

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a vote required by the City Council to reject General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 2D as amended by 2003 Massachusetts Acts Chapter 46, Sections 41 and 42, which pertains to new construction.

ORDERED: That the City Council vote to reject General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 2D, as amended by 2003 Massachusetts Acts Chapter 46, Sections 41 and 42, which pertains to new construction. This amended law requires cities and towns to assess new construction after January 1 for real estate taxation based on the issuance of an occupancy permit.

2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the votes necessary to seek the Massachusetts Department of Revenue approval for the tax rate for FY2004:

A. Authorize the further use of Free Cash of \$6,175,000 to offset the 2004 tax rate as follows: Operating Budget \$1,950,000 (as adopted in the FY2004 Budget); Public Investment \$2,225,000 (as adopted in the FY2004 Budget); and Tax Support Reduction \$2,000,000;

B. Classify property into five classes;

C. Adopt a minimum residential factor of 56.3907%;

D. Approve the maximum residential exemption factor of 20% for owner occupied homes;

E. Double the normal value of the statutory exemptions for FY2004;

F. Increase the FY2004 exemption allowed under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D from \$219.78 to \$227.65; and

G. Increase the income limit for deferral of real estate taxes by elderly persons from \$20,000 to \$40,000;

H. Accept the provisions of MGL, Chapter 184, Section 51 pertaining to changes in Clause 41C to elderly property tax relief by:

1. Reducing the age of eligibility from 70 to 65;

2. Increasing income limits for singles from \$13,000 to \$20,000 and for married couple from \$15,000 to \$30,000;

3. Increasing asset limits for singles from \$28,000 to \$40,000 and for married couples from \$30,000 to \$55,000;

4. Increasing the number of housing units to be exempt from the whole asset class; and

5. Change the amount of elderly exemption from \$500 to \$1,000.

3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer in the General Fund of \$75,000 from the Finance Department (Assessing Division) Salary and Wage account to Other Ordinary Maintenance account.

Funds will be available from salary outage in the Assessing Department and will be used for costs associated with preparing for the FY 2005 triennial revaluation required by the DOR.

4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-105, regarding a report on funding for uniforms for all crossing guards in Cambridge.

5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report 03-103, which requested that the Police Department arrange a meeting with the LBJ Tenants Council.

6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-101, regarding a report on roadway damage on Holworthy Place caused by work done on Holworthy Street.

7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-99, regarding report on the City's policy of assessing \$100 fines for the sounding of house burglar alarms.

8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-68, regarding requests for additional information on fundraising tactics currently being practiced by those parties working on behalf of the Police Department.

9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-95, regarding a report on programs for seniors in which they are taken to the supermarket and whether there is a program that services Roosevelt Towers.

10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-94, regarding a report on the Cambridge Housing Authority's rental increases and other fees.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-102, regarding a report on how the Cambridge Housing Authority's emergency switches in resident units function.

12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-104, regarding a report on safety improvements in the Blanchard Road neighborhood.

13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-93, regarding a plan to advertise assistance for prescription drug programs to Cambridge seniors and uninsured/underinsured.

14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-92, regarding a report on updates to the Riverside basketball and tennis courts.

ON THE TABLE

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square. 1-11 Shady Hill Square, 36 Holden Street.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
3. Request the City Manager to direct the Community Development Department to make maximum use of CPA funds to develop affordable housing that is permanently affordable, such as limited equity cooperatives and condos.
4. Requesting the City Manager to appoint someone to speak with Neighbors for a Better Community to explore possible collaboration.
5. Requesting the City Manager to direct the City Solicitor to draft a home rule petition to enable the City Manager to approve curb cuts.
6. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 30, 2003 for the purpose of considering a petition re-filed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning in the Riverside area and a petition re-filed by Robert S. Carlson et al., to amend the zoning in the same area.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Calendar Item No. 1, dated 11/4/02, regarding the implementation of land use and zoning recommendations of the Cambridgeport Neighborhood Study.
8. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a Certification from the Election Commission of the signatures on an initiative petition entitled "Ordinance Regulating Residential Rents and Evictions." Two objections to the certification have been filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Petition from Harvard University requesting a sub-surface easement located between 1720 and 1737 Cambridge Street for the purpose of constructing an underground pedestrian and service tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.
10. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on July 30, 2003 for the purpose of considering a petition filed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinances in the City of Cambridge to rezone land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, generally acting as the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) from their current, varied zoning designations to the zoning designation Open Space. The question

comes on passing to be ordained on or after September 29, 2003. Petition expires October 28, 2003.

