pericles "Porky" Copitas.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 78. |
| 79. Resolution on the death of John R. Sennott.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 79. |
| 80. Resolution on the death of Robert J. McElhenny.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 80. |
| 81. Resolution on the death of Josephine Daily.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 81. |
| 82. Resolution on the death of Wayne K. Forrest, Jr.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 82. |
| 83. Congratulations to Edward J. Sullivan on the occasion of the dedication of the Edward J. Sullivan Courthouse on September 8, 2001.
Councillor Sullivan | 83. |
| 84. Happy 46 th Wedding Anniversary to Bill and Sheila King.
Councillor Decker | 84. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 85. Resolution on the death of Joseph E. Griffin.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 85. |
| 86. Resolution on the death of Margaret Hachey.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership | 86. |
| 87. Thanks to Lucinda Leveille for her service to the children of
Cambridge as a CRLS Russian language teacher.
Councillor Decker | 87. |
| 88. Happy 50 th Birthday wishes to Rachel Wyon.
Councillor Decker | 88. |
| 89. Resolution on the death of Monsignor Frank McFarland.
Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and entire membership | 89. |
| 90. Resolution on the death of Lucia Pizzuto.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 90. |
| 91. Resolution on the death of Mary E. Fay.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 91. |
| 92. Resolution on the death of Eleanor Galzarano.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and
entire membership | 92. |
| 93. Congratulations to Margo Perez-Selles on the occasion of becoming
the first principal of the Amigos School.
Councillor Decker | 93. |
| 94. Resolution on the death of George R. Guscott.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 94. |
| 95. Congratulations to Centro Restaurant and Master Chef Rene' for
being chosen by the Improper Bostonian Magazine as the best new
restaurant in "Boston."
Councillor Reeves | 95. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

96. Congratulations to Daniel and Jean Clinton on the birth of their grandson Liam Gregory Clinton on July 15, 2001. 96.
Councillor Sullivan
97. Congratulations to the First Holiness Church as it celebrates its Eighty-Fifth Anniversary on October 20, 2001. 97.
Councillor Sullivan
98. Resolution honoring the memory of Cambridge's Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, Sergeant Alfonso M. Lunt. 98.
Councillor Sullivan
99. Urge all citizens to be cognizant of the "Taste of Central Square" festival which will take place on September 20, 2001 at University Park. 99.
Vice Mayor Maher
100. Happy Birthday wishes to Councillor Decker. 100.
Councillor Reeves
101. Congratulations to the Dance Complex and founder Rozann Kraus on its tenth birthday. 101.
Councillors Reeves and Sullivan
102. Best wishes to Tom Rafferty on his decision to enter into delayed vocation. 102.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and Vice Mayor Maher
103. Resolution on the death of Dr. Alexander Mahlowitz. 103.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
104. Resolution on the death of Esther Mahlowitz. 104.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
105. Resolution on the death of Frederick P. Ikels. 105.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 106. | Resolution on the death of Barbara McKelleget.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 106. |
| 107. | Resolution on the death of Phyllis L. Mello.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 107. |
| 108. | Resolution on the death of Manuel I. Costa.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 108. |
| 109. | Resolution on the death of Joseph W. Barringer.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 109. |
| 110. | Resolution on the death of Bernes Aruda.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership | 110. |
| 111. | Urge residents to be cognizant of the Cambridge Sisters Program "Still We Rise" performance on August 3, 2001 at the Fletcher Maynard Academy.
Councillor Sullivan | 111. |
| 112. | Resolution extending sincere thoughts and prayers to Youssef Jilal.
Councillor Sullivan | 112. |
| 113. | Happy Birthday wishes to a special Cantabrigian.
Councillor Sullivan | 113. |
| 114. | Resolution on the death of Valerie Fredericks.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 114. |
| 115. | Resolution on the death of James F. Coughlin.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership | 115. |
| 116. | Retirement of Robert E. McCleery from the Fire Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 116. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 117. | Happy Birthday wishes to Mary Ferguson.
Councillor Decker | 117. |
| 118. | Resolution on the retirement of Kenneth Waite from the Public Works Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 118. |
| 119. | Retirement of Sheila Tierney from the Cambridge Hospital.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 119. |
| 120. | Retirement of Dorothy Martin from the Cambridge Hospital.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 120. |
| 121. | Retirement of Barbara Darlington from the Public Health Commission.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 121. |
| 122. | Resolution on the death of Dorine W. Yard.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 122. |
| 123. | Resolution on the death of Robert P. Bentley, Jr.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership | 123. |
| 124. | Speedy recovery wishes to Shannon T. Henry.
Mayor Galluccio | 124. |
| 125. | Resolution on the death of Jane A. Gately.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 125. |
| 126. | Resolution on the death of Florence Monaco Mosca.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership | 126. |
| 127. | Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James M. McGlennon on the occasion of their wedding.
Councillor Sullivan | 127. |
| 128. | Happy Birthday wishes to Vice Mayor David P. Maher.
Councillor Sullivan | 128. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 129. | Happy Birthday wishes to Catherine V. Cremens on August 9, 2001.
Mayor Galluccio | 129. |
| 130. | Happy Birthday wishes to Phyllis Vera on August 3, 2001.
Mayor Galluccio | 130. |
| 131. | Thanks to organizers of The Cambridge Caribbean Carnival which will commence with a weekend festival beginning on Saturday, August 11, 2001 at University Park.
Councillor Reeves | 131. |
| 132. | Appreciation to the many city employees who contributed their hard work and expertise to the creation of the gorgeous green City Hall Lawn.
Councillor Born | 132. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

1. Petition to amend to the Zoning Ordinances in the Riverside/Western Avenue area be referred to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report. 1.
Councillors Reeves and Davis
2. Review of pedestrian safety at the intersection of Cambridge and Lambert Streets. 2.
Councillor Toomey
3. Review of the availability of resident parking and enforcement in the area of Newtowne Court and Washington Elms. 3.
Mayor Galluccio
4. Opposition to redistricting that would remove Cambridge from the Eighth Congressional District. 4.
Councillors Decker, Born, Reeves, Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Sullivan, Davis and Toomey
5. Possibility of offering voluntary training to cab drivers similar to the program in Boston where drivers receive training of how to be effective in complex situations and act as an ambassador to each cab customer. 5.
Councillor Reeves
6. Direct appropriate departments to cooperate with the organizers of the "Taste of Central Square" festival on September 20, 2001. 6.
Vice Mayor Maher
7. Amendment to the Municipal Code in Section 2.84.030 to add the Director of the Library to the membership of the Kids Council. 7.
Councillors Born, Decker and Reeves
8. Report on enforcement efforts relative to the newspaper racks ordinance. 8.
Councillor Sullivan
9. Report on issues of pedestrian and intersection safety at the gas station at the corner of Walden Street and Concord Avenue. 9.
Councillor Sullivan

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 10. Best wishes to the Mayors in the host cities in Ghana and Ivory Coast as a Cambridge delegation travels to West Africa to achieve sister city relationships.
Councillor Reeves | 10. |
| 11. Monitor vehicles on Warren Street for speeding.
Councillor Sullivan | 11. |
| 12. Enforcement of handicapped parking throughout the city.
Councillor Sullivan | 12. |
| 13. Repair of the decaying median strip on Monsignor O'Brien Highway in the vicinity of Gore and Second Streets.
Councillor Sullivan | 13. |
| 14. Report on recently acquired property at Trolley Square.
Councillor Toomey | 14. |
| 15. Report on the availability of Automated External Defibrillators in all public buildings.
Councillor Toomey | 15. |
| 16. Report on the City's procedures for responding to citizens' calls for assistance with animal problems.
Councillor Born | 16. |
| 17. Inadequate lighting and overgrowth of trees behind the Haggerty School on Lawn Court.
Vice Mayor Maher | 17. |
| 18. Increase enforcement of traffic speed regulations on Reservoir/Walden Streets from Huron Avenue to Concord Avenue with special attention to the Vassal Lane intersection.
Councillor Sullivan | 18. |
| 19. Request to forward information regarding the Department of Housing and Community Development Summer 2001 Funding Round to the Affordable Housing Trust.
Councillor Decker | 19. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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Mayor Galluccio
21. Dedication the corner of Fayette Street and Fainwood Circle in honor of Isadore "Diddle" Doctoroff. 21.
Mayor Galluccio
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Councillors Toomey and Braude
23. Review of the current policy of requiring only 20' for a metered parking space. 23.
Councillor Toomey
24. Study feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures on Seventh Street, north of Cambridge Street, and traffic enforcement in vicinity of Seventh, Gore and Cambridge Street. 24.
Councillor Toomey
25. Update on planned renovations to Russell Field. 25.
Mayor Galluccio
26. Provide report on the City's plans to complete road restoration work on Cambridge streets that have had significant work done related to roadway, water, sewer and other utility improvements over the past several months. 26.
Mayor Galluccio
27. Update on activities related to the purchase of land on Fulkerson Street for the purpose of increasing open space in the East Cambridge neighborhood. 27.
Mayor Galluccio
28. Update on activities related to identifying appropriate space for the Community Learning Center. 28.
Mayor Galluccio

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

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| 29. Dedication of a suitable location in the Kendall Square area to Annmarie Sarchioni.
Councillor Toomey | 29. |
| 30. Replace existing sign at the corner of Hamlin and Plymouth Streets and add name of Catherine Sarchioni to said sign and reinstallation of said sign.
Councillor Toomey | 30. |
| 31. Request for presentation of a complete and thorough plan for the enforcement of truck violations from 11:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. throughout the city.
Councillor Davis | 31. |
| 32. Report on plan for in-depth analysis and presentation to the City Council on the 2000 Census data, with particular emphasis on population changes and other data that may affect City Council policies in the areas of housing, land use development, social services and education.
Councillor Born | 32. |
| 33. Report on what steps are being taken to ensure that Harvard's construction on Oxford and Hammond Streets complies with local and state regulations.
Councillor Born | 33. |
| 34. Develop convenient methods for safe disposal of batteries.
Councillor Born | 34. |

O-1.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the attached petition for an amendment to the zoning on Riverside/Western Avenue be filed; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council refer this petition for amendment to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for a hearing and report.

O-2.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to review pedestrian safety at the intersection of Cambridge Street and Lambert Street.

O-3.

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS Residents in the area around the Newtowne Court and Washington Elms have expressed concerns about the current availability of resident parking spaces in the neighborhood and about parking enforcement in this neighborhood; and

WHEREAS Planned and on-going development in the area around the Newtowne Court housing development has the potential to further impact the parking situation in this neighborhood; now therefor be it

ORDERED The City Manager to work with appropriate City Departments to review the availability of resident parking and parking enforcement in the area surrounding the Newtowne Court and Washington Elms housing developments and identify opportunities to improve residential parking in this neighborhood and report back to this City Council by September 17, 2001.

O-4.

July 30, 2001

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

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its opposition to redistricting that would remove Cambridge from the Eighth Congressional District; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk transmit a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to House Speaker Finneran, Representative Petrolati and Senator Rosenberg, Chairs of the Redistricting Committee, and to the Cambridge legislative delegation.

O-5.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chairman of the License Commission to explore the possibility of offering voluntary training to cab drivers similar to the program in Boston recently highlighted in the Boston Globe where hundreds of drivers receive training of how to be effective in complex situations and how to be essentially an ambassador to each cab customer.

O-6.

