

**HEARING SCHEDULE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING JUNE 4, 2001**

Monday, June 4, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, June 11, 2001	5:30 P.M.	<b>Roundtable Meeting</b> Discussion with the Election Commission. <b>Informal meeting with no public comment, at which no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised.</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Tuesday, June 12, 2001	4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	The Civic Unity Committee will conduct a public meeting to continue planning and implementation for a catalogue of existing mediation resources and to receive a presentation on circle justice. <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, June 13, 2001	8:30 A.M.	The Housing Committee will conduct a final committee discussion on the Community Preservation Act. <b>(Ackermann Room)</b>
Wednesday, June 13, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, June 18, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, June 25, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>

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Friday, June 29, 2001	12:30 P.M.	The Economic Development, Training and Employment will conduct a public meeting with the Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of the high school to discuss the School to Careers Program and to present the survey results entitled "Education and Skill for New Cambridge Economy. Patterns of Employment in New Economic Sectors." <b>(Ackermann Room)</b>
Wednesday, July 18, 2001	5:00 P.M.	The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing on the Special District 4 and 4A (Alewife area) zoning petition. <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b> <b>This hearing is televised.</b>
Monday, July 30, 2001	5:30 P.M.	<b>Special City Council Meeting</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, September 5, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, September 10, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, September 12, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, September 17, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, September 24, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Tuesday, September 25, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee <b>(If necessary)</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>

Monday, October 1, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Wednesday, October 10, 2001	4:30 P.M.	Ordinance Committee <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, October 15, 2001	5:30 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>
Monday, October 22, 2001	5:30 P.M.	<b>Roundtable Meeting</b> <b>Informal meeting with no public</b> <b>comment, at which no votes will be</b> <b>taken. Meeting will not be</b> <b>televised.</b> <b>(Sullivan Chamber)</b>

## JUNE 4, 2001

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order authorizing the City Manager to transfer appropriations from available balances prior to the close of the books for FY00-01.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years effective the first day of January, 2001:

Richard Arnold, 572 Riverside Avenue, Medford, MA 02155

Anne Nolan, 54 Jackson Street, Cambridge, MA 02140

Paul Xavier, 30 Line Street, Somerville, MA 02143

3. 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.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-189**, regarding reporting to the City Council before any action is taken by any state, city or private agency with relation to the geese.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-190**, regarding a report on the geese meadow with particular attention to the change of grading within 100' of the River.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$6,405 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs through IMPACT of No. Charles to the Cambridge Prevention Coalition to provide alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention training for Cambridge youth.

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7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$196,937 for FY02 to the Public Investment Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account from FY02 property taxes to be used to fund three affordable housing development contracts for Homeowner's Rehab, Just-A-Start, and CASCAP.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-191**, regarding report on the possibility of joining the Charles River TMA.
9. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-192**, regarding a report on the impact that the proposed new runway at Logan Airport would have on noise and overflights in Cambridge.
10. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-188**, regarding a report on the progress toward providing internet access to the City's youth centers.
11. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-194**, regarding a report on the availability of the senior discount card.
12. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-170**, regarding a report on the practice of reserving metered parking spaces for private institutions, businesses and others.
13. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to **Awaiting Report Item Number 01-193**, regarding a report on what compromises have been made with the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association.

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14. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to a recommendation from the License Commission concerning the jitney application for Gondola di Venezia LLC.
  
15. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to an order requesting the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$161,513 to the grant fund Police Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account (\$57,000) and Extraordinary Expenditures Account (\$104,513) to provide fund to enhance the computer and MIS capabilities of the department.

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting notification of the appointment of the following persons as Constables for a term of three years, effective the first day of January, 2001:

Richard Arnold 572 Riverside Avenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Medford, MA 02155	Without Power
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Anne Nolan 54 Jackson Street Cambridge, MA 02140	Without Power
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Paul Xavier 30 Line Street Somerville, MA 02143	Without Power
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Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

As the end of the fiscal year approaches some necessary transfer will be needed to maintain appropriation control. The majority of these transfers involve funding departmental salary and wages accounts from the Salary Adjustment Account. The funding for the Salary Adjustment Account was approved in the FY01 Adopted Budget. The City Council, for the past 24 years, has authorized the City Manager to make necessary transfers from an allotment of available balances to those needing supplemental to avoid budget overruns.

Passage of this order will permit the same activity to occur this year.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

**ORDERED:** That pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 33B, and prior to the close of the books for Fiscal Year FY01, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations from allotments with available balances to those needing supplementation.

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your consideration the Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street, received from the Cambridge Historical Commission.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-189, which requested a report to the City Council before any action was taken by any state, city or private agency with relation to the geese, Animal Commission Director Mark McCabe reports the following:

At this time, there are no plans being considered by any state, city or private agency concerning the geese and the geese meadow. The M.S.P.C.A. Law Enforcement Division is continuing its investigation into the deaths of the two geese during the weekend of April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Cambridge Animal Commission will continue to work with the M.S.P.C.A. and the State Department of Fishery and Wildlife and will report any changes to this investigation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$196,937 for FY02 to the Public Investment Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account from FY02 property taxes.

The funds will be used to fund three affordable housing development contracts for Homeowner's Rehab, Just A Start, and CASCAP.

Homeowner's Rehab Affordable Housing Development	\$66,150
Just A Start Affordable Housing Development	\$66,150
CASCAP Affordable Small Apartment Program	<u>\$64,637</u>
	\$196,937

These contracts support the City and non-profit housing developers' on-going efforts to produce new affordable rental and homeownership opportunities. The contracts provide funding for housing development, staff salaries, and other costs that are incurred during the predevelopment stage.

These funds will allow the Community Development Department and non-profit developers to continue to explore new opportunities for acquisition and rehabilitation, and new construction throughout the City.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-190, regarding a report on the geese meadow with particular attention to the change of grading within 100' of the river, received from Conservation Commission Director Julia Bowdoin.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

May 30, 2001

To: Maryellen Carvello, City Manager's Office

From: Julia Bowdoin, Conservation Commission

Re: Questions regarding past activity at MDC's "Goose Meadow"

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Please accept this memo as the Conservation Commission's response to Council Order #16, dated 5/7/01. The Council Order requests an update on the "Goose Meadow" with particular attention to the change of grading within 100 feet of the Charles River.

#### Site Description

The area referred to as the "Goose Meadow" by some Cambridge residents is a sloped triangular piece of land owned by the MDC as part of the Charles River Basin park system. It is located adjacent to the east side of the Boston University (BU) Bridge on the Charles River in Cambridge.

#### Background

Under the Wetlands Protection Act, the Cambridge Conservation Commission reviews and approves work proposed to take place within 100 feet of the Charles River. In October 1999, the MDC requested permission from the Conservation Commission to remove invasive vegetation, establish native grass and shrubs, and construct a safe pedestrian walkway through the "Goose Meadow" area, a portion of which lies within 100 feet of the river. The Conservation Commission approved this request, with the recommendation that the MDC leave undisturbed all of the native non-invasive trees on the site and all vegetation within 25 feet of the riverbank in order to protect and preserve the high quality riverfront wildlife habitat and stability of the riverbank.