11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Council Order No. 24, dated 9/8/03, regarding draft language to amend the Police Review & Advisory Board Ordinance. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after September 29, 2003.

APPLICATION AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Kendall Square, LLC, requesting five curb cuts at the premises numbered 364 Third Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation with conditions, Historical and Public Works pending Traffic and Parking conditions. Two neighborhood association letters were sent. One neighborhood association approved and the other association responded that it needs more information to make a decision.
2. An application was received from Travel Cuts, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign at the premises numbered 56 JFK Street.
3. An application was received from Polcari's, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 300 Technology Square. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutter.
4. An application was received from Sugar & Spice, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1933 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutters.
5. An application was received from The Harvard Square Business Association, requesting permission for two temporary banners at JFK and Mount Auburn Streets and across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall announcing Oktoberfest.
6. An application was received from Barbara Broussard, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 148 Third Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Historical and Public Works. Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department denied application. Two neighborhood association letters were sent. Received approval from both neighborhood associations.
7. An application was received from Cambridge Family YMCA, requesting permission for a temporary banner across Massachusetts Avenue in front of City Hall announcing Bread & Puppet Theater performances.
8. An application was received from Citizens Bank, requesting permission for a sign at the premises numbered 1290 Massachusetts Avenue. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Department and abutter.

9. An application was received from Charlie's Kitchen, requesting permission for a bench at the premises numbered 10 Eliot Street.
10. Approval of constable bond surety received from Daniel Evans.
11. An application was received from Harvard Square Shiatsu, requesting permission for a sandwich board sign across from the premises numbered 12 Arrow Street at Guffey Park (intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Arrow Street).
12. An application was received from Henry J. Steiner, requesting a curb cut at the premises numbered 28 Madison Street; said petition has received approval from Inspectional Services, Traffic, Parking and Transportation, Historical and Public Works. Three neighborhood association letters were sent. Received approval from two neighborhood associations.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Department of Telecommunications and Energy, regarding notice of a public hearing on September 30, 2003 at 11:00am relative to reducing the number of double utility poles within the Commonwealth, pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, Section 110.
2. A communication was received from Lydia Vickers, regarding acquisition of space at 125 Harvard Street.
3. A communication was received from Renae Scott Grey, David Evans and Maria Darlington, Leadership Council Area 4 Coalition, regarding acquisition of space at 125 Harvard Street.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Extending best wishes to Karin Phillips on the closing of her antique shop and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Councillor Reeves
2. Resolution on the death of Ellen C. Rielly. Councillor Galluccio
3. Resolution on the death of Robert W. Sossong. Councillor Galluccio
4. Congratulating Katherine F. Abbott on her appointment as head of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Vice Mayor Davis
5. Resolution on the death of Juanita Watson. Councillor Simmons
6. Sending the sincere hope of the City Council for a full recovery to Kathy and John Devaney. Mayor Sullivan
7. Sending the sincere hope of the City Council for a full recovery to Jimmy Rita. Mayor Sullivan
8. Resolution on the death of Clara E. Pierce. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Toomey
9. Extending best wishes to Father Paul McPartland as he leaves Saint Peter's Parish and wish him well in the next chapter of his life. Mayor Sullivan

10. Congratulating James Keenan, S.J. on the occasion of receiving the Gasson Professorship/Chair for 2003-2005 at Boston College and thank him for his continued commitment to education. Mayor Sullivan
11. Welcoming Father Michael Ford to the City of Cambridge as he joins the Clergy at Saint Peter Parish. Mayor Sullivan
12. Resolution on the death of Patricia M. Gauthier. Mayor Sullivan
13. Expressing heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Charles and Cynthia Franks on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and wish them continued health and happiness in the future. Councillor Decker
14. Resolution on the death of Frances M. Andrew. Councillor Toomey
15. Resolution on the death of James Dennis Leary. Mayor Sullivan
16. Resolution on the death of Kathleen R. (McHugh) Boutin. Councillor Galluccio
17. Congratulating Noelle Serpa Akin on her twenty-five years of service to the Saint Anthony's Parish Community. Councillor Toomey
18. Resolution on the death of Marion Benoit. Councillor Galluccio
19. Congratulating the Franciscan Hospital for Children on the occasion of the completion of the renovation of its Outpatient Area and wish them continued medical success. Mayor Sullivan
20. Congratulating the Youville Hospital Golf Committee on the occasion of its 10th Annual Charity Golf Invitational on September 29, 2003 at the Salem Country Club and hope the outing is a tremendous success. Mayor Sullivan
21. Thank Middlesex Sheriff James V. DiPaola and his staff for once again holding its Middlesex Youth Public Safety Academy. Mayor Sullivan
22. Resolution on the death of Adolph H. Balordi. Councillor Toomey
23. Resolution on the death of Eileen M. O'Connor. Councillor Galluccio, Mayor Sullivan
24. Resolution on the death of Florence M. Loder. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey
25. Congratulating Tom Birmingham, Esq., as he joins the Law Firm of Palmer & Dodge LLP and wish him great success. Mayor Sullivan
26. Congratulating Timothy Haroutunian on the occasion of his becoming an Eagle Scout and proclaim Sunday, November 23, 2003 as Timothy Haroutunian Day in Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan
27. Extending wishes for a speedy recovery to Malik Hill. Mayor Sullivan
28. Congratulating Sam Bass Warner and Diane Kleiner on their marriage and extend best wishes for many years to come and thank Sam for his active

