

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-135**, regarding a report on loud noise emanating from the Flag/Bank Streets area during the Harvard/Yale Game.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-132**, regarding the lack of cable coverage on Veteran's Day.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-124**, regarding a report on the use of touch screen technology as used by Riverside County, California.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-121**, regarding a report on how to help increase opportunities to showcase the artists of Cambridge.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$3,570 in the Grant Fund of the Historical Commission Salary & Wages Account from the Mass Cultural Council to support a portion of the temporary Archival Assistant position.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$15,300 in the Grant fund of the Human Rights Commission Salary & Wages Account from MCAD for various fair housing activities as well as to cover training activities, a portion of the full-time Attorney investigator, part-time legal interns with work-study assistance, and a full-time summer intern.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$81,561.60 in the Grant Fund of the Human Rights Commission Salary & Wages Account (\$56,561.60) and Travel and Training Account (\$25,000) from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for various fair housing activities as well as to cover training activities, a portion of the full-time Attorney investigator, part-time legal interns with work-study assistance, and a full-time summer intern.

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Planning Board recommendations on the initial Citywide Rezoning Petition recommendation: Residential Zoning Districts (Part I(a) of the Petition) and Revisions to Parking Requirements (Part IV of the Petition).
9. Transmitting notification of the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

With Power

Jan Aceti, 19 Allen Street, #2, Arlington, MA 02474

James Mack Smith, 51 Moffett Road, Lynn, MA 01905

Mark L. Edwards, 107 Brighton Avenue, Allston, MA 02134

Lee Leanders Smith, 14 Loomis Street, Camb., MA 02138

Without Power

Kenneth E. Bailey, 25 Lee Street, #6, Cambridge, MA 02139

CITY MANAGER LETTERS

January 8, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-132, regarding a report on the lack of cable coverage on Veteran's Day, received from Director of Cable Television Calvin Lindsay, Jr.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy

City Manager

RWH/mec

Attachment

January 8, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-124, regarding a report on the use of touch screen technology as used by Riverside County, California, received from the Board of Election Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 1
MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2001**

At 5:30 P.M.

CHARTER RIGHT

1. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Davis on an application from Margaret Morrissey requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 96-98 Ellery Street.
2. Charter Right exercised by Councillor Toomey on an order introduced by Councillor Toomey regarding the 25th anniversary of MIT in giving to the city.

ON THE TABLE

3. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
4. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
5. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.

6. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
7. Committee Report from Vice Mayor David Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee for a meeting held on October 18, 2000 regarding the continuing discussion about a proposed ordinance to provide additional protection for tenants in buildings being converted to condominiums.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances to amend the zoning relating to lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 districts. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after December 18, 2000. **The deadline for this petition is January 30, 2001.**
10. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$31,785,495 for the purpose of constructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Cambridge Public Library. **The question comes on adoption on or after January 1, 2001.**

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001

1. An application was received from Ariel and Juliana Pakes requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 215 Brattle Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Historical Commission, Public Works and Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department; three abutter approvals. Two neighborhood association letters sent September 26, 2000. No response has been received.
2. A petition was received from the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the Alewife area. (Refiled)
3. A petition was received from John R. Moot, Ellen G. Moot and Cornelia B. Wheeler to amend Section 11.501 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge to extend IPOP to October 15, 2001.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2000

1. A communication was received from the Kajunski family, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of Wanda Kajunski.
2. A communication was received from Arthur A. Klipfel, Oaktree Development, LLC, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of **30 CambridgePark Drive and 1008 Massachusetts Avenue**
3. A communication was received from Thomas Ragno, Senior Vice President, Beacon Capital, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of:
 - 575 Main Street
 - 565 Main Street
 - 549 Main Street
 - 160 Broadway 16 Broadway
 - 160 Broadway
 - 1 Kendall Square-3
 - 1 Kendall Square-2200
 - 1E Kendall Square
 - 1 Kendall Square-2
 - 1C Kendall Square
 - 1A Kendall Square
4. A communication was received from Patrick J. Hurley, Vice President, The Dodge Company, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of 1165 and 181 CambridgePark Drive.
5. A communication was received from Andrew C.G. Uprichard, M.D.,F.R.C.P. Chief Operating Officer, Curis, Inc., transmitting concern on "Special District 8" of the Citywide Rezoning Petition.
6. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting notification of new addresses for 330, 332,334 Broadway.