July 30, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct all appropriate departments to cooperate with the organizers of the "Taste of Central Square" festival on September 20, 2001.

O-7.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That Section 2.84.030 of Chapter 2.84, *COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES*, also known as “*THE KIDS’ COUNCIL*” be amended as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Chapter 2.84:

That to Section 2.84.030 entitled *Membership – Appointment – Term* under Sub Section A be added:

“The Director of the Cambridge Public Library;”
(insert directly before “A member of the philanthropic community;”)

O-8.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the City's enforcement efforts relative to the newspaper racks ordinance; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Solicitor to report to the City Council on possible amendments to improve the effectiveness of the ordinance.

O-9.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council regarding the gas station at the corner of Walden Street and Concord Avenue on the issues of pedestrian and intersection safety.

O-10.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Councillor Reeves will lead a Cambridge delegation to West Africa in August to visit potential sister cities in Ghana and Ivory Coast; and

WHEREAS: The delegation will also visit Togo and Benin; the delegation will be guided by two Africans with close ties to Cambridge; Merci Parkinson of Ghana and Desiré Mondom of Ivory Coast. It is hoped that this delegation can achieve successful Sister City relationships with Dimbokro, Ivory Coast and Kumasi, Ghana; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the best wishes of the City of Cambridge be conveyed to the mayors of the host cities and that matters necessary for appropriate protocol have the sanction of the Cambridge City Council.

O-11.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner to monitor vehicles on Warren Street; said area is the scene of motor vehicle speeding.

O-12.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Director to strictly enforce the handicapped parking regulation throughout the entire city.

O-13.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to repair the decaying median strip on Monsignor O'Brien Highway in the vicinity of Gore and Second Streets.

O-14.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report to the City Council on the recently acquired property at Trolley Square; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the neighborhood and the abutters on consideration for the future utilization of this property.

O-15.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a status report on the availability of Automated External Defibrillators in all public buildings for the use of the public; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the local business community to either purchase or donate Automated External Defibrillators for the use of the public.

O-16.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: An incident of a rabid skunk in North Cambridge has raised serious concern about the city's capacity for after-hours response to citizens' calls for assistance with animal problems; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the Animal Control Officer to report to the City Council on the City's procedures for responding to such after-hours calls; said report to include, without limitation, the following information:

1. What are the hours of operation of the Animal Control Office?
2. What city departments are responsible for responding to after-hours complaints, and specifically to after-hours complaints regarding a rabid wild animal or a vicious dog?
3. What steps can the City take to ensure that a citizen need not call three different departments and agencies to get assistance with a problem of a rabid, wild animal or a vicious dog.

O-17.

July 30, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate departments to review and correct issues of public safety as they relate to inadequate lighting and the overgrowth of trees behind the Haggerty School on Lawn Court.

O-18.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to increase enforcement of traffic speed regulations on Reservoir/Walden Streets from Huron Avenue to Concord Avenue with special attention to the Vassal Lane intersection.

O-19.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward to the Affordable Housing Trust the following information regarding the Department of Housing and Community Development Summer 2001 Funding Round and its August 16th deadline:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has announced the start of its summer 2001 affordable housing competition for rental projects. Applications will be accepted for the following programs:

- *Federal and State Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- *HOME Investment Partnership Program
- *Housing Stabilization Fund Rehabilitation Initiative
- *Housing Innovations Fund
- *Facilities Consolidation Fund
- *Capital Improvement & Preservation Fund
- *Massachusetts Lead Abatement Program

Applications and the appropriate fees must be submitted to DHCD on or before Thursday, August 16, 2001. The One-Stop Affordable Housing Application is available at www.onestopapp

O-20.

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Robert G. Purvis was the beloved husband of Anna T. (Hepp) whom he married on April 6, 1947 in the Blessed Sacrament Church on Pearl Street in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Robert was the proud father of three lovely daughters; Kathleen A. and Eileen M. Purvis and Marguerite T. Dunn; and

WHEREAS: Robert was blessed with five grandsons; Christopher, Timothy, Edward, Richard and Frederick; and

WHEREAS: Robert served in the United States Army and was stationed at the Panama Canal before World War II broke out upon which he was transferred to the Pacific Theater and fought in the Philippines and Guadalcanal; and

WHEREAS: Robert was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant, in charge of transportation; and

WHEREAS: Robert began his career as a bookbinder following World War II and was employed by Ginn & Co., Cuneo Press, and Stone & Webster and finished his career at the Waltham Public Library; and

WHEREAS: Robert was a member of the Cambridge Auxillary Police Department for fifty-one years, achieving the rank of Captain twenty years ago; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Jay Street and Western Avenue in honor of Captain Robert G. Purvis; and be it further

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

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

- WHEREAS: Isadore “Diddle” Doctoroff was born on November 15, 1905 at home on Magazine Street in Cambridge to Max and Esther Doctoroff; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore spent his early years in Cambridgeport along with his brothers Abe and Sam where he enjoyed swimming in the Charles River at Magazine Beach in the summer and skating and playing hockey in the winter; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore worked at one of the many candy manufacturers in Cambridgeport during the 1920’s and 1930’s ; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore attended Rindge Technical High School before transferring to Cambridge High and Latin School graduating in 1923, and went on to Northeastern University where he received his law degree in 1933; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore shared a law office in Boston with his brother Sam, and his cousin Albert Cooper, in addition to the office he kept at his home on Fainwood Circle in Inman Square to accommodate his working class clientele who could not leave their daytime jobs; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore would see his clients, who largely consisted of police and firefighters, in the evenings and on weekends and would often pay house calls; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore married Annie (Zeichick) on May 17, 1942 and they were blessed with two sons, Edward and Richard, and four grandchildren, Max, Jane, Mica and Julia; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore was one of the founders of the Cambridge Jewish Community Center on Lee and Harvard Street where he served as an officer and organizer of the Jewish Community Center Underwriters Dinner; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore worshipped at Congregation Beth Israel on Columbia Street from 1920 until 1958, and although he moved his family to the suburbs, he continued to worship in Cambridge at the Tremont Street Shul until his death in June 2000; and
- WHEREAS: Isadore would often take his children, grandchildren, nephews and friends back to Cambridge for a tour of all the places he lived, loved and never left; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That this City Council go on record dedicating a corner at Fayette Street and Fainwood Circle in honor of Isadore “Diddle” Doctoroff; and be it further

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

O-22.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

WHEREAS: Not since a 1965 referendum have the voters of the City of Cambridge been asked to voice their opinion on the method of municipal elections and never has there been an advisory question on the direct election of the Mayor while maintaining the Plan E Charter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That a Non-binding Public Opinion Advisory Question be placed on the next Municipal Election ballot asking the voters the following:

"What is your preference for the method of election of the Mayor of the City of Cambridge? Please select one of the following:

- That the Mayor be elected directly by the voters as part of the municipal election for City Council and School Committee without changes to the existing Plan E Charter.
- Continue the current form of election of the Mayor by the City Council.

O-23.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In recent years new automobiles have been increasing in size; and

WHEREAS: Many of the most popular vehicles on the road today are “sports utility vehicles” or “minivans”; and

WHEREAS: These vehicles are larger in size than standard passenger sedans or compact cars and require a greater amount of space to parallel park; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic , Transportation and Parking to review the current policy of requiring only 20’ for a metered parking space; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council the results of said study.

O-24.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic , Transportation and Parking to study the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures on Seventh Street, north of Cambridge Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Police Commissioner to increase traffic enforcement in vicinity of Seventh Street, Gore Street and Cambridge Street.

O-25.

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on planned renovations to Russell Field for the September 10, 2001 meeting of the City Council.

O-26.

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report to the City Council regarding the City's plans to complete road restoration work on the many Cambridge streets that have had significant work done related to roadway, water, sewer, and other utility improvements over the past several months by the September 10, 2001 meeting of the City Council.

O-27.

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on activities related to the purchase of land on Fulkerson Street for the purpose of increasing open space in the East Cambridge neighborhood for the September 10, 2001 meeting of the City Council.

O-28.

July 30, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: The City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide an update to the City Council on activities related to identifying appropriate space for the Community Learning Center for the September 10, 2001 meeting of the City Council.

O-29.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record dedicating a suitable location in the Kendall Square area to Annmarie Sarchioni; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council contact the family for a dedication ceremony after consultation with the family and arrange for a sign to be made by the Public Works Department.

O-30.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Public Works Department to replace the existing sign at the corner of Hamlin and Plymouth Streets and to add the name of Catherine Sarchioni to the sign and re-install the new sign at this location.

O-31.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present to the City Council, for its meeting of September 10, 2001, a complete and thorough plan for the enforcement of truck violations from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. across the city.

O-32.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the plan for an in-depth analysis and presentation to the City Council on the 2000 Census data, with particular emphasis on population changes and other data that may affect City Council policies in the areas of housing, land use development, social services and education.

O-33.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: Harvard's construction on Oxford and Hammond Street, including piledriving and/or other subsurface work, is causing a great deal of distress to residents who are concerned that Harvard is not adhering to hours of work rules and that the construction is causing seismic damage to other area buildings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on what steps are being taken to ensure compliance with all local and state regulations, and further that the report specifically address the following:

1. Is it appropriate for Cambridge police to "hand over" enforcement to Harvard police (as is apparently happening: neighbors call the Cambridge police to complain and Harvard police arrive); and
2. Harvard representatives report that Wynn Management will not allow Harvard access to Wynn managed buildings to inspect for damage.

O-34.

July 30, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: Recent news reports on dangerous levels of the toxic chemical mercury in fish (see attached Boston Globe article) document a connection between improper disposal of batteries and dangerous levels of mercury in the environment; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Chief Public Health Officer and the Commissioner of Public Works to develop convenient methods for safe disposal of batteries, perhaps using the model of street battery disposal containers adopted in several European cities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on May 11, 2001 to plan another meeting with the dispute resolution community to continue the discussion of mediation resources.

2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on June 12, 2001 to continue planning and implementation of a catalogue of existing mediation resources and to receive a presentation on circle justice.

3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunication and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on June 21, 2001 to discuss cable issues affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills.

4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunication and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on June 22, 2001 to discuss cable issues affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills.

5. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunication and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on June 27, 2001 to discuss cable issues affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001

6. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development Training and Employment, for a meeting held on June 29, 2001 to meet with the Superintendent of Schools and the CRLS Principal to discuss the School to Career Program and to present the survey results of the draft report entitled **“Education and Skill for the New Economy: A survey of Employment Trends in Cambridge, Massachusetts.”**

7. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 18, 2001 for the purpose of considering a proposed ordinance to establish a Community Preservation Act Committee as required by the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

8. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 18, 2001 for the purpose of considering a proposed zoning amendment for a Special District 4 and 4A in the Alewife area.

9. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 18, 2001 for the purpose of considering the East Cambridge Planning Study (ECAPS) proposal to amend the zoning in East Cambridge.

10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 18, 2001 for the purpose of considering the Birk et al. petition to amend the zoning in East Cambridge.

Committee Report #1

CIVIC UNITY

In City Council June 4, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

Councillor Kathleen L. Born

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

The Civic Unity Committee held a public meeting on Friday, May 11, 2001 beginning at 1:20 P.M. in the Ackermann Room. The purpose of the meeting was to plan another meeting with the dispute resolution community to continue the discussion of mediation resources.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Committee, Cathy Hoffman, Executive Director of the Peace Commission, Nancy Ryan, Executive Director of the Women's Commission and Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

Councillor Decker convened the meeting and explained the purpose.

