

**HEARING SCHEDULE
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING APRIL 23, 2001**

Monday, April 23, 2001	4:00 P.M.	The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the update on the status on the Community Preservation Act with the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, April 23, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber) <i>Special recognition of Cambridge Mediators</i> <i>Presentation on rodent control</i>
Tuesday, April 24, 2001	3:00 P.M.	The Economic Development, Training and Employment and Long Term Planning committees will conduct a working meeting to continue discussions on planning the May 10, 2001 joint meeting. (Ackermann Room)
Tuesday, April 24, 2001	5:30 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the City. (Ackermann Room)
Wednesday, April 25, 2001	3:00 P.M.	The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Public Facilities, Arts and Celebration Committee will hold a public meeting to discuss the City Council goal of

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fostering community.
(Ackermann Room)

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

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

6:00 P.M.

The Public Health Assessment

7:00 P.M.

Implementation of a plan for the establishment of permanent public toilet facilities.
(Sullivan Chamber)

Thursday, April 26, 2001

4:30 P.M.

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

Thursday, April 26, 2001

7:00 P.M.

The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on the refiled East Cambridge zoning petition.
This hearing is televised.
(Sullivan Chamber)

Monday, April 30, 2001	5:30 P.M.	<p>Roundtable Meeting To discuss Playing Fields. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)</p>
Tuesday, May 1, 2001	10:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.	<p>The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)</p>
Wednesday, May 2, 2001	4:30 P.M.	<p>The Ordinance Committee will conduct a hearing on the Special District 8 zoning petition. (Sullivan Chamber) This hearing is televised.</p>
Thursday, May 3, 2001	4:00 P.M.	<p>The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting to continue discussion of a proposal for a home rule petition to enable 16 and 17 years olds to vote in municipal elections. (Ackermann Room)</p>
Thursday, May 3, 2001	5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	<p>The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the issue of master planning with Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (Sullivan Chamber)</p>
Monday, May 7, 2001	5:30 P.M.	<p>Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)</p>

Tuesday, May 8, 2001	10:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.	The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 8, 2001	6:00 P.M.	The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 School Department Budget. (Sullivan Chamber)
Thursday, May 10, 2001	10:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.	The Finance Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the FY02 City Budget. (IF NECESSARY) (Sullivan Chamber)
Thursday, May 10, 2001	6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee and the Economic Development, Training, and Employment will jointly conduct a community meeting on Central Square. (Senior Center Ballroom, 806 Massachusetts Avenue)
Monday, May 14, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Tuesday, May 15, 2001	4:00 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting regarding the evaluation of the City Clerk. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, May 21, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tuesday, May 22, 2001	6:00 P.M.	The Government Operations, Rules and Claims will conduct a public meeting to discuss changing the way the Mayor is selected. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, May 23, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 4, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 11, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Roundtable Meeting Discussion with the Election Commission. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)
Wednesday, June 13, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee hearing on zoning. (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 18, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, June 25, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)
Monday, July 30, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL - COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE**

The Committee on Finance will conduct public hearings on the city and school budgets covering the fiscal period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

These hearings will be held in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, broadcast on the municipal cable station and will follow the schedule outlined below. The proposed budget will include recommendations from the City Manager concerning capital and operating budgets.

All interested individuals are invited to attend and be heard and/or submit written testimony. Those wishing to testify will be given the opportunity either at the outset or conclusion of each day's hearings. Copies of the budget may be viewed at the main and branch libraries and will be available on a one to one basis at the Budget Office at City Hall after April 24, 2001. Additionally, the budget will be available on the Internet through the City Home Page: www.ci.cambridge.ma.us

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001 -- commencing at 10:30 A.M.

Budget Overview	Cable TV	Weights & Measures
Executive	Conservation	Inspectional Services
Affirmative Action	Veterans	Women's Commission
Positive Edge	Community Development	Emergency Management
Public Information Officer	Human Rights	Tourism
City Council	Public Works	Public Investment
Mayor's Office	Electrical	Cherry Sheet
City Clerk	Library	Debt Service
Law Department	Water	MWRA

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001 -- commencing at 10:30 A.M.

License Commission	Treasury/Revenue/Reserve	Historical
Fire Department	Budget	Employee Benefit
Police	Assessing	Public Celebrations
General Services	Personnel	Traffic, Parking & Transportation
Telephone	Purchasing	Animal Commission
Printing/Mailing	Auditing	Police Review & Advisory
Emergency Communications	MIS	Human Services
Finance	Election Commission	Cambridge Health Alliance
Administration	Peace Commission	

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001 -- commencing at 6:00 P.M.

Public Schools

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2001 -- commencing at 10:30 A.M.

If necessary

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2001

Budget Adoption

APRIL 23, 2001

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the FY2002 submitted budget and appropriation orders.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Daniel Saccoccio, 55 Otis Street, Cambridge, MA 02141
Eugene Thomas, 8 Taylor Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-172**, regarding the City's policy on school crossing guard uniforms.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-175**, regarding a report on the progress of the Riverside Study Committee.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-169**, regarding a report on access to and training on computers for the City's seniors.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-160**, regarding the process for review of issues related to Extended Day Program, Community Schools, Youth Centers and After-School Childcare Programs.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the Mark Rogers to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire on April 25, 2006.

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8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 00-105**, regarding a report on adding the Food Channel to cable service offered in Cambridge.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-174**, regarding a report on notifying Inspectional Services of all noise complaints made at all construction sites.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-156**, regarding the status and implementation of the smoking regulations.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as members of the Arts Council for a two year term to expire April 30, 2003:

Lisa A. Jones, 12 Robinson St., Apt. 31, Cambridge
Gregory Dirk Lombardi, 1955 Mass. Ave., Suite 4, Camb.
Jaqueline Phillips, 212 Forest Street, Needham
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$500,000 to supplement the \$3,200,000 appropriated on May 11, 1998 to fund extensive renovations at the CRLS Field House including roof replacement, structural repairs to the walls of facility, and replacement of the HVAC units on the roof of the building.
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15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$108,661 in the Grant Fund of the Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Mass Executive Office of Public Safety to be used for the purpose of firefighter personal safety equipment.
16. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Department of Housing & Community Development for \$8,866 to the Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to continue the program available to Cambridge and Somerville homeowners whose income falls at or below 150% of poverty according to federal guidelines to receive 25% or \$2,000 towards their annual water and sewer bill.
17. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a private donation of \$3,500 from the Commonwealth Corp. to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to enable the Office of Workforce Dev. to sponsor a Youth Provider Fair.
18. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Mass Dept. of Housing & Community Dev. for \$423,655 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salary & Wages Account (\$8,566) and Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$415,089) to provide additional funds for the Low Income Heating Assistance Program.

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19. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-157**, regarding a report on improving the visibility of signage prohibiting left turns for drivers approaching Massachusetts Avenue from Western Avenue.

20. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$925,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Department Salary & Wages Account (\$325,000), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$555,000) and Travel & Training Account (\$45,000) to cover the costs associated with overtime as a result of snow clearing and salting operations and snow bonuses pursuant to union contracts, increases in snow and ice costs, in energy costs and for unanticipated expenses in Building Administration; and the transfer of \$225,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary Adjustment Account to the Public Works Department Salary & Wages Account to fund medical bills of current and former employees.

21. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. 6, dated 3/19/01, which requested a presentation on the Student Data Report.

April 23, 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:

Daniel Saccoccio 55 Otis Street Cambridge, MA 02141	With Power
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Eugene Thomas 8 Taylor Road Buzzards Bay, MA 02532	Without Power
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Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

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Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 121B, Section 5, I submit to the City Council for confirmation the appointment of Mark Rogers (resume attached) to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire on April 25, 2006.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-172, regarding the City's policy on school crossing guard uniforms, Personnel Director Michael Gardner reports the following:

The City of Cambridge and AFSCME Council 93, Cambridge Traffic Supervisors, reached agreement on a 3-year contract, from July 1, 2000 to July 30, 2003, on October 20, 2000.

An issue remained as to uniforms, specifically as to the additional seasonal clothing requested by the Supervisors. The parties agreed on a limited re-opener on the issue to discuss changes in the language concerning clothing or funds for clothing provided for Traffic Supervisors. Such discussions were to be concluded by June 30, 2001.

The parties have met on the uniform issue. They met once on March 12, 2001 and are scheduled to meet again on April 23, 2001. Regardless of the eventual outcome of these discussions and agreements reached therein, the City is committed to ensuring that the Traffic Supervisors will continue to have a professional appearance which ensures their safety and which identifies them as Traffic Supervisors.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-160, regarding the process for review of issues related to Extended Day Program, Community Schools, Youth Centers and After-school Childcare Programs, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

April 18, 2001

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services

RE: Council Order # 11 February 7, 2001; Awaiting Report # 1-160, March 19, 2001: Process for review of issues related to Extended Day Program, Community Schools, Youth Centers and After-school Childcare Programs.

This year the City Council Human Services Committee has been examining issues related to programs serving children and youth in the after-school hours. After an initial meeting to review options for the Committee's work, the Committee heard from the Child Care Resource Center and the Human Services Department about programs and services as well as wait lists and resources for families seeking after-school care. The Committee then heard extensively about one program model, the Harrington Extended Day Program, with a presentation from the teachers and the evaluator about the program. The Committee indicated its interest in learning more about different program models for children's after school hours, focussed especially on issues of duplication of services, equity issues across neighborhoods and barriers to collaboration.

As a Department, we have been looking at some of these issues for our own programs. The directors of our Youth, Community School, Childcare and Recreation divisions have been meeting to try to address issues relating to staff training needs, program duplication and differentiation, space issues, school/after-school program interfaces and summer programming efforts. That process will be continuing over the next several months. In addition, with the new Agenda for Children Supervised Activities Coordinator beginning work this week, we expect to be engaged with her in a citywide analysis of needs and programs.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Human Services Committee in examining these issues. The members of the Committee have indicated a keen awareness of the complex issues that exist in analyzing the different program models, each of which has its own constituency. We would be happy to work with the City Clerk and the Chair of the Committee to arrange a schedule of meetings and to develop the topics to be addressed.

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-169, regarding a report on access to and training on computers for the City's seniors, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager for Human Services

DATE: April 17, 2001

RE: **City Council Order 0-6, dated April 2, 2001, regarding Access to and Training on Computers for the City's Senior Population**

The Cambridge Citywide Senior Center has been offering computer access and training courses to seniors for the past five years. The Center started its offerings with five computers that were provided by the Friends of the Council on Aging. With some additional computers the City added to this inventory, there have generally been eight to nine computers available for seniors. Four of the computers had Internet access.

Over the past year, some of these computers were not functioning for periods of time. The causes were the age of the computers as well as the high usage by seniors, some of whom were downloading and installing programs from the Internet or bringing in programs from disks that were infecting the machines. Periodic repairs to the computers were made, but several months ago almost all of the computers were not functioning.