- involvement in the Cambridge community. Vice Mayor Davis
29. Congratulating Ellen Zucker and Ellen Klegg on the birth of Jacob Richard Zucker. Councillor Decker
 30. Extending Happy Birthday wishes to Marvin Gilmore. Councillor Decker
 31. Extending Happy Birthday wishes to Michael Kenney. Councillor Decker
 32. City Council go on record thanking Senate President Robert Travaglini, Staff Person Jim Gandolfe, State Representative Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and Mayor Michael A. Sullivan for their efforts to gain City control of the Simeoni Skating Rink. Councillor Galluccio
 33. Thanking all City employees who participated in a wonderful celebration of Danehy Park Family Day, especially Maryellen Carvello. Councillor Galluccio
 34. Extending wishes for the Best of Luck to Robert Cogan and Pozzi Escot on their Visions Concert to be held at the New England Conservatory on October 29, 2003 and the world premiere of their music. Councillor Murphy
 35. Congratulating Reverend Ward on his ordination to the Christian ministry. Councillor Reeves
 36. Congratulating T.T. and the Bears on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary. Councillor Reeves
 37. Congratulating the Schlesinger Library and the Radcliffe Institute on its upcoming Conference on African-American Women Leadership. Councillor Reeves
 38. Honor Judy Norris' service to our community and the Cambridge Women's Center by declaring Saturday, October 4, 2003, Judy Norris Health Day. Councillor Decker

ORDERS

1. Dedicate an appropriate location in the vicinity of Prince Street in honor of Clifford Bonvie, Sr. Councillor Decker
2. Requesting the City Manager to investigate the possible purchase of the print shop property located at 125 Harvard St., Aristocrat, Inc. of Cambridge. Councillor Simmons and Councillor Decker
3. Requesting the City Manager to provide the City Council with more specific information on any trends or preventive measures regarding the increase in robberies and "semi-sprees" of robbery referenced in the Cambridge Police Department Second Quarter 2003 Crime Report. Councillor Reeves
4. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a status report on the number of condemned trees in Cambridge, where hearings were held and approval made for removal, yet the trees have not been removed. Vice Mayor Davis
5. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Department of Public Works about installing benches at bus stops and at a midway point along the odd-numbered side of Massachusetts Avenue from 2050 Massachusetts Avenue to Porter Square. Councillor Simmons
6. Dedicate the corner of Third and Hurley Streets as "Anthony Bruno Square". Councillor Toomey
7. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works on the condition of the open space around the King Open School, to post signs enforcing fines for cleaning up dog refuse and to explore the feasibility of providing plastic bags in the area for dog walkers to use. Mayor Sullivan
8. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works on the condition of sidewalks along Blanchard Road from Concord Avenue to Grove Street, and to confer with the the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to continue meeting with the residents in this area to address traffic issues, speed limit enforcement and potential design changes in the roadway. Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Galluccio, Councillor Maher and Councillor Toomey
9. Requesting the City Manager to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to clean Cambridge Street, twice daily, by the use of sweeping and the use of the street sweeper, during the construction that is underway on Cambridge Street. Councillor Toomey
10. Requesting the City Manager to mount an aggressive litter clean-up campaign. Councillor Toomey
11. Requesting the Mayor to convey to the School Committee the City Council's request to investigate the possibility of bus transportation for young children traveling from Area Four to the King Open School. Councillor Simmons
12. Requesting the City Manager to report on whether there are parks/open spaces where dogs may be walked off-leash located in all four quadrants of the City, and if not, what is the feasibility of so providing. Councillor Simmons
13. Requesting the Council to go on record calling for free and democratic elections in Northern Ireland. Mayor Sullivan
14. Requesting the City Manager to provide a status report on the proposed park at 238 Broadway and to report back to the City Council by October 20, 2003. Councillor Toomey
15. Requesting the City Manager to create the position of energy manager to oversee and improve upon energy use in all city facilities. Vice Mayor Davis and Councillor Decker
16. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council on efforts to coordinate with Harvard University for the development of a shuttle service

