

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables effective the first day of January, 2001:  
Without Power  
Jose A. Ayala, 28 Fuller Street, Dorchester, 02124  
Michael W. Bailey, 58 Queensberry Street, #9, Boston, 02215
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Public Weighers for the MICH-LIN transfer station located at 45 Mooney Street for the remainder of the year 2001: Nick Pasquarosa, Jay Ferazzani, Chuck Wainwright, Kristen Robatt, and Terry Spaeth
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 01-229, regarding an update on the traffic issues raised by residents of the Pavillion located at 170 Gore Street.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$300,000 in the General Fund of the DPW Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from property taxes to cover increased per ton costs for household rubbish/solid waste disposal contractual obligations.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$420,000 in the Public Investment Fund of the DPW Extraordinary Expenditures Account from property taxes to be used to augment existing funds for renovations to the Area IV Youth Center.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulation of storage and mechanical space in residential buildings.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the City sending out preliminary FY2002 first half tax bills.

## **CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right was exercised by Councillor Toomey on Application and Petitions #7 of September 10, 2001 regarding a curb cut at the premises numbered 15A Lowell Street. Approval received from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical, Public Works and neighborhood association.
2. Charter Right was exercised by Councillor Braude on Committee Report #2 of September 10, 2001 regarding the progress made on improving the condition of the housing at Fresh Pond Apartments.

## **ON THE TABLE**

3. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
4. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
5. An order introduced by Councillor Reeves regarding an allocation for a planning study for Riverside.
6. Consent Communication #7 of March 19, 2001, and Calendar Item #3 of April 2, 2001 regarding notification of a new address for 127 Sixth Street from Owen O'Riordan, City Engineer.
7. Committee Report #1 of April 23, 2001 regarding a meeting held on March 27, 2001 for the purpose of discussing whether a zoning prohibition of lodging houses in Residence C and C-1 zoning districts is consistent with the City's goal of promoting affordable housing.
8. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
9. An order introduced by Councillor Decker regarding increasing the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million dollars.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10. Proposed ordinance to the Municipal Code to establish a Community Preservation Act Committee as required by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001.
11. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in Special District 4 and 4A in the Alewife area. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001. The deadline for this petition is October 16, 2001.
12. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in East Cambridge with the East Cambridge Planning Study (ECAPS) proposal. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001. The deadline for this petition is October 16, 2001.
13. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in East Cambridge with the Birk et al. Petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after August 13, 2001. The deadline for this petition is October 16, 2001.
14. Proposed ordinance to the Municipal Code to extend the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance (PTDM), which provides for its expiration in November. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after September 24, 2001.

## **APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. An application was received from Deborah Mason School of Dancing, 32 Cottage Park Avenue requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 2500 Massachusetts Avenue during registration September and October.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. A communication was received from Eileen Ginnetty, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on behalf of her father Matthew Ginnetty.
2. A communication was received from Roxane Coombs, regarding excessive truck noise and trash pick-up noise.
3. A communication was received from John Conlon, Cambridge, England, transmitting best wishes from one Cambridge to another regarding the terrorism attacks.
4. A communication was received from Representative Barney Frank, regarding the release of Lori Berenson.
5. A communication was received from Harris Administrators, Inc., owners of 229-231 Third Street, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
6. A communication was received from Biogen, owners of 12 Cambridge Center, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
7. A communication was received from Biogen, owners of 241-243 Binney Street and 152-156 Sixth Street, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
8. A communication was received from Canal Realty Trust, owners of 303 Binney Street, transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
9. A communication was received from Mac-Gray, Inc., owners of 22 Water Street (191 R. Monsignor O'Brien Highway) transmitting written protest to the Birk zoning petition.
10. A communication was received from Department of Telecommunications and Energy, regarding the electric distribution companies' quality of electric service.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Congratulations to the Ramos family on the relocation of The Snack Bar. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
2. Urge all residents to be cognizant of a seminar entitled "Successful Aging In Place" which will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 from 1:00p.m.- 4:00pm at the Cambridge Senior Center, 806 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Councillor Davis