7. A communication was received from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer, transmitting notification of a temporary address for a trailer at 73 Vassar Street.
8. A communication was received from Marie Sullivan, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City council on behalf of her husband Teddy.
9. A communication was received from The Hamilton Company, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of **275 Third Street and 117 Rogers Street.**
10. A communication was received from Mary Harris, Harris Administrators, Inc., transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of **229-231 Third Street.**
11. A communication was received from Ira C. Foss, Jr., Trustee, Eastern Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of **140-158 Sixth Street.**
12. A communication was received from Albert W. Brown, Austin C. Brown and Charles S. Adams, Trustees, Canal Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of **303 Binney Street.**
13. A communication was received from Joseph H. Matkin, Tr., Sixcam Realty Trust, transmitting written opposition to the Citywide Rezoning Petition as owner of **101-117 Sixth Street.**
14. A communication was received from Community Legal Services and Counseling Center, Inc., transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council on their many years of service.

RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2000

1. Resolution on the death of Lucy Izzicupo.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership

2. Resolution on the death of Salvatore "Sam" Bontempo.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership
3. Resolution on the death of Arthur Galvin.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
4. Resolution on the death of Elaine Glavin.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
5. 5. Resolution on the death of Valdemar Lopes.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
6. Resolution on the death of Michael J. Michalski, Sr.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
7. Resolution on the death of James Scanlan, Jr.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
8. Resolution on the death of John D. Scott.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Reeves, Davis and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Martin J. Stackpole.
Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
10. Resolution on the death of Alice M. Ford.
Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
11. Thanks to Fire Department, Police Department, Inspectional Services Department and Electrical Department for response to a potential dangerous situation.
Councillor Toomey
12. Condolences to Win Poor on the death of his father, Ernest Poor.
Councillor Decker

13. Congratulations to Falun Dafa on their week-long celebration.
Councillor Decker
14. Speedy recovery to Anthony Calabrese.
Councillor Sullivan
15. Resolution on the death of Beatrice Deyab.
Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
16. Resolution on the death of Malvena Colozzi.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
17. Resolution on the death of Mary Hanley.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
18. Resolution on CRLS students being named to the Boston Globe Greater Boston League All-Star Cross Country Team.
Mayor Galluccio
19. Resolution on CRLS students being named Boston Herald and Boston Globe Greater Boston League All-Stars for Girls soccer.
Mayor Galluccio
20. Congratulations to Felipe Vega-Arango for being named Coach of the Year.
Mayor Galluccio
21. Congratulations to CRLS students for being named to the Boston Globe Greater Boston League All-Stars Girls Cross Country Team.
Mayor Galluccio
22. Congratulations to CRLS students for being named to the Boston Herald Greater Boston Eastern Massachusetts League All-Star Soccer Team.
Mayor Galluccio
23. Congratulations to CRLS students who were named to the Boston Globe League All-Star Volleyball Team.

Mayor Galluccio

24. Congratulations to Nikias Stefanakis of CRLS on being named All Scholastic for the Boston Globe 2000 Boys Soccer

Mayor Galluccio

25. Congratulations to Zack Habtemichael of CRLS on being named All Scholastic for the Boston Globe 2000 Boys Cross Country.

Mayor Galluccio

26. Resolution on the death of Carol House, CRLS teacher.

Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Born, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership

27. Congratulations to Chrislain Desrosiers of CRLS on being named All Scholastic for the Boston Globe 2000 Boys Soccer.

Mayor Galluccio

28. Congratulations to Lindsay Gittens on her academic and athletic achievements.

Mayor Galluccio

29. Resolution on the death of Stella M. Berrigan.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

30. Resolution on the death of Vincent P. Dolan.

Councillor Sullivan and entire membership

31. Resolution on the death of Patricia R. Hennessy.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

32. Resolution on the death of Christopher Winston McEvoy.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

33. Resolution on the death of Eleanor A. Murphy.

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

34. Resolution on the death of Attorney James M. O'Connor.
Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio, Councillors Sullivan and Toomey
35. Resolution on the death of Pasquale A. Paris.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
36. Resolution on the death of Mary E. Robillard.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
37. Resolution on the death of Arthur W. "Booty" Russell.
Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
38. Resolution on the death of Helen Snopley.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
39. Resolution on the death of Michael B. Murphy.
Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
40. Resolution on the death of Walter E. Clark, Jr.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
41. Resolution on the death of Roger E. Girard.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
42. Resolution on the death of Agnes C. Lavery.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
43. Congratulations to Thea Plante and Walter Garland on their upcoming nuptials.
Councillor Sullivan
44. Best wishes to Carleton and Chantal Hart in their new endeavors.
Councillor Davis
45. Thanks for installation of a bench at bus stop of Garfield Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Councillor Davis

