

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following person as a Constable With Power for a term of three years, effective the first day of Jan, 2008: Jean M. Rogers
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Planning Board recommendation on the Petition to create protections for solar energy systems' access to sunlight through a new Section 5.54 - Solar Energy Systems, affecting residential districts with maximum height limit of 45 feet or less. [The Planning Board has reservations about the proposed approach and does not recommend adoption of the petition.]
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Grant funded from the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board (SETB) for \$45,000 to the Grant Fund Emergency Communications Department Salary and Wages account (\$31,150), to the Grant Fund Travel and Training account (\$8,050) and to the Grant Fund Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$5,800) to support training to dispatch personnel in the Emergency Communications Department on new 911 telephone equipment being provided by the State, cross training and other specialized training.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$30,000 from the Water Salary and Wages account to the Water Fund Travel and Training (judgment and damages) account to cover current and anticipated medical services and/or prescription costs for Water Department employees injured in the performance of their duties.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to appropriation of a supplemental FY08 grant from the Office of the Attorney General, Local Consumer Aid Fund for \$2,000 to the Grant Fund License Commission (Consumer's Council) Salaries and Wages account which was provided in recognition of the Cambridge Consumer Council's ability to provide temporary coverage of another consumer office, which was shut down due to the illness of the one-person office and will be used to cover Cambridge Consumer Council staff costs.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to reappointment of Jacqueline Adams as a member of the Cambridge Housing Authority for a term of five-years, effective Oct 1, 2007. **Kelley voted NO.**

ON THE TABLE

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Oct 24, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed ordinance to establish minimum side yard requirements that provide inter alia that no structures may be placed nearer than seven feet six inches to the side lot line. [Placed on the Table on motion of Councillor Murphy on Dec 10, 2007. Petition expires Jan 22, 2008.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Timothy J.

Toomey, Jr., Co-Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on Nov 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 2.74 of the Cambridge Municipal Code, the Police Review and Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Feb 14, 2005. [Four sections of the proposed amendment were passed to be ordained as amended. Ordinance #1284. The remaining proposed amendments to chapter 2.74 remain on unfinished business.]

3. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 84 Wadsworth Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Six of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
4. An application was received from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 360 Memorial Drive between 296 and 120 Vassar Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. No neighborhood association for that area. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Decker on Applications and Petitions Number Seven of Sept 10, 2007. Sept 17, 2007 - Motion by Councillor Simmons to place on table carried on a voice vote of eight. Mayor Reeves recorded in negative on motion to place on table. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Simmons.]
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Nov 28, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Chapter 2.112 of the Cambridge Municipal Code to ensure that the persons and businesses supplying goods and/or services to the City of Cambridge utilize fair policies relating to the screening and identification of persons with criminal backgrounds through the CORI system. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after Dec 24, 2007.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 06-87, 07-83 and 07-138, regarding the status of putting the City's self-evaluation on the website. [Charter Right exercised by Councillor Kelley on City Manager Agenda Item Number Sixteen of Dec 10, 2007. Dec 17, 2007 - Referred to 2008-2009 City Council as Unfinished Business on motion of Councillor Kelley.]
7. That the matter of the election of the Mayor be referred to Unfinished Business. **Denise Simmons was elected mayor; Brian Murphy was elected vice-chair of the City Council**