#### Change of Grading within 100 feet of the River

The MDC did not propose and the Conservation Commission did not permit any re-grading within 100 feet of the Charles River. In response to previous questions on this matter, the Conservation Commission and the MDC conducted a comprehensive site investigation in October of 2000 with detailed plans of the area and the approved landscape design. This site investigation did not show any evidence of illegal grading or other land disturbance within the area of Conservation Commission jurisdiction. Nor did there appear to be any adverse impact from the project on the riverbank or Charles River water quality. The MDC asserts that work was conducted in compliance with the approved plans, with the exception of several native shrubs that were mistakenly removed along the periphery of the work area by landscaping contractors. The MDC has agreed to replace this vegetation in the Summer of 2001.

It should be noted that the Conservation Commission did not prohibit the MDC from re-grading portions of the site farther than 100 feet from the river. The Commission has no jurisdiction over that upland area and does not know of other approvals the MDC would have needed in order to re-grade that portion of their property.

Please feel free to contact me at (617) 349-4680 with any questions or comments.

June 4, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$6,405 in the Grant Fund of the Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. The Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, through IMPACT of North Charles, Inc., has awarded the Cambridge Prevention Coalition funds to provide alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention training for Cambridge youth.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-194, regarding a report on the availability of the senior discount card, received from Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Jill Herold, Assistant City Manager/DHSP

Date: May 30, 2001

RE: City Council Order #6, dated 5/14/01 RE: Report on the availability of the Senior Discount Card

The "Buylines" card is the senior discount card available from the Council on Aging to any Cambridge resident age 60 or over, or individuals of any age with a disability. The COA works with grocery and retail stores, restaurants, hairdressers, banks and numerous other service industries to establish and promote discounts for seniors using their services. Currently, sixty-three merchants are participating in the Buylines discount program.

Information about the Buylines card is made available via many outreach avenues, including community service fairs, the COA's monthly newsletter, and our "town meeting"- a monthly information sharing meeting at the Citywide Senior Center. The program is included in our flyer of available Social Services and in the Department of Human Services' seasonal guides to services.

The list of participating merchants with the specific details of the discounts they provide is attached. In response to the question regarding McDonalds restaurant, they are included.

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-188, regarding a report on the progress toward providing internet access to the City's youth centers, Assistant City Manager for Human Services Jill Herold reports the following:

Ten new computers have recently arrived and are in the process of being configured prior to being installed in the Area IV, Frisoli and Moore Youth. These new computers will significantly enhance the current capacity to access the internet at the youth centers..

Area IV Youth Center: The building is wired with fiber optic cable and internet access is available.

Frisoli Youth Center: An ISDN line is currently used to access the internet and the hook up to fiber optic cable will be completed by MIS in the near future.

Moore Youth Center: An ISDN is currently used to access the internet.

Gately Youth Center: When the new center opens in September, the building will be fully wired with fiber optic cable and there will be a computer lab with 8 new computers. Currently, the Gately Youth Center has a computer with access to the internet in their space in the St. John's convent building.

West Cambridge Youth Center: There is currently no internet access for the West Cambridge Youth Center located in a small apartment in Corcoran Park. The Haggerty School computer lab is available to be scheduled for occasional use.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-170, regarding a report on the practice of reserving metered parking spaces for private institutions, businesses and others, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department (T,P&T) issues street obstruction permits when a street is being used to stage vehicles or equipment temporarily. The majority of permits are issued for (1) day only however construction site permits are issued for up to 30 days with the option to renew.

The review process varies depending on permit requests i.e., purpose, length of time, use of meters, impact on residences and/or businesses.

Generally, permits associated with the use of a sidewalk or construction activity in the street are issued by DPW. Permits just to occupy the street are issued by TP&T. Any location with metered parking requires a TP&T permit.

The following is a break down of permits issued during calendar year 2000.

• <b>Moving vans</b>	3289
• <b>Commercial vehicles/tool trucks</b>	213
• <b>Manhole access</b>	72
• <b>Dumpsters</b>	203
• <b>Cranes/booms/manlift/aerial lifts</b>	189
• <b>Traffic clearance</b> (removing parking in a work zone to allow traffic flow to be maintained)	35
• <b>Various purpose</b> (any DPW permit involving metered parking, access for wide loads, blood mobile, access to billboards, TV satellite trucks, utility work – gas/electric/cable/fiber, landscape equipment, public school events, etc.)	599
• <b>Event permits procession/parade/block party</b>	106
<b>Total permits issued:</b>	<b>4706</b>

Of these various permits Harvard University had 66 or 1% of the total. Included are permits for dumpsters, commencement, student move in and move out days, valet parking for special events, and construction activity such as the set up and dismantling of the crane at Weidner Library.

There are fees for the various permits, which are set to discourage frivolous requests or requests for unnecessarily long periods of time.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-191, regarding a report on the possibility of joining the Charles River TMA, received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

**To:** Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

**From:** Beth Rubenstein  
Assistant City Manager for Community Development

**Date:** May 30, 2001

**Re:** Committee Report Order #23, dated 5/14/01: Report on the possibility of joining the Charles River TMA

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In response to the above referenced order, we report the following:

The Charles River Transportation Management Association (CRTMA) is a non-profit association of businesses and employers that implements programs to provide and promote the use of transportation options and reduce travel by single occupant vehicles.

Cambridge supports the CRTMA's efforts in many ways, including partnering to implement the North Station Shuttle, requiring businesses to join the TMA as part of trip reduction plans, and assisting the TMA in marketing its services. In addition, as a large employer, the City implements a number of programs to encourage the use of alternative transportation options, including the MBTA pass subsidy, marketing and promotional activities, and provision of bicycle parking at municipal buildings.

As a large, multi-site employer, the cost for the City to fully join the CRTMA would be \$14,400 for the current year, and a similar share annually in future years. Joining the CRTMA would provide City employees with access to the TMA's programs and services and help to supplement the City's existing trip reduction programs. Membership would also provide the City with direct input into the future direction of the organization and reinforce the City's commitment to Transportation Demand Management.

Although the City already has an active trip reduction program for its employees, joining the TMA will help to further these efforts and increase our focus on these important issues. In particular, the City could use the TMA as the vehicle for implementing a Guaranteed Ride Home program for municipal employees, which has been a City goal for some time. As a result, I would recommend that we begin discussions with the CRTMA's Executive Director about joining the organization and work to identify the financial resources to pay the membership dues. In joining the TMA, it would important that the City represent its interests as a large employer, separate from any role the City may have as a regulator of transportation services.

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-193, regarding a report on what compromises have been made with the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Group regarding the lights at Danehy Park, Deputy City Manager Richard C. Rossi reports the following:

The City has had a series of meetings with residents from Bellis Circle concerning their issues with the lights at the Park. The City installed an additional bank of 50' lights so that only the track lights will be used when games or practices are not taking place, thus allowing the 80' field lights to be shut off. No lights will be used from early/mid-December through mid/late-March. The City is also offering to continue to evaluate the times when the lights will be used and evaluate these off-times with the abutters over the first season. In addition, the main use for lights at night will be for the CRLS teams, Pop Warner practices, and Cambridge Youth Soccer. A very limited Women's Soccer schedule has been planned at this site. As requested by the abutters, times for other adult sport uses will not be available.