46. Happy 100th Birthday to Mildred L. Fowle.

Councillor Toomey

47. Retirement of Claudette Chambers from the School Department.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

48. Resolution on the death of Maria J. (Carvalho) Rodrigues.

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

49. Resolution on the death of Armando V. Tome.

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

50. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Paul McCann.

Councillor Toomey

51. Resolution on the death of Alfred I. Priest.

Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey and entire membership

52. Resolution on the death of Lena Ferracane.

Councillor Toomey and entire membership

53. Congratulations to Charles C. Yancey on being elected Boston City Council president.

Councillors Born and Toomey

54. Resolution on the death of Mary R. Donaldson.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

55. Resolution welcoming Reverend Julius C. Hope, the Keynote Speaker for the NAACP 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

Mayor Galluccio

56. Proclaiming the month of March as American Red Cross Month.

Mayor Galluccio

57. Congratulations to Kevin Tarpley on being elected as President of the Somerville Board of Aldermen.

Councillor Reeves

58. Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday.

Councillor Reeves

59. Resolution on the death of Teresa Lorraine Backman.

Councillor Reeves and entire membership

60. Resolution on the death of Charles Edward Ballard.

Councillor Reeves and entire membership

61. Resolution on the death of Adalyn Bigelow.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

62. Resolution on the death of Kwang-chih Chang.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

63. Speedy recovery wishes to Francis O'Brien.

Councillor Sullivan

64. Resolution on the death of Richard G. Flaherty.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

65. Resolution on the death of Donald J. O'Hare.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

66. Commendation to the Fire and Police Departments for their quick response to a fire on Winter Street on January 3, 2001.

Councillor Toomey

67. Resolution on the retirement of Judy Reiner Platt from the Public Health Commission.

Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

68. Resolution on the retirement of Kenneth W. Clark from the Fire Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
69. Resolution to be prepared on the death of Armando Fulginito.
Councillors Toomey, Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
70. Happy Birthday wishes to State Representative Alice K. Wolf.
Councillor Decker
71. Congratulations to Robert J. Cordy on his confirmation by the Governor's Council as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.
Councillor Decker
72. Congratulations to Ben P. Bruckner on becoming an Eagle Scout.
Councillor Davis
73. Retirement of Jean M. Doyle from the Public Health Commission.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
74. Thanks to John Woods for his years of service in the Community Development Department.
Councillor Decker
75. Congratulations to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School on being selected as a winner of the College Board's New England Regional Office 2001 Inspiration Award.
Councillor Davis
76. Retirement of Ronald Mason from the Police Department.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

**CONSENT ORDER LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
OF MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2000**

1. Encourage Cambridge residents to contribute to the fund for fire victims of Decatur Street.
Councillor Davis
2. Dedication of new city park at Neville Manor to former City Councillor and long-time Cambridge Police Officer William Maher.
Councillor Toomey, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire
3. Survey the stop signs in the vicinity of Bent, Third and Fulkerson Streets to ensure that said signs are not creating unsafe conditions.
Councillor Sullivan
4. Access to educational channel "Animal Planet."
Councillors Toomey and Sullivan
5. Annual description of all housing programs and tenant protections available to residents of Cambridge.
Mayor Galluccio
6. Compliance with "No Left Turn" postings in the Central Square intersection of Prospect Street, Western and Massachusetts Avenues.
Councillor Braude
7. Report from the Election Commission clarifying rules and operating procedures.
Councillor Braude
8. Legal basis for denying public comment at roundtable meetings.
Councillor Braude
9. Status of the West Cambridge Youth Center Feasibility Study.
Mayor Galluccio
10. Status of the planned improvements to Russell Field.
Mayor Galluccio