3. Congratulations to the Cambridge Public Library for starting a new reading and discussion group beginning in September which will meet the third Tuesday of each month. Councillor Davis and entire membership
4. Declare the month of October as Italian Heritage Month in the City of Cambridge. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
5. Speedy recovery wishes to J. Henry Quinn. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
6. Grandparent Recognition Day. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
7. Retirement of David Cann from the Public Health Authority. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
8. Resolution on the death of Thomas C. Makofske. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
9. Resolution on the death of Marie Schuler. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
10. Resolution on the death of Mark G. Richard. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
11. Resolution on the death of Maria G. Vieira. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
12. Resolution on the death of William Flaherty. Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
13. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Isabel Mello. Councillor Born and entire membership
14. Resolution on the death of Brenda A. Tocci. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
15. Resolution on the death of James D. Maher. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
16. Resolution on the death of Teresa Iannuzzi. Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership
17. Resolution on the death of Patrick J. Quigley IV. Councillors Sullivan, Born and entire membership
18. Resolution on the death of Eleanor T. Burke. Councillor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Maher, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
19. Condolences to the New York City and Washington, D.C. Police and Fire Departments and to the families of the heroic firefighters, police officers and rescue personnel who sacrificed their lives to rescue victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Councillors Sullivan, Born and entire membership

20. Resolution on the death of Eric T. "Red, Brud" Carlson. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
21. Resolution on the death of Helen R. Pacunas. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
22. Resolution on the death of Joyce A. Sadowski. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
23. Resolution on the death of Dorothy J. Brittain. Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
24. Resolution on the death of John H. Carroll. Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and entire membership
25. Resolution on the death of Mary A. Crimmins. Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership
26. Happy 50th Birthday wishes to School Committee member E. Denise Simmons. Councillor Sullivan and entire membership
27. Resolution on the death of Bernard J. Fennell. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
28. Resolution on the death of John G. Gedziun. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
29. Get well wishes to a special Cambridge firefighter. Vice Mayor Maher and entire membership
30. Congratulations to the First Holiness on the Church as it celebrates its 85th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, October 20, 2001 at 6:30pm at the Museum of Science in Boston. Councillors Davis, Reeves and entire membership
31. Happy 89th Birthday wishes to Susanne Green. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
32. Congratulations to Larry Weinstein on his successful one man play entitled "New Curtains for MacBeth." Councillor Decker and entire membership
33. Congratulations to the Cambridge African American Freedom Trail Group on the dedication of the gravesite of abolitionist William Wells Brown. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
34. Urge all residents to be cognizant of the "Walk Your Child to School Day" event in Cambridge on October 2, 2001. Councillor Davis
35. Congratulations to Ms. Ruth Hamilton on the occasion of her receiving the 25th Annual Sacco-Vanzetti Memorial Award for Contributions to Social Justice on Sunday, June 23, 2001 at the Community Church in Boston. Councillors Decker, Reeves and entire membership
36. Resolution to be prepared on the death of Joseph Curtin. Councillor Born and entire membership
37. Congratulations to the Community Development Department on being honored by the Cambridge

Historical Commission for the historic preservation along Cambridge Street through the Cambridge Street Facade Program. Councillor Toomey and entire membership

38. Happy 50th Anniversary wishes to a special Cambridge couple. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
39. Condolences to the employees of Akamai Technologies on the tragic death of the co-founder and chief technology officer, Daniel C. Lewin. Councillors Decker, Born and entire membership
40. Resolution on the death of Daniel C. Lewin, co-founder and chief technology officer of Akamai Technologies. Councillors Decker, Born and entire membership
41. Congratulations to Raj R. Singh and Matthew Gentile, founders of Syncline, on their innovative web mapping program for cities and towns. Councillor Decker and entire membership