I have attached a copy of a letter sent to the Bellis Circle Neighborhood Association in February concerning these issues.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec  
Attachment

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your consideration a recommendation from the License Commission relative to the jitney application for Gondola di Venezia LLC.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-192, regarding a report on the impact that the proposed new runway at Logan Airport would have on noise and overflights in Cambridge, Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein reports the following:

On March 1, 2001 the Federal Aviation Administration and the Massachusetts Port Authority issued a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (SDEIS/FEIR) describing the impacts of the proposed Runway 14/32 and other improvements at Logan Airport. The stated purpose of the proposed runway is to solve the delay problem at Logan. In 2000, Logan was the second worst airport in the country in terms of arrival delay. According to the SDEIS/FEIR the proposed runway would virtually eliminate delays that can be controlled, particularly those occurring during northwest winds. Staff is reviewing the SDEIS/FEIR and will make comments on or before the deadline of June 7, 2001.

In addition, a city staff member is representing the city on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Logan Airside Improvements Planning Project and attends meetings held by Communities Against Runway Expansion (CARE), a citizens advocacy committee. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will issue a decision based on comments received on the SDEIS/FEIR. FAA/Massport will be required to prepare a final EIS before a decision is issued by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

According to Massport, in the year 2000 27.4 million passengers passed through Logan Airport. By the year 2015 the number is projected to increase to 37.4 million. Although none of the planes using the new runway 14/32 will fly over Cambridge, construction of the runway will result in more jet flights over Cambridge as Logan Airport will be able to accommodate more flights on a daily basis than is the case today.

In 1999 there were about 2,800 jet flights over Cambridge (mostly North Cambridge) flying at an altitude of about 4,000 ft. The resulting noise level on the ground averaged about 55 dB DNL (the weighted average day/night decibel level.) According to an EPA report on Protective Noise Levels, this level is equivalent to that resulting from major household appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, and clothes dryers.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) define 65 dB DNL as the threshold of noise incompatibility with residential land uses. Therefore, Massport is required to provide data in the EIR regarding which areas of the region would experience 65 dB DNL or higher noise levels. In addition, the study contains data in response to the May 7, 1999 EOECA Certificate which requested Massport to include the 60 dB DNL contour. Currently, the 60 dB DNL noise contour is two miles from the nearest Cambridge residents. If Runway 14/32 is constructed, the 60 dB DNL noise contour will still be 1 3/4 miles from the nearest Cambridge residents.

The city's comments on the EIR will be in opposition to the construction of a new runway at Logan. Last year Massport received a total of about 6,600 complaints about noise, a very small fraction of which was from Cambridge residents. (The majority of the Cambridge complaints were about medical evacuation helicopters flying over the Charles River, which Massport does not control, as they are hospital-related.) However, from a regional perspective there are better solutions to address arrival delay and the region's projected demand for air travel than the proposed runway. Such alternatives include implementation of a demand management plan which would include higher peak landing fees; greater reliance on nearby airports such as Manchester, NH, Providence, RI and Worcester, MA; and expansion of the airport express bus system to provide service to these regional airports.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

June 4, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for \$161,513 to the Grant Fund Police Other Ordinary Maintenance account (\$57,000) and Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$104,513) to provide funds to enhance the computer and MIS capabilities of the department by purchasing additional computer hardware and for grants for community partnerships to establish crime prevention programs involving cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel..

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**City Council Calendar No. 15  
Monday, June 4, 2001**

**At 5:30 P.M.**

**CHARTER RIGHT**

1. Charter Right was exercised by Councillor Braude on Consent Agenda #11 of May 21, 2001 regarding a report on the permit and fee requirements for the Street Performer Ordinance.

**ON THE TABLE**

2. Consent Agenda #17, relative to a Preservation Easement for 2 Holyoke Place (Fly Club).
3. Order submitted by Councillor Davis to draft new rezoning proposal for Riverside Neighborhood adjacent to Western Avenue.
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. Committee Report #2 of February 5, 2001 from the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for the purpose of evaluating the process used by the City Council to evaluate the City Manager.
7. 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.

8. 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.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning of East Cambridge proposed as part of the Citywide Rezoning package and refiled as a separate petition. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 28, 2001. **The deadline for this petition is July 25, 2001.**
  
10. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend the zoning in Special District 8 in Cambridgeport submitted by the Planning Board. The question comes on passing to be ordained on or after May 28, 2001. **The deadline for this petition is August 27, 2001.**

**APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

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| 1. Constable surety bond was received from Daniel Saccoccio.  | 1. |
| 2. Constable surety bond was received from John Scilone.  | 2. |
| 3. An application was received from Rockler Woodworking & Hardware, requesting permission to display merchandise in front of the premises numbered 2154 Massachusetts Avenue. | 3. |

**CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS -  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

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| 1. A communication was received from Tish Callanan, Executive Director, WorldBoston, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council.                                     | 1. |
| 2. A communication was received from Michael A. Cantalupa, Senior Vice President, Boston Properties, Inc., transmitting written opposition to the refiled East Cambridge zoning petition.          | 2. |
| 3. A communication was received from Rose E. Frisch, transmitting thanks for the “get well” resolution adopted by the City Council.  | 3. |
| 4. A communication was received from Owen O’Riordan, Assistant Commissioner/City Engineer, transmitting notification of a change of address from 40 Edward Lopez Avenue to 36 Edward Lopez Avenue. | 4. |
| 5. A communication was received from Owen O’Riordan, Assistant Commissioner/City Engineer, transmitting notification of a change of address from 127 Sixth Street to 300 Bent Street.              | 5. |
| 6. A communication was received from Rose E. Frisch, on behalf of the McCartney Foundation, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution on the ice-skating program.                        | 6. |
| 7. A communication was received from Fatima Martins, “Cidadao 2000 Citizen” transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council.  | 7. |
| 8. A communication was received from Meg Anderson, Dean of Curriculum, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, endorsing lowering the city voting age to 16.  | 8. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

1. Congratulations to the 2001-2001 James B. Conant Fellows who will be honored on May 30, 2001 at the Harvard Faculty Club from 4:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. 1.  
**Mayor Galluccio**
2. Resolution on the death of Patricia Locke. 2.  
**Councillor Sullivan and entire membership**
3. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Billy Frazier, Jr. and urge residents to be cognizant of the William Frazier, Jr. Golf Tournament fundraiser to be held on Saturday, June 9, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bay Point Country Club in Wareham, Massachusetts. 3.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
4. Resolution on the death of Anthony "Tony" W. Camara, Jr. 4.  
**Councillors Toomey, Sullivan and Mayor Galluccio and entire membership**
5. Congratulations to Joseph and Lisa Johnson on the birth of their twin sons, Michael Nicholas and Patrick Joseph Johnson. 5.  
**Mayor Galluccio**
6. Congratulations to Jimmy and Susan Gondolfe on the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle Mia Gondolfe. 6.  
**Mayor Galluccio**
7. Retirement of Edward Eithier from the Marlboro Police Department. 7.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
8. Retirement of Chief Joseph Barry from the Marlboro Police Department. 8.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
9. Congratulations to Mark Leonard on being named Chief of the Marlboro Police Department. 9.  
**Councillor Sullivan**