11. Status of the City's plans to restore the city-owned site at 238 Broadway.

Mayor Galluccio

12. Dedication of the corner at Highland Avenue and Cambridge Street in honor of James R. Polley.

Mayor Galluccio

13. Complaints about broken street lights.

Councillor Davis

14. Incomplete information on the City Council web page.

Councillor Davis

15. Procedure to be used on weekends and holidays in regards to ice and snow around public buildings.

Councillor Davis

16. Publicizing the West Nile Virus hearing taking place on January 31, 2001 at the Senior Center.

Councillor Davis

17. Creation of a process to monitor the City Council goals.

Councillor Davis

18. Report regarding the amount of payment Harvard University remitted to the city in lieu of taxes for Fiscal Year 2000 and 2001.

Councillor Toomey

19. Status of negotiations with a second cable provider for the City of Cambridge.

Councillor Toomey

POLICY ORDERS

O-1.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record encouraging Cambridge residents to contribute to the fund for the victims of the Decatur Street fire; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Cable Television Director to scroll the pertinent information for the contributions to the Decatur Street fire victims over the municipal channel.

O-2

January 8, 2001

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

ORDERED: That the new city park to be constructed at Neville Manor, including the youth soccer fields and additional open space, be dedicated in honor of former Cambridge City Councillor and long-time Cambridge Police Officer William "Bill" Maher.

O-3.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to survey the stop signs in the vicinity of Bent, Third and Fulkerson Streets to ensure that the stop signs are not creating unsafe conditions for vehicles.

O-4.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possibility of residents of Cambridge gaining access to educational channels with specific emphasis on the educational channel entitled "Animal Planet" as outlined in the attached e-mail.

O-5.

January 8, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge offers a large number of programs to tenants and homeowners and state and local programs

and regulations offer protections and services to Cambridge tenants; and

WHEREAS: It has been brought to the attention of this City Council that Cambridge residents are not familiar with the housing programs offered by the City of Cambridge and the protections and services available to Cambridge tenants; and

WHEREAS: All residents of the City of Cambridge should be aware of the array of housing programs made available by the City and other services providers in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with all appropriate city agencies to annually prepare and mail a description of all housing programs and tenant protections available to residents of the City of Cambridge, including but not limited to, information about the State Condominium Conversion Protection law, the city's homeownership programs, and programs offered by the Cambridge Housing Authority and nonprofit service and housing organizations in the City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council by February 12, 2001 regarding the plans to implement this annual mailing.

O-6.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Director and the Police Commissioner to report to the City Council on compliance with "No Left Turn" postings in the prime Central Square intersection of Prospect Street, Western and Massachusetts Avenues.

O-7.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Election Commission with the view in mind of requesting a report from the Election Commission clarifying rules and operating procedures on:

- Removing Cambridge residents from the active voter list and placing them on the inactive list, with specific attention to use of the city census, particularly when the landlord of a multi-family dwelling does not cooperate in census distribution to tenants; and
- Obtaining an absentee ballot application form, including who can request such a form for someone else and under what circumstances, and how a voter who has completed the application but not received an absentee ballot, can ascertain whether one was mailed to him/her.

O-8.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to report to the City Council on the legal basis for denying public comment at City Council roundtable meetings.

O-9.

January 8, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the current status of the West Cambridge Youth Center Feasibility Study by January 22, 2001.

O-10.

January 8, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the current status of the planned improvements to Russell Field by January 22, 2001.

O-11.

January 8, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to update the City Council on the current status of the City's plans to restore the city-owned site at 238 Broadway to community open-space by January 22, 2001.

O-12.

January 8, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: James R. Polley was born in Cambridge on July 7, 1917 and resided as a child on Pemberton Street, along with his mother Jenny (Powell) and father Garfield, three brothers, Daniel, Freddie, Russell and a sister, Thurza Polley and

WHEREAS: James enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and served in the Fifth Bombardment Group of the France Field and was also stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, assisting in its construction; and

WHEREAS: James was stationed in England, France, Africa and Germany during the War and was honorably discharged from the European Theatre of Operations of the U.S. Army Air Corp. as a Sergeant in 1945; and

WHEREAS: James was employed as an Electrical Engineer by the Raytheon Company for over thirty years, where he was especially proud of his work on the Trident Submarine Project; and

WHEREAS: James moved to 40 Highland Ave in 1956 and resided there with his wife, Caroline and three daughters Roberta, Carolyn and Christine for thirty-eight years until his death on March 3, 1994; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record dedicating a corner at Highland Avenue and Cambridge Street in honor of James R. Polley; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable dedication be arranged after consultation with the Polley family.

