

City of Cambridge

42.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 1998

COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 MAYOR DUEHAY
 VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: During the debate about the Holmes Trust project, many people voiced concern about keeping neighborhood oriented businesses in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: There was a measure of disagreement amongst those involved about just what kinds of businesses could best serve the neighborhood, with some people favoring small, locally owned businesses and others feeling that some larger businesses which offered goods at lower prices because of their larger volume of business were vital to the retail mix; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the Council about the possibility of commissioning a market survey of Cambridge residents to determine what types of retail business in Central Square would best serve community needs and to serve as a tool in our economic development efforts to attract new businesses to the area.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Born Order #1

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Whereas: Cambridge is the 2nd densest city in the Commonwealth meaning that next to Somerville, we have the least amount of open space available for recreational use per resident, and

Whereas: The situation is even more acute in the eastern parts of the city which have less open space per resident than any where else in Massachusetts, and

Whereas: The only remedy to this situation is the acquisition of new open space, therefore be it

Ordered; That the City Manager report to the council about the feasibility of establishing a new Open Space Acquisition Fund which could include revenue from a variety of sources, including donations, bequests and grants and which would include, on a "ready to draw on" basis, a percentage of the City's Free Cash Reserve (15%?) with the understanding that the total of free cash would not be allowed to fall below a predetermined figure based on a percentage of the annual budget (8% ?)

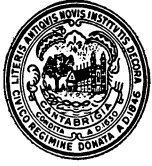
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Consent Order #42

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ORDER ADOPTED