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

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| 10. Retirement of Chief Frank R. Gorgone from the Newton Police Department.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>   | 10. |
| 11. Resolution on the death of Joseph M. McDonald.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 11. |
| 12. Resolution on the death of John W. Devlin.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 12. |
| 13. Resolution on the death of Rose M. Pupa.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 13. |
| 14. Resolution on the death of Anna Ferrante.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>   | 14. |
| 15. Thanks to Deborah Hughes and Mary Catherine Deibel, owners of Up Stairs at the Pudding, for their years of service and generosity to their customers and to Community Servings.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b> | 15. |
| 16. Resolution on the death of Ann P. Bolger.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio, Councillor Davis and entire membership</b>  | 16. |
| 17. Resolution on the death of Florence Halprin.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>  | 17. |
| 18. Retirement of William J. Cleary, Jr. as the Athletic Director of Harvard University.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 18. |
| 19. Resolution on the death of Congressman John Joseph Moakley.<br><b>Councillors Sullivan, Toomey, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 19. |
| 20. Resolution on the death of Alice M. Hastie.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 20. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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| 21. Resolution on the death of Arthur "Buddy" Largenton.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan, Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 21. |
| 22. Resolution on the death of Charles Wolejko.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>   | 22. |
| 23. Resolution on the death of Alice M. Barbour.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>  | 23. |
| 24. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>  | 24. |
| 25. Congratulations to Matthew and Jennifer Born on the birth of their daughter, Emma Katherine Born.<br><b>Vice Mayor Maher and Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 25. |
| 26. Speedy recovery wishes to John Mondello.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 26. |
| 27. Resolution on the death of Dennis E. "Lefty" McDonald.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and entire membership</b>  | 27. |
| 28. Happy 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes to Susan Sullivan.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>   | 28. |
| 29. Resolution to be prepared on the death of Mary Grassi.<br><b>Councillor Toomey, Mayor Galluccio, Vice Mayor Maher, Councillor Sullivan and entire membership</b>  | 29. |
| 30. Congratulations to Marissa Sullivan on winning the 3.5 Family Fun Run.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 30. |
| 31. Praise to city officials and community leaders for signing "The Cambridge Commitment" to prevent underage drinking and urge residents to be cognizant of the effort to prevent underage drinking.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b> | 31. |

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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32. Commend Jeya Naranjan for the book that she put together on the Department of Public Works trucks. 32.  
**Councillor Davis**
33. Commonwealth's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Biodiversity Days which will take place from June 8-10, 2001. 33.  
**Councillors Braude and Davis**
34. Speedy recovery wishes to Michael Combs. 34.  
**Councillor Decker**
35. Appreciation to the cemetery workers for their fine work in preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day. 35.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
36. Thanks to Sonny Reale, the Cambridge Boy Scouts, the Cambridge Little League and the members of the Cambridge Veterans Organization for their assistance with insuring that graves of veterans were marked with flags for Memorial Day. 36.  
**Councillors Sullivan and Decker**
37. Congratulations to Suleyken Walker and Mark Hymovitz on their recent engagement. 37.  
**Councillor Decker**
38. Congratulations to Lori Nelson on her new position as a fourth grade teacher at the Cambridge Friends School. 38.  
**Councillor Decker**
39. Congratulations to the city of Cambridge, England on the occasion of the celebration of its Octocentenary. 39.  
**Mayor Galluccio**
40. Thanks to Cathy Hoffman for her good work and inspired leadership and recognize Saturday, June 9, 2001 as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day and urge citizens to join in the activities of that day. 40.  
**Mayor Galluccio**

**RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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| 41. Thanks to Councillor Born for her leadership and good work.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>  | 41. |
| 42. Thanks to John and Kathy Roberts for their contribution to the collective understanding of community, harmony and justice.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio</b>               | 42. |
| 43. Congratulations to Cambridge public school teachers Pauline Demetri, Eileen Farrell and David Villandry on receiving Crystal Awards.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b> | 43. |
| 44. Honor the late Marie Simard for her service to the City of Cambridge.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 44. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

1. Repainting of the crosswalks in the area of Porter Square. 1.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
2. Installation of a sign indicating "Right on Red Only" at White Street in Porter Square. 2.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
3. Difficulty of the #96 MBTA bus turning from Massachusetts Avenue onto Beech Street. 3.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
4. Stenciling of the "No Bike Riding on Sidewalks" in the area of Porter Square. 4.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
5. Enforcement of the "No Bike Riding on Sidewalks" in the area of Porter Square. 5.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
6. Condition of the sidewalks surrounding the Porter Square MBTA station. 6.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
7. Lighting in the Porter Square area, particularly at the corner of Davenport and Massachusetts Avenue. 7.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
8. Possibility of timing Cambridge's work in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Somerville's work on Beacon Street at the same time. 8.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
9. Possibility of having a representative from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department attend the June 21, 2001 meeting of the Porter Square Neighborhood Association. 9.  
**Councillor Sullivan**
10. Traffic enforcement on Upland Road. 10.  
**Councillor Sullivan**

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

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| 11. Increase the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million dollars.<br><b>Councillor Decker</b>   | 11. |
| 12. Determine the city's best strategies for obtaining a meaningful senior discount, competition and reasonable cable rates.<br><b>Vice Mayor Maher</b>                              | 12. |
| 13. Dedicate an appropriate location to Captain Patrick Corcoran.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 13. |
| 14. Dedicate the corner of Fifth and Spring Street to A. Michael Vieira.<br><b>Mayor Galluccio and Councillor Toomey</b>   | 14. |
| 15. Dedicate Taylor Square in the vicinity of the Fire House in honor of John Reilly.<br><b>Councillor Sullivan</b>  | 15. |
| 16. Cancellation of City Council meeting of Monday, September 17, 2001 in observance of Rosh Hashanah.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b>  | 16. |
| 17. Urge the City Arborist and the Public Planting Committee to consider planting the Copper Beech tree in their plans for the significant tree planting.<br><b>Councillor Davis</b> | 17. |
| 18. Increase enforcement of the speed limit on Bay State Road and move forward on traffic calming.<br><b>Councillor Born</b>   | 18. |
| 19. Report on the efficacy of the first time homebuyers program.<br><b>Councillors Braude and Decker</b>   | 19. |
| 20. Update on limited equity coops including information on the future of limited equity coops in Cambridge.<br><b>Councillor Decker</b>   | 20. |

**POLICY ORDER AND RESOLUTION LIST FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

21. Enroll the City of Cambridge as a member of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity. 21.  
**Mayor Galluccio**

O-1.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation relative to repainting the crosswalks in the area of Porter Square; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as to the policy of how often heavily used crosswalk areas are painted.

O-2.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation relative to installing a sign indicating "Right on Red Only" at White Street in Porter Square.

O-3.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation relative to addressing the issue of the difficulty that the 96 MBTA bus has turning from Massachusetts Avenue onto Beech Street.

O-4.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation relative to stenciling the "No Bike Riding on Sidewalks" in the area of Porter Square.

O-5.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner relative to enforcing the "No Bike Riding on Sidewalks" in the area of Porter Square.

O-6.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Acting Commissioner of Public Works and/or the appropriate officials at the MBTA relative to the condition of the sidewalks surrounding the Porter Square MBTA station.

O-7.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City Electrician relative to the lighting in Porter Square, particularly at the corner of Davenport and Massachusetts Avenue.

O-8.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Mayor of Somerville relative to the timing of Cambridge's work in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Somerville's work on Beacon Street to see if they can be timed together.

O-9.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation relative to having a representative of that department attend the June 21, 2001 meeting of the Porter Square Neighborhood Association to discuss both long and short-term solutions to the traffic and pedestrian difficulties in Porter Square.

O-10.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner relative to traffic enforcement on Upland Road with particular attention to speeding vehicles.

O-11.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to increase the Affordable Housing Trust by at least one million; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council by September on the status of the order.

O-12.