Discussion points and decisions were as follow:

It was suggested that the work of the committee focus on three areas:

1. Creating a catalogue of all of the resources available in the community for mediation and dispute resolution and developing a "marketing strategy" for getting the information out.
2. An ombudsperson, a place to provide people with a sense that their conflict has really been listened to.
3. Investigation of new models for conflict resolution.

In addition to the attendees of the previous meeting of mediation providers, the following people should be invited to attend these meetings:

- Robin Thieringer, Office for Tourism (marketing expertise)
- Crystal Johnson, Positive Edge (experience with conflict resolution for youth, information about the Boston Streetworkers' Network)
- Selvin Chambers, Department of Human Services (youth and resources for youth)

A list of the invitees to the first meeting of the committee will be sent to Nancy Ryan and Cathy Hoffman to identify others with interest in alternative forms of conflict resolution

The next meeting will include work on creating a catalogue that describes all of the existing mediation sources. All of the mediation agencies who are invited will also receive a letter requesting that they bring a paragraph or two on who they are, how to find them and what they do. The letter should invite the agencies to e-mail their descriptions, inform them that

anything sent in early will be catalogued by the meeting, and request that if they cannot attend the meeting, they send this information for inclusion in the catalog.

There will be a discussion at the next meeting of ideas for making the resources available, and also of what vehicle within the city would be the most useful to advance the goal of alternative dispute resolution, for example, an ombudsperson, a committee, etc.

As part of the further exploration of alternative forms of conflict resolution, Cathy Hoffman will arrange for a presentation on circle justice at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday June 6th or 12th, from 4 P.M. subject to the Clerk's Office checking with some persons who are interested in attending these meetings but have had a problem with the meeting time.

Councillor Decker thanked all those present for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

Committee Report #2

CIVIC UNITY

In City Council July 30, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Chair

Councillor Kathleen L. Born

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

The Civic Unity Committee conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at 4:11 p. m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue planning and implementation of a catalogue of existing mediation resources and to receive a presentation on circle justice.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Decker, Chair of the Committee; Cathy Hoffman, Director, Peace Commission; Nancy Ryan, Executive Director, Women's Commission; Duane Brown, Affirmative Action Officer; Malvina Monteiro, Executive Secretary, Police Review and Advisory Board; Mary Wong, Kid's Council; Mercedes S. Evans, Member, Human Rights Commission; Susan Ostrander, Member, Human Rights Commission; Gail Packer, Conflict Dispute Settlement Center; Jody Sammons, Conflict Dispute Settlement Center; Jamie Suarez Potts, American Friends Service Committee; Kazi Toure, American Friends Service Committee; Bill Madsen, Public Conversation Project; Jennifer Clammer, Center for Peaceable Schools; David Porter, 29 Essex Street and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Decker opened the meeting and gave a brief overview of the work of the committee to date. A previous meeting was held and mediators were invited to address issues of race, class and justice. It came out of this meeting to address the issue of injustice. It was decided that mediators should talk to each other and that it would be helpful to catalogue services available. A process, she said, is needed to catalogue resources so that a discussion can occur on the services. She stated that she would like a brief presentation on circle justice and was happy that representatives of the American Friends Service Committee were in attendance. This meeting was a follow-up on the catalogue on services and what should be done with this information. The committee received an outline of serviced from the following groups:

- Community Dispute Settlement Center (**ATTACHMENT A**)
- Public Conversation Project (**ATTACHMENT B**).
- Harvard Mediation Program (**ATTACHMENT C**)

Councillor Decker stated that she would like to get a list of the agencies and their services on the City's Web Site.

Ms. Hoffman, Peace Commission, stated that she invited Jennifer Clammer, Center for Peaceable Schools, to the meeting to give a description of the services of this agency.

Councillor Decker asked if there were ideas on the collection of data for the catalogue. Ms. Nancy Ryan, Executive Director, Women's Commission, suggest a summer intern to go to the agencies and obtain the information about the services offered by each agency. This

information could then go on the city's Web Site. This information should include who is being served, who is not being served and if there are communication issues.

Ms. Gail Packer, Community Dispute Settlement Center, stated that she supports this suggestion. She further informed the committee that a more diverse group of mediators is being missed. More Spanish-speaking mediators are needed. She stated that a brochure with collective information is needed. Ms. Mary Wong, Cambridge Kid's Council, stated that there is a need to go beyond written information. Visual as well as other medium forms should be used, she said. Ms. Hoffman stated that a multi-faceted approach is needed that includes resources and marketing.

Councillor Decker stated that she would like this subcommittee to offer a creative place to have this conversation and nurture this dialogue. A network may be provided using the subcommittee as a thread. Can this committee foster this dialogue, she asked. Ms. Packer responded in the affirmative. Ms. Ryan stated that Peter Shapiro has ideas and thoughts to create a culture for conflict resolution.

Councillor Decker stated that the City of Melrose is undertaking an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program for city employees. She stated that there is no accountability and no one city department for this work to see that support is given to employees. In the city budget there is funding for a constituent services position. This committee discussed the position of an Ombudsman. Ms. Hoffman stated that roots of this came from wanting to make Cambridge comfortable for all people. The marketing piece is to see who lives here, what they like and/or dislike about the city and to invite people to notice how people are being treated.

Ms. Mercedes S. Evans, Human Right Commission member, stated that effectiveness together with the marketing piece need to be discussed. Perception, she said, will either make or break the marketing aspect.

Mr. Bill Madsen, Public Conversation Project, suggested the idea of preventative ombudsmanpersonship to have people envision what the city could look like, rather than what are the problems and solutions.

Ms. Hoffman asked Ms. Packer if her agency gets complaints on racial exclusion. Ms. Packer responded that interpersonal issues have been worked on at the Community Dispute Settlement Center. Mediation training is conducted and mediation skills are built into work skills. Conflict resolution groups are also located at the Community Dispute Settlement Center.

Ms. Evans stated that outreach to the community has been done on some issues, such as employment and housing. This invokes complaints in the agency and then education is conducted.

Ms. Ostrander, Human Rights Commission Member, stated that there is a large potential for circle justice. Ms. Hoffman stated that the Peace Commission has held conflict resolution training for city employees. If there are skills used to diffuse conflict resolution a different environment is created.

Councillor Decker stated that a presentation will be given on restorative (circle) justice.

Ms. Potts called the process a "circle of value". She began justice work twenty-five years ago and uses a process taught to her in the neighborhood where she grew up. Circles are used to resolve problems and address conflicts. She views this process as a non-professional, peaceful model. The starting point, she said, is to agree on commonality. Next define what is justice work. Values are established. The circle process is used to agree on points and use resolution to affect institutions in the city. There is a cottage industry growing around restorative justice, she said. She stated the most inspiring story using circle was the Hollowwater Story. She proceeded to tell the story.

Hollowwater is a small city in Ontario, Canada with 600 residents. Eighteen of the children in Hollowwater, under the age of twelve, were found intoxicated from inhaling gasoline. Health workers and professionals in the community met to discuss the situation. It was discovered that the commonality was sexual abuse. Eighty percent of adults in the community were abused as children. Fifty percent of adults in the community were actively abusing children. The professionals met for three years to develop a model to develop a peaceful community. One hundred persons have gone through the program that was developed. Two people have rectified; one is in training. The inhabitants have reclaimed this community, she said.

The circle process, she said consists of:

- Small groups of people gathering in a circle;
- Two keepers, one a facilitator and one an adjuster;
- A talking piece that goes from person to person in the circle;
- Circles are used to sentence people; and
- Crime is defined as a hurtful act to the community.

The issue is to heal the harm and the circle comes together to accomplish this.

Circles are set up for victims and offenders. Victims explain what happened, how they were harmed, what the harm did and what is needed to feel whole. Offenders work on developing a plan on how to heal the hurt. Both circles meet individually until they are ready to come together as one circle to heal the hurt. The process is confidential. The victim tells the offender what it felt like to be hurt and this gives the offender an opportunity to say that they are sorry. An agreement is reached within the circle. The circle, she said, gentles the responses and recognizes the environment of what is deeply human about us. The process is indigenous, balanced and respectful. She further stated that there needs to be a web of protection for the circle. Circles look different in each community. She distributed a pamphlet describing a Restorative Justice Circle. **(ATTACHMENT D)**.

Mr. Kazi Toure, American Friends Service Committee, stated that the concerns are professional versus non-professional and how to address the root problem of poverty.

Councillor Decker thanked Ms. Potts and Mr. Toure for their presentation.

The committee now heard from Jennifer Clammer, Center for Peaceable Schools at Leslie College, who stated that her agency was a network of community activists who work on alternatives to violence and share knowledge with other practitioners. The core of the circles is to be gentle and human. Circles, she stated, address questions before the issues are discussed. Circles are not training but are experiences. Ms. Potts stated that adults need to be included in circles.

Councillor Decker stated that neighborhood and tenant groups are all different. The focus is on particular neighborhood issues. Her goal is to utilize her role to bring people together to have conversation. Ms. Hoffman stated that leaders and resources can be found in every person.

Ms. Potts suggested using a "small" pilot circle project. She informed the group that there is funding available for this process. Volunteers create a better circle, she said.

Councillor Decker stated that Cambridge is different today than it was years ago. Ms. Potts stated that there is a deeply segregated feeling in the City of Cambridge. There is a real divide. The challenge is what is done from the shared values.

Councillor Decker stated that work needs to be done to collect the data and the city needs to get information out to the community. The issue of how conversation is done in the community needs to be addressed.

Councillor Decker stated that a planning committee would meet to discuss what are the next steps to be taken. The City Council has provided funding for an ombudsman-type position and she would like the committee to outline how this position could help the work of the committee.

Ms. Ryan suggested posting a notice for an intern on "Volunteer Solution Partnership".

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Decker thanked all attendees and scheduled the next meeting of the Civic Unity Committee for Wednesday, July 25, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Marjorie Decker,
Chair

Committee Report #3

In City Council July 30, 2001

**CABLE TV, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Chair
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Michael A. Sullivan*

The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2001 at 12:35 p. m. at the Truman Apartments, 25 Eighth Street, Cambridge.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cable issues affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills.

Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Timothy Toomey, Donald Drisdell, Deputy City Solicitor, Nancy Glowka, First Assistant City Solicitor, Lisa Peterson, Commissioner of Public Works, James Henry, Mayor's Office and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk. Also present at the meeting was Timothy G. Murnane, Manager of Government Affairs, AT&T Broadband.

Vice Mayor Maher opened the meeting and stated the purpose. He informed the attendees that several meetings would be held to hear the concerns of the senior citizens regarding cable television. A representative from AT&T, Mr. Murnane, will be at the meeting to hear these concerns, also.

