

**HEARING SCHEDULE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

Monday, November 5, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, November 14, 2001	5:30 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the City. <b>(Ackermann Room)</b>
Monday, November 19, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Tuesday, November 28, 2001	9:00 A.M.	The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss a working plan for the distribution of the report entitled "Education and Skill for the New Economy: A Survey of Employment Trends in Cambridge, Massachusetts." <b>(Ackermann Room)</b>
Wednesday, November 28, 2001	5:30 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will hold a public hearing on how the City Council could improve the process of electing a mayor. <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, December 3, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, December 10, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, December 17, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>

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## NOVEMBER 5, 2001

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative information referred to Executive Session.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$4,005 in the General Fund of the Peace Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from ticket sales of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace & Justice Dinner to offset expenses of the Dinner.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-50A**, regarding financial support to Training Innovations.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-247**, regarding a complaint received against Phil's Tow Company.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-59**, regarding a report on real time closed captioning on all televised City Council meetings.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Numbers 00-99, 00-106, 00-138 and 01-244**, regarding open spaces issues.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables Without Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Jerilee Curtis, 84 Gardner Street, #8, Allston, MA 02134  
Albert J. Gee, 100 Thurston Street, Somerville, MA 02145

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-130**, regarding a report on the feasibility of placing a community

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bulletin board outside schools and public buildings.

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-207**, regarding a report on the proposed trenching project at W.R. Grace.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Jitney license application for Paul Revere Transportation LLC.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-245**, regarding a report on the status of the sewer separation project in North Cambridge.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Numbers 01-231 and 01-232**, regarding the summer blackouts.

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-50A, regarding financial support to Training Innovations, please be advised that if this effort is to be funded, it most appropriately would be a function within the educational budget.

Currently, the City has no ability to make supplemental appropriations. Discussions continue with the Superintendent of School and Training Innovations as to whether this effort could be integrated within the FY03 School Budget.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Jerilee Curtis  
84 Gardner Street, Apt. 8  
Allston, MA 02134

Without Power

Albert J. Gee  
100 Thurston Street  
Somerville, MA 02145

Without Power

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

November 5, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$4,005.00 in the General Fund of the Peace Commission Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. On October 21, the Commission hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace and Justice Dinner which was attended by more than 225 people and honored 26 individuals and groups who make Cambridge a more peaceful and just community. Funds from ticket sales will offset expenses of the Peace and Justice Dinner.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Council Order No. 7, dated 10/1/01, regarding the MIT Nuclear Reactor, which was distributed at the Council Meeting of October 29, 2001.

Dr. John Bernard, Director of the MIT Facility will be present for the Executive Session. Due to a scheduling conflict, I respectfully request that the Council move to Executive Session by 6:45 p.m. Enclosed is additional information provided to me by Dr. Bernard.

I am recommending that these communications be referred to Executive Session scheduled for the discussion of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your consideration a Jitney license application for Paul Revere Transportation LLC, received from the License Commission.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
attachment

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-247, regarding a complaint against Phil's Tow Company, please be advised that this office has discussed this matter with Philip Bard, owner of Phil's Tow Company.

Based on the information received, the following is offered: Mr. Bard has discussed this matter with his Day Manager and has advised and counseled him on the importance of customer service and of not engaging in any type of disputes with customers. Mr. Bard has also reiterated to his employees that any concerns of persons that have been towed should be directed to him for a follow-up investigation.

Mr. Bard does have the Police Officers inventory slip which was written prior to the tow describing damage to the front and rear bumpers. However, Mr. Bard has offered to speak with the complainant to discuss this matter with him further.

In addition, a review of the Purchasing Officer files on Phil's Tow was conducted done. The investigation revealed that Phil's Tow has been under contract with the City of Cambridge for nine years and has only two complaints concerns damage to vehicles. Both complaints where resolve between Mr. Bard and the complainants by Mr. Bard refunding the complainants for damages received.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-59, regarding a real time closed captioning on all televised City Council meetings, the cost estimate of this service would result in an annual increase in the Cable Office Operating Budget of \$50,000. This would likely double given the inevitable consequence of providing a similar service for School Committee meetings.

