

WHEREAS: Jim Conry is an excellent example of what outstanding public service is all about -- honesty, integrity, hard work, creativity and fairness; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to James Conry for his thirty-three years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish him much happiness in his retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to James Conry on behalf of the entire City Council.

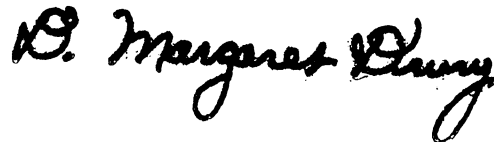
In City Council September 8, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that James "Jim" Conry will retire from the School Department effective September 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS: Jim served as a System Accountant from 1975-1979; from 1979-1983 Jim held the position of Financial Operations Manager; Jim held the position of Director of Financial Services during the period 1983-1986 and Assistant Director of Management Services from 1986-2002; in 2002 Jim's title was changed to Chief Financial Officer which he held until his retirement; and

WHEREAS: In these roles, Jim was responsible for managing the areas of budget, accounting, purchasing, computer services, facility maintenance, transportation, food service, communications, collective bargaining and long range planning; and

WHEREAS: While Jim's position required him to wear the "fiscal reality hat" within the organization, his goal was always n to ensure that school resources were utilized efficiently and effectively so that other high priorities could be addressed using existing resources. During the budget planning process, he encouraged staff to think critically, provide alternatives and prioritize requests; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure, Jim conducted budget mini-courses for School Council members and was the liaison to the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee which was comprised of parents, administrators and community representatives; and

WHEREAS: Jim managed the development of an elementary facility study that was key to Cambridge's acquisition of hard-to-win state funding for the construction of four elementary schools; and

RESOLUTION #69

Retirement of James Conry from
the School Department

**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
September 8, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED