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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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February 24, 2003

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 03-12, regarding a report on equipping all vending machines in City buildings and at City facilities with the energy-saving device, VendingMiser, Purchasing Agent Cynthia Griffin reports the following:

The City is currently out to bid for a vending machine service provider for various City buildings and facilities. In an effort to be environmentally proactive, the specifications call for the provision of energy efficient machines as specified by Energy Star standards.

The Community Development Department provided information on the use of the VendingMiser at other institutions. Generally all were pleased with the performance however they did enumerate a number of logistical problems with the installation. In some locations that have several vending machines on the same electrical circuit, as we do at most of our locations, the circuits may trip out because the machines will come on at the same time. Therefore, the electrical service at all locations needs to be assessed.

The motion sensors that activate the VendingMiser need to be permanently mounted on the wall. It is unclear whether this work could be performed in-house or whether a contractor would need to be hired.

The City will initiate a review of all of the vending machine sites and their suitability for installation of the VendingMiser.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #2

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