In response to this problem, several actions have been taken. First, a priority order was placed with Dell Computers for seven new computers, which have arrived. These are all the newest Dell models, with full Microsoft Office package, full Internet capacities and fully integrated sound capabilities. Second, while we were awaiting the arrival of the new computers, the center's Computer Instructor was able to offer classes one day per week at Cambridge College. The Senior Center also partnered with the Central Square Library to staff blocks of time several days per week for seniors to have lab/open access to the library's computers before the general public's usage hours.

Of the seven new computers, two were installed last week and the remaining five will be installed and operational by the end of this week. One of the older computers has also been repaired, with Internet access restored, so that there are a total of eight computers available to seniors.

The standard offering of weekly classes for seniors includes several sections of computer basics, Internet basics, and intermediate computers. The classes are generally offered in four-week sessions that run continuously throughout the year. The computer lab is otherwise open to seniors for any usage, including Internet access, email, word processing and computer games.

These new computers are password protected to minimize future problems with damage caused by people downloading unauthorized programs. The Computer Instructor or a Senior Center staff person must be on site for general monitoring whenever the computers are available to seniors.

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-175, regarding a report on the progress of the Riverside Study Committee, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Date: April 18, 2001

Subject: Council Order #5 dated 4/9/01: Report on an update on the progress of the Riverside Study Committee

In response to the above-referenced order we report the following.

The Riverside Study is underway, following a process similar to the one used in the Eastern Cambridge Planning Study. In each instance, following a widely advertised solicitation for letters of interest, the City Manager appointed a study committee made up of neighborhood residents, business and property owners, and city staff. Attached is a list of the Riverside Study Committee membership.

Like the Eastern Cambridge Planning Study, the Riverside study is being undertaken in the context of an 18-month moratorium, which effectively halts significant development during that period of time. The study, originally proposed by the Loose Petition, must be completed several months prior to the moratorium's expiration, so that the Committee's recommendations can be available for review by the Planning Board in time for the Board's zoning recommendations to be sent to the City Council and advertised before the expiration of the moratorium. The Riverside moratorium was adopted on October 16, 2000 and will expire on April 16, 2002.

In the interest of meeting these deadlines, the Community Development Department, in both the Eastern Cambridge and Riverside cases, wrote and advertised a detailed Request for Proposals for consultant services to assist the Committee and the Department in the formulation of plans for the respective areas. The intent was to have the consultant team ready to meet with the Committee soon after the Committee process began. In the case of Riverside, interviews with the applicant teams have taken place, and the proposals are being reviewed by the City's designer selection committee to determine which team will be awarded the contract. As in Eastern Cambridge, two citizen members of the Committee participated in the interviews.

While the RFP establishes a general scope of services, the Committee will have a significant role in establishing the goals for the neighborhood and the nature of the planning work to be done. The recommendations of the Riverside Committee will be firmly based on the work of the Committee, wider neighborhood outreach, and the professional skills the consultants bring to bear.

Response to Council Order #5 dated 4/1/90
April 18, 2001

The first meeting of the Riverside Study Committee will be on Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. at the King School library. All study committee members have been notified, the meeting was publicized in the Boston Globe on April 8, 2001, and notice is posted on the City website. This will be an opportunity for Committee members to become acquainted with each other and for a general discussion of the intent of the study and the anticipated schedule for the study process. At the next meeting, the consultant team will begin to work with the Committee. The overall goal is to have recommendations finalized by the end of 2001 so that zoning recommendations may be drafted and considered by the Planning Board and forwarded to the City Council prior to the expiration of the Loose Moratorium on April 16, 2002.

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting for your consideration, the FY2002 submitted appropriation orders. The budget book and back-up materials will be available in the City Council Office prior to the City Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2001.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachments

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting a transfer of \$5,000 from the City Council Travel & Training Account to the City Council Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. The purpose of the transfer is to cover the cost of three additional community meetings, follow-up meetings with key staff to modify goals/process and the cost of printing of the City Council FY2002 Goals brochure.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a donation from the Cambridge Savings Bank for \$2,500 to the Grant Fund Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account for the purpose of paying part of the expenses of converting a Cambridge Fire Department truck to a replacement for the Cambridge Auxiliary Fire Department Lighting Plant unit. The Fire Department budget will support any other funds that may be needed.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

January 8, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$108,661 in the Grant Fund of the Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety has awarded funds through the Firefighter Safety Equipment Program to be used for the purchase of Firefighter Personal Safety Equipment.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for \$8,866 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to continue the program available to Cambridge and Somerville homeowners whose income falls at or below 150% of poverty according to federal guidelines to receive 25% or \$2,000, whichever is less, toward their annual water and sewer bill over \$150.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

April 23, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a private donation of \$3,500 from the Commonwealth Corporation to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds to enable the Office of Workforce Development to sponsor a Youth Provider Fair which is a one day conference with workshops for frontline staff. This event will include staff development and training opportunities that are planned in response to training needs identified by the programs. These funds will be used to support stipends for presenters, a consultant to organize the event, and operations for the event.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

April 23, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for \$423,655 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries and Wages account (\$8,566) and Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$415,089), to provide additional funds for the Low Income Heating Assistance Program to cover the high cost of heating oil this past winter as well as a slight increase in the number of people applying for benefits. In addition, the Salaries and Wages account will support staffing to assist in administering the program.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

April 23, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$500,000 to supplement the \$3,200,000 appropriated on May 11, 1998 to fund extensive renovations at the CRLS Field House including roof replacement, structural repairs to the walls of the facility, and replacement of the HVAC units on the roof of the building.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Consent Agenda Item No. 12

April 23, 2001

ORDERED: That \$500,000 is appropriated, in addition to the \$3,200,000 previously appropriated, for the purpose of remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, consisting of roof repair and replacement and other necessary repairs; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the City Manager is authorized to borrow \$500,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G. L. c. 44 or any other enabling authority.