#### **ORDERS**

1. Curb cuts on Erie and Brookline Streets in the vicinity of the LBJ Apartments to make area handicapped accessible. Vice Mayor Maher
2. Install flashing yellow light at the crosswalk at Cadbury Road and Sherman Street. Councillors Sullivan, Davis and Decker
3. Investigate sources for financial support of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center. Councillor Born
4. Examine traffic flow at Howard and Kinnaird Streets with the view in mind of installing a blinking light at that location. Councillor Toomey
5. Amend Order #14 of June 4, 2001 to change location of dedication of "A. Michael Vieira Square" from the corner of Fifth and Spring Streets to the corner of Sixth and Spring Street. Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey
6. Dedicate the corner of Cambridge Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue as "Sal DiDomenico Corner." Councillor Toomey
7. Emphasize the City of Cambridge's commitment of security and equal treatment to all Arab-owned businesses, and Arab and Islamic social and community organizations and mosques. Vice Mayor Maher, Councillors Born and Davis
8. Display of the United States flag by local businesses in the city's squares and business districts and other areas where citizens congregate. Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Born
9. Report on housebreaks in the West Cambridge area. Councillor Sullivan

10. Feasibility of allowing 16 and 17 year old students to be employed as temporary election workers during municipal elections and receive course credit for their efforts. Councillor Toomey
11. Determine what additional resources are needed to protect public safety in an emergency situation. Councillors Toomey and Born
12. Assess the City of Cambridge's role in the investigation into the quality of electric service provided by electric distribution companies. Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Sullivan
13. Dedicate a suitable location in honor of Robert F. Rowland. Councillor Sullivan
14. Report on the City of Cambridge's prescription drug program with emphasis on the mail order portion of the plan. Councillor Sullivan
15. Ensure that the full salary being received by any city employee or police or fire recruit currently in academy training be continued in the event of the employee's activation for military duty. Councillors Toomey and Born
16. Report on a plan to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in the area of standing water at the foot of the Weir Meadow at the Fresh Pond Reservation. Councillor Born
17. Concern of the residents of Foxcroft Manor regarding the construction of the Knafel Center. Councillor Toomey
18. Explore the possibility of purchasing St. John's convent site for affordable housing. Councillor Decker
19. Possibility for potential use for the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's schools. Councillor Decker
20. Conduct a traffic study along Upton Street where cars are speeding. Councillor Decker
21. Traffic study at the intersection of River and Franklin Streets. Councillor Decker
22. Create and post map of bus stops in Central Square and their destinations. Councillor Davis
23. Promote a campaign of education in the City of Cambridge that will address concerns that Muslims and others from around the world will not be a target for hate crimes due to their religious beliefs or national origins. Councillors Reeves and Born
24. Assurance that the MBTA Nightowl stops are easy to find and wellposted. Councillor Davis
25. Work with residents of Lexington Avenue to slow traffic through traffic calming measures. Councillor Davis
26. Possibility of Harvard contributing an amount equal to its bin Laden receipts to the survivors of

those lost in New York and Washington, D.C.  
Councillors Reeves and Born

27. Provide information to the public about precautions and steps to take in case of potential dangers in order to secure the public safety. Councillors Davis and Born

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee, for a meeting held on July 11, 2001 for the purpose of discussing MIT and its support for community based organizations in Area IV, and MIY plans for Tech Square.
2. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the Civic Unity Committee, for a meeting held on July 25, 2001 to continue discussions on mediation services and resources.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on August 7, 2001 to conduct a roundtable-working meeting with representatives of tenants and owners of Fresh Pond apartments and regulatory agencies to follow up on the prior hearing on the condition of the housing and related matters.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 5, 2001 for the purpose of considering the Eastern Cambridge Planning Study (ECAPS) petition and the Birk et al., petition to amend the zoning in East Cambridge and in particular, to consider the provisions of the petitions that affect North Point and the Volpe Center area.
5. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor David P. Maher and Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 12, 2001 for the purpose of considering the Eastern Cambridge Planning Study (ECAPS) petition and the Birk et al., petition, in particular, the proposals for the petition areas other than North Point and the Volpe Center discussed at the September 5, 2001 hearing.