from the new Harvard/Pleasant Street housing area to Harvard Square, similar to service provided by the EZRide Shuttle. Vice Mayor Davis

17. Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a plan for moving toward utilization of hand-held computers for the Parking Division of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department. Vice Mayor Davis
18. Dedicate the corner of Fresh Pond Parkway and Larch Road as "Annabel Verches Square".
Councillor Murphy
19. Requesting the City Manager to confer with MIT and Forest City with the view in mind of the designation of the Kennedy Loft site as permanent open space. Councillor Simmons
20. Requesting the City Manager to confer with Comcast and report back to the City Council on the reason why the RTPI Channel has gone from the basic tier to a higher tier, tripling the cost.
Councillor Toomey
21. Requesting the City Manager to report to the City Council on the status of the land at the corner of Lopez Avenue and Charles Street which was deeded to the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
22. Requesting the City Manager to report to the City Council on the status of the safety issues for pedestrians in and around Rufo Road especially in light of the demolition of the Mancini Safe Company building. Councillor Toomey
23. Requesting the City Manager to provide the City Council with an updated master list for renovation of the parks and tot lots, along with an updated report card on the conditions of all the parks and tot lots owned by the City of Cambridge. Councillor Toomey
24. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to arrange for the trees to be trimmed in Gold Star Park. Councillor Toomey
25. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to investigate and report back to the City Council on the ownership of streets, sidewalks and parking areas in the area encompassed by Charles Street, Binney Street, Fulkerson and Third Streets, specifically what is city-owned and what is privately-owned. Councillor Toomey
26. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to report to the City Council on the status of the land at the corner of Binney Street and the Binney Street extension and any other options for additional open space in eastern Cambridge. Councillor Toomey and Mayor Sullivan
27. Requesting the City Manager to draft a home rule petition which would require any educational

institution which develops any type of housing to adhere to the City's inclusionary zoning ordinance and refer the draft home rule petition to the Ordinance and Housing Committees for a hearing and report. Councillor Galluccio

28. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with a plan for sidewalk improvement along the Concord Avenue side of Fresh Pond and along Blanchard Road.
Councillor Galluccio
29. Requesting the City Manager to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development regarding the status of restoration of bus shelters at the completion of the Cambridge Street Improvement Plan. Councillor Galluccio
30. Requesting the City Manager to forward a date for the rat eradication meeting proposed for Area Four and Mid-Cambridge. Councillor Reeves
31. Requesting the City Manager to provide a timely response on the request from the City Council and the neighborhood, regarding walking police patrols, particularly as requested by the Riverside residents.
Councillor Reeves

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on September 10, 2003 to continue discussing the "Buy Cambridge Initiative" (BCI) and any other matter that comes before the committee.
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher, Chair of the University Relations Committee, for a meeting held on June 18, 2003 to discuss future actions to improve university/city relationships in the following areas which the committee has been considering over the past several months: education, the environment, affordable housing, financial health, and planning and land use.
3. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on September 17, 2003 to continue discussing the "Buy Cambridge Initiative" (BCI) and any other matters that come before the committee.
4. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, for a meeting held on September 18, 2003 to discuss the Riverside rezoning proposal, the Planning Board petition and the Carlson petition.

