



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER

18.

CALENDAR ITEM # 3
IN CITY COUNCIL

May 10, 1993

May 17, 1993

COUNCILLOR MYERS

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- RESOLVED: That a hearing be scheduled for a date in early June, for the purpose of discussing housing policy in the city; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the purpose of such a hearing be to acknowledge differences that exist in housing discussions in the city, and to try to gear discussion of housing matter towards further resolution; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That His Honor, the Mayor, be requested to schedule such a hearing as a Special Meeting on a night other than Monday and the hearing be structured in such a way that members of the Council can give their views about housing policy in the city; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That His Honor, the Mayor, be and hereby is requested to invite Judge Kramer, David Osborne and other housing experts to attend the hearing, to listen to the issues and submit written comments and suggestions to the City Council thereafter; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager and members of the Housing Cabinet be invited to attend and to participate in said discussion; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That some thought go into appropriate modes of discussion from members of the public.

In City Council May 17, 1993.

Adopted as amended by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 7; Nays 1; Absent 0; Present 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
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C. Walsh: ~~friend~~ amendment that Judge Kramer be requested to help lift the issues from this hearing

Friendly amendment - Judge Kramer be worked to come + listen (O.K.W.)

friendly: C. Walsh + } Invite other Judge Kramer + David
C. Torrey } other experts such as Osborne
to come, listen + send in suggestions after the hearing

friendly: C. Walsh: Hearing on a night other than a Mandy - special mtg of city council

CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR WALSH

Roll call 7-1-01

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 5/17 1993

CR #3

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
Mr. Ed Cyr	✓				
Mr. Francis H. Duehay				✓	
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers	✓				
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓				
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓				
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓				
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓	✓			
Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves		✓			

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Councillor Myers- Non-consent

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Now therefore be it resolved that a hearing be scheduled for a date in early June, for the purpose of discussing housing policy in the city;

Be it further resolved that the purpose of such a hearing be to acknowledge differences that exist in housing discussions in the city, and to try to gear discussion of housing matter towards further resolution.

Be it further resolved that his honor the Mayor be requested to schedule such a hearing, and the hearing be structured in such a way that members of the Council can give their views about housing policy in the city;

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Councillor Myers re: Rent Control
issues.

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Charter Right exercised
by Councillor Walsh

Order adopted as
Amended 7-1-0-1