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from the Boston Rape Crisis Center, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue at City Hall announcing the Third Annual Walk for Change on Apr 6, 2008.
2. An application was received from Berkeley Barber Shop, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign in front of 22 Eliot Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution on the death of Joseph A. Saccoccio. Councillor Toomey
2. Resolution on the death of Dorothy R. (Flaherty) Heron. Councillor Toomey
3. Resolution on the death of Phebe C. Leighton. Councillor Davis
4. Best wishes on the production of Spectacular which will returning to the Boston Opera House. Councillor Reeves
5. Retirement of John Devaney from the Cambridge Hospital. Councillor Davis
6. Retirement of Patricia Callahan from the Cambridge Hospital. Councillor Davis
7. Retirement of David Sullivan from the Cambridge Hospital. Councillor Davis
8. Retirement of Rosemary Robertson from the Cambridge Hospital. Councillor Davis
9. Retirement of Betty Hayward from the Cambridge Hospital. Councillor Davis
10. Resolution on the death of Irene (Niemynski) Young. Councillor Toomey
11. Retirement of Doris Murphy from the City Clerk's Office. Councillor Davis
12. Retirement of Barbara Silveira from the Public Works Department. Councillor Davis
13. Resolution on the death of Manfredi M. Grassi. Councillor Toomey, Councillor Simmons, Councillor Maher
14. Resolution on the death of Private First Class Jutin McDaniel. Councillor Decker
15. Resolution on the death of Private Daren Smith. Councillor Decker
16. Resolution on the death of Specialist Johnathan Lahmann. Councillor Decker
17. Resolution on the death of Specialist Brynn Naylor. Councillor Decker
18. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Austin Pratt. Councillor Decker
19. Resolution on the death of Private First Class George Howell. Councillor Decker
20. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Samuel Kelsey. Councillor Decker
21. Resolution on the death of First Lieutenant Jeremy Ray. Councillor Decker
22. Resolution on the death of Chief Petty Officer Mark Carter. Councillor Decker
23. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Benjamin Portell. Councillor Decker
24. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Peter Neesley. Councillor Decker
25. Resolution on the death of Specialist Randy Pickering. Councillor Decker
26. Resolution on the death of Sergeant Bryan Tutten. Councillor Decker
27. Resolution on the death of Captain Rowdy Inman. Councillor Decker
28. Resolution on the death of Sergeant First Class Jonathan Lowery. Councillor Decker
29. Congratulations to Ms. Louise Dunlap on her new book entitled "Undoing the Silence: Six Tools for Social Change Writing." Councillor Simmons
30. Congratulations to CitySprouts for being selected as a 2008 Social Innovator by the Social Innovation Forum. Councillor Davis
31. Resolution on the death of Frances T. (Martin) Albergo. Councillor Toomey

32. Speedy recovery wishes to Elaine Marchant. Councillor Davis, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Decker
33. Thanks to Susan Strang for her service to the citizens of Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
34. Declare January as National Stalker Awareness Month. Councillor Reeves
35. City Council support of the Initiative to Address Domestic Violence in the Workplace. Councillor Simmons, Councillor Toomey, Councillor Davis
36. Best wishes to the NAACP Cambridge Branch on the occasion of its 23rd Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. Councillor Reeves
37. Welcome to ~~Marian White Hammond~~ Charles Ogletree on the occasion of being keynote speaker for the 33rd Annual Birthday Commemoration of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Central Square Library. Councillor Reeves
38. Welcome to Tavis Smiley on the occasion of his delivery of the keynote speech at the Cambridge NAACP Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Councillor Reeves
39. Declare February as Black History Month. Councillor Reeves
40. Condolences to Ms. Beverly Morgan-Welch on the loss of her husband, Reverend Mark Welch, Jr. Councillor Simmons
41. Condolences to Ms. Pam Godding-Vassar on the loss of her mother, Ms. Mabel Steed. Councillor Simmons
42. Best wishes to Central Square Library on their 33rd celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Councillor Reeves
43. Resolution on the death of James Papalambros. Councillor Toomey
44. Resolution on the death of Lillian T. (Sullivan) Lewicki. Councillor Toomey
45. Resolution on the death of Kathleen J. (Hoffman) Priest. Councillor Toomey
46. Resolution on the death of Jean E. (McKerrall) Haley. Councillor Toomey
47. Happy 40th Birthday to Kaesta Campbell Smith. Councillor Reeves
48. Resolution on the death of Janice "Jan" (Johnson) Dodier. Councillor Toomey
49. Resolution on the death of Marion N. Stavrinou. Councillor Toomey
50. Resolution on the death of Mary Louise (Mahoney) Duffy. Councillor Toomey
51. Resolution on the death of Vincent J. Fontano. Councillor Toomey
52. Resolution on the death of Augusta Sullivan. Councillor Toomey
53. Urge residents to be cognizant of The American Red Cross grand opening of a photography exhibit entitled "A Memory of Humanity: From Solferino to Guantanamo" at the Suffolk Law School Adams Gallery at 120 Tremont Street in Boston on Jan 31, 2008. Councillor Toomey