Given this time of declining revenues, including cable revenues, if internet connection is held to be a telecommunication service, not a cable service, I am not recommending adding this recurring expenditure to the City Budget at this time.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached Awaiting Report Item No. 01-207, regarding a report on proposed trenching project at W.R. Grace, received from Chief Public Health Officer Harold Cox.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-130, regarding a report on the feasibility of placing a community bulletin board outside the Agassiz School and at all elementary school and other public buildings, please be advised of the following:

The McCusker Building, located at 57 Inman Street is one major public building that needs a community bulletin board. As the remediation of this building proceeds, an outdoor board will be installed at this location.

The building at 238 Broadway already has a bulletin board near the entrance. The Citywide Senior Center and the Senior Center located at 2050 Massachusetts Avenue have bulletin boards. The Police Department has a community bulletin board. At City Hall, the large lawn signs and the bulletin area of the City Clerk's Office are utilized. All of these locations are heavily used and maintained by appropriate staff.

Public Information Officer Ini Tomeu will continue to research this process and identify other public buildings that could utilize bulletin boards.

In addition, I am attached a response received from Superintendent of School Bobbie D'Alessandro regarding this matter of bulletin boards at the schools.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

November 5, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 00-99, regarding the exploration of using linkage for open space purposes, 00-106, regarding follow-up on the Green Ribbon report, and 00-138 and 01-244, regarding the formation of a permanent open space committee, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein reports the following:

As you know, the Community Preservation Act (CPA) is on the November ballot. If Cambridge voters adopt the CPA, Cambridge stands to receive as much as \$5 million in state matching funds from a surcharge on certain filings at the Registry of Deeds and the Land Court. Such funds are required to be used for affordable housing, open space and historical preservation purposes, with at least 10% of the total allocation (state matching and local funds) to be spent on each of these three purposes. In addition, following passage of the CPA the City Manager will appoint a committee that will be charged with recommending allocation of CPA funds as part of the city budget process.

That committee would be a natural successor to the Green Ribbon Committee and would function as an open space advisory group. They would study the needs, possibilities and resources of the City regarding community preservation, hold public hearings, and make recommendations regarding acquisition, creation and preservation of open space. They would be expected to draw upon the Green Ribbon report in making any recommendations. Because of the anticipated structure of the local CPA committee, it is advisable to await the outcome of the Community Preservation Act before appointing a separate permanent open space committee.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 01-231 and 01-232, regarding the summer blackouts, please be advised of the following:

Last Tuesday, various city officials met with representatives of NSTAR to resolve a set of issues surrounding the handling of power outages in the City. Representing the City were the Fire Chief, the City Electrician, the Inspectional Services Department, and the Emergency Communications Director.

The City's complaints were in five major areas:

1. The response time to shut off power at a major incident in the City is too long. For example, at the recent flood of the Water Treatment Plant on, responding Cambridge Fire companies had to disconnect major power circuits in the facility to prevent an explosion; NSTAR crews took over an hour to arrive. This slow response to a major event is unacceptable.
2. The NSTAR Electric response crew (2 persons based in Somerville during the daytime and 1 person based in Somerville at all other times) sent into Cambridge to troubleshoot and restore power is no longer dedicated to Cambridge and thus can be tied up far away when an emergency response is needed into Cambridge. The City finds this unacceptable, especially given the size and complexity of the Cambridge electric power distribution system.
3. The NSTAR Electric response crew is not often staffed by trained personnel experienced in Cambridge's complex electric power distribution system. Sending persons unfamiliar with the Cambridge system into the city on an emergency response is not acceptable to the City.
4. When an outage occurs in the city and is reported to NSTAR, the Emergency Communications Center has not been informed of this outage. The ECC needs to be called immediately when the first report of an outage reaches NSTAR.