June 4, 2001

VICE MAYOR MAHER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee to determine the city's best strategies for obtaining a meaningful senior discount, competition and reasonable cable rates.

O-13.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

RESOLVED: That the City Council dedicate an appropriate location to Captain Patrick Corcoran after consultation with the family; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a dedication ceremony be arranged by the Assistant to the City Council after consultation with family and an appropriate sign be made by the Public Works Department.

O-14.

June 4, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: On June 3, 1976, A. Michael Vieira was born in the Azores to proud and loving parents, Armando and Maria; and

WHEREAS: The Vieira Family moved to Cambridge shortly thereafter where Michael Vieira graduated from the Robert F. Kennedy School and went on to attend Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School; and

WHEREAS: While growing up Michael Vieira was well known throughout his East Cambridge community where he frequented the Simoni Memorial Skating Rink on Gore Street and helped children learn to skate; and

WHEREAS: On January 28, 1995, the City of Cambridge lost a son with the passing of Michael Vieira; and

WHEREAS: Sometimes those who pass through our world for a short time have an impact for an eternity on the lives of so many; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council wishes to preserve the memory of Michael Vieira and his contribution to the community by dedicating a corner at Fifth and Spring Street in his honor; and be it further

ORDERED: That a suitable dedication be arranged after consultation with the Vieira Family.

O-15.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record dedicating Taylor Square, in the vicinity of the Fire House, in honor of John Reilly; and be it further

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

O-16.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2001 be cancelled in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

O-17.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

WHEREAS: The Copper Beech tree is a spectacular, magnificent tree which our grandchildren and their grandchildren will appreciate; and

WHEREAS: Some large and significant trees are not appropriate for planting by private landowners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Arborist and the Public Planting Committee to consider planting the noble Copper Beech tree in their planting plans for the significant tree planting.

O-18.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner to provide increased enforcement of the speed limits on Bay State Road; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Director of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to move forward as quickly as possible with traffic calming and any other roadway alterations to improve safety on Bay State Road.

O-19.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide a report on the efficacy of the first time homebuyers program, including information on how many people are being served, the demographics of the population being served, how participants are notified of available units, what are the selection criteria and what is the priority points process; and be it further

ORDERED: That this order and the report be referred to the Housing Committee for review.

O-20.

June 4, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Assistant City Manager for Community Development to provide an update to the City Council on limited equity coops including information on who is being served, how many people, what kind of resources are available to limited equity coop residents, what is being done to replicate limited equity coops, and what is the future of limited equity coops in Cambridge.

O-21.

June 4, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has constantly supported efforts to enhance peace in our community, our nation, and the world; and
- WHEREAS: In 1982 Takeshi Araki, the then-Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, announced the formation of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity at the Second Special Session on Disarmament held at the United Nations; and
- WHEREAS: Since its inception, Mayors from more than 500 cities throughout the world have joined this organization which is co-chaired by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan; and
- WHEREAS: The World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity strives to raise international public awareness regarding the need to abolish nuclear weapons and contributes to the realization of genuine and lasting world peace by working to eliminate starvation and poverty, assist refugees fleeing local conflict, support human rights, protect the environment, and solve the other problems that threaten peaceful coexistence within the human family; now therefor be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept the invitation of the honorable Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor, Hiroshima Japan to enroll the City of Cambridge as a member of the World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-city Solidarity; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for the Mayor to forward to Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba on behalf of the entire City Council.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001**

1. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on April 5, 2001 for the purpose of continuing discussion of the Community Preservation Act.
  
2. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Housing Committee, for a meeting held on April 23, 2001 for the purpose of an update on the Community Preservation Act.
  
3. A communication was received from D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee for a meeting held on May 3, 2001 for the purpose of continuing discussion on a proposal for a home rule petition to enable 16 and 17 year old residents to vote in local municipal elections.
  
4. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee for a meeting held on May 16, 2001 to discuss the services offered to Cambridge residents by Bunker Hill Community College Satellite Campus.

## Committee Report #1

### HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

In City Council June 4, 2001

The Housing Committee held a public hearing on April 5, 2001, beginning at 6:10 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of continuing discussion of the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Present at the hearing were Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Committee, Robert W. Healy, City Manager, James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, Richard Brown, Green Ribbon Open Space Committee, Sally Zimmerman, Historical Commission, Lydia Vickers, Area 4 Coalition, Julia Bowdoin, Executive Director of the Conservation Commission, Gwen Noyes, Affordable Housing Trust, Sarah Klipfel, Chamber of Commerce, Terrie Lurie, Cambridge Housing Authority and D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

Councillor Braude convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He welcomed all those in attendance and then invited Mr. Healy to begin discussion.

Mr. Healy explained that at the last meeting the question he was requested to pursue was whether Cambridge could get the benefit of the \$4.5 million appropriation of tax revenue that Cambridge has been making for affordable housing. The law provides for a state matching fund for the tax funds spent for affordable housing, open space and historic preservation up to 3% of the tax levy. The Department of Revenue (DOR) guideline says that the money cannot supplant existing programs. But the \$4.5 million is funding that the City is not legally obligated to continue to provide; the appropriation is an annual decision by the City Council. The question is whether this \$4.5 million can be counted for the purpose of calculating the state matching funds.

Mr. Maloney said that the DOR first said that Cambridge could not count annual appropriations to the Affordable Housing Trust. However, the prohibition is on counting funds used for "maintenance of efforts" that are ongoing, and the DOR defines "maintenance of efforts" to mean funds that the City is already legally required to appropriate every year. For example, the City is legally obligated to repay debts from bonds or other loan programs specifically borrowed for affordable housing so that debt payment funds couldn't be counted towards the calculation of state matching funds. However, no legal obligation underlies the appropriation that the City has been making to the Affordable Housing Trust. The fact that the City has appropriated the same amount of tax revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust for a few years does not mean that the City has a legal obligation to maintain this effort.

Mr. Healy said that after a great deal of inquiry, the answer to the question of whether this appropriation can be counted for the purpose of state matching funds is "we think so." He has not been able to obtain an opinion from the DOR in writing but the DOR has given a very favorable interpretation in discussions with Cambridge.

Councillor Braude said that if this is indeed the outcome, it is an enormous accomplishment by Mr. Healy, Mr. Maloney and Representative Jarret Barrios. He noted that the City Council must vote to put the CPA on the ballot and then the CPA must be accepted by voters in the November elections. The election will take place after the tax bills go out, so the City will have to do estimated tax bills.

Mr. Healy said that the City Council may want to take the sums that would otherwise be allocated to the capital budget for the three programs - affordable housing, open space and historic preservation, and lump them together in a stabilization account, if the City Council decides to place the question of acceptance of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) on the ballot. If the voters approve the CPA, the tax revenues in the stabilization fund could be allocated to housing, open space and historic preservation.

Mr. Maloney then discussed the estimated tax bills. He explained that a city is not allowed to use an estimated tax bill for anything except a recertification process. This year Cambridge is in the middle of recertification, which is reason enough for estimated tax bills. He went on to explain that the City could not appropriate and spend the money put in a stabilization fund between July 1 and November 6, when the voters decide. Mr. Maloney also said that Mr. Healy's proposed budget will contain an estimated tax levy of 7% - 8%.

Councillor Braude said that there is an estimated potential of \$25-28 million to be used statewide for matching funds. State officials do not expect many applicants for this first round of matching funds. He noted that the CPA was defeated in Framingham. He said that the law provides for a Conservation Preservation Committee of five to nine members who would decide how to apportion the 70% left after 10% is allocated to each of the three program areas. The City Council would decide on the number of committee members, and the City Manager would appoint the members to the committee.