O-13.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: More and more complaints are being received about street lights that are out; and

WHEREAS: Street lights play a vital role in public safety; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to transmit to the appropriate electric providers and to the appropriate state departments the dissatisfaction of this city with the response to calls for service on street lights, as per the attached letters.

O-14.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: There is incomplete information on the City Council web page; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to post a list of City Council committees, chairs and members of said committees, and provide a link to the committee minutes.

O-15.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the procedure to be used on weekends and holidays with regard to ice and snow around public buildings and especially public schools.

O-16.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct all appropriate departments to cooperate with the Public Health Department in publicizing the January 31, 2001 hearing on the West Nile Virus to be held at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.

O-17.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council refer to the Government Operations Committee the creation of a process to monitor the City Council goals.

O-18.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council the amount of payment Harvard University remitted to the City in lieu of taxes for Fiscal Year 2000 and 2001.

O-19.

January 8, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Currently Cambridge has only one licensed Cable Provider; and

WHEREAS: Cable subscribers in the City have no recourse when presented with an increase in cable rates and or a lack of channel selection provided by the current licensed cable provider; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of negotiations with a second cable provider for the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2001

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Finance Committee for a meeting held on September 27, 2000 to discuss the status of the rehabilitation of the firehouses in the city.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee for a meeting held on November 30, 2000 to discuss and receive comments on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) extension of the comment period on the proposal to substitute the Vehicle Trip Reduction Plan for the Commercial Parking Control measure.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a meeting held on December 12, 2000 to discuss the services offered by Career Source.

Committee Reports

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS In City Council January 8, 2001

*Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair
Councillor Kathleen L. Born
Councillor Jim Braude
Councillor Henrietta Davis,
Councillor Marjorie C. Decker
Vice Mayor David P. Maher
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio*

The Finance Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday,

September 27, 2000 at five o'clock and fifty-five minutes p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the rehabilitation of the firehouses in the city.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Sullivan, Chair of the Committee; Vice Mayor Maher; Councillors Decker, Davis, Braude and Toomey; Robert W. Healy, City Manager; Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager; James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs; Lisa Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager; Gerald Reardon; Acting Fire Chief; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Sullivan opened the meeting by stating that this administration has been supportive of the Fire Department. The City Manager distributed a historical summary of the Fire Department Capital Appropriations. **(ATTACHMENT A)** The purchase of a new ladder truck was approved by this administration.

Robert W. Healy, City Manager, stated that the City Council and the City Manager has dedicated resources to keep the fire department in excellent condition with their apparatus. The city is looking at equipment and fire stations in an orderly manner and work is needed to be done and will be done in each succeeding year. Funds were provided for a second ladder truck. Every year, he said, the capital requests will be reviewed and requests will be addressed. There is no attempt to do less in the interiors of the fire station than on the exteriors. The Fire Department has a rating of an ISO department and this cannot be achieved without good equipment.

Councillor Sullivan asked about the work planned on the Taylor Square and the Lafayette Square fire stations. Chief Reardon stated that Taylor Square is being done and an interior design will be done in Lafayette Square.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that Channel 7 did an expose on the conditions of fire stations which raised many questions and caused him to submit the attached order adopted by the City Council on April 3, 2000. **(ATTACHMENT B)** The firefighters invited the City Council to breakfast to discuss issues such as safety and engines running in firehouses creating air quality problems.

A discussion ensued regarding exhaust equipment. Chief Reardon stated that there is a bid closing on the capture hose exhaust. Apparatus Rules are being encapsulated and will be done by the end of the year, he said. An enclosure around the top of the fire pole will stop the exhaust from rising into the living quarters. Vice Mayor Maher asked the cost of the enclosure. Chief Reardon responded the expected cost is \$200,000.

Vice Maher asked about the conditions at the firehouses in the living quarters. Chief Reardon stated that Lafayette Square requires exterior sealing before the interior can be worked on; Headquarters was painted; Engine 3 needs a new roof; Engine 4 was done in 1992.