ORDERS

1. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the City Electrician on the possibility of installing call boxes in Area 4 parks. Councillor Toomey and Councillor Simmons
2. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the MBTA with the view in mind of lighting the city mural on the Alewife MBTA building and report back to the City Council on this matter. Councillor Davis
3. That the City Manager is requested to publish the Cambridge snow removal policies in the Cambridge Chronicle and other local papers several times during the winter months. Councillor Davis **Charter Right - Decker**
4. That the City Manager is requested to investigate traffic calming measures on Sacramento Street. Councillor Davis **Amended**
5. That the City Manager is requested to instruct the Election Commission to work with the School Department to set up extra polling booths in schools so that 5th and 6th graders can hold a mock election. Councillor Murphy
6. That the City Manager is requested to join MassRecycle's "Mass Recycles Paper!" Campaign, urge residents to use paper recycling services and serve as a role model by recycling waste paper from all municipal offices. Councillor Murphy
7. That the City Council go on record requesting that the Cambridge Legislative Delegation work to correct the law which eliminates NSTAR's electricity bill discount to fuel assistance eligible tenants if heat becomes part of their subsidized rent. Councillor Davis
8. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to take all necessary steps for immediate and comprehensive enforcement of the applicable law relative to 282-290 River Street, and to report back to the City Council with respect to the outcome. Councillor Seidel
9. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of bringing a program similar to San Francisco's "Bank on San Francisco" which helps unbanked households in San Francisco into the financial mainstream by helping them to open a low-cost, starter bank account. Councillor Decker
10. That the City Manager is requested to refrain from finalizing any land agreement concerning 122 Clifton Street until the questions about contamination, easements, purchase prices and the legality of the transfer of this public land to a private party have been provided to the City Council and the general public. Councillor Kelley
11. That the City Manager is requested to allocate an additional \$300,000 to immediately survey the City's streets for bicycle hazards and to clearly identify bicycle hazards with brightly colored paint so cyclists can better avoid them. Councillor Kelley
12. That the City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of Cambridge's working with the Middlesex County Sheriff to obtain similar assistance in our snow shoveling, landscape maintenance and other relevant activities. Councillor Kelley

13. That the City Manager is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and housing organizations on the status of how long recipients of affordable housing have lived within Cambridge before receiving the housing and how many recipients have never lived within the City of Cambridge and report back to the City Council. Councillor Toomey
14. That the Mayor is requested to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the City Council to discuss the city's energy efficiency and green agenda. Councillor Davis
15. City Manager is requested to present to the City Council a plan for municipal election coverage, including the following education process in advance of election; and election night coverage to make sure that results are widely disbursed. Councillor Davis
16. City Manager is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on any protections, by ordinance, regulation or other mechanism, provided by other municipalities for solar energy systems installed by residents. Councillor Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee, for a meeting held on Dec 4, 2007 to discuss cable coverage of the municipal election.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to Chapter 13.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code "Sewer System Regulations." **Passed to 2nd Reading**
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Brian Murphy, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, for a hearing held on Dec 12, 2007 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to Section 5.40 Special Dimensional Requirements of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance by adding a new section 5.54 to protect solar energy systems. **Passed to 2nd Reading**

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Jan 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 4

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 11

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Feb 25

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Mar 31

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 7

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 14

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Apr 28

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 12

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, May 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner and the City Electrician on the possibility of installing call boxes in Area 4 parks.

O-2 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the MBTA with the view in mind of lighting the city mural on the Alewife MBTA building and report back to the City Council on this matter.

O-3 Jan 14, 2008 **Charter Right - Decker**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Residents do not know who is responsible for clearing the snow from the corners of streets or from storm drains; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to publish the Cambridge snow removal policies in the Cambridge Chronicle and other local papers several times during the winter months.

O-4 Jan 14, 2008 **Amended**

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: Sacramento Street has two playgrounds, a pre-school, the Baldwin School and many families with young children; and WHEREAS: The speed limit on Sacramento Street is 25 mph which means folks often drive faster and also speed up to make the light at the corner of Sacramento and Oxford, thus creating a dangerous situation for young children; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate traffic calming measures on Sacramento Street; **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-5 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is holding historic primary elections on Tues, Feb 5, 2008; and WHEREAS: Several polling places are at elementary schools; and WHEREAS: Childhood involvement in elections is a predictor of future propensity to vote as an adult; now therefore be it ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Election Commission to work with the School Department to set up extra polling booths in schools so that 5th and 6th graders can hold a mock election.