Councillor Braude then invited questions and comments from those present.

In response to a question from Ms. Bowdoin, Mr. Maloney said that coincidentally, the total amount of capital spent on the three program areas amounts to 3% of the budget.

Councillor Braude stated that once implemented, the CPA must continue for five years, although the City would have the power to go back to the voters to change the percentage. Once this step is taken, the City is locked in for five years. This legally binding long-term commitment would also be a first for the City.

Mr. Maloney said that affordable housing has always been funded with \$2.25 million tax levy funds and \$2.25 million free cash. Since only tax levy funds count for matching funds, the City would want to use only tax dollars for the entire appropriation. Also, the CPA provides for this 3% "surcharge" to be exempt from Proposition 2½.

Richard Brown, former member of the Green Ribbon Open Space Committee asked if the additional funds could potentially be \$5 million for five years. Councillor Braude answered in the affirmative.

Lydia Vickers, School Street, asked for further explanation.

Mr. Maloney explained the tax bills.

Councillor Braude expressed hopes for a quick response from the DOR. Then the Housing Committee will meet to decide on a recommendation.

Councillor Braude thanked all those present for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Jim Braude, Chair

## Committee Report #2

### HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

In City Council June 4, 2001

The Housing Committee held a public hearing on April 23, 2001 beginning at 4:10 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of an update on the Community Preservation Act.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Kathleen L. Born, Councillor Henrietta Davis and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Robert W. Healy, City Manager, James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, Darcy Jameson, Housing Director, Community Development Department and Sally Zimmerman, Historical Commission.

Councillor Braude convened the hearing and explained the purpose.

Mr. Healy stated that his proposed budget recommends that the City Council accept the Community Preservation Act (CPA). He explained that acceptance of the CPA requires a sequence of steps as follows:

1. The City Council must vote to accept by a majority vote and place the question on the ballot.

The City Council has choices it must make.

1. The percentage of the surcharge, which can be set at any amount up to 3%.
2. The City Council can choose whether to adopt any of the following exemptions:
  - A. \$100,000 of the value of each taxable residential parcel. Mr. Maloney stated that the total cost of this exemption would be \$400,000
  - B. Commercial Property
  - C. Low income homeowners and/or low or moderate income senior homeowners

Mr. Maloney did not have information about the cost of the exemptions listed in “B” and “C” above, but said that he would provide this information at a future meeting.

Mr. Maloney stated that the Secretary of State deadline for adoption by the City Council is 60 days before the election.

In response to a question from Councillor Braude, Mr. Maloney responded that once the City has accepted the CPA, any change in the percentage on the exemptions must go back to the voters for them to accept. Acceptance is a five-year commitment to at least some level of participation in the CPA.

Mr. Maloney said that he would check with the Law Department as to any other legal requirements, deadlines, etc.

Mr. Healy noted that a final tax rate would not be set until after the ballot. Thus the first tax bill would be estimated, subject to the state approval. Since this is a certification year for Cambridge, and Sally Powers, the former department head for the Assessor's Office has left, he expects that the state will approve an estimated tax.

Robert Winters, 366 Broadway, asked about the "maintenance of effort" issue. Mr. Healy stated that Mr. Maloney and Representative Barrios have had discussions with the Department of Revenue (DOR). Mr. Maloney stated that the DOR interprets "maintenance of effort" as applying to any amount of funds that the municipality is already legally obligated to expend, and not to annual allocations by choice of tax funds for housing, open space and historic conservation. For example, already existing debt that the City pays cannot be counted towards the 3%.

Mr. Healy stated that the Community Preservation Committee must be created by ordinance, but he believes that can happen after the election. The City Council decides how many people will be in the Community Preservation Committee and the City Manager appoints the committee members.

Councillor Braude noted concerns vis-à-vis the state budget timetable.

Councillor Born asked about how the calculation of the tax allocation percentage will affect the funds for open space to historic preservation. Mr. Maloney stated that there is no problem in this area. The allocation of the matching funds is decided by the Community Preservation Committee, with the requirement that at least 10% go to each of the three areas.

Councillor Braude asked whether the 30% rule for ballot questions pursuant to the general state election law will pertain to this ballot question. That provision requires that 30% of all eligible voters vote in favor of a ballot question in addition to a majority of those voting in the election. Mr. Healy noted that the CPA, Ch. 267 of the Acts of 2000, states that a "majority of the voters voting" must approve. Councillor Braude said that while the language of Ch. 267 seems clear, he would still like to have an opinion from the City Solicitor.

Councillor Braude noted the strong participation of the open space and historic conservation interests in the community and expressed his hope that the affordable housing community will become more interested and active with respect to the CPA.

Councillor Davis observed that the City cannot expend funds advocating for a ballot question, and it is going to take money as well as time to educate the voters and advocate for approval of the ballot question.

Mr. Winters asked about the summary that the Election Commission produces. Councillor Braude said that the summary can provide a clear statement of the facts.

Mr. Maloney reiterated that the City Manager’s proposed budget recommends that the City Council adopt the CPA. The budget also contains a \$5.5 million appropriation for a stabilization fund for unspecified purposes. One possible use of these funds could be an allocation for affordable housing if the CPA is approved.

**Councillor Braude then invited a motion to request that the City Solicitor provide a legal opinion as to whether the state law requiring a favorable vote of at least 30% of those eligible to vote, along with a majority of those voting, is applicable to a CPA ballot question.**

Councillor Davis so moved. The order passed without objection on a voice vote.

Councillor Braude thanked all those present for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Jim Braude, Chair

### Committee Report #3

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, RULES  
AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

In City Council June 4, 2001

*Councillor Jim Braude, Chair  
Councillor Henrietta Davis  
Vice Mayor David P. Maher  
Councillor Michael A. Sullivan  
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.*

The Government Operations, Rules and Claims Committee held a public hearing on May 3, 2001, beginning at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the Ackermann Room for the purpose of continuing discussion on a proposal for a home rule petition to enable 16 and 17 year old residents to vote in local municipal elections.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Jim Braude, Chair of the Committee, Vice Mayor David P. Maher, Councillor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor Michael A. Sullivan and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Deputy City Solicitor Donald Drisdell, Election Commissioners Rusty Drugan, Chair, Artis Spears, Lynn Molnar and Assistant Director of the Election Commission, Joe Kaplan.

Councillor Braude convened the hearing and explained the purpose.

Attorney Drisdell submitted a letter regarding the legal issues and summarized his letter (**Attachment A**). The Council has the legal ability to enact a home rule petition to allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in local elections by means of a special act of the legislature. While state elections are regulated by the Massachusetts Constitution, municipal elections are regulated by state statute. He noted that many practical issues are raised by the Election Commission's memorandum (**Attachment B**).

Councillor Reeves asked if anyone has any information about any other place where 16 and 17 year olds vote. Janice Lee, 29 Pleasant Street, stated that there is no city council or school committee election in the country in which 16 and 17 year old residents may vote. She said that Jamaica Plain's Unity Board allows votes in its elections for the community organization leaders.

Attorney Drisdell stated that the Twenty Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides that an 18 year old cannot be denied the right to vote. His analysis is that this is a ceiling; nothing in its language prevents a lower age.