5. When a large-scale outage occurs, the Emergency Communications Center has not been able to get prompt and accurate information on the timing of trouble crew response and, subsequently, the timing of power restoration. The City expressed its requirement that it get prompt and up-to-the-minute information on these matters to the duty Supervisor at the ECC.

NSTAR personnel at the meeting included representatives of the Corporate office, the Westwood-based Customer Call Center, the Boston-based Control Center, and both the Aboveground and Underground Response organizations serving the City.

Only two issues were partially resolved in the meeting:

- A. NSTAR provided the City with a police-fire only direct access number to the NSTAR Control Center in Boston. The purpose of this number is to allow the ECC to directly contact NSTAR power control to report the imminent danger of persons including Cambridge public safety responders. It is unclear if this number can be used to get key response and power restoration information during a large-scale outage. Further conversations are underway to make sure we get the access that is required by the City.
- B. NSTAR said it will report outages to the ECC and they were provided primary and alternate numbers to insure prompt reporting. The ECC will continue to inform NSTAR's Call Center (on special Police-Fire Only lines) of outages reported to the ECC by residents.
- C. NSTAR said that it is developing an addition to its computerized incident tracking system used by both the Call Center and the Control Center. The update would allow Control Center dispatchers to annotate an incident with information to let Customer Call Center operators see the status of response and service restoration.

The City and NSTAR are continuing to work together to resolve other, outstanding issues.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report 01-245 regarding the status of the sewer separation project in North Cambridge, Public Works Commissioner Lisa Peterson reports the following:

The City has been working with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to separate the sanitary sewer and storm water lines on North Massachusetts Avenue between Porter Square and Alewife Brook as part of a larger sewer separation project. The sewer separation project originally proposed was in accordance with the Boston Harbor Federal Court Order, based on the MWRA Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facilities Plan. Due to the increased level of cost associated with sewer separation in the Alewife Watershed and after further analysis of the impact of CSOs on water quality in the Alewife Brook, the MWRA proposed revisions to their Facilities Plan. The MWRA proposal now excludes sewer separation along North Massachusetts Avenue from its schedule, believing that the benefits associated with separation do not merit the cost required constructing such.

While the MWRA is no longer proposing sewer separation work along North Massachusetts Avenue, a determination as to the appropriateness of eliminating CSOs along the Alewife Brook (to include the North Massachusetts Avenue CSOs) will ultimately be made by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) within the next year. The City of Cambridge believes that sewer separation in this area will be required sometime in the future. However, any action or decision on the City's part to do sewer separation work prior to the DEP decision would not be financially prudent. Consequently, the sewer separation in this area is not budgeted or scheduled at this time.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**City Council Calendar No. 24  
Monday, November 5, 2001**

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

**CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right was exercised by Councillor Reeves on Order #19 of October 29, 2001 on providing the City Council with an Action Plan that addresses the loss of the 28<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Seat currently held by Representative Jarrett Barrios.

**ON THE TABLE**

2. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
3. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
4. 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.
5. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
6. An order introduced by Councillor Decker regarding increasing the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million dollars.