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, Sept 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

6:30pm The City Council will conduct a public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 1

9:30am Special Meeting of the City Council to continue a recessed public hearing to discuss the property tax rate classification. (IF NECESSARY) (Sullivan Chamber)

12:00pm The Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss coordination of resources between the municipal cable, CCTV and the School Department cable (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Oct 2

2:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue planning the presentation on the Cambridge knowledge-based economy and its implications for the Cambridge community, to feature Professor Juan Enriquez. (Conference Room of the City Council Office)

Wed, Oct 8

10:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue discussing the "Buy Cambridge Initiative" and any matter that comes before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, Oct 20

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Wed, Oct 22

4:30pm The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee and the City Administration will be presenting the Buy Cambridge Initiative at the Sala de Puerto Rico Room at the Stratton Student Center. (84 Massachusetts Avenue, MIT)

Mon, Oct 27

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 3

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Thurs, Nov 6

4:00pm The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on a petition from John Roback, et al., to amend the Zoning Ordinances by deleting the designation C-2A and substituting in place thereof the designation C-1 in the area bounded by Green, Pearl, Franklin and Brookline Streets. This meeting to be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 17

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Nov 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 1

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 8

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 15

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 22

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Dec 29

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate location in the area of Prince Street in honor of Clifford Bonvie, Sr.; and be it further

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

O-2 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the possible purchase of the print shop property located at 125 Harvard St., Aristocrat, Inc. of Cambridge.

O-3 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Police Department Second Quarter 2003 Crime Report states that there were 79 reported robberies in all of 2002 and 112 in the first two quarters of 2003. This is a 42 percent increase. The report refers to "semi-sprees" which are undefined by the report; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with more specific information on any trends or preventive measures that attend this situation.

O-4 September 29, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a status report on the number of condemned trees in Cambridge, where hearings were held and approval made for removal, yet the trees have not been removed.

O-5 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works about installing benches at bus stops and at a midway point along the odd-numbered side of Massachusetts Avenue from 2050 Massachusetts Avenue to Porter Square.

O-6 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Council dedicate the corner of Third and Hurley Streets as "Anthony Bruno Square"; and be it further

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

O-7 September 29, 2003
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works on the condition of the open space around the King Open School, to post signs enforcing fines for cleaning up dog refuse and to explore the feasibility of providing plastic bags in the area for dog walkers to use.

O-8 September 29, 2003
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works on the condition of sidewalks along Blanchard Road from Concord Avenue to Grove Street as well as the sidewalks on Grove Street and perform any necessary repairs in a timely manner; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to continue meeting with the residents in this area to address traffic issues, speed limit enforcement and potential design changes in the roadway.

O-9 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to clean Cambridge Street, twice daily, by the use of sweeping and the use of the street sweeper, during the construction that is underway on Cambridge Street.

O-10 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to mount an aggressive litter clean-up campaign.

O-11 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Many families in Area Four with young children enrolled in the King Open School are very concerned about safety issues in their children's route to school; and

WHEREAS: Many young children from Area Four have to cross Hampshire Street as they walk to school; and

WHEREAS: Several parents who are otherwise very satisfied with the King Open School have discussed transferring their children because of their concerns about the safety of this crossing and the walk to school; and

WHEREAS: There are other instances in the City where bus transportation is provided for distances shorter than the normal limit because of the safety hazard of a major street that must be crossed by the children; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to convey to the School Committee the City Council's request to investigate the possibility of bus transportation for young children travelling from Area Four to the King Open School.

O-12 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on whether there are parks/open spaces where dogs may be walked off-leash located in all four quadrants of the City, and if not, what is the feasibility of so providing.

O-13 September 29, 2003
MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The right to vote is the fundamental linchpin of the democratic process and open, fair, and timely elections are vital to the maintenance of a democratic society; and

WHEREAS: The Northern Ireland Peace Process was designed to promote the principles of democracy by creating the Northern Ireland Assembly as a cross-community political institution whose members are directly elected by the people; and

WHEREAS: Despite setbacks, significant progress has been made in recent years towards a peaceful and permanent resolution to the conflict in Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS: The cancellation of the May 29, 2003 elections sent a negative message to a society that has aspirations of becoming exclusively democratic and the manifestation of trust in a democratic society is a date certain for an election; and

WHEREAS: British Prime Minister Tony Blair's decision to suspend the democratic elections in Northern Ireland contradicts the efforts of the United Nations, the United States and other democratic nations to ensure free elections around the world; and

WHEREAS: The indefinite suspension of elections and the suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly leaves the people of Northern Ireland in political limbo, with no democratic venue for expressing their rights and preferences about governing their own country; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, which has a significant percentage of residents with Irish ancestry, has displayed a longstanding concern and commitment to the peaceful resolution of the Troubles in Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy and the Massachusetts State Senate have recently called upon British Prime Minister Tony Blair to schedule elections; and

WHEREAS: Fifteen members of the United States House of Representatives, including six from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have called upon British Prime Minister Tony Blair to schedule elections as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS: Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, U.S. Special Envoy to Ireland Richard Haas, Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams and Social Democratic Labor Party Leader Mark Durkan have called for elections this fall, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record calling for free and democratic elections in Northern Ireland; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, British Ambassador to the United States, Sir David Manning, and the British Consul to Boston, General George Ferguson, the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Irish-American Unity Conference on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-14 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a status report on the proposed park at 238 Broadway and to report back to the City Council by October 20, 2003.