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-156, regarding the status and implementation of the smoking regulations, received from Chief Public Health Officer Harold Cox.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Harold Cox, Chief Public Health Officer

Re: Response to Council Order 01-156

Next steps being consider in making Cambridge a smoke-free city.

Date: April 18, 2001

Cambridge was in the forefront of clean air legislation in 1975 when the original tobacco control ordinance looking at smoking in public places was passed by the City Council. As the evidence of the danger of exposure to secondhand smoke increased many revisions have been adopted to further protect the public. Most recently revisions were adopted in 1995 and again in 1999. The evidence is increasingly overwhelming and the Cambridge Public Health Department is committed to continuing to work to make Cambridge smoke-free.

While we have a great interest to promote public health through establishing a smoke-free Cambridge, we are very aware of the many barriers to this realization. It is the challenge of the public health department to find the least intrusive way to protect the health of all members of our community, including restaurant owners, workers, and customers. We have heard from business owners, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, and restaurant workers among others that a statewide ban would be the fairest and also the healthiest route toward a smoke-free community.

This strong mandate has highlighted the next steps of the Cambridge Public Health Department concerning tobacco control is to work with closely with organizations such as the Massachusetts Coalition for a Healthy Future and the American Cancer Society to pass House Bill 3291. This bill, commonly referred to as the Cahill Bill, would make all worksites in Massachusetts employing two or more people 100% smoke-free, including restaurants and bars. Private clubs would be exempt if all employees are members of the club. Please see the attached information regarding House Bill 3291.

If this bill fails to be passed by the state legislature the public health department is committed to finding specific actions that will move Cambridge further toward smoke-free status. The permits that allow smoking that were issued in January of 2000 are valid until January of 2003. The date of January 2, 2003 appears to be a realistic target date for improved Cambridge regulations in the event that a statewide ban is not delivered.

In the mean time, services are available to work with restaurants that wish to become smoke-free, and with restaurants that wish to further limit the smoking that is allowed on their premises. Education is a top priority for the program and outreach to restaurants is on-going.

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-174, regarding a report on notifying the Inspectional Services Department of all noise complaints made at all construction sites, please be advised of the following:

The Police and Emergency Communication Departments and the License Commission have been directed to advise the Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) when a noise complaint at a construction site is received. Upon receiving this information, the Commissioner of the ISD will take the appropriate follow-up action with the contractor/developer in an effort to prevent further occurrences.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-105, regarding a report on adding the Food Channel to cable service offered in Cambridge, please be advised of the following:

AT&T Broadband has informed this office that because of channel space restrictions, the number of new services that can be added to the Cambridge channel lineup are limited. AT&T will continue to monitor the progress of growing networks, such as the Food Channel and periodically evaluate the channel line-up in concert with the demands of customers.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Council Order No. 6, dated 3/19/01, which requested a presentation on the Student Data Report, received from Superintendent of Schools Bobbie D'Alessandro.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

April 23, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-157, regarding a report on improving the visibility of signage prohibiting left turns for drivers approaching Massachusetts Avenue from Western Avenue, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department conducted a site inspection on March 29, 2001 with two Cambridge Police Department representatives and Councillor Davis. We observed vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns and discussed some possible modifications to reduce some of the confusion currently occurring in the intersection. The following improvements were agreed upon and will be implemented over the next four to eight weeks.

1. On Western Avenue at Massachusetts Avenue facing north: The solid green light ball on the mast arm side mount pole on the traffic median will be replaced to a straight arrow to match the other driver's side traffic signal heads at this intersection.
2. On the same pole as above: A "No Left Turn" pictorial sign will be installed on the overhead mast arm signal pole also facing north. (Prospect Street traffic)
3. Within the whole intersection: Pavement marking arrows will be installed on all the approaches to the intersection to give drivers a detailed travel lane legal movement. These pavement markings will reduce confusion.

This intersection has major traffic volumes, with many legal and illegal turning vehicles. The current signing on the Mass. Ave approaches to the intersection is already well signed. The illegal turning movements are occurring due to a combination of confusion by drivers who don't understand the uncommon left turn restriction at this typical four-way intersection and frustration with the restrictions. We believe these changes should cleanup the overall sign pollution appearance in the intersection and reduce driver confusion. However, this is a location that will always need periodic enforcement of the left turn restrictions, which are critical to managing the traffic volumes in Central Square.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

April 23, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$925,000 from Free Cash to the General Fund Public Works Department Salary and Wages Account (\$325,000), Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$555,000) and Travel and Training/Judgements and Damages Account (45,000) and the transfer of \$225,000 from the Employee Benefits Salary Adjustment Account to the Public Works Department Salary and Wages Account for the following purposes:

Appropriate \$325,000 to the Public Works Department Salary and Wages Account to cover overtime as a result of snow clearing and salting operations and snow bonuses pursuant to union contracts. In the 2000-2001 winter season, the DPW responded to a high frequency of storm events.

Appropriate \$555,000 to the Public Works Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to cover increases in the Snow and Ice account (420,000), in energy costs (\$100,000), and for unanticipated expenses in Building Administration (35,000). The Public Works budget includes a modest allocation for supplies and services necessary for snow clearing and salting operations and additional funds are needed to offset the significant costs incurred. Similarly, the budgeted items for energy costs were not sufficient to absorb the large price increases realized this year: the actual cost of heating oil is 51% higher than the budgeted cost; unleaded gasoline is up 38%; and the cost of diesel fuel is up 47% from last year. With regard to Building Administration, \$26,600 is needed for repairs to the elevator at the Senior Center due to leaks and flooding, and \$8,400 is needed for consulting services to assess and cost estimate the cost of renovating the St. Mary's School on Essex Street to accommodate the Community Learning Center.