Vice Mayor Maher asked Lisa Peterson, Public Works Commissioner, to give an update on the renegotiations of the contract. Commissioner Peterson stated that the original cable contract was for fifteen years and expired in December 2000. The Renewal License will expire in 2010. The City Manager does not have any control or authority to set rates or require particular programming, she said.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that the City is doing everything it can to get a second cable provider in the City in an effort to provide competition. The City has repeatedly asked AT&T and their predecessors to provide the Food Channel, but they have been unwilling to do so. Maybe, he said, a second cable carrier would provide this programming. A second cable carrier may have to rewire the whole city. It is the City's position that in the Renewal License with AT&T the City negotiated a discount for all senior citizens 65 years of age or older. The original license, by side letter agreement, provided for a 15% discount for seniors living in public housing in the City. The City wanted all senior citizens to receive the discount, he said. When the negotiations occurred with AT&T the City agreed to a reduction of the discount from 15% to 10% in exchange for the discount being available to all seniors regardless of where they live. After the Renewal License was signed, AT&T announced that it would only provide the discount on the lowest level of service they provide, rather than on the Total Basic Service to which the discount used to apply. AT&T changed the name of Total Basic Service to Standard Cable Service, and now argues that the discount only applies to Basic Service. The City Manager is the issuing authority of the cable license. The City Manager has notified AT&T that he believes they are in breach of the requirement to provide a senior discount to all seniors for the equivalent

of what used to be called Total Basic Service. There is a process that needs to be followed when there is a difference of opinion.

Mr. Drisdell stated that the City Manager's position is that a 10% discount was negotiated with AT&T for all seniors 65 years of age or older. AT&T has a different position. The City Manager notified AT&T in writing that AT&T was not in compliance with the contract. AT&T feels that it is in compliance. The City Manager then notified AT&T that a hearing would be scheduled for July 16, 2001 at 5:30 p. m. to discuss this matter. At the hearing, he stated, AT&T will be given an opportunity to answer the charges that AT&T is not in compliance. This issue may end up in court, he said.

The entire City Council is behind the City's position that all seniors should receive a discount, stated Vice Mayor Maher. The City feels that it is right in its interpretation of the negotiations and feels confident that the court will uphold this position.

Councillor Toomey stated that the City Council was upset that AT&T took this position and feels confident that the seniors will receive this discount.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that what was called Total Basic Service (and what is now called Standard Cable Service) was \$35.00 per month with a 15% discount equaling \$5.00. Now the discount on what is now called Basic Service has been changed to \$0.69.

Sandra DeMaio, 58 Fulkerson Street, asked how much money does the City charge for the cable license. Mr. Drisdell responded that the cable franchise is regulated at the state and federal level. Franchise fees cannot exceed 5% of the fees. Ms. DeMaio asked if AT&T was charged more money than Media One. Mr. Drisdell stated that the Media One contract was negotiated fifteen years ago and the fees charged in that original license were somewhat lower to reflect the start-up costs of building a new system and providing many other amenities to the City. Ms. DeMaio asked if there was an up-front fee. Vice Mayor Maher stated the up-front fee was for capital improvements to the infrastructure. Ms. Peterson stated that the City received \$1 million from Media One. This sum was comparable to that received from the previous cable provider. Ms DeMaio expressed her concern about the condition of the streets. Vice Mayor Maher stated that more wires would be installed with a second cable provider.

Catherine Carbone asked what was holding up the 10% discount. Vice Mayor Maher stated that when negotiations were concluded the City felt that seniors in the City would receive a 10% discount on Total Basic Service. AT&T did not indicate that they would change the name of the service to Standard Cable Service and then argue that the discount would only be available for a much lower level of service now called Basic Service.

Robert J. McCormick stated that the discount offered is small and then fees are increased. He responded to a question by Vice Mayor Maher that his cable bill is in the \$70.00 range. AT&T keeps using hard sell tactics, he said.

Louis Moretti stated that the senior discount has been taken away from residents of the Miller Rivers Apartment. He asked if AT&T has a right to take the discount away. Vice Mayor

Maier stated that seniors must sign an affidavit stating that they are 65 years or older to receive the discount of \$0.69. Mr. Murnane stated that if an applicant is receiving the discount the discount is in the Basic Package. The Vice Mayor asked the attendees if they see the discount on their cable bills. The response was in the negative. Vice Mayor Maier urged all attendees to make copies of their cable bills and send them to the City Council Office so that AT&T can see that the discount does not appear on the cable bill. Mr. Murnane stated that new billing format will be instituted this summer.

A discussion ensued regarding taxes on cable license. Mr. Murnane stated that \$0.80 federal tax goes to the FCC; \$0.50 goes to the City for an administrative fee and that there is also a state fee. Vice Mayor Maier made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct AT&T to spell out all the tax information on the cable bills for the general public.

Vice Mayor Maier informed the attendees that if the seniors are paying too much money for cable the City could help you pick a service that will fit their budget. He encouraged the attendees to cut back on cable service. He stated that while the City itself would not ask individuals to cut back on their cable service, individual councillors could do so. He said he feels that the cable provider is not acting in good faith and this will send a message to AT&T.

Vice Mayor Maier stated the next step would be that the City would hold a public hearing on July 16, 2001. The City Council is fighting for the senior discount, he said.

Mr. McCormick asked if the issue goes to court how long would it be before the discount is received. Mr. Drisdell responded that it could take one to two years.

A discussion took place regarding the services and fees. A senior stated that she has the Basic Service for \$38.00 per month. Vice Mayor Maier stated that AT&T created a lower level service for \$6.89 per month. The original Basic Service was changed to Standard Service and the discount would only be given to the to the lower level of service. Mr. Murnane stated that the purchased package was Total Basic Service now this service is called Basic Service.

Fred Carbone asked if NESN will be in the Basic Service. Mr. Murnane responded it will be in the Standard Service in July.

Mr. Moretti asked the reason that Sherman Street cannot be called for service. Mr. Murnane stated that AT&T has a Central Service Facility. Mr. Moretti stated his displeasure with the delay in service. Mr. Murnane stated that this is due to a staffing issue. Internet service calls are more time consuming because computers are all different.

Vice Mayor Maier again urged all seniors to tell others about the City's position on this issue. It is the City's hope that AT&T will come to their senses on this issue and not fight this in court.

Vice Mayor Maier thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

For the Committee,

Vice Mayor David Maher,
Chair

Committee Report #4

In City Council July 30, 2001

CABLE TV, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Chair
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Michael A. Sullivan*

The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee held a public meeting on Friday, June 22, 2001 at 10:40 a.m. at the North Cambridge Senior Center, 2050 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cable services affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills.

Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Committee, Donald Drisdell, Deputy City Solicitor, Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor, Lisa Peterson, Commissioner of Public Works, Jason Marshall, Mayor's Office, Paul Schlaver, Executive Director, Cambridge Consumer Council and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Maher opened the meeting and stated the purpose. He informed the attendees that the City fought long and hard to get a discount for senior citizens. The initial contract was negotiated with American Cable Systems fifteen years ago and contained, by side letter agreement, a 15% discount for seniors living in public housing. The contract now is with AT&T. All former cable companies have been better to deal with than AT&T. The City Council wanted the City Manager to secure a discount for all seniors, regardless of where they were living. The City administration was happy when it thought that this had occurred. The negotiation was to give a 10% rather than a 15% discount. The original 15% discount applied to what was called, at the time of negotiations, Total Basic Service. AT&T took the description of Total Basic Service and after the contract was signed changed its name to Standard Cable Service. AT&T identified a new service called Basic Service and applied the discount to that, leading to a \$0.69 discount. Negotiations were not done in good faith. The City Council, he said, urged the City Manager to take this matter to the full extent permitted by law. Why would the City negotiate a discount for seniors from \$5.00 to \$0.69, he asked. If this issue went to court it could take one to two years to resolve. Vice Mayor Maher urged the seniors to complain about the service and to send letters that will be made part of the record and forwarded to AT&T. This is a situation where a large company is not acting in good faith and the senior citizens are being harmed. He stated that the City Manager is the licensing authority for the cable TV license. Mr. Healy has put the cable company on notice that it is in violation of the contract. A public hearing will be held on July 16, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. AT&T will be summoned to the public hearing to hear allegations by the City. Speaking as an elected representative, Vice Mayor Maher urged the attendees to reduce their cable service and to eliminate the premium channels and to inform AT&T the reason why they are taking this action.

Vice Mayor Maher, in response to comments by the seniors, made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct AT&T to make the cable bills easier to read and understand and more consumer friendly.

He further stated that the AT&T Renewal License is for ten years. The City, he said, would push to have the discount retroactive in court. He informed the attendees that an AT&T representative informed his committee that the bills are being redesigned.

Barbara Cooney, 30 Churchill Avenue #307, asked if this was a breach of the AT&T contract. Mr. Drisdell stated that the City Manager has notified AT&T, in writing, that AT&T has breached the contract. This is the reason for the public hearing being held on July 16, 2001.

Ms. Cooney stated that she felt that people on disability should also be entitled to the discount. Mr. Drisdell stated that the license renewal was based on the original cable license. The original license included a discount for persons 65 years of age or older and only in certain types of subsidized housing. The discount was expanded to include all senior citizens 65 years of age or older regardless of where they are living.

Vice Mayor Maher asked the attendees if the discount was apparent on their cable bills. The response was in the negative. An affidavit is required stating that seniors are 65 years of age or older to receive the discount.

Ms. Cooney inquired if the City is seeking a second cable carrier. Negotiations have been on-going with RCN to acquire a second cable carrier, responded Vice Mayor Maher. The only problem with a second carrier is that the whole city will have to be rewired. One cable carrier will not allow another cable carrier to use its wires. It will take two years at least to dig up and rewire the City, he said. Also, RCN has stepped back and is not as eager to come to Cambridge, he said.

A senior asked about Direct TV. Mr. Drisdell stated that it is a different company and a different technology. Vice Mayor Maher stated that this service is done on an individual basis. Reception is good and there are more channels with Direct TV, but it is expensive. Direct TV does not carry public, educational and governmental channels stated Mr. Drisdell.

Terry Romanoff, Manager of the Russell Apartments, stated that there is no savings to change to a second cable carrier. Vice Mayor Maher stated that a survey was done and there is no decrease in prices with competition. He stated that the City has tried to get the Food Channel in Cambridge and AT&T will not provide this service because it does not generate revenue. RCN would provide the Food Channel because of competition.

Vice Mayor Maher informed the attendees that NESN was made part of the Standard Package because there was a good survey response.

A senior informed the committee that AT&T is trying to sell digital boxes. AT&T does make calls to update its service, said Vice Mayor Maher. Mr. Drisdell stated that local government cannot control prices and programming. Federal law limits the City's control over cable matters.

Ms. Clooney stated that if people have a cable ready TV a cable box is not needed. She would need a box if she wanted HBO.

James Dunn, from Belmont, stated that AT&T took over cable in Belmont. He informed the committee of a promotional deal for NESN. Ms. Clooney stated that effective July 16, 2001 only one-half of the bill should be paid for NESN. Vice Mayor Maher made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct AT&T to report when the new cable bills are generated about the NESN fee.

Eileen McGaughey asked if the discount was across the board to all seniors. Vice Mayor Maher responded that it is a 10% across the board discount for what was known as Total Basic Service at the time of negotiations, and which is now called Standard Cable Service. Commissioner Peterson stated that this is the \$35.00 package. AT&T is now arguing that because of the changed name of the service, the discount is only available for Basic Service, meaning that the discount would only be \$0.69, but the City's position is that the discount should be for what is now called Standard Basic Service, which would make the discount approximately \$3.50. Seniors who do not live in senior housing need to file an affidavit stating that they are 65 years of age or older to get the discount.

A senior stated that the complaints are with AT&T and they are unable to communicate their complaints to AT&T.

Ms. Romanoff encouraged the seniors to call the Consumer Council if there are services that they are charged for and are not receiving. Vice Mayor Maher urged the attendees not to be afraid to down grade their services because of the way AT&T is treating senior citizens in the City.