## HEARING SCHEDULE

### Mon, Sept 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Tues, Sept 25

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the re-filed Special District 8 and 8A zoning petition to rezone land in Cambridgeport for the purpose of hearing public testimony on new issues that have not already been covered by public testimony. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the ECAPS/ Birk et al., zoning petitions This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

7:00pm The Health and Environment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the potential impact of the Community Preservation Act. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Oct 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

*Special Presentation recognizing Oct as Afterschool Month.*

### Tues, Oct 2

3:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public working meeting for discussion of the ECAPS and Birk zoning petitions. No public comment. (Ackermann Room)

### Wed, Oct 3

4:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Qualls Harris zoning petition to amend the zoning in the Western Avenue/Riverside area. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Loose Moratorium Extension zoning petition affecting land in the Riverside area. This hearing is televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Thurs, Oct 4

5:00pm The Housing Committee will conduct a public meeting to receive an update on affordable housing ownership programs. (Ackermann Room)

### Mon, Oct 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Oct 22

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting - Discussion of 2000 Census Data. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Oct 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 5

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 19

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Nov 26

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 10

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

### Mon, Dec 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

## TEXT OF POLICY ORDERS

O-1. September 24, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Public Works Commissioner to take the necessary steps to cut the curbs on Erie and Brookline Streets in the vicinity of the LBJ Apartments to make this area handicapped accessible.

O-2. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to install a flashing yellow light at the crosswalk at Cadbury Road and Sherman Street.

O-3. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate sources for financial support of the Maud Morgan Visual Arts Center.

O-4. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to examine the dangerous traffic flow at Howard and Kinnaird Streets with the view in mind of installing a blinking light at that location.

O-5. September 24, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: After consultation with the Vieira Family, it has been determined that the corner of Sixth and Spring Street is a more appropriate location to be dedicated in the memory of A. Michael Vieira; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council amends Order #14 of June 4, 2001, which passed by unanimous consent, to change the location of "A. Michael Vieira Square" to the corner of Sixth and Spring Street.

O-6.

September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record dedicating the corner of Cambridge Street and Cardinal Medeiros Avenue as "Sal DiDomenico Corner;" and be it further

ORDERED: That the Assistant to the City Council be and hereby is directed to confer with the family regarding a suitable dedication ceremony and communicate with the Department of Public Works to arrange for a sign.

O-7.

September 24, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR BORN

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: In several cities across the United States Arab-American businesses and business owners have been the target of harassment and attack since Osama bin Laden became the chief suspect in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge citizens take pride in our city's diversity and tolerance and expect our government to take steps to insure that the horrific events of September 11, 2001 do not result in injury and/or harassment of innocent persons; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate staff to send a copy of this resolution to all Arab-owned businesses, Arab and Islamic social and community organizations and mosques, along with a letter emphasizing the City's commitment to their security and equal treatment and including information as to what city departments and employees to contact if they feel threatened or harassed.

O-8. September 24, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Chamber of Commerce to work with local businesses to display the United States flag in the busy squares and business districts and other areas around the city where our citizens congregate.

O-9. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a report on the recent incidences of housebreaks in the West Cambridge area which has been the scene of oriental rugs and computers being stolen.

O-10. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There has recently been a movement of students at the high school that have expressed a strong desire to become more involved in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS: Holding a municipal election requires many temporary workers; and

WHEREAS: These workers gain first hand practical experience in the electoral process from checking in voters at the individual polling places to the administering of vote count at the Senior Center; and

WHEREAS: This experience may help to increase participation in elections among recently graduated high school students, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Executive Director of the Election Commission and the School Department to study the feasibility of allowing 16 and 17 year old students to be employed as temporary election workers during municipal elections, and that students who work on the election receive the appropriate course credit for their efforts.