Appropriate \$45,000 to the Public Works Department Travel and Training Account (Judgements and Damages) to fund medical bills of current and former employees.

Transfer \$225,000 from the Employee benefits Salary Adjustment Account to the Public Works Department Salary and Wages Account to cover the 3% cost-of-living increases received by employees this year.

Please note that the City has recently been notified that we are eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency due to the declaration by the Governor of a State of Emergency for the March 5 - 7, 2001 storm. The City is in the process of compiling the necessary documentation and anticipates approximately \$250,000 in reimbursement.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

MASSACHUSETTS

**City Council Calendar No. 11
Monday, April 23, 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.

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

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| 1. An application was received from The Body Shop, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of the premises numbered 1440 Massachusetts Avenue. | 1. |
| 2. An application was received from Green Street Productions, requesting permission for a temporary banner for the Central Square World's Fair across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall. Approval has been received from abutters. | 2. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

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| 1. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, Editor, Enough Room, regarding the mission of Human Rights Commission, Commission for Persons with Disabilities. | 1. |
| 2. A communication was received from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a corrected notice of the joint petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Company and Commonwealth Electric Company for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of a three year Energy Efficiency Plan covering the period 2000-2002. | 2. |
| 3. A communication was received from the family of Ann K. O'Connor, transmitting grateful appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council. | 3. |
| 4. A communication was received from Eva Doucette and family, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of their brother John S. Oley, Jr. | 4. |
| 5. A communication was received from Senator John F. Kerry, transmitting thanks for forwarding the City Council resolution on rising energy costs and a copy of Senate Resolution 26 to increase support for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. | 5. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

1. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Rogers Celebration, which honors the Portuguese culture, which will be held on May 2, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valente Memorial Library. 1.
Councillor Toomey and Mayor Galluccio

2. Retirement of Marion Arthur from the School Department. 2.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

3. Proclaim April, 2001 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Cambridge. 3.
Mayor Galluccio

4. Congratulations to Annalise Torgeson who was named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Star Team for Girls Gymnastics. 4.
Mayor Galluccio

5. Congratulations to CRLS students Troyanah Evans, Tori Bishop, Sarah Isbitz, Alyssa Tingle, Gina DiFilipo, Nora Sullivan, Neressa Henry and Nirva Guirand who were named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Star team for Girls Track. 5.
Mayor Galluccio

6. Congratulations to CRLS students Tim Harding, Adam Zeisel, Zach Habtemichael, Jack Hannon, Stanley Pierre-Louis, Darryl Crayton and Travis Barnes who were named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Star team for Boys Track. 6.
Mayor Galluccio

7. Congratulations to CRLS students Artis Bergman, David Koocher, Craig Etheridge, Jean Jeaneuse, Robert Augero-Hoffman, Slater Brauns and Dave Maybury-Lewis on being named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 and the Boston Herald Greater Boston League All-Stars Boys' Swimming Team. 7.
Mayor Galluccio

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

8. Congratulations to CRLS students Steve Vendetti, Rich Graham, Bleaker Wheeler, Danny Chaisson, Dominic DeFrancisco and J.T. Pasquarello on being named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Star Division 2 Boys Hockey team. 8.
Mayor Galluccio

9. Congratulations to Celina Vital on being named to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Star Girls Basketball team. 9.
Mayor Galluccio

10. Congratulations to CRLS students Louie Ford, Stephen Passley, Shawn Barrows and Anthony Johnson who were named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Star Boys Basketball Team. 10.
Mayor Galluccio

11. Congratulations to North Cambridge Catholic student Keith Butler who was named Boston Globe 2000-2001 All Scholastic for boys basketball and Boston Herald Dream Team. 11.
Mayor Galluccio

12. Resolution on the death of Earl Thorne. 12.
Councillor Reeves and entire membership

13. Retirement of Margaret C. Chapin. 13.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

14. Congratulations to Kevin Flynn and the Danvers High School Hockey program on winning the Division 2 State Hockey Title. 14.
Mayor Galluccio

15. Congratulations to Courtney and Ashley Lindhorst on their receipt of the Young Heroes Award as a result of their heroic actions during a fire at their home. 15.
Mayor Galluccio

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

16. Proclaim that the month of May is Dance Month throughout the City of Cambridge. 16.
Mayor Galluccio
17. Declare April 27th and April 28th, 2001 as CITYSTEP DAYS in the City of Cambridge. 17.
Mayor Galluccio
18. Black and Green event being held at the Agassiz School on May 18, 2001. 18.
Councillor Sullivan
19. Resolution on the death of Eleanor S. Sullivan. 19.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
20. Thanks to Therese Fitzmaurice for her service as President of the Emblem Club #108. 20.
Councillor Sullivan
21. Urge all residents and businesses to participate in the Mystic Watershed Super Cleanup which will take place from April 14 through May 12, 2001. 21.
Councillor Sullivan
22. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the musical event which will raise funds for the memorial to Sr. Mary Ona Cahill who served Sacred Heart Parish for thirty five years. 22.
Councillor Toomey
23. Urge all residents to be cognizant and participate in the dedication of the Cedar Street Bridge in honor of Peter G. Piro on April 28, 2001 at 12:00 noon. 23.
Councillor Toomey
24. Congratulations to Stanley Pierre-Louis on being named Boston Globe 2000-2001 All-Scholastic for boys track. 24.
Mayor Galluccio