7. Committee Report #2 of September 10, 2001 regarding the progress made on improving the condition of the housing at Fresh Pond Apartments.
8. Committee Report #3 of September 24, 2001 regarding the roundtable-working meeting with representatives of tenants and owners of Fresh Pond Apartments and regulatory agencies to follow up on the prior hearing on the condition of the housing and related matters.
9. Consent Agenda #5 relative to Awaiting Report #01-218 of October 15, 2001 regarding a report on issues surrounding the gas station at the corner of Walden Street and Concord Avenue.
10. Applications and Petitions #1 of October 1, 2001 on an application from US Petroleum/Cambridge Auto Clinic requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 297 Concord Avenue on the Concord Avenue side. Approval has been received from Inspection Services and Community Development. **(This is a pre-existing sign.)**
11. Applications and Petitions #2 of October 1, 2001 on an application US Petroleum/Cambridge Auto Clinic requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 297 Concord Avenue on the Walden Street side. Approval has been received from Inspection Services and Community Development. **(This is a pre-existing sign.)**
12. Consent Agenda #1 of October 15, 2001 on a preliminary report regarding an offer from Harvard University to purchase an easement below Cambridge Street that represents the conclusion of a 5-year process relating to the construction of the Center for Government and Institutional Studies project.
13. Order #14 of October 29, 2001 on amending City Council Rules as amended to prohibit adoption of policy orders at the end of City Council regular business meetings.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

14. Proposed ordinance to the Municipal Code to establish a Community Preservation Act Committee as required by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001.
  
15. Proposed ordinance to the Zoning Ordinance to amend zoning in the Cambridgeport area in Special 8 (SD8) to create new SD 8 and SD8A. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after October 29, 2001.
  
16. Proposed ordinance to the Zoning Ordinance to amend zoning on Western Avenue, between Harvard Street and Putnam Avenue. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 12 2001.
  
17. Proposed ordinance to the Zoning Ordinance to amend zoning to extend by eight months the existing building moratorium for the area bounded by Memorial Drive, DeWolfe Street, Mount Auburn Street, Putnam Avenue and River Street. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 12, 2001.
  
18. Proposed ordinance to the Zoning Ordinance to amend zoning regarding the regulation of storage and mechanical space in residential buildings. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after November 12, 2001.

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

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| 1. An application was received from John Drewicz, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 24-26 Columbus Avenue; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works Departments. No response has been received from neighborhood associations.   | 1. |
| 2. An application was received from Walgreens, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 625 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Departments and abutters.   | 2. |
| 3. An application was received from the Unitarian Church, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall advertising the Harvard Square Holiday Crafts Fair December 7 - 8, December 13 -15 and December 20 - 24. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services Department and abutters.  | 3. |
| 4. An application was received from Jose Mateo's Ballet Theatre, requesting permission for two temporary banners across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall and across Massachusetts Avenue at the Brookline Street advertising their performance of The Nutcracker November 29 <sup>th</sup> - December 30 <sup>th</sup> . Approval has been received from Inspectional Services Department and abutters. | 4. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

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| 1. A communication was received from Stephen H. Kaiser, regarding the zoning for the Eastern Cambridge area.   | 1. |
| 2. A communication was received from Department of Environmental Protection regarding a response Action Outcome Activity and Use Limitation Interim Deadline for 812 Memorial Drive.             | 2. |
| 3. A communication was received from Stephen H. Kaiser, regarding the zoning for the Eastern Cambridge area and transmitting analysis of the Cambridge-Somerville boundary line and map history. | 3. |
| 4. A communication was received from the family of Bernard T. "Buddy" Fennell, transmitting grateful appreciation for the City Council's kind expression of sympathy.                            | 4. |
| 5. A communication was received from Howard Weiss, regarding the terrorist action of September 11, 2001.   | 5. |
| 6. A communication was received from Marilyn Wellons, regarding the MBTA Urban Ring Proposal, Scoping Session, and Expanded ENF(July 2001).  | 6. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