Councillor Sullivan asked if any of the work could be done in-house to save money. Mr. Healy responded that what can be done in-house is done, but the Public Works Department is strapped. Councillor Sullivan asked who was responsible to clean the firehouses. Firefighters was the response of Chief Reardon.

Councillor Davis asked the Fire Chief if the firehouses were converted from oil to natural gas. Chief Reardon responded in the affirmative. Gas is cleaner and requires less maintenance, he said. Councillor Davis asked what is done to conserve energy. Chief Reardon stated the enclosure on the fire pole, automatic door timers are used and new thermopane windows were installed in Engine 3, 4, 5 and 8.

Councillor Davis told of a conference she attended regarding Lead Silver Standards used when renovation is made to a building to have as little impact on the environment as possible. Harvard University and M.I.T. have committed to this standard, she said. Chief Reardon stated smart controllers are used for the heaters and the timer have been installed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on the motion of Vice Mayor Maher.

For the Committee,

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan

Chair

000927.FinanceCommittee Report

TRANSPORTATION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING In City Council January 8, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Jim Braude

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

The Transportation, Traffic and Parking Committee conducted a public meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and receive comments on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) extension of the comment period on the proposal to substitute the Vehicle Trip Reduction Plan for the Commercial Parking Control measure.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Davis, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Born, Susanne Rasmussen, Director of Environmental and Transportation Planning, Donald Drisdell, Deputy City Solicitor and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Donald Drisdell, Deputy City Solicitor, outlined the Memorandum of Agreement with the EPA. The City would issue no more than 81 commercial parking spaces. There are 55 spaces in the bank.

A discussion ensued regarding commercial parking spaces where a fee is charged. Councillor Born asked if a company is charging an employee a fee for a parking space is it exempt. Mr. Drisdell responded in the affirmative. Councillor Born asked if commercial parking spaces are built at the library would the spaces be included in the definition. Mr. Drisdell responded in the affirmative; all parking garages are included in the parking freeze ordinance.

Councillor Davis informed the Committee that a climate protection task force is looking at the whole issue of emissions.

John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill Road, stated that the City has not published its Vehicle Trip Reduction (VTR) Plan. He asked if the VTR is going to ask for more parking. Mr. Drisdell stated that the program is a proposed substitution to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The state regulation does not come into play until the city exceeds its parking spaces. The City, he said, has been aggressively engaged in a variety of programs to reduce vehicle trip miles. The Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) Plan is implemented and managed by the City. The Interim Planning Overlay Proposal (IPOP) is in place. Special permit conditions are included in the IPOP. The City could increase and improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and this has occurred. The city has implemented MBTA subsidies for its employees. It has not been necessary for the City to submit a plan to the state, he said. Councillor Davis asked if there would be a plan submitted after the state accepts the substitution of the VTR for the SIP. Mr. Drisdell responded in the affirmative. The report, he said, must include all programs implemented.

Mr. Moot stated that the SIP substitution has no teeth. The City, he said, is not obligated to implement any of the plan. He inquired as to what measures will be used to measure how many spaces can be added. The proposal does not include a VTR Plan. He stated he would like to see more coordination with the carpooling for commuters. He stated that the feasibility studies should be included in the plan. Mr. Drisdell stated that the feasibility study will be available when it is ready and will be ready in compliance.

Councillor Davis stated that the city staff has worked on this issue and if there is a problem with the issue the issue can be addressed at the state level.

Mr. Drisdell responded that the Department of Environmental Planning (DEP) drafted the text in response to a question from Councillor Born.

Stash Horowitz, 12A Florence Street, stated that in a letter from Mindy S. Lubber from the EPA she states that proof is needed that there is a reduction in the vehicle trip miles before the substitution is accepted. The state conducts a public hearing before any substitution is accepted, he said. In three years, he said, nothing has been done. The City has not proven its case for the substitution. He read a draft of a letter from the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods (ACN) (which was not submitted to the Committee to be included in this report) which also

stated that the City has not complied with the state regulation. The top level of the Galleria Mall parking is not opened when the garage is filled. This is commercial parking space, he said. There is also an excess of commercial capacity at University Park. He asked why would the City argue that the 13,452 parking spaces are not adequate. If garage spaces are added to the 13,452 spaces for a fee there will be more traffic and air pollution will increase, he said.