Paul Schlaver, Executive Director, Cambridge Consumer Council, stated that when the July bills are received the seniors should bring the bills to Ms. Romanoff. The Basic Service is approximately \$7.00 with an additional \$1.85 fee for the cable box plus a fee for NESN. The \$35.00 package will be increased by \$5.00. Even with the discount of approximately \$3.50 the bills are still increased. He informed the attendees that the Service Protection Plan is generally not needed in senior housing.

Ms. Clooney stated that the digital boxes are \$88.00 per month. She suggested calling Susan Warnock to complain about the cable fees and service. If AT&T thinks it will lose money they will respond, stated Vice Mayor Maher.

A senior stated that he did not know why the channels cannot be consistent city to city. Pay Per View channels are sold by the cable carriers, said Vice Mayor Maher. Money is being made with the Big ShowTime Channels.

Another complaint was received about the Cable TV Guide. The Guide should be part of the Basic Service. AT&T wants the subscriber to buy their TV Guide.

Vice Mayor Maher suggested that a flyer be prepared explaining digital TV and the fact that no boxes are needed for cable-ready TV.

Vice Mayor Maher thanked all attendees and urged the seniors to write a letter to the City Council stating their displeasure with AT&T. He also urged that letters be sent to the state and federal level. He cautioned the senior to be careful with the service that they are eliminating because there may be an additional charge to reactive the service.

Ms. Romanoff stated ---PEOPLE POWER ---MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD!

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p. m.

For the Committee,

Vice Mayor David Maher
Chair

Committee Report #5

CABLE TV, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Chair
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Michael A. Sullivan*

In City Council July 30, 2001

The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2001 at 12:35 p. m. in the Ballroom, Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public meeting to discuss cable issues affecting senior citizens and to give a status report on the issue of the senior discount on cable bills.

Present at the meeting was Vice Mayor David Maher, Chair of the Committee, Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor, Lisa Peterson Commissioner of Public Works, Jason Marshall, Mayor's Office, Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Maher opened the meeting and stated the purpose. There have been two previous meetings to get feed back from the seniors as well as to provide information to the public on the cable issue. This is the third meeting. Vice Mayor Maher outlined the cable history.

The original cable license was with American Cable Systems and was fifteen years ago. The license holder changed hands many times over this period. AT&T is the major cable carrier in the country and has been buying up other cable companies. The City needed to negotiate a new license and did so with AT&T. There was a 15% senior discount received by persons in senior housing with the previous license. The City Council wanted all seniors to receive a discount. AT&T did not agree to the 15% discount. The City thought it had arranged for a 10% discount for all seniors. Since the negotiations the \$35.00 package has increased to \$37.00. The City thought a discount of \$3.89 was received. AT&T stated that the discount was on the Basic Service. Then AT&T renamed the \$35.00 package to Standard Service. The lower new Basic Service costs \$6.89. AT&T has stated that the discount was on the Basic Service and the language going forward and not the language used for the last fifteen years. The entire City Council believes that the City negotiated in good faith for a senior discount for all seniors. This amounts to the bait and switch tactic. The City Manager has put AT&T on notice that they are in violation of the contract. A public hearing will be held on July 16, 2001 at 5:30 p. m. What may come from the public hearing is either a settlement on the issue or a court case in a state or federal court. The City, he said, is prepared to go to court on this issue. The City's intent was to negotiate a discount for all seniors.

Sally H. Lunt, Esquire, 1105 Massachusetts Avenue, asked what is the City's strategy. Ms. Glowa responded that the City contracted for a 10% senior discount on the \$35.00 Basic Service Package. AT&T has changed this by changing the name of the package to Standard Service. AT&T is not providing what they negotiated. The City believes that AT&T is in

breach of the terms of the contract for not providing the discount to seniors. The cable license requires that a public hearing be held. Attorney Lunt stated that she would like the City to broaden the court case to include the state and federal government to pressure AT&T to do what is right.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that minutes from these meetings would be forwarded to Mike Capuano and Senators Kerry and Kennedy. The FCC has been sympathetic to the needs of AT&T and not the consumer. State and federal officials will be contacted to advocate for the City, he said. At the Truman Apartment meeting it was made clear that readability of the cable bills is an issue. AT&T is redesigning the bills to be more consumer friendly, he said. The senior discount does not show up as a discount; no minus appears on the bill. If a senior was receiving the discount previously they are probably receiving the discount now. If a senior has not received the discount an affidavit needs to be filed with AT&T stating that the person is 65 years or age or older to receive the discount.

A senior stated that all Standard subscribers would receive NESN for a price. She cancelled her Standard Service. She switched to the Basic Service and will be charged only \$7.20 per month.

AT&T is a company that relies on expanding their service, stated Vice Mayor Maher. He urged seniors to down grade their cable service because of the treatment of seniors by AT&T.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that a flyer would be prepared with information about Direct and Dish TV. The companies will be contacted to obtain a price listing of the cost of their services. Installation is free, but the monthly bill is the problem, he said.

Cambridge, he said, was the first City to negotiate a senior discount with a cable company. The discount was negotiated fifteen years ago. AT&T is afraid surrounding cities and towns will also want the discount.

The discussion turned to the issue of a second cable carrier. The City has negotiated with RCN. There are however, two problems:

1. The whole city needs to be rewired and this will take two years; and
2. RCN is over extended.

Vice Mayor Maher further stated that where there is competition prices have not decreased or escalated. Community concerns are taken more serious when competition exists.

Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner, informed the attendees that Ms. Nichols from the License Commission will be at the Senior Center one day a week starting the week of July 9th to help seniors document their complaints and help read their cable bills.

Sergio Bru, 150 Erie Street, stated that he wanted the Basic Service but was encouraged to buy the entire package for \$39.00. Now his bill is \$44.00 with AT&T.

Barbara Adams, 411 Franklin Street, stated that she had her cable shut off in the winter because she was away. When her service was turned back on the bill was too confusing.

A senior complained about the lack of choice with cable. She was not asked if she wanted NESN, she was told she would have NESN and would be charged for it.

An 85-year-old senior complained that the consumer cannot contact any human person if you have a cable problem. The person at the cable office that she talked to was located in West Virginia.

Vice Mayor Maher informed the attendees that if they have a cable-ready TV a box is not required. A box is needed for the movie channels, she said. AT&T is telling the seniors that they have to return the boxes themselves. It is mandated in the license that the office on Sherman Street be maintained for customer service.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that AT&T is telling customers that they are getting NESN free, but the rates are increasing. If you previously had NESN there is a discount. He encouraged the seniors to bring their bill to the Senior Center so that Ms. Nichols can review them. AT&T will be informed that the City went out into the community and that there is a lot of dissatisfaction in the city with AT&T.

Virginia M. Jay, 2 Mt. Auburn Street, stated that she has had five increases in her cable bill since January. Vice Mayor Maher explained the increases were caused by a loss of the senior discount, a rate increase and changes in the state and federal taxes. Mr. Barnes stated that if the seniors bring their bills to the Senior Center his staff can verify that they are being billed correctly. Vice Mayor Maher urged the seniors to say "NO" to the telemarketing efforts by AT&T.

A senior asked about the advantages of cable versus digital. Commissioner Peterson stated that digital service is not available yet. AT&T does have digital boxes. AT&T is getting ready for the digital technology.

Vice Mayor Maher thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

For the Committee,

Vice Mayor David Maher,
Chair

Committee Report #6

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

In City Council July 30, 2001

Councillor Davis, Chair

Councillor Decker

Vice Mayor Maher

The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee conducted a public meeting on June 29, 2001 at 12:45 p. m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Superintendent of Schools and the CRLS Principal to discuss the School to Career Program and to present the survey results of the draft report entitled ***“Education and Skill for the New Economy: A Survey of Employment Trends in Cambridge, Massachusetts.”***

Present at the meeting were Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor David Maher, Bobbie D’Alessandro, Superintendent of Schools, Maria Ferri, Internship Specialist Rindge School Technical Arts (RSTA), Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, Sue Walsh, Director, Workforce Development, Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Elaine Madden, Project Planner, Economic Development Division, Community Development Department, Jennifer James, previous Economic Development Intern, Community Development (CDD) now presently employed in the Governor’s Office as a member of a Job Training Task Force, Mina Reedy, Director, Community Learning Center and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that this meeting is to get a summary of the economic report from Ms. Madden. The long-term goal of this committee is to get the school system connected with this committee so that the school department officials can learn what is available for training for students. There are good jobs in Cambridge, and Cambridge young people are not getting these jobs, she said. This is a preliminary meeting and the School Committee will be informed of the findings.

Ms. Rubenstein thanked Ms. Madden and Ms. James for their work on this report. A survey was done of Cambridge employers in the new economy to get an understanding of the following:

- ◆ The current labor structure; and
- ◆ The future labor needs.

Skill, education levels, training and advancement opportunities were identified. The response rate to the survey was good, she said. A confidentiality element was made to all the firms. Anonymity was assured for the firms to respond to the survey.

Ms. Madden outlined the methodology used. **ATTACHMENT A.** The survey identified industry sectors. The new economy was identified as the fastest growing industrial sector in

Massachusetts and is the largest employment sectors in Cambridge. The economic sectors were identified into four industry clusters:

1. Information Technology (IT);
2. Science and research;
3. Health; and
4. Business and Finance.

There were 999 surveys distributed. The survey results were 131 or a response rate of 13%. The employment survey covered the following areas:

- ◆ Job types;
- ◆ Salary;
- ◆ Number of employees;
- ◆ Educational requirements;
- ◆ Skill requirement for each job type;
- ◆ Training;
- ◆ Advancement;
- ◆ Growth rate in five years; and
- ◆ Recruitment methods.

Ms. Madden explained the highlights of the survey.

In 1998 the four industry clusters represented 45,596 employees or 40% of the total employment in Cambridge. The top three jobs in the new economy, she said, are:

1. Engineer;
2. Nurse; and
3. Administrative assistant.

A Bachelor's degree or higher is required by employers representing 63.7% of the existing jobs. The top three skill requirements were identified as:

1. Critical thinking;
2. Industry specific knowledge; and
3. Customer service.

Critical thinking, she said, was the top skill requirement. Access to advancement was reported by 75% of employees. However, employers did not necessarily provide in-house training, she said. The three top recruitment sources used were:

1. Recommendation by fellow employees;
2. Newspapers; and
3. The Internet.

Councillor Davis asked why are nurses included in the new economy. Ms. James responded that the medical field has the highest growth rate based on a Department of Employment and Training Study. There is a nation-wide shortage of nurses, she said. Ms. D'Alessandro stated that there would be a teacher shortage. Ms. Rubenstein stated that education and government are not included in the 40% of the total employment in Cambridge.

Councillor Davis asked what are the surprises in the new information. Ms. James stated that employers expect a package of skills from employees such as critical thinking. The results of the survey are an endorsement for liberal education containing a good general background and internship program stated Ms. Rubenstein. Ms. James stated that training is for upper level employees, not entrance level. On the job experience is the key to get jobs at the next level, she said. Emphasis is on networking for recruitment added Ms Rubenstein. Use of the Internet has increased stated Ms. Herold.

Ms. Madden stated that the projected five year growth rate jobs are in the medical field.
ATTACHMENT B.

Ms. James stated that Cambridge is known for its Architect/Planner firms. This represents an anomaly in the data. Ms. Walsh stated also that the biotech industry is regional to Cambridge.