Councillor Sullivan asked if a home rule petition had been drafted. Attorney Drisdell answered no, and requested that there be some decision by the City Council as to whether the Council is inclined to vote for enabling 16 and 17 year olds to vote before a draft home rule petition is undertaken.

Gerald Bergman, Elm Street, asked whether all of the procedural issues would have to be dealt with in the home rule petition. Attorney Drisdell stated that if there are impediments to

enabling the achievement of the goal in the state election statutes, it is sensible to address them all in the petition, rather than having to do another petition.

Councillor Braude then requested that the Election Commission introduce themselves. Rusty Drugan, Artis Spears, Lynn Molnar and Assistant Director Joe Kaplan did so.

Mr. Drugan, discussed the Election Commission's memo (**Attached**). He stated that the Election Commission has not taken a position on this issue. Their memo addressed administration and cost implications, as requested by the City Council.

He noted that according to the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Cambridge could not use the state form to enroll 16 and 17 year olds and their names could not be entered as voters in the state system from which Cambridge's voting lists are drawn. Mr. Drugan expressed a concern that 16 and 17 year olds who requested to vote in local elections would think that they would be able to vote in a regular election at age 18 without any additional registration. He does not want them to think that they are thereby enrolled as regular voters as of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. In addition, the Election Commission would need a supplemental list. There is also a concern that election workers would not hand out a different number of ballots to 16 and 17 year olds. One vote of a 16 or 17 year old that ends up being counted in an election in which he or she is not qualified to vote could affect the integrity of an entire election. He said that another issue is that 16 year olds cannot be added to the street list. State statute prevents the inclusion of anyone under age seventeen.

Councillor Braude asked Mr. Drugan his opinion on how allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote could affect the calculation of the percentage of registered voters necessary for enactment of a ballot question and initiative petition. Mr. Drugan said that the statute speaks of "registered voters." Perhaps the home rule petition could substitute a definition of "registered voters" for local elections.

Councillor Reeves asked how many 16 and 17 year olds there are in Cambridge. Ms. Molnar said that there are approximately 1000 in public schools. This list doesn't include private schools.

Councillor Reeves stated that if new-younger voters are going to be enfranchised, it is probably preferable to add 1000 rather than half that number.

Councillor Braude said that in the Election Commission's further research, it would be helpful to get information from private schools. Ms. Molnar said that the Election Commission can contact the private schools in the area to try to get a more complete count of 16 and 17 year old residents.

Vice Mayor Maher asked Mr. Drugan whether a 16 year old could be elected to office. Mr. Drugan said that it would be necessary to look at the particular qualifications established by the statute. Mr. Drugan said that it is possible that a home rule petition could address this matter.

Councillor Reeves asked what is there about 16 year olds that distinguishes them from 15 year olds; why set the age limit at 16?

Councillor Davis stated that she supports 16 year olds voting because elections are biannual. In order to enable high school students to vote once while still in school, it is necessary to set the age at 16.

Terry Smith, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, stated that he hopes and expects that there is some seamless way to facilitate the 18 year old registration for 16 and 17 year olds who have already registered.

Councillor Davis said one solution would be to send them a registration form on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. She noted that those who sign up to vote at age 16 and 17 are very motivated voters.

Councillor Decker stated that this issue of youth empowerment is very important to her. However, she is very concerned that giving youth the right to vote would lead to more of a push on trying 16 year olds as adults.

Councillor Braude then invited public comment.

Alison Roth, Green Street, age 17, spoke in support. She is on the Mayor's Youth Council, but it doesn't take the place of being able to vote.

Paul Heintz, Jr. Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) student, age 17, spoke in support. It would encourage new participation and establish early the habit of voting.

Adrienne Leslie, CRLS student, spoke in support of allowing 16 year olds as well as 17 year olds to vote. If the limit is 17, then half of the students will not be able to vote while still in school.

Patty Forbes, CRLS student, age 15, stated that 18-24 year olds feel disillusioned. Youth are more motivated at an earlier age than 18 and should be encouraged to vote then. Also, they will have more involvement in the city in which they grew up rather than in a new city where they may well be at the age of 18.

Councillor Braude asked attendees why they believed that when 18-year olds were given the right to vote in 1972, close to 50% did, but that in subsequent elections, the percentage had declined precipitously."

Hannah Jakofsky, 220 Broadway, said that there is a reason why people are cynical about national elections, for example, the Florida fiasco, but there is much more immediacy in a local election. Regarding the issue of treating 16 year olds as adults for criminal prosecution, enabling 16 year olds to vote in a local election does not amount to a conferral of full adult status in civil society.

Artis Bergman, age 17, a CRLS senior, stated that allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote is not just lowering the age group; 16 and 17 year olds constitute a different sort of age group, still more grounded in their community, still living with their family of origin and attending school with social studies classes. Also there is support by CRLS staff and that support will mean that the school will use the enfranchisement of their students as a teaching opportunity.

Noah Chevalier, 21 Goldstar Road, stated that while there are other ways to get involved, they are very different from voting. Elected officials would actually have to listen to youth who had the power to vote. He noted the support of the student school committee members and the Mayor's Youth Council for this proposal.

Robert Winters, 366 Broadway, spoke in opposition to allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote. He stated that he believes there should be a single age for determining what is an adult. He said that over a lifetime, a change in the voting age from 18 to 16 is a minor incremental change that is not really worth it. He added that voting is not the "be-all and end-all" of political involvement. At 13 he was working on Robert Kennedy's campaign.

Max Prum, 100 Thorndike Street, CRLS student, stated that he has lived in Cambridge all his life and has been involved in Cambridge civic affairs for a couple of years. Until youth have the power to participate in what the community sees as the "real" decisions, they will not have an equal say or a real ability to shape their environment. It makes him sad that his first opportunity to vote will not come in the place he has known all his life and has been very involved in. For example, he and his peers cared a great deal about the issue of the location of the new library.

Jesse Bauer, 10 Poplar Road, CRLS student, spoke in support. With respect to setting the age limit at 16, any age will be somewhat arbitrary, but the 16 year old limit has the rationale of providing the opportunity for one vote for every student while still in high school. There already is no uniform age to define adulthood. Ninety-nine percent of what 16 year olds do is the same as what adults do. He is tired of only hearing about the bad ways in which 16 year olds can be seen as adults, for example, being treated as adult criminals.

Councillor Decker said that the youth present are doing more than most adults do to effect political change.

Councillor Braude said that he is a strong supporter, but he wants to emphasize that the reason that these student advocates have gotten to this point is their effective political organizing and participation.

Councillor Sullivan stated that he does not support this proposal. While the proponents have been very articulate, he has not heard an argument that has convinced him. Anything that pushes the age down will have the effect of pushing more onerous responsibilities such as contractual responsibilities and criminal justice punishment down to a lower and lower age.

**Councillor Braude moved that the proposal be referred to the full City Council without a recommendation.**

The motion passed on a voice vote without objection.

Councillor Braude thanked those present for their participation. .

The meeting was adjourned at five o'clock and twenty minutes p. m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Jim Braude, Chair

## Committee Report #4

***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING  
AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

*Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair  
Councillor Marjorie C. Decker  
Vice Mayor David P. Maher*

In City Council June 4, 2001

The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 2:10 p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the services offered to Cambridge residents by Bunker Hill Community College Satellite Campus.