Eli Yarden, 143 Pleasant Street, listed steps that have not been done, but should be done:

- Sidewalk surfaces are not conducive for walking;
- Intersections are designed poorly;
- No safe way for pedestrians to cross the streets;
- River and Pleasant Streets does not contain a pedestrian intersection;
- Intersections are signalized for motorists, not pedestrians;
- Public transportation has not been dealt with adequately; and
- The issue of traffic enforcement.

One-third of the cost of the new library includes the cost for parking spaces, he said.

Attorney Thomas Bracken, 89 Irving Street, stated that the EPA made an effort to stop the proliferation of parking spaces in Boston. The purpose was to protect the health of the general public; automobiles cause harmful pollutants. He stated that if the Parking Freeze is enforced there is not question of its legality. However, the Parking Freeze was not enforced in Cambridge, he said. The definition of commercial parking spaces was established and 13,452 was the number of parking spaces in Cambridge. He stated it would be a reckless act by the City of Cambridge to throw out the Parking Freeze.

Ted Hamann, 106 Holworthy Street, stated that it is hard to control an issue that is a regional problem. The City is under pressure to keep parking spaces, especially with traffic calming efforts and businesses complaining when spaces are reduced.

Councillor Born stated that she is hearing that the public wished that Cambridge would abandon the substitution and that the measures are not adequate and the City Council should ask the City Manager to seek alternative measures. The Citywide zoning proposal, she said, reduces parking spaces, commercial and residential development and puts limits on Floor Area Ratio (FAR). She urged the proponents to get behind the Citywide zoning proposal to reduce parking.

Councillor Davis stated that the issue is total City emissions. The City received an award for greenhouse gas emissions. Cambridge hopes to reduce emissions by 20%. She urged Mr. Bracken to apply his skill to the issue of greenhouse gases in the City. Aggregating demand for green power is a way to implement this, she said. Mr. Drisdell stated that there is a professional employee in the City who is working on this issue. He denied that there has been no compliance on this matter.

A communication was received from Stephen H. Kaiser, 1191 Hamilton Street, transmitting a copy of a letter sent to Mindy S. Lubber of the EPA regarding the Commercial Parking Freeze.

(ATTACHMENT A)

A communication was received from the Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods (ACN) transmitting a copy of a communication the Association sent to David Conroy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the Cambridge Vehicle Trip Reduction Program as a substitute for the commercial parking control measures currently in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). **(ATTACHMENT B)**

Councillor Davis thanked all that attended the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis,

Chair

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING In City Council January 8, 2001

AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Marjorie C. Decker

Vice Mayor David P. Maher

The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at Career Source, 185 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the services offered by Career Source.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Ellen Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services, Sue Walsh and Susan Mintz, Office of Workforce Development, Jason Marshall and James Henry, Mayor's Office, Robert J. Hebert, Director, Career Source, Thomas Belski, Executive Director, Employment Resources, Inc. (ERI) and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She stated that the Committee was at Career Source to see how Career source functions and to see how Cambridge residents are linked to employment resources.

Robert J. Hebert, Career Source Director, informed the Committee that Career Source provides services to job seekers and employers. Job seekers include persons with no skills or persons with advanced skills. The job seekers skills need to be identified. If training is needed some training is provided. A variety of free workshops are available. There is a program to enhance professional development, such as time or stress management. A partnership has been developed with an interactive e-learning group, he said. Twenty cities and towns are served by Career Source. Employers are offered a variety of services. Job seekers are matched with employers. Job Fairs are held monthly. Employer Forums are held to provide seekers with information on companies. The database, he said, is Career Sources best asset. Newsletters and calendars are printed every other month. Career Source has an interactive web site. The address is www.yourcareer.com. A fee is charged to the employers, he said. Thirteen different workshops are offered. Debt counseling is offered to any person.

Thomas Belski, Executive Director, ERI, informed the Committee that a name is received from the Welfare Office and the recipient is followed for a long period of time. Two hundred eighty-seven women have been placed in jobs, he said. A program is in process to develop savings accounts for recipients to be able to purchase homes. There are 23 different funding sources and it is a challenge to do the reporting and meet the many requirements of the different funding sources and jobs.