Ms. James stated that the survey was done during a steep labor shortage. In-house training is not done in the IT industry because employers expect employees to have the needed skills. Other areas of training in Cambridge are encouraging, she said.

Councillor Davis asked how are "soft skills" (verbal communication and customer service) developed. What is the education method used to get soft skills? Ms. Walsh responded that a grant was written and approved for funding of \$25,000 to develop a soft skills program. Existing soft skill programs will be studied, she said. Ms. D'Alessandro stated that more interactive classrooms are needed. These skills are critical for students. Teachers, she said, need to have skills to integrate these skills in the classroom. Ms. Ferri stated that interns get a 2-3 week intense training to develop soft skills. Councillor Davis stated that the city needs to take a stand to provide soft skill training. Ms. James stated that a book entitled Stories Employers Tell explains how soft skills play out in the work place.

Ms. Rubenstein stated that **ATTACHMENT C** lists the top ten job types in each cluster, the education level and the required top three skill levels.

Councillor Davis stated that she would like the report to appear on the City's Web Site. Ms. Rubenstein stated that the report needs refinements. When the final report is complete it will be forwarded to the City Manager and be placed on the Agenda for the summer meeting. Information needs to be given back to the firms that provided the survey information. The Chamber of Commerce should have access to this information.

Councillor Davis asked about the changing economy in relation to the dot.com companies. Ms. James stated that the dot.com companies impacted San Francisco and

Cambridge, but that they are small companies. The companies have either over 100 or under 25 employees. The real estate market in Cambridge impacts these companies, stated Ms. Madden. Councillor Davis stated that the vacancy rate in office space has increased in Cambridge. It may be useful to know what companies have left Cambridge to create this vacancy rate, she said.

Councillor Davis asked what does the committee want to do with this information. Vice Mayor Maher agreed with Ms. Rubenstein that the information should go to the Chamber of Commerce. There are firms here looking to have a partnership with Cambridge. These firms are looking for a local pool of employees and are having a difficult time finding qualified applicants. This information needs to be integrated into the School Department. Without work and without earning a good wage people cannot live in Cambridge, he said. The Police and Fire Departments were competitive, but now people are not taking these examinations. There is preferential placement for Cambridge residents in positions for the police and fire departments. The families in the community who have historically held these positions have left Cambridge. He informed the committee that his organization is opening a home for inner-city boys that are aging from the Department of Social Services. His organization is experiencing difficulty in finding appropriate staffing for this home.

Councillor Davis stated that the information about education and economic development needs to be infused. She suggested hosting a meeting with the School Committee to transmit the findings of this report to the School Committee. Ms. D'Alessandro stated that the guidance counselors and the school deans need to read the report. The youth in the community also need this information stated Councillor Davis. Especially that jobs are available in the community.

Ms. Rubenstein stated the report would be distributed to the full City Council at the summer meeting. Then a meeting could be held with the School Committee. Community Development would provide the link to provide a wide distribution of the report and to have it put on the Web Site. Ms. Walsh stated that the report could be added to the Economic Development Web Page site.

Councillor Davis requested that the Community Development provide a synopsis of the key findings in the report.

Councillor Davis stated that this information needs to be integrated early at the school level. She asked if there is an internship program at the 7-8-grade level. Ms. Ferri responded in the affirmative.

Councillor Davis thanked all attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p. m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis,
Chair

Committee Report #7

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In City Council July 30, 2001

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Henrietta Davis

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on July 18, 2001, beginning at 3:10 P.M. in the Ackermann Room for the purpose of considering a proposed ordinance to establish a Community Preservation Act Committee as required by the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Robert W. Healy, City Manager, James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, Don Drisdell, Deputy City Solicitor, Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor, Lisa Peterson, Commissioner of Public Works.

Vice Mayor Maher convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He invited Mr. Healy to begin the presentation. Mr. Healy described the proposed ordinance (**Attached**).

Councillor Born asked whether the City Council could change Sec. 2.122.020, which describes the purposes. Attorney Drisdell said that this is the statutory language, made a part of the ordinance for clarity.

Councillor Born asked if anything in addition to the number of committee members reflects choices by the drafters rather than requirements of the statute. Attorney Drisdell said that the selection of the chair by the members is not required by statute.

Councillor Born asked whether the City Council should adopt the CPA ordinance before or after the election. Attorney Drisdell and Mr. Healy said that the City Council could do either. Councillor Born observed that adoption prior to the election could send a message to the voters about the strength of Council support.

Councillor Davis emphasized that there are strong limitations on public expenditures to provide material in support of approval of the CPA. It will be important for the public to take a big role. She asked where support has come for previous referenda questions. Mr. Healy said that in the 1992 Proposition 2 ½ override the unions took the lead.

Councillor Davis asked if the Chair of the Health and Environment Committee could call a meeting for informational purposes and have staff present to explain. Mr. Healy answered in the affirmative.

Vice Mayor Maher then invited public comment.

Jim Stockard, 141 Oxford Street, member of the Cambridge Housing Authority Board and the Affordable Housing Trust, applauded the City Council's strong support for the CPA. It makes great sense and deals with three important needs in Cambridge. Cambridge has taken a leadership role, which is important; failure to act would have been a weapon for the opposition. He noted that this is one of the first times that these three constituencies (affordable housing, open space and historic preservation) have been brought together. It is a great opportunity to build coalitions.

Cobb Carlson, Hingham Street, Cambridge, stated that he went to the original statewide conference on the Community Preservation Act. He submitted documents that he received at that conference. He noted that Andover has provided summaries of what the actual costs would be.

Elie Yarden, 141 Pleasant Street, spoke in support of the ordinance. The Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods is looking into whether it can actively lobby for passage of the act. He said that he, himself, will support it wholeheartedly.

Vice Mayor Maher asked whether the City Council can change the allocation of funds recommended by the CPA Committee. Attorney Drisdell said that the committee's recommendation is purely advisory. Mr. Healy said that the committee report and recommendations will be sent to the City Manager and the City Council. The City Manager submits the budget and if he thinks the committee recommendations do not support the City Council goals, he can bring in a budget with a different allocation.

Vice Mayor Maher asked if the City Council could reject both the CPA Committee's recommendation and the City Manager's proposed allocation. He said that he is concerned about a situation in which members of the City Council do not agree on the allocation.

Councillor Davis stated that the City Council should look into this a little more.

Councillor Sullivan said that normal municipal budget operations provide for the City Manager to make a recommendation all of the items in the budget.

Councillor Born asked if the City Council has any powers to change this. Attorney Drisdell answered in the negative. The City Manager makes a budget recommendation; the City Council can decrease items and/or request that the City Manager recommend increases.

Councillor Davis asked when funds could be available. Mr. Maloney said that funds will be available in October of 2002.

Vice Mayor Maher moved that the ordinance be referred to the full City Council with the proposed language in Sec. 2.122.060 to enable adoption of the ordinance before the election, with the provision that the ordinance shall take effect upon acceptance by the voters of the Community Preservation Act.

The motion passed on a voice vote without objection.

Vice Mayor Maher thanked those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair

Committee Report #8

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In City Council July 30, 2001

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Henrietta Davis

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker

Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on July 18, 2001, beginning at 4:35 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber/Ackermann Room for the purpose of considering a proposed zoning amendment for a Special District 4 and 4A in the Alewife area.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Lester Barber, Community Development Department (CDD), Roger Boothe, CDD, Stuart Dash, CDD and Iram Farouk, CDD.

Vice Mayor Maher convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He then invited Ms. Rubenstein and Mr. Barber to make a presentation.

Mr. Barber summarized the petition to rezone the area to two new districts. Special District 4 covers the larger area, the "ADL" property owned by Bullfinch. Special District 4A encompasses a smaller area fronting Route 2 owned by the Martignetti Trust.

The proposal uses the Office 2 District as the base zoning. Yard requirements will remain as they are in O-2 districts but can be waived by special permit. Mr. Barber said that the most dramatic difference between the two districts is the amount of development allowed.

Vice Mayor Maher asked what is currently allowed. Mr. Barber said that the area is currently zoned O-2, which allows an 85 foot height, an FAR of 2.0 for residential development and 1.5 for all other uses, and formula setbacks for yards.

Special District 4A would provide for a commercial FAR of 1 and a residential FAR of 1.5. Special District 4 provides for a total gross floor area (GFA) with additional GFA tied to demolition of the buildings closest to the reservation. There are two "no build" areas - the larger area of wetlands by Belmont, and also the area beyond the road and near the Little River. Both districts set height limits at 60 feet as of right, which can go to 85 feet with a special permit.

Councillor Sullivan asked about the FAR for residential development in Special District 4A. Mr. Barber said that the FAR equals 1.50. Councillor Sullivan asked how many units could be built, with that FAR. Mr. Barber said that if one assumes 1,000 square feet per unit, one can make some rough calculations. Councillor Sullivan asked for that information before the City Council takes action on the petition.

Kevin Crane, 104 Mt. Auburn Street, attorney for Martignetti Realty Trust, introduced his clients to make some comments.

Anthony Martignetti stated that he is the owner of 195 Concord Turnpike, the property which comprises Special District 4A. He thanked the City Council and Community Development for their work on the zoning petitions. He stated that now Martignetti Realty Trust has a master plan for the area. The plan includes 342 residential units, a remodeled hotel property and an office building. A buffer zone will be returned to wetlands, and the plan will boost green space by 35%. Mr. Martignetti expressed his desire to work toward zoning that will allow this well thought-out project. Mr. Martignetti then introduced architect Peter Steffian, resident of 931 Massachusetts Avenue, principal in Steffian, Bradley Associates. Mr. Steffian stated that his firm has been working with the Martignettis for over a year to develop a plan for the area. He then introduced Ron Vestry, who presented a conceptual drawing of the site and the plans. He stated that under the plan the building foot print occupies 65% of the site and wetlands occupy 35% of the site, with a reduction of asphalt/parking.

Councillor Reeves noted that the presentation would be much improved by a high tech City Council chamber.

Vice Mayor Maher asked about the density. Mr. Vestry stated that the plan is for 342 residential units which would be 9 stories, with a 90 foot height. The FAR would be 1.95. It would amount to 428,000 square feet of the building and 52 affordable units. The office building would be five stories, 60-70 feet, with a 1.25 FAR. Parking is at grade because of the flood plan, completely hidden from the site.

Councillor Born urged the speakers to keep to a more general presentation on the zoning, rather than focusing on one particular project. Vice Mayor Maher said that he agreed, and he thanked the Martignettis for their presentation because it is useful to be able to envision what could be built within the zoning.

Councillor Decker asked if the amount of affordable housing proposed is more than what is required by inclusionary zoning, and Mr. Steffian answered in the affirmative. Councillor Decker stated that she is very interested in information about environmental impacts.

Attorney Crane stated that his clients are concerned about the proposed FAR. It was already reduced from 3.0 twenty years ago to 2.0. This proposal is more stringent than the citywide rezoning. His clients are proposing a 1.25 commercial FAR. With regard to height, he noted that for the O-2 district, the allowed height is 85 feet. The citywide rezoning allows 75 feet as matter of right in an O-2 zone. This proposal goes further. His clients request consideration of increasing the height allowed by special permit to 90 feet for residential use.