Present at the meeting were Councillor Davis, Chair of the Committee; Ellen Semonoff, Deputy Director of Human Services; Sue Walsh, Office of Workforce Development; Susan Mintz, Office of Workforce Development; Steve Swanger, Director of Tenant Services, Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA); Linda Huntington, Community Learning Center; Jason Marshall, Assistant to the Mayor; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Ms. Sue Walsh, Office of Workforce Development, outlined the history of Bunker Hill. The Community Learning Center and the Cambridge Housing Authority were among the original partners involved with bringing a community college to Cambridge, she said.

Councillor Davis asked what part the School Department played. Ms. Walsh stated that Lois Sullivan was the School Department representative in recent years. Mr. Swanger, CHA, stated that Larry Rosenstock from RSTA was the original School Department representative.

Ms. Walsh distributed the original invitation to collaborate. **(ATTACHMENT A)** There were three respondents to the invitation:

- Bunker Hill;
- Massachusetts Bay; and
- Roxbury Community College.

Core courses and a certificate program would be offered. City staff and the community partners thought that support services were very important to the participants, she said. Bunker Hill looked at this as a resource issue. Two years ago, Mr. Jimmy Roberts, a staff member who works at Bunker Hill, became a nighttime advisor for the participants at the Cambridge satellite.

Ms. Susan Mintz, Office of Workforce Development, stated that things worked fairly well with Bunker Hill, although there have been lots of logistical problems. Computer classes have been in high demand but there has not been enough computer lab space. A lab science course has not been offered because of the problems of accessing lab space. Tension has escalated between the School Department and Bunker Hill over space and logistical issues. Ms. Semonoff stated that the computer lab was an issue from the beginning.

Mr. Swanger stated that one issue that plagued the partnership is the internal issues at Bunker Hill. Bunker Hill, he said, is trying to work through these issues. A reorganization and new hires have been made at Bunker Hill, he said. The Cambridge Satellite Campus had not been a priority for Bunker Hill. Resources have begun to line up.

Councillor Davis asked how long there has been tension between the High School and Bunker Hill. Ms. Walsh said the computer lab issues have been a source of irritation between Bunker Hill and the High School since the beginning. Ms. Semonoff said that, understandably, the high school's first priority is its students and it has not seen the campus as providing benefits to students and their families. Mr. Swanger stated that the computer lab is both a draw and an irritant.

Another issue identified by Mr. Swanger has been Bunker Hill's ability to respond to the community's needs such as providing services appropriate for residents living in public housing. He informed the committee that Bunker Hill and CHA, last spring, developed an EMT training program at 119 Windsor Street during the evenings. The planning and implementation piece was frustrating. The top priority was in getting the program up and running, rather than the program being well run.

Councillor Davis asked how many students were enrolled in the Bunker Hill EMT Program. Mr. Swanger stated 18 CHA participants and 1-2 non-CHA participants. CHA informed Bunker Hill that CHA applicants needed special support because they are non-traditional students. CHA wanted to bring the Community Learning Center in to help the CHA applicants and this caused a problem. At the first test, some of the students stopped coming. Attendance records were not provided to the CHA. There was a lack of understanding by Bunker Hill of the population. No one passed the state exam, he said. The problem was the instructional methods. Academic support is needed, he said. He further stated that many agencies came together to offer resources to Bunker Hill to help the participants succeed.

Ms. Mintz stated that the Cambridge partners are trying to target a certain population but Bunker Hill is not serving the people that the program hoped to serve. Enrollments, she said, have been a struggle. Much time and resources have been used to reach the targeted population. Information by city staff and the CHA was distributed to reach the targeted population, said Ms. Semonoff. Ms. Mintz stated that 7,000 brochures are distributed for each semester.

Ms. Semonoff stated that it has been difficult to get information, data and statistics from Bunker Hill. Ms. Mintz said that recently enrollment numbers were provided by Bunker Hill (**ATTACHMENT B**) She distributed Cambridge Student Profile - Conventional Counts by zip

codes. **(ATTACHMENT C)** Ms. Huntington stated that she would like to know how many Community Learning residents are in the program.

Mr. Jason Marshall, Assistant to the Mayor, asked what was the effect of Cambridge College on the Bunker Hill program. Ms. Mintz stated that the fee for classes is lower at Bunker Hill. The fee for courses at Bunker Hill is approximately \$200.00. Ms. Huntington stated that some students go to Bunker Hill because of the low fee and then transfer to the University of Massachusetts. She stated that the High School is not the most convenient place to get to in Cambridge. Some students, she said, preferred to take classes in Charlestown. Cambridge is the biggest satellite site for Bunker Hill. Many of the classes students take are developmental classes, which are required for students who are not ready to take college-level courses.

Councillor Davis asked what is next. Ms. Walsh stated that a retreat is planned to be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Bunker Hill's position is that the community should market the community college.

Councillor Davis stated that the Bunker Hill program needs to be evaluated. Mr. Swanger stated that a new student population is needed. Ms. Mintz stated that the city would have to depend on Bunker Hill to do the evaluation because Bunker Hill has the information on the student body. A survey was prepared by the Office of Workforce Development to be distributed by Bunker Hill, but we have not received the results.

Councillor Davis stated that an audit needs to be done on the program. Mr. Swanger suggested that another Request for Proposal (RFP) should be done. Councillor Davis stated that the partnership with the High School needs to be addressed. Ms. Semonoff stated that timing is an issue. Between rebuilding the RSTA Program, the restructuring of the High School and the 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS test, focus on Bunker Hill cannot be a priority for the High School.

Mr. Marshall asked who is the contact at the High School. Ms. Mintz responded Caroline Hunter.

Ms. Huntington asked if other schools could be used for the community college satellite site. Councillor Davis stated that adults cannot be put into children's desks. Ms. Semonoff informed the committee that there used to be Bunker Hill classes at the Fitzgerald School. Ms. Huntington stated that there was no room at the Community Learning Center for the satellite site.

Mr. Marshall asked about the computer lab at the Senior Center or the library. Ms. Semonoff stated that the Rotary-donated lab at the library requires that no money can be charged for the classes at the lab. Councillor Davis stated that the lab at the library should be reviewed to see if it can be available at night.

Ms. Walsh stated that the program is at a crossroads. The School Department will be invited to the retreat on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Walsh stated that the Mass Inc. reports about unskilled labor and the Massachusetts economy point to the Community Colleges as the way to build the skills needed to succeed in this economy.

Councillor Davis stated that outcomes are needed. Mr. Swanger stated that it would be good to get feedback from the students in the program; especially students who have taken classes in the last five years.

Councillor Davis suggested that Bunker Hill should develop a process for evaluation of the program. She asked Ms. Semonoff to develop language on this issue so that she could submit a City Council order. Ms. Semonoff stated that this is a two-step process. This discussion should take place at the retreat. Then, if more action is needed, a City council order can be filed.

Ms. Huntington stated that Bunker Hill dropout rates are high. Ms. Mintz stated that Bunker Hill is more concerned with enrollments than completion rates. Confidentiality is also an issue with the evaluation.

Ms. Semonoff stated that Bunker Hill is the logical community college because of the location. Ms. Walsh stated that Bunker Hill has a good relationship with Just-A-Start because of the Biomedical Program.

Councillor Davis stated that steps need to be taken to improve this program. Maybe it is the wrong model, she said.

Mr. Swanger stated that most of the classes offered at the other Bunker Hill satellite campuses are English as a Second Language classes.

All agreed that we needed to reevaluate after the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis  
Chair