1. Congratulations to the Valente Branch Library on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and urge all residents to be cognizant of the reception which will take place on Wednesday, November 7, 2001 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Valente Branch Library at 826 Cambridge Street. 1.  
**Councillors Toomey, Davis and entire membership**
2. Resolution on the death of Cynthia M. Gabriel. 2.  
**Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership**
3. Resolution on the death of Marie R. Taccini. 3.  
**Councillor Sullivan and entire membership**
4. Resolution on the death of Patricia M. O'Rourke. 4.  
**Mayor Galluccio and entire membership**
5. Resolution on the death of Joan E. Thomas. 5.  
**Mayor Galluccio and entire membership**
6. Resolution on the death of Richard J. Brady. 6.  
**Councillor Sullivan and entire membership**
7. Resolution on the death of Thomas S. Durant, M.D. 7.  
**Councillor Sullivan and entire membership**
8. Congratulations to Eleanor Cawthorne on the article about her in "The Grapevine." 8.  
**Councillors Davis, Reeves and entire membership**
9. Congratulations to the Cambridge Family YMCA as it celebrates its 134<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge. 9.  
**Councillors Davis, Sullivan and entire membership**
10. Appreciation to Mike Stone, City of Cambridge Department of Public Works employee, for his high level of service to Cambridge residents. 10.  
**Mayor Galluccio and entire membership**

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

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| 11. Speedy recovery wishes to Bill Fulginite Sr.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>  | 11. |
| 12. Speedy recovery wishes to Betty Lou Fulginite.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>  | 12. |
| 13. Speedy recovery wishes to Dorothea "Dot" Massey.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>  | 13. |
| 14. Welcome Troy Anthony's Barber Salon to the City of Cambridge.<br><b>Councillor Toomey and entire membership</b>   | 14. |
| 15. Congratulations to the CRLS Boys' Soccer team and coaching staff<br>for their successful season and wish them success in the Division I<br>State Soccer Tournament.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b> | 15. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

1. Dedicate the corner of Sciarappa Street and Monsignor O'Brien Highway as the "Scolles Family Square." 1.  
**Vice Mayor Maher**
2. Arrange for summary of the October 22, 2001 Roundtable to be posted on the City's website and for a presentation to be prepared on the same material for the Municipal Cable television station. 2.  
**Councillor Davis**
3. Status of improvements to the Walden Square underpass. 3.  
**Mayor Galluccio**
4. Enforcement of motor vehicle or public nuisance laws with respect to motorized scooters being operated on Cambridge streets and sidewalks. 4.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
5. Ensure that residents of the LBJ Apartments are provided with a safe and easily accessible entry to and from the LBJ Apartments and the public way. 5.  
**Mayor Galluccio**
6. Ask MIT, after completion of student dorms, to transfer to the City of Cambridge 22-24 Magazine Street for the purpose of affordable housing for Cambridge residents. 6.  
**Councillor Toomey**
7. Study intersection of Jefferson and Harding Streets and Porter and Harding Streets to determine what action is required to ensure access to these streets by public safety vehicles. 7.  
**Councillor Toomey**
8. Reexamine routes that hazardous material vehicles travel through Cambridge. 8.  
**Councillor Davis**
9. Steps to prevent speeding on Follen Street, especially in the vicinity of Follen and Little Concord. 9.  
**Councillor Born**

O-1.

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

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record naming the corner of Sciarappa Street and Monsignor O'Brien Highway as the "Scolles Family Square;" and be it further

ORDERED: That a dedication ceremony be arranged by the Assistant to the City Council, after consultation with the family, and that the Public Works Department prepare a suitable sign.

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to arrange for the summary of the October 22, 2001 Roundtable on security issues to be posted on the City's website and for a presentation be prepared on the same material for the Municipal Cable television station as soon as possible.

O-3.

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MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council, no later than the November 19, 2001 City Council meeting, on the status of improvements to the Walden Square underpass; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager work with appropriate City staff to immediately address public health and safety concerns at the Walden Square underpass.

O-4.

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COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to enforce motor vehicle or public nuisance laws with respect to motorized scooters being operated on Cambridge streets and sidewalks.

O-5.

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MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that residents of the LBJ Apartments at 150 Erie Street have expressed concern regarding the ease of access for disabled residents traveling to and from the building and public way; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority, including making necessary curb cuts, to ensure that residents of the LBJ Apartments are provided with a safe and easily accessible entry to and from the LBJ Apartments and the public way.

O-6.