O-11. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: The tragic events in New York Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania have painfully illustrated that all American cities should be prepared for any type of emergency situations and;

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to Harvard University The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Draper, Laboratories, numerous world leaders in the Bio-Tech and High-Tech fields and many significant historical sites; and

WHEREAS: Any one of these companies, institutions or sites may be a potential target for future attacks against the United States, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Fire Chief, Police Commissioner, Director of Emergency Communications, and the Chief Public Health Officer to determine what, if any, additional resources are needed to protect public safety in an emergency situation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the Council by January 2002.

O-12. September 24, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: In previous Orders of this City Council concern has been raised about the quality of electric service in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy has voted to open an investigation, D.T.E. 01-71, into the quality of electric service provided by electric distribution companies; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Electric Company is one of the utilities subject to this investigation; and

WHEREAS: During this past summer and in other times in the recent past concerns about the quality of electric service in the City of Cambridge has been raised; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Electric, now part of NSTAR, is the primary electric distribution company serving the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a specific interest in ensuring that the Cambridge Electric distribution system meet the highest quality standards possible; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, working with the City Solicitor and all other relevant City Departments assess the City's role in this proceeding with a specific review of the City's role in this investigation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this City Council no later than October 22, 2001 regarding the City's on-going role in this investigation.

O-13. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Robert F. Rowland, in the early 1960's, in consultation with Cambridge representatives, including CRA Board members, City Manager, City Council and key Cambridge community figures, recognized the development potential of the Kendall Square area then occupied by outmoded, declining, unattractive industrial uses; and

WHEREAS: In 1965, Mr. Rowland, after being hired by the CRA, prepared a redevelopment plan for the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area - in 1976 renamed Cambridge Center - which would provide land for (1) An Electronic Research Center to be developed by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) and (2) Private development which would benefit the City of Cambridge by generating tax revenues; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Rowland's knowledge of complex urban renewal financing formulas took advantage of a cooperative agreement between Cambridge and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology which resulted in securing an initial federal government allocation of \$15 million to prepare and execute an urban renewal plan, including property acquisitions, business relocations, site

clearance, and construction of public improvements; and limiting Cambridge's financial outlay to a small fraction of its \$6 million share of the project costs; and

WHEREAS: After NASA developed 14 of the 29 acres designated for its use and in 1969 decided to transfer its facilities to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Mr. Rowland and Cambridge representatives negotiated the transfer of 15 acres of vacant land from DOT to the CRA so the land could be developed for uses which would directly benefit the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Rowland and the CRA Board showed patience and foresight in resisting pressures to pursue the kind of development on which construction could start quickly, but which would not do justice to the City in the long run; and

WHEREAS: After City Council amended the urban renewal plan to permit private mixed-use development, Mr. Rowland and Cambridge representatives assisted the late Representative Tip O'Neill to secure an additional \$15 million from the federal government to finance the project; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Rowland recommended the selection of Boston Properties as developer of Cambridge Center, requiring that construction of a major building commence within seven months, as backed by a substantial deposit as security for the developer's performance, the developer meeting the deadline and completing construction of additional buildings thereafter; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Rowland directed CRA operations which (1) helped to improve and stabilize the Wellington-Harrington neighborhood by working with property owners to rehabilitate their properties, providing construction advice, arranging for financing, and enlisting support from Just-A-Start; by carrying out spot clearance of blighted properties; and by providing cleared land for construction of housing and public improvements; and (2) increased the supply of housing in the Walden Square Area by providing land for construction of housing and public improvements; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council expresses its appreciation for the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of Mr. Robert F. Rowland, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) Director from 1964 to 1982, who - in consultation with Cambridge representatives, including CRA Board members, City Manager, City Council, and key Cambridge community figures - conceptualized the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Project, secured funds from the federal government to cover the great majority of the costs to carry out the Project, set high standards for the redevelopment of Cambridge Center, and established a framework for redevelopment which produced a successful Cambridge Center project which, in turn, promoted and encouraged development in the surrounding area to the benefit of the City of Cambridge

by generating substantial tax revenues and producing job opportunities. Under his leadership, CRA operations helped to stabilize the Wellington Harrington neighborhood and increased the supply of housing in the Walden Square area; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable site be dedicated to Robert F. Rowland, after consultation with the family and the Redevelopment Authority by the Assistant to the City Council, and that a dedication ceremony be held and an appropriate sign be prepared by the Department of Public Works.