Attorney Crane also requested that structured parking not be counted toward the FAR in certain circumstances, as is the case with the way the ADL site is being treated.*

Steve Kaiser, 191 Hamilton Street, made comments on behalf of the Alewife Coalition. The Coalition has always stressed cooperation among Belmont, Arlington and Cambridge. The proposals for Special District 4 are very innovative. However, there is still no comprehensive planning. About eight years ago there was an attempt to do a master plan; it was never finished. In 1996 the Grace project mediation ended in a stalemate. The same thing happened two years later. Mr. Kaiser summarized the Alewife Coalition's four points of concern:

- Building Heights
- Flood Plain - Hydrology
- Parking Spaces
- Traffic Congestion

The Coalition recommends 2 for 1 flooding compensation, not 1 for 1. There is a lack of clarity about the total number of parking spaces on the Bullfinch site. The Coalition suggests a 900-space limit. Mr. Kaiser said that with regard the Martignetti property, there is an issue about safe access to and from Route 2.

He urged the establishment of a good transportation management system at Alewife and he suggested that the Ordinance Committee request from CDD all previous planning documents about Alewife.

Richard McKinnon, 39 Lee Street, stated that his company, Bullfinch, will be developing the ADL site. Bullfinch supports the proposed ordinance, although it cuts the allowable FAR in half and reduces the currently allowed 85 foot height to 60 feet as of right. The planned zoning returns the MDC parking lot to open space and to get all of the development rights, Bullfinch must tear down three buildings.

Councillor Sullivan requested pictures for the record of the stages of development Bullfinch has described and illustrated.

* Chair's footnote: The ADL site has an effective FAR of approximately 1.05, including structured parking.

Joe Joseph, 20 Kassul Park, began by stating that the City Council treats the citizens with great disdain. This proposal puts the cart before the horse. The zoning is being done without the planning having been done first. He and Steve Kaiser walked up Route 2 during the recent rainstorm that closed Route 2. The Martignetti site looked like a lake. A stormwater retention site is needed, but the MWRA is not planning for one there. The City Council should ask CDD to tell the City Council the total sum traffic increase. Ten years ago the Federal Highway Administration and the Mass. Highway Department, in an EIR, stated that they were alarmed at the amount of development in this area in which the infrastructure cannot support more development.

Eli Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, stated that his approach is concern for the environment and concern for increasing density without planning. An increase in density can be positive, but it must be sustainable and it must take advantage of every amenity of public transportation.

He noted Gruen's definition of cars as "individual mobility instruments." The question is how many acres of land can they consume. Route 2 cannot handle the parking that it has.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, stated that the proposed zoning petition is a very good zoning petition. He has some concerns. He urged keeping parking at a minimum and using shuttles wherever possible. He is also concerned about the heights. The Planning Board was very receptive to the idea of a green pathway from the Martignetti site to the T station. There is nothing wrong with building housing if the density is reasonable.

Vincent Dixon, 287 Harvard Street, stated that Alewife is a wetland; it has to be a wildlife preservation area. A natural interpretive center would be ideal for the Martignetti area. The city must consider how to acquire this area.

Councillor Sullivan stated his agreement with the idea of a safe, green path from the Martignetti site to the T station. He requested that CDD look at this issue and request the Planning Board to consider it.

Councillor Reeves stated that he was pleased to see realistic proposals of what could be built and he thanked the co-chairs for their work.

Councillor Decker emphasized that this is a complicated issue. She stated that she is glad that there will be housing in the district. She is concerned about the traffic. The conflict between the need for more housing and the traffic and other issues caused by more density is very difficult. She receives 20-30 phone calls every day from people facing evictions. On balance, she sees the need for housing as paramount in this case.

Councillor Davis thanked Councillor Born and Vice Mayor Maher. She expressed regret about the end of the bowling ally. She stated that she looks at the area with a regional perspective. She hopes there will be another regional planning push. She sees this as a compromise, with some good parts.

Vice Mayor Maher submitted a letter from Sheila Cook for the record, and read portions of it (**Attached**)

Councillor Sullivan moved that the petition be referred to the full City Council. The motion passed without objection on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair

Committee Report #9

In City Council July 30, 2001

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Henrietta Davis

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Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on July 18, 2001, beginning at 6:40 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering the East Cambridge Planning Study (ECAPS) proposal to amend the zoning in East Cambridge.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Lester Barber, Community Development Department (CDD), Roger Boothe, CDD, Stuart Dash, CDD, Iram Farouk, CDD, and the ECAPS consultant, David Dickson of Goody, Clancy Associates.

Councillor Born convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She explained that since the Ordinance Committee is running quite late, the format will be to start with a presentation from the proponents of the ECAPS petition. After the presentation is completed, the Birk petition hearing will be opened there will be a presentation by the Birk petitioners. Thereafter the committee will take public testimony on both petitions.

Ms. Rubenstein began by introducing the East Cambridge Planning Study Committee and the CDD staff who worked with the committee. She described the planning process that led to the petition. Thereafter Ms. Rubenstein introduced the consultant, David Dickson and requested that he make a presentation.

Mr. Dickson provided a slide presentation consisting of an overview of the work of ECAPS. CDD submitted a hard copy of the presentation (Attached). He summarized the committee's vision for East Cambridge: livable land use patterns, housing opportunities, economic development, transportation patterns that encourage walking, transit on bicycle use, open space, development that enhances the character of the residential neighborhood and a diverse mix of residents, businesses and institutions. Mr. Dickson then summarized the goals of the rezoning petition: to encourage housing, create a mix of uses consistent with transit proximity, reduce auto trips from new development, significantly increase public open space, provide better transitions from neighborhoods to commercial areas and improve the pedestrian environment.

Mr. Dash then made a slide presentation with more specifics of the petition. He said that the committee engaged early on in a transportation analysis. He then described the characteristics of the North Point zoning. The zoning includes a base zone with low density residential, 1.0 FAR, 10% retail and offices allowed and heights capped at 40 feet. The zoning establishes a PUD with an FAR of between 2.4 and 3, lower height limits (85 feet) close to residential units, taller heights (150 feet) further away, at least 65% residential development, and a 20% reduction of allowed parking.

Mr. Dash then moved to the specifics of the proposed zoning for the Volpe Center area. The base zoning would require residential development to the north and allow mixed use development to the south along Broadway, and would provide for a commercial district along Third Street that would encourage retail along Third Street. The zoning also provides for PUD development.

At this time, Mr. Dash moved to a description of the transition zones created by the Eastern Cambridge Housing Overlay, PUD 4A, 4 and 4B, and then explained that through the use of two districts, the proposal also includes a mechanism for transfer of development rights to further the goal of encouraging more residential between Broadway and Charles Street and commercial use closer to Kendall Square.

Councillor Born closed the presentation and invited questions from the committee.

Councillor Sullivan thanked all of the participants for their hard work, their inventiveness and their innovations. He asked how many units are expected at Northpoint. Mr. Dash said that there is a range, depending on the mix of residential and commercial. If the buildout is fully residential, over 20 years there could be 3000-4000 units. Councillor Sullivan said that the proposed allowance of retail and commercial development does not seem like enough to support a very sizable new community. Mr. Dash said that the zoning allows the Planning Board the discretion to add more retail if it thinks it is necessary for the overall goals.

Councillor Sullivan urged consideration of a police station in Kendall Square. He asked what are the incentives to build other than telecom buildings. Mr. Dash said that the zoning provides a strong incentive to build residential and transfer out excess development rights.

Councillor Sullivan asked why a developer would not just keep telecom there. Ms. Rubenstein said that the FAR for residential is double that of the FAR allowed for the telecom use.

Councillor Born closed the presentation of the ECAPS.

Councillor Born then invited public comment.

Shannon Larkin, 106 Spring Street, member of the ECAPS Committee, urged the City Council to try not to make changes without talking to the ECAPS Committee members.

Steven McEvoy, 95 Lexington Avenue, attorney for Biogen, stated that Biogen is concerned about a reduction of FAR from 3.0 to 1.25. Biogen's current FAR is 1.7, and it wants to make some physical changes that would bring the FAR close to 2.0. Biogen proposes an amendment of FAR on the Binney and Rogers Street block to reduce the FAR to 2.0 and to allow

a 65 foot height along Binney Street and then a reduction to 35 feet over the next three blocks to the north. He submitted this proposal and testimony in writing (Attached).

Vincent Dixon, 287 Harvard Street, emphasized the importance of reducing density and creating a whole and connected community where people live and work. The Birk petition does a better job in the area of scale.

Joseph Tulumieri, Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority submitted proposed amendments to the ECAPS petition in Part 2, Part 6 Area (d) and Part 6 Area (I). Regarding Part 2 PUD at Kendall Square, he noted that the CRA is seeking the return of the Volpe site land to local land use. Mr. Tulumieri said that Part 6 Area (i) proposes downzoning Biogen to 1.25. He urged that the Ordinance Committee consider a 1/3 reduction to 2.0. With regard to the Birk petition, the CRA objects to proposed rezoning for the NSTAR site and Area 3 in the mixed area.

Charles Adams, attorney, 84 State Street, Boston resident, representing Canal Realty Trust, owner of 303 Binney Street, the location of Metropolitan Pipe, objected to the change. He has submitted written protest on behalf of his client. The proposed zoning would render the property nonconforming.

Councillor Born asked if Metropolitan Pipe plans to expand. Attorney Adams said that two years ago Metropolitan Pipe built a new warehouse. Metropolitan Pipe has no plans to move.

Michael Owu, 50 Ash Avenue, Somerville, representing MIT, submitted a letter and summarized its content (Attachment).

Councillor Born asked what kind of housing MIT is proposing. Mr. Owu said that MIT is proposing housing for the general population of Cambridge, not students.

Richard McKinnon, 39 Lee Street, stated that he is working on a 750 unit residential development in North Point. He spoke in support of the ECAPS petition. There is one technical issue regarding height, which he will request that the City Council look at, after more discussion with the ECAPS Committee.

Carolyn Mieth, 15 Brookford Street, spoke in support of the Birk petition. With regard to the ECAPS petition, she is very disturbed that the zoning is going forward without the plan. There is no plan for handling the increased traffic. An FAR of 3.9 (including the Inclusionary Zoning units) is too much for any part of Cambridge.

Councillor Born asked Ms. Rubenstein about the plan for the area for which the rezoning is proposed. Ms. Rubenstein stated that the elements of the plan are before the committee tonight.

David Chilinski, 221 Hampshire Street, representing the owner of the property at the corner of First Street and Cambridge Street, stated that the property is currently occupied by

Necco and owned by Beacon Capital. The current zoning allows for a 4.0 FAR and would be rezoned to 2.5 under the Birk petition. He spoke in support of the ECAPS petition. The project will be a mixed use of commercial and residential development. He submitted a letter proposing some technical changes.

Councillor Sullivan requested that the CDD staff look at all of the technical correction issues raised before the next meeting.

Douglas Ling, Co-Chair of ECAPS Committee, stated that the committee spent a very large amount of time discussing traffic issues over the past year. Much hard work has gone into this proposal. The ECAPS Committee believes that this is a very balanced petition.

Barry Zevin, 67 Hampshire Street, member of ECAPS Committee, stated that this petition is the result of a great deal of work to produce a balanced proposal. The zoning process was a design process.

Peter Berry, 18 Worcester Street, member of ECAPS Committee, urged the City Council to stick to the proposal. The committee has already made compromises and has thoroughly considered the alternatives.