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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development with the view in mind of asking MIT, upon completion of new student dorms, to transfer to the City of Cambridge 22-24 Magazine Street for the purpose of affordable housing for Cambridge residents.

O-7.

November 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The intersection of Harding Street and Jefferson Street and the intersection of Harding Street and Porter Street are extremely narrow; and

WHEREAS: It has recently come to the attention of this Council that there is a possibility that public safety vehicles could have their access to Jefferson Street and Porter Street hindered by the width of these intersections; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to study the intersections of Jefferson Street and Harding Street and Porter Street and Harding Street to determine what action are required to ensure access to these streets for public safety vehicles.

O-8.

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COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to reexamine the routes that hazardous material vehicles travel through Cambridge.

O-9.

November 5, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to take steps to prevent speeding on Follen Street, particularly at the blind curve/intersection of Follen and Little Concord, said possible steps to include a stop sign or other appropriate signage.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Kathleen L. Born and Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on October 17, 2001 for the purpose of considering an amendment to Section 13.12.020 of the Municipal Code to require all bicycles ridden at Fresh Pond to be equipped with bells to warn pedestrians of their approach from behind.

## Committee Report #1

In City Council November 5, 2001

### ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*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 meeting on October 17, 2001, beginning at 5:35 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering an amendment to Section 13.12.020 of the Municipal Code to require all bicycles ridden at Fresh Pond to be equipped with bells to warn pedestrians of their approach from behind.

Present at the hearing were Vice Mayor David Maher and Councillor Kathleen Born, Co-Chairs of the committee, and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present was Nancy Glowa, First Assistant City Solicitor.

Councillor Born convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She then invited testimony on the proposal.

Sergeant Kathleen Murphy, Cambridge Police Bicycle Patrol, stated that she was attending the hearing on behalf of the Bicycle Committee. She explained that state law requires an audible warning but not a bell. She stated that she does not believe this amendment would solve the problem. If bikes are a big problem at Fresh Pond, keep them out of Fresh Pond. She noted that dogs and joggers also startle pedestrians.

Sergeant Murphy then described the enforcement problem. She said that it is hard enough to get bicyclists to use lights, which are required by state law. There is also the issue that even if bicycles have bells, there is no guarantee that the bell will be used. A special equipment requirement for one part of the city is not wise.

Michael Halle, 2 Westacott Court, Chair of the Bicycle Committee, stated that he only heard about this proposal a few days ago, which is a problem for him. It should have come to the Bicycle Committee and the Community Development Department. He went on to state that Fresh Pond is a community. The problem is not about bicycles; it is about people being considerate. Legislation is not a very effective way to increase consideration, and certainly should not be the first step. He suggested as a first step effort, looking at clear signage that encourages everyone at Fresh Pond to have consideration of others.

Mr. Halle also pointed out that Fresh Pond is a pastoral space, and bells could be very annoying.

Rosalie Anders, Community Development Department, stated that she works on bicycle and pedestrian issues. Part of her job is to educate and persuade people to act differently -

pedestrians, cyclists, etc. Ms. Anders raised questions about enforcement. People who are riding bicycles often do not know what to do to warn pedestrians of their approach. Something telling cyclists to let people know when they are passing would solve most of the problems. Ms. Anders said that in her experience, positive steps work better than negative, for example, pictures of all different kinds of users to increase awareness of the need to share space considerately.

Councillor Born stated that she has spent a lot of time at Fresh Pond over the past several months. She has found that, for her, dog walkers with several dogs are a bigger issue. Also, out of town dogs are a problem. Sergeant Murphy said that she would be happy to participate in looking at these issues.

**Vice Mayor Maher moved that the proposal be referred to the full City Council with a negative recommendation.** The motion passed without objection on a voice vote

Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born thanked those present for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 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, NOVEMBER 5, 2001**

1. A communication was received from Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio, regarding flashing signals that the City of Cambridge installed in front of two elementary school.