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

25. Congratulations to Sam Novad, Jerome Ellcock, Max Johnson and Gene Damian, CRLS students named to the Boston Globe 2000-2001 Greater Boston League All-Stars Wrestling Team. 25.
Mayor Galluccio
26. Retirement of Doris Gerard from the Public Health Commission. 26.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
27. Retirement of Mary A. MacLeod from the Cambridge Hospital. 27.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
28. Holocaust commemoration program for Cambridge which will take place Thursday, May 3, 2001 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, 8 Tremont Street, Cambridge. 28.
Councillors Decker, Born, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
29. Retirement of Philomena O'Loughlin from the Public Health Commission. 29.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
30. Fundraiser for Vincent Spencer which is being sponsored by Mount Moriah Lodge #9 on May 5, 2001 at the William E. Reed Auditorium at 18-24 Washington in the Grove Hall Section of Boston. 30.
Mayor Galluccio
31. Resolution on the death of Donald R. Valente. 31.
Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
32. Resolution on the death of Esther Spadafora. 32.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
33. Resolution on the death of Alfredo A. Baratta. 33.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
34. Resolution on the death of Gloria DaSilva. 34.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

35. Resolution to be prepared on the death of Deolinda Oliveira. 35.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
36. Resolution on the death of Angelina Ventorlieri. 36.
Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
37. Resolution on the death of Catherine M. Emello. 37.
Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
38. Resolution on the death of Mildred Genevieve Cavicchi. 38.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
39. Resolution on the death of Warren Aldo Cavicchi. 39.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
40. Resolution on the death of C. Marie Walsh. 40.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
41. Proclaim May 2001 as GOGREEN MONTH. 41.
Councillor Davis
42. Thanks to Cambridge School volunteers and urge residents to be 42.
cognizant of the reception which will take place in their honor on
May 3, 2001 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Harvard Faculty Club.
Councillor Sullivan
43. Retirement of Myra Mayman, founding Director of the Office for the 43.
Arts at Harvard University.
Mayor Galluccio
44. Congratulations to Jane Kenworthy Lewis on her appointment as 44.
Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the
Commonwealth.
Vice Mayor Maher and Mayor Galluccio
45. Congratulations to Beaver Country Day School honor roll students 45.
Tessera Hobbs, Phoebe Sullivan, Lauren Fisher, John Kinder and
Nyjah Wyche.
Mayor Galluccio

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

46. Congratulations to Rachael Bursac on being named to the high honor roll at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School in Waltham. 46.
Mayor Galluccio
47. Congratulations to Anna Lown on being named to the honor roll at Dana Hall School. 47.
Mayor Galluccio
48. Congratulations to Steven Correia who was named to the dean's list at Merrimack College. 48.
Mayor Galluccio
49. Congratulations to Ira Sills who will be honored on Friday, May 11, 2001 by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild at its annual dinner at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. 49.
Mayor Galluccio
50. Congratulations to Arlington Catholic High School honor roll students Katelyn Capuccio, Benjamin Cuddy, Louis DePasquale, Timothy Keefe, Stephanie Nugent, Micala Sykley, Alisha Walker, Jonathan Fucile, Elocine St. Vil and William Trainor. 50.
Mayor Galluccio
51. Longy School of Music dedication which will take place on May 1, 2001 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. dedicating four outdoor sculptures given in honor of Victor Rosenbuam. 51.
Mayor Galluccio
52. Congratulations to Aaron Johnson who has been named to the high honor roll at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School in Waltham. 52.
Mayor Galluccio
53. Observance of Arbor Day from April 28, 2001 through May 8, 2001. 53.
Mayor Galluccio
54. Resolution on the death of Henry A. Dragun. 54.
Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Toomey and entire membership

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

55. Urge all residents to be cognizant of a Preeminence in Teaching event to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, 5 Cambridge Parkway. 55.
Councillor Sullivan
56. Urge all residents to attend the 9th Annual MIT/Cambridge Science Expo which will take place on April 25, 2001 with public viewing taking place from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Athletic Center, MIT. 56.
Councillor Sullivan
57. Resolution on the death of Nathercia Manita. 57.
Councillor Toomey and entire membership
58. Retirement of Sally Power from the City of Cambridge Assessors Office. 58.
Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
59. Congratulations to the Blessed Sacrament Color Guard for their placement in the National Tournament in Wisconsin. 59.
Councillor Decker
60. Congratulations to the volunteers, residents and city employees who took part in the city's homeless count. 60.
Councillor Decker
61. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the Central Little League kickoff parade on April 29, 2001. 61.
Councillor Decker

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

1. Consider the creation of a separate Economic Development Department. 1.
Councillors Sullivan and Born
2. Investigation on the slaughter of three mother geese and the eggs on which they were sitting. 2.
Councillor Sullivan
3. Accept the provisions of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 2000 entitled "An Act Relative to the Election of Retirement Options for Certain Retirees." 3.
Councillor Born
4. Update regarding Election Commission's consideration of reducing the number of wards and precincts by May 7, 2001. 4.
Mayor Galluccio
5. Dedicate the corner of Hampshire and Norfolk Streets to the Walsh Brothers. 5.
Councillor Sullivan
6. Reaffirm City Council support for a living wage at Harvard University. 6.
Councillor Braude
7. Hearings to determine whether the city should consider doing exit polling of voters at municipal or statewide elections to gain feedback from people of Cambridge. 7.
Councillor Braude
8. Timeline and date when repairs and clean-up of Gold Star pool will be completed. 8.
Mayor Galluccio
9. Status of air conditioning at the Area 4 and Moore Youth Centers and date of completion for renovations to the Gately Youth Center. 9.
Mayor Galluccio