O-6 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimates that the citizens and businesses of Massachusetts throw away 1.5 million tons of paper each year; and WHEREAS: It costs the taxpayers of Massachusetts and estimated \$100 million per year to dispose of this paper; and

WHEREAS: Post-consumer paper is a valuable commodity that, when recycled, generates millions of dollars for cities, towns and businesses; and

WHEREAS: Recycling paper saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: Recycling adds significantly to the Massachusetts economy through the creation of nearly 20,000 recycling industry jobs with a combined annual payroll of \$557 million; and

WHEREAS: Many of the Commonwealth's citizens and businesses are not aware of the broad spectrum of paper products that can be recycled instead of thrown away; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council requests that the City of Cambridge, through the City Manager, do the following:

*Join MassRecycle's "Mass Recycles Paper!" Campaign by endeavoring to educate its citizens about the importance of recycling paper for environmental and economic reasons;

*Encourage its residents to use the paper recycling services provided to the maximum extent possible; and

*Serve as a role model by recycling waste paper from all of its municipal offices.

O-7 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: People who meet the requirements and receive fuel assistance also get a Residential Discount Rate for their electricity with NSTAR; and

WHEREAS: This discount on the electricity bill is lost when the person's heat becomes part of their subsidized rent; and

WHEREAS: NSTAR has no control over the requirements and the remedy is at the State legislative level; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record requesting that the Cambridge legislative delegation look into this problem and propose a legislative remedy for this unintended consequence of the State law as currently written; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts.

O-8 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR SEIDEL

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that work is progressing at 282-290 River Street in violation of a stop work order issued by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services (see attachment); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to take all necessary steps for immediate and comprehensive enforcement of the applicable law relative to this project, and to report back to the City Council with respect to the outcome.

O-9 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Many residents are unable to open checking and savings accounts based upon their credit history or because they lack the proper identification; and

WHEREAS: A program in San Francisco called "Bank on San Francisco" helps unbanked households in San Francisco into the financial mainstream by helping them to open a low-cost, starter bank account; and

WHEREAS: The "Bank on San Francisco" program works with financial institutions in the city to demonstrate leadership and to

help remove the barriers that low-income families face in opening a bank account; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments to discuss the feasibility of bringing such a program to Cambridge; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back his findings to the City Council.

O-10 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The MBTA owned property at 122 Clifton Street in North Cambridge has recently been purchased by a private developer; and
WHEREAS: This property was assessed for \$346,000 but was purchased for \$251,000; and
WHEREAS: The new owner of this property has applied for multiple variances to develop it; and
WHEREAS: This property apparently has a sewer pipe running through it for which the City has no easement; and
WHEREAS: The Cambridge Law Department may have approved the MBTA's transfer of public park land under city control to a private developer last June in possible violation of Article 17 of the Massachusetts Constitution; and
WHEREAS: Members of the public are experiencing difficulty in obtaining relevant records to ascertain the wisdom of supporting the variance requests; and
WHEREAS: This property, to include a possible subdivision that may be conveyed to the City, is adjacent to Russell Field, close to W.R. Grace and may be contaminated with waste material or asbestos as has been the case with other nearby property; and
WHEREAS: The public has not yet had an opportunity to review the environmental review of the property; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to refrain from finalizing any land agreement concerning 122 Clifton Street until the questions about contamination, easements, purchase prices and the legality of the transfer of this public land to a private party have been provided to the City Council and the general public.

O-11 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge's streets are cratered with potholes and other road hazards that make bicycling unnecessarily dangerous; and
WHEREAS: Too many cyclists have been injured by potholes on Cambridge streets, often with the result of having to pay large medical bills because of the City's limited liability; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to allocate an additional \$300,000 to immediately survey the City's streets for bicycle hazards and to clearly identify bicycle hazards with brightly colored paint so cyclists can better avoid them; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to perform relevant maintenance to remove the identified hazards as quickly as possible; and be it further
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council at its meeting of Jan 28, 2008 on whether these funds have been or will be allocated to do this emergency safety work or whether additional funds are required for this work.

O-12 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR KELLEY

WHEREAS: The Sheriff of Worcester County uses inmates to assist municipalities in snow shoveling and other civic programs; now therefore be it
ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the feasibility of Cambridge's working with the Middlesex County Sheriff to obtain similar

assistance in our snow shoveling, landscape maintenance and other relevant activities.

O-13 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the appropriate departments and housing organizations on the status of how long recipients of affordable housing have lived within Cambridge before receiving the housing and how many recipients have never lived within the City of Cambridge and report back to the City Council.

O-14 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the City Council to discuss the city's energy efficiency and green agenda.

O-15 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to present to the City Council a plan for municipal election coverage, including the following:
education process in advance of election; and
Election night coverage to make sure that results are widely disbursed.

O-16 Jan 14, 2008

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to report back to the City Council on any protections, by ordinance, regulation or other mechanism, provided by other mechanism, provided by other municipalities for solar energy systems installed by residents.