O-15 September 29, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: A key component of the Cambridge Climate Protection Plan relates to reduced energy consumption; and

WHEREAS: Monies lost to poor energy management have been equated to "dollars on the floor waiting to be picked up"; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to create the position of energy manager to oversee and improve upon energy use in all city facilities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by December 1, 2003 regarding this matter.

O-16 September 29, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on efforts to coordinate with Harvard University for the development of a shuttle service from the new Harvard/Pleasant Street housing area to Harvard Square, similar to service provided by the EZRide Shuttle.

O-17 September 29, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: A significant amount of traffic fines go uncollected; and

WHEREAS: Neighboring communities, including Somerville, are utilizing hand-held computers for the purpose of issuing tickets, reducing the potential for mistakes when compared to hand-written tickets; and

WHEREAS: Such a system will also eliminate the need for manual entry of violations; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council with a plan for moving toward utilization of hand-held computers for the Parking Division of the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department.

O-18 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That the City Council be and hereby is requested to dedicate the corner of Fresh Pond Parkway and Larch Road as "Annabel Verches Square"; and be it further

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

O-19 September 29, 2003

COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

WHEREAS: Under the terms of MIT's agreement with the City of Cambridge regarding the development of University Park, MIT is required to provide publicly beneficial open space; and

WHEREAS: Pacific Park functions in the main as a much-needed additional sports field for youth athletics; and

WHEREAS: The design guidelines for Auburn Common call for a space that will allow for a wide variety of uses - passive recreation, exhibitions, concerts, festivals, etc.; and

WHEREAS: Auburn Common in actuality is an attractive passive recreation space mainly for the employees of the surrounding office buildings; and

WHEREAS: Many of the activities described in the guidelines as activities intended to take place in Auburn Common, for example, Small Business Association events, Salvation Army events, musical concerts, University Park employees and neighborhood groups playing volleyball, have actually taken place (at the direction of the management officials of University Park) in the open area between the Kennedy Lofts apartment building and Sidney Street (hereinafter "the Kennedy Lofts site"); now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with MIT and Forest City with the view in mind of the designation of the Kennedy Loft site as permanent open space in order to assure the continued availability to the public of the space, which is now being used at the direction of the University Park to fulfill essential recreation uses originally contemplated to take

place at Auburn Common but which cannot be so accommodated due to its location and design; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk send a copy of this order to the President of M.I.T. and the President of Forest City Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-20 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Comcast and report back to the City Council on the reason why the RTPI Channel has gone from the basic tier to a higher tier, tripling the cost.

O-21 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the status of the land at the corner of Lopez Avenue and Charles Street, which was deeded to the City of Cambridge.

O-22 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council on the status of the safety issues for pedestrians in and around Rufo Road especially in light of the demolition of the Mancini Safe Company building.

O-23 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with an updated master list for renovation of the parks and tot lots, along with an updated report card on the conditions of all the parks and tot lots owned by the City of Cambridge.

O-24 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to arrange for the trees to be trimmed in Gold Star Park.

O-25 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to investigate and report back to the City Council on the ownership of streets, sidewalks and parking areas in the area encompassed by Charles Street, Binney Street, Fulkerson and Third Streets, specifically what is city-owned and what is privately-owned.

O-26 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to report to the City Council on the status of the land at the corner of

Binney Street and the Binney Street extension and any other options for additional open space in eastern Cambridge.

O-27 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to draft a home rule petition which would require any educational institution which develops any type of housing to adhere to the City's inclusionary zoning ordinance and refer the draft home rule petition to the Ordinance and Housing Committees for a hearing and report.

O-28 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works with a plan for sidewalk improvement along the Concord Avenue side of Fresh Pond and along Blanchard Road; said response to be forwarded to the City Council.

O-29 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development regarding the status of restoration of bus shelters at the completion of the Cambridge Street Improvement Plan.

O-30 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward a date for the rat eradication meeting proposed for Area Four and Mid-Cambridge.

O-31 September 29, 2003
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a timely response on the request from the City Council and the neighborhood, regarding walking police patrols, particularly as requested by the Riverside residents.