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**

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| 10. Inquiry regarding Chapter 90 funds which were not included in the state budget.
Councillor Decker | 10. |
| 11. Status of constructing a skate park in Cambridge.
Mayor Galluccio | 11. |
| 12. Notification to abutters when streets will be closed due to water or sewer repair and advance notice of water being turned off due to repair or replacement work.
Councillor Davis | 12. |
| 13. Steps to reduce litter in the area of CRLS and the Main Library.
Councillor Davis | 13. |
| 14. Steps to clean up litter and debris on the railroad between the Huron Avenue Bridge and the Mount Auburn Bridge.
Councillor Davis | 14. |
| 15. Conduct a traffic study of Norfolk Street to determine if traffic calming measures are warranted.
Councillor Davis | 15. |
| 16. Provide City Council with information on the tracking of the youth and adult hunger population in the city.
Councillor Decker | 16. |

O-1.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: Numerous orders, specifically Order #17 of 3/24/97, Order #58 of 1/12/98, Order #33 of 10/19/98 and Order #4 of 10/26/98 have been submitted to create a separate Economic Development Department; and

WHEREAS: This matter was referred to the Finance Committee where a hearing was held on February 4, 1999; and

WHEREAS: A report was submitted to the full City Council on February 22, 1999 where the matter remained in Committee; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider the creation of a separate Economic Development Department.

O-2.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate authority to insure that an investigation is undertaken on the slaughter of three mother geese and the eggs on which they were sitting; and be it further

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

O-3.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the provisions of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 2000 entitled "An Act Relative to the Election of Retirement Options for Certain Retirees;" known as the Non Contributory Pop-Up Act, which provides for an increase to the retirees allowance at the time of death of their spouse, as attached.

O-4.

April 23, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: It has been brought to the attention of this City Council that the Cambridge Election Commission is actively considering reducing the number of wards and precincts in the City; and

WHEREAS: Any change in the number of wards and precincts will have an impact on the number of voting locations, and location of a number of voting places will very likely have an impact on voter participation; and

WHEREAS: This City Council has consistently encouraged the Election Commission and other agencies responsible for the conduct of elections to make every effort to increase voter participation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council request the City Manager and the Election Commission to report back to this City Council and offer the City Council an opportunity to be updated and offer comments prior to any vote on such matters regarding the Election Commission's consideration of reducing the number of wards and precincts by May 7, 2001.

O-5.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Hampshire and Norfolk Streets to the Walsh Brothers; and be it further

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

O-6.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record reaffirming its strong and unwavering support for a living wage at Harvard University.

O-7.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE

WHEREAS: The City initiated an aggressive effort in 2000 to gather information from Cambridge residents on the quality of municipal services, their needs and the city's goals; and

WHEREAS: That process included a questionnaire sent to every household, a telephone poll and a series of community meetings; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee hold hearings to determine whether the city should consider doing exit polling of voters at municipal or statewide elections to gain further, on-going feedback from the people of Cambridge.

O-8.

April 23, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: The Gold Star pool was in embarrassing conditions last season; and

WHEREAS: Exterior repairs, painting and clean-up have been committed for the Gold Star pool; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the May 7th Council meeting on the timeline and date certain when the repairs and clean-up of the Gold Star pool will be completed.

O-9.

April 23, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Summer is rapidly approaching and thermometers will soon rise; and

WHEREAS: During summer vacation many young people in Cambridge will participate in programs and activities sponsored by the city's youth centers; and

WHEREAS: There have been problems reported with the air conditioning in the Area 4 and Moore Youth Centers; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the May 7th Council meeting on the status of air conditioning at the Area 4 and Moore Youth Centers and the date of completion for renovations to the Gately Youth Center.

O-10.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to inquire into Chapter 90 funds which were not included in the state budget.

O-11.

April 23, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

WHEREAS: Increasing numbers of cities and towns in Massachusetts and across the United States have constructed skate parks for the purpose of providing designated areas where young people and other members of the community can safely practice or watch "X-TREME" athletics such as skateboarding, in-line skating and freestyle biking; and

WHEREAS: This City Council has expressed its desire to join these cities and towns in constructing a skate park as a means to promote community spirit and take a pro-active role in deterring the safety risks posed to athletes, pedestrians and motorists when these sports are not given a designated recreation area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council by the May 7th Council meeting on the status of constructing a skate park in Cambridge.

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O-12.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Now that the weather is getting warmer, there will be sewer and water pipe repair and/or replacement work; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to insure the following:

- Abutters will be notified when streets will be closed for water or sewer repair or replacement work; and
- Abutters will be notified 24 hours in advance when the water will be turned off; and be it further

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

O-13.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Acting Commissioner of Public Works to take the appropriate steps to reduce the litter in the area of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and the Main Library, up to and including property owners in this area to help keep this area free of litter.

O-14.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The railroad heading toward Watertown, between the Huron Avenue Bridge and the Mount Auburn Bridge is the site of a great deal of litter and debris; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact Guilford Industries to take any and all necessary measures to clean up this area; and be it further

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

O-15.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to conduct a traffic study of Norfolk Street to determine if traffic calming measures are warranted in this area.

O-16.

April 23, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Human Services to provide the City Council with information on the tracking of the hunger population in the city; said information to include the numbers broken down into the youth and adult population; 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, APRIL 23, 2001

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Housing Committee for 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.

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

In City Council April 23, 2001

The Housing Committee held a public meeting on March 27, 2001, beginning at 4:03 P.M. in the Ackermann Room 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.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Jim Braude, chair of the committee, Councillor Marjorie Decker, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Kathleen L. Born and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Darcy Jameson, Director of Housing for the Community Development Department (CDD), Lester Barber, Director of Land Use and Zoning for CDD, Stephanie Ackert, Director of Planning and Development for the Department of Human Services Department (DHS) and Benjamin Barnes, Chairman of the Licensing Board.

Councillor Braude convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He requested that Mr. Barber provide some history of the restriction of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 districts.

Mr. Barber stated that Cambridge adopted zoning in 1924. At that time lodging houses were permitted in Residence C districts, which was the zoning district designation for most of the city's multifamily housing. In 1962, lodging houses were still allowed in Residence C districts. In 1976, the definition of lodging houses in the zoning ordinance was altered, but the use was still an allowed use in Residence C. In 1977, the City Council adopted an amendment that prohibited any new lodging houses in Residence C districts. In 1987, the Residence C-1 district was created, and it continued the prohibition of lodging houses.

Mr. Barber went on to explain that the current problem arose at the time when the zoning ordinance was amended to change the manner of regulating hotels in 1997. Prior to the amendment, hotels were listed on the table of uses under the classification of "Transient accommodations," along with tourist housing and lodging houses (**Attachment A**). Hotels were allowed as of right in some districts. The amendments prohibited hotels in some districts and required a special permit for the use in other districts. In printing the amended text, the subcategories of tourist housing and lodging houses were omitted from the category labeled "Transient accommodations" (**Attachment B**). This inadvertent omission was only recently discovered.

According to Mr. Barber, examination of the use category and the footnote would clearly put a reader on notice that there is an inconsistency. He added that since the omission was inadvertent and was not intended by the City Council, there has been an administrative

determination that the law still prohibits lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 districts, but, in answer to a question from Councillor Braude, said that Council affirmation of the prohibition would remove any possible confusion.

Councillor Davis stated that she believes that the prohibition of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 districts furthers the City's goal of supporting affordable housing. Nonprofits that are proposing to create affordable lodging houses can use the Chapter 40B comprehensive permit approach to build in these zoning districts, without facing the increased costs that would be associated with allowing for-profit developers to create upscale lodging house-type accommodations as of right.

In response to a question from Councillor Braude, Darcy Jameson informed the committee that there are still lodging houses in the Residence C and C-1 districts. They are lodging houses that were created before the zoning was changed to prohibit them, and so they are "grandfathered in" as allowed nonconforming uses. A new owner can choose to continue to maintain the property as a boarding house. However, no new lodging houses can be created without variances, and if the legal use of one of the nonconforming lodging houses is abandoned, it cannot be reinstated. Mr. Barber noted that community residences for disabled persons are also allowed in these districts.

In response to a question from Councillor Davis about how the License Commission defines lodging houses, Benjamin Barnes said that under the License Commission regulations, a lodging house is defined as a building in which four or more unrelated persons live and share a kitchen and bathroom.

Councillor Braude asked whether that definition applies to the situation where several college kids are renting one house or big apartment. He asked whether the License Commission gets complaints about this type of shared living. Mr. Barnes said that occasionally there are complaints. In those instances, he requests that the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) send an inspector out to determine if there is a violation. If ISD determines that the dwelling really is a lodging house, the License Commission sends the owner a letter.

Councillor Davis said that Cambridge's housing policy is to discourage this type of arrangement, because it drives up rents and displaces families.

Councillor Born stated that she too can see the interpretation of the prohibition as assisting the development of affordable housing, since only affordable housing projects could get the variance required for a lodging house. Ms. Jameson agreed. She said that if the zoning is changed to allow lodging houses to be developed as-of-right in these zoning districts, it will subject the nonprofit developers to competition from for-profit developers.

Councillor Braude asked Michael Haran, Executive Director of CASCAP, which has developed many affordable single room occupancy buildings, to explain the comprehensive permit. Mr. Haran stated that M.G.L. Ch. 40B provides an opportunity for nonprofit developers of affordable housing to make one application for all permits and variances required for the project. The application is made to the Board of Zoning Appeal. The applicant must try to comply with all of the zoning regulations that it can. However, the burden of proof is not on the

developer to prove hardship that requires a variance, the burden is shifted to the objection abutter to prove that granting the variance would result in hardship.

Councillor Decker asked what led to the original prohibition of lodging houses. Mr. Barber stated that research would be required to answer the question, but he would not be surprised to find that it related to concerns about the number of cars that could come along with more occupants. Councillor Born noted that given the time of adoption of the prohibition in the 1970's, it could also have been occasioned by a fear of communes.

Mr. Barnes stated that there are very few licensed lodging houses in residential dorms. Most of them are dorms. Mr. Barber noted that dorms do not qualify as lodging houses under the zoning law, so with or without the prohibition, dorms are not regulated by the section of the zoning law under consideration.

Councillor Braude then invited public comment.

Karen Carmean, Cambridge Street, stated that when she first moved to Cambridge, her neighborhood had lots of rooming houses, and they housed poets and all kinds of artists, who could not afford to pay a great deal for housing. Now these rooming houses are gone.

Councillor Davis made the following motion:

Ordered: That the Housing Committee recommend that the technical language change in the zoning ordinance to clarify that lodging houses are prohibited in Residence C and C-1 districts be refiled by the City Council for referral to the Planning Board and Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

The motion was passed without objection on a voice vote.

Councillor Braude thanked all of those present for their attendance and interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Jim Braude,
Chair