Councillor Davis asked about the geographical area served. Mr. Hebert responded that East Boston, Somerville, Everett and Arlington are areas served. There are 6,500 people enrolled. Ms. Sue Walsh, Office of Workforce Development stated that there are 817 Cambridge residents enrolled. Ms. Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services, stated that 50% of people enrolled have a high school diploma or a GED. Mr. Hebert stated that 30% are non-English speaking.

Councillor Davis asked about the capacity for job outreach. Mr. Hebert stated that in July 2000 a new system, Moses, was implemented. It is very limited.

Councillor Davis asked how do employers find Career Source to list the jobs. Mr. Hebert responded that a business development group and a telemarketer are used. Stop & Shop, he said has used Career Source frequently. Council Davis stated that incentives could be offered to businesses that list jobs for Cambridge residents which would limit the impact on traffic in the City.

Councillor Davis asked if employers are charged a fee for the employer forums. Mr. Hebert responded in the negative. Mr. Belski stated that the perception needs to be overcome that Career Source is not a Welfare Center. This is the reason outreach is so important, he said. The economy has shifted the employers to look at the population that it might not have looked at in the past. Publicity needs to be done to advertise the professionalism of the Career Centers, he said. New college graduates use the resources at the Career Center. Performance based contracts are tied to the hard to serve, he said.

Ms. Walsh stated that there is a bias in the business community about using public funded Career Centers.

Mr. Belski stated that the reputation of the Center is changing. Marketing, he said, needs to be done to promote the positive aspect of Career Source. More than 50% of minorities are being served by the Center, with an increase in the revenue flow. Public funding, he said, cannot be totally depended upon. Employers are charged \$200.00 to join the Job Fairs.

Councillor Davis asked who is doing the advertising to bring people into Career Source. Mr. Hebert responded Career Source. In response to an inquiry from Jason Marshall, Assistant to the Mayor, Mr. Hebert stated that he would send Mr. Marshall information on the Job Fairs.

Councillor Davis stated that the City Council could facilitate the connection for Career Source. She spoke about the top 25 employers in the City who now are listed on the City's web site. Mr. Hebert stated that Career Source will link to the City's web site.

Councillor Davis stated that Cambridge businesses should be encouraged to link to the City's web site to obtain Cambridge residents as job seekers. Mr. Semonoff asked if recruitment could be targeted for Cambridge businesses. Mr. Hebert responded that because of the reporting process it was not possible today, but was hopeful for the future.

Councillor Davis asked how far do the services go to meet the needs. Mr. Hebert responded that mailings are done to get job seekers to Career source. Ms. Walsh stated that the Cambridge Employment Plan gets the information. Case managers review their lists and provide some level of intensive career search. Mr. Hebert stated that is trying to institute a plan to provide transportation to get low-level job seekers to jobs outside of Cambridge. Ms. Semonoff stated that the availability of the T in Cambridge provides Cambridge residents access to good jobs outside the City.

Councillor Davis spoke about the use of shuttles provided by businesses. Cambridge businesses can be encouraged to give priority to Cambridge residents for jobs.

Councillor Davis asked what could the City do to help Career Source provide better service. Mr. Hebert stated the following:

- Promoting Career Source to job seekers and to the business community. He would like to see more high-end resumes come to Career Source.
- Leads to employers so that seekers and jobs can be matched.

Ms. Semonoff stated that it should be a goal to increase the ability of Career Source to provide information to make it possible for Cambridge business to get a link to the job seekers. Mr. Marshall further suggested that the non-profit community be tapped also.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue of monitoring. Ms. Semonoff stated that Job Fairs would be something to review. Cambridge businesses could be made aware of the resources of Career Source to provide jobs to Cambridge residents. Mr. Hebert stated that he would be happy to send a letter if the database of employers could be provided.

Councillor Davis thanked all that attended the meeting. She thanked the representatives from Career Source for their hospitality and time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis,

Chair

001212.EconomicDevelopment,TrainingandEmploymentReport.CareerSource

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY
OFFICERS
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY,
JANUARY 8, 2001**

1. A communication was received from Councillor Jim Braude, transmitting an update on the Cambridgeport Bank since its change in status was approved last year.