O-14. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council information regarding the City of Cambridge's prescription drug program, with emphasis on the mail order portion of the plan.

O-15. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the full salary being received by any city employee or police or fire recruit currently in academy training be continued in the event of the employee's activation for military duty.

O-16. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: Standing water has been sitting undisturbed since July in the new water retention area at the foot of the Weir Meadow at Fresh Pond Reservation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has a policy of dispersing standing water; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Water Department and the Department of Public Health to report to the City Council on a plan to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in this area.

O-17. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to respond to the concerns of the residents of Foxcroft Manor regarding the construction of the Knafel Center.

O-18. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: The Department of Human Services will be vacating the St. John's convent; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to explore the possibility of purchasing this site for affordable housing.

O-19. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Empty buildings in the city are a rarity; and

WHEREAS: The City should explore all possibilities for potential use for municipal use; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the following:

1. Status and use of the Blessed Sacrament School and St. Mary's School;
2. Update of the Community Learning Center possibility occupying St. Mary's; and
3. City uses for Blessed Sacrament School.

O-20. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to conduct a traffic study along Upton Street - cars are speeding, and the Graham and Parks School is located in this vicinity; said traffic study to include the concerns of the residents for safety.

O-21. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of River and Franklin Streets as there is great concern for pedestrian safety due to vehicles crossing Franklin Street -drivers have to balance cutting into River Street traffic and watching for pedestrians crossing the street.

O-22. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Community Development Department to work with businesses and the MBTA to create and post a map of bus stops in Central Square and their destinations.



O-23. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to promote a campaign of education in the City of Cambridge that will address reasonable concerns that Muslims and others from around the world will not be target for hate crimes and insults due to their religion or national origin.

O-24. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to assure that the MBTA Nightowl stops are easy to find and well posted.

O-25. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation and the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to work with the residents of Lexington Avenue to slow traffic through the use of traffic calming measures.

O-26. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: Osama bin Laden has been identified as a terrorist committed to anti-American activity and remains the prime suspect in the bombings of September 11, 2001, in New York and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS: The bin Laden family fortune has been identified as a source which funds terrorist activity throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: The survivors of those who died in the World Trade Center bombing and the Pentagon bombing and their families will not receive adequate benefits and support, based on recent reports in the New York Times; and

WHEREAS: It has come to light that Harvard University has several academic chairs which have been endowed by the bin Laden family; and

WHEREAS: It appears that the bin Laden contributions to Harvard University may equal nearly \$5 million; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That in this time of national sadness and concern for the victims of September 11, 2001, Harvard University might do a good thing in contributing an amount equal to its bin Laden receipts to the survivors of those lost in New York and Washington, D.C. According to newspaper accounts, there are many survivors, particularly of the World Trade Center site, who will

receive relatively small survivor benefits. In this time when people feel that there is little that they individually can do - Harvard might make a gesture which would be meaningful.

O-27. September 24, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR BORN

WHEREAS: Many residents of Cambridge are concerned as never before about the possibility of the new dangers posed by terrorism and are seeking reassurance as to the City's efforts to secure their environment; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ensure that the City is taking all prudent steps to scan the environment for potential dangers and taking all reasonable precautions to secure the public safety; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager consult with the Public Information Officer to provide as much information to the public about such steps as is consistent with maintaining the level of security required to enable effective action; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with appropriate staff to reach out to all individuals and groups that might be in need of special care and protection in light of the recent tragedy and heightened public concern.