Robert Travers, 54 Fulkerson Street, expressed his concern with traffic, the inability to find parking spaces, and firefighter coverage in East Cambridge. Where is the firehouse that the Fulkerson Street residents were promised? He is not happy and the people are not happy. When did "East Cambridge" get changed to "Eastern Cambridge?" There will be a big fire in Kendall Square or North Point and there will be no coverage. East Cambridge does not need a police station; it needs a fire station.

David Hirzel, Sasaki, 64 Pleasant Street, Watertown, stated that he is representing Spaulding & Slye and Guilford Transportation Industries. North Point is unique in that it requires the complete construction of infrastructure. He was a member of ECAPS (Attached). He submitted a copy of a letter that he submitted in May to the Planning Board. The residential units will amount to 2900 units, not 10,000. He stated that critical to North Point is the relocation of the T stop to North Point. He urged reconsideration of including all structured parking in FAR, adjusting the FAR reduction to 3.0 or 3.9. He added that a requirement for all residential FAR is not useful. FAR should be 3.0 for mixed uses. He urged a less restrictive definition of open space to include residential streets.

Councillor Sullivan asked what Guilford is doing to buffer the train yard noises. Mr. Hirzel said that Guilford wants to create a physical mass barrier of parking garages.

James Rafferty, attorney, 187 Concord Avenue, resident of 40 Larch Road, stated that he is representing Spaulding & Slye & Guilford. He stressed the importance of this petition and the importance of having these decisions made by elected officials. He disagreed with ECAPS Committee members' suggestions that nothing can be changed. Elected officials have an obligation to take a broader look and consider an historical context.

Councillor Toomey stressed the importance of a larger area of open space for the community, not just scattered small parks.

James Williamson, 17 Perry Street, posed the following questions. He asked what changes the Planning Board made to the proposal submitted by the ECAPS Committee. Councillor Born said that she doesn't know, but all the ECAPS Committee members have endorsed the petition sent to the City Council by the Planning Board. He also wants to know what contractual obligations of the CRA would be harmed by the proposed zoning. It is important to see what the benefits are to the existing East Cambridge neighborhoods in moving the T stop. He spoke against calling residential roads open space. He suggested considering acoustical ramifications of tall buildings.

Eli Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, stated his concern is the public interest rather than defending his private property. Cambridge has an obligation to not contribute to the derogation of the environment and to contribute to the rehabilitation of the environment.

John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill, noted the severe problems of the isolation of North Point and the importance of mass transit.

Councillor Born then closed the public comment for both hearings.

Councillor Sullivan moved that both petitions be referred to the full City Council and that the Ordinance Committee retain jurisdiction for further discussion. The motions passed without objection on a voice vote.

Councillor Born thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor Maher, Co-Chair

Committee Report #10

In City Council July 30, 2001

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

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Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on July 18, 2001, beginning at 7:20 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering the Birk et al. petition to amend the zoning in East Cambridge.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, Lester Barber, Community Development Department (CDD), Roger Boothe, CDD, Stuart Dash, CDD, and Iram Farnik, CDD.

Councillor Born opened the hearing on the Birk petition and invited the petitioners to make a presentation.

Lisa Birk, Kassal Park, began the presentation. Ms. Birk stated that in many respects the Birk petition can be best understood through contrast with the ECAPS petition. She started with the issue of traffic. The ECAPS petition would allow 7,500 to 10,000 new parking spaces in North Point with 15,000 new car trips. The Birk petition has enhanced incentives for transit. It caps parking at 2,500 parking spaces. The petition provides the City Council with a tool to adopt more restrictive provisions than ECAPS contains where appropriate without facing a technical issue of whether the change would require the petition as amended to be re-advertised. Finally, she stated that zoning encodes the values of a city, and the Birk petition comes closer to the vision of a city which includes the new development as a real part of the city.

John Moot, president of the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods (ACN), continued the presentation. The Birk petition requires at least 10% of the development as community amenities.

Steve Kaiser, 191 Hamilton Street, compared the Birk and the ECAPS petition. The primary areas of difference include FAR and density, traffic issues, transit, and height. North Point includes 57 acres of developable land. It is very underutilized; the current FAR is about .5. He said that the Birk petition agrees with the small zone changes and transition area proposals of the ECAPS petition. However, an FAR of 3.0 for North Point could result in 15,000 new people,

and up to 10,000 parking spaces. The Birk petition starts with a low FAR of .6 and allows increases based on community benefits. The Birk transfer of development rights transfers the allowance as residential to encourage more residential in Kendall Square. He emphasized the need for more specifics as to the numbers of housing units and commercial development.

Stash Horowitz, 12 Florence Street, stated that ACN people participated in each ECAPS meeting. The ECAPS plan is not a bad plan, except for the density and the traffic. The Birk plan is more in accord with the City Council goals. It starts at 75% housing and 25% commercial. He explained concerns with the expectation of moving the MBTA station deeper into North Point. It is of dubious value to most East Cambridge residents and may well not happen. He said that a fairly good traffic study was done for ECAPS.

At this point Councillor Born thanked the presenters and closed the presentation portion of the meeting.

Shannon Larkin, 106 Spring Street, member of the ECAPS Committee, urged the City Council to try not to make changes without talking to the ECAPS Committee members.

Steven McEvoy, 95 Lexington Avenue, attorney for Biogen, stated that Biogen is concerned about a reduction of FAR from 3.0 to 1.25. Biogen's current FAR is 1.7, and it wants to make some physical changes that would bring the FAR close to 2.0. Biogen proposes an amendment of FAR on the Binney and Rogers Street block to reduce the FAR to 2.0 and to allow a 65 foot height along Binney Street and then a reduction to 35 feet over the next three blocks to the north. He submitted this proposal and testimony in writing (Attached).

Vincent Dixon, 287 Harvard Street, emphasized the importance of reducing density and creating a whole and connected community where people live and work. The Birk petition does a better job in the area of scale.

Joseph Tulumieri, Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority submitted proposed amendments to the ECAPS petition in Part 2, Part 6 Area (d) and Part 6 Area (I). Regarding Part 2 PUD at Kendall Square, he noted that the CRA is seeking the return of the Volpe site land to local land use. Mr. Tulumieri said that Part 6 Area (i) proposes downzoning Biogen to 1.25. He urged that the Ordinance Committee consider a 1/3 reduction to 2.0. With regard to the Birk petition, the CRA objects to proposed rezoning for the NSTAR site and Area 3 in the mixed area.

Charles Adams, attorney, 84 State Street, Boston resident, representing Canal Realty Trust, owner of 303 Binney Street, the location of Metropolitan Pipe, objected to the change. He has submitted written protest on behalf of his client. The proposed zoning would render the property nonconforming.

Councillor Born asked if Metropolitan Pipe plans to expand. Attorney Adams said that two years ago Metropolitan Pipe built a new warehouse. Metropolitan Pipe has no plans to move.

Michael Owu, 50 Ash Avenue, Somerville, representing MIT, submitted a letter and summarized its content (Attachment).

Councillor Born asked what kind of housing MIT is proposing. Mr. Owu said that MIT is proposing housing for the general population of Cambridge, not student.

Richard McKinnon, 39 Lee Street, stated that he is working on a 750 unit residential development in North Point. He spoke in support of the ECAPS petition. There is one technical issue regarding height, which he will request that the City Council look at, after more discussion with the ECAPS Committee.

Carolyn Mieth, 15 Brookford Street, spoke in support of the Birk petition. With regard to the ECAPS petition, she is very disturbed that the zoning is going forward without the plan. There is no plan for handling the increased traffic. An FAR of 3.9 (including the Inclusionary Zoning units) is too much for any part of Cambridge.

Councillor Born asked Ms. Rubenstein about the plan for the area for which the rezoning is proposed. Ms. Rubenstein stated that the elements of the plan are before the committee tonight.

David Chilinski, 221 Hampshire Street, representing the owner of the property at the corner of First Street and Cambridge Street, stated that the property is currently occupied by Necco and owned by Beacon Capital. The current zoning allows for a 4.0 FAR and would be rezoned to 2.5 under the Birk petition. He spoke in support of the ECAPS petition. The project will be a mixed use of commercial and residential development. He submitted a letter proposing some technical changes.

Councillor Sullivan requested that the CDD staff look at all of the technical correction issues raised before the next meeting.

Douglas Ling, Co-Chair of ECAPS Committee, stated that the committee spent a very large amount of time discussing traffic issues over the past year. Much hard work has gone into this proposal. The ECAPS Committee believes that this is a very balanced petition.

Barry Zevin, 67 Hampshire Street, member of ECAPS Committee, stated that this petition is the result of a great deal of work to produce a balanced proposal. The zoning process was a design process.

Peter Berry, 18 Worcester Street, member of ECAPS Committee, urged the City Council to stick to the proposal. The committee has already made compromises and has thoroughly considered the alternatives.

Robert Travers, 54 Fulkerson Street, expressed his concern with traffic, the inability to find parking spaces, and firefighter coverage in East Cambridge. Where is the firehouse that the Fulkerson Street residents were promised? He is not happy and the people are not happy. When did "East Cambridge" get changed to "Eastern Cambridge?" There will be a big fire in Kendall

Square or North Point and there will be no coverage. East Cambridge does not need a police station; it needs a fire station.

David Hirzel, Sasaki, 64 Pleasant Street, Watertown, stated that he is representing Spaulding & Slye and Guilford Transportation Industries. North Point is unique in that it requires the complete construction of infrastructure. He was a member of ECAPS (Attached). He submitted a copy of a letter that he submitted in May to the Planning Board. The residential units will amount to 2900 units, not 10,000. He stated that critical to North Point is the relocation of the T stop to North Point. He urged reconsideration of including all structured parking in FAR, adjusting the FAR reduction to 3.0 or 3.9. He added that a requirement for all residential FAR is not useful. FAR should be 3.0 for mixed uses. He urged a less restrictive definition of open space to include residential streets.

Councillor Sullivan asked what Guilford is doing to buffer the train yard noises. Mr. Hirzel said that Guilford wants to create a physical mass barrier of parking garages.

James Rafferty, attorney, 187 Concord Avenue, resident of 40 Larch Road, stated that he is representing Spaulding & Slye & Guilford. He stressed the importance of this petition and the importance of having these decisions made by elected officials. He disagreed with ECAPS Committee members' suggestions that nothing can be changed. Elected officials have an obligation to take a broader look and consider an historical context.

Councillor Toomey stressed the importance of a larger area of open space for the community, not just scattered small parks.

James Williamson, 17 Perry Street, posed the following questions. He asked what changes the Planning Board made to the proposal submitted by the ECAPS Committee. Councillor Born said that she doesn't know, but all the ECAPS Committee members have endorsed the petition sent to the City Council by the Planning Board. He also wants to know what contractual obligations of the CRA would be harmed by the proposed zoning. It is important to see what the benefits are to the existing East Cambridge neighborhoods in moving the T stop. He spoke against calling residential roads open space. He suggested considering acoustical ramifications of tall buildings.

Eli Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, stated his concern is the public interest rather than defending his private property. Cambridge has an obligation to not contribute to the derogation of the environment and to contribute to the rehabilitation of the environment.

John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill, noted the severe problems of the isolation of North Point and the importance of mass transit.

Councillor Born then closed the public comment for both hearings.

Councillor Sullivan moved that both petitions be referred to the full City Council and that the Ordinance Committee retain jurisdiction for further discussion. The motions passed without objection on a voice vote.

Councillor Born thanked those present for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chair

Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chair

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS -
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio, transmitting a letter from Senator John F. Kerry commending the City on its participation in the Cities for Climate Protection campaign.