



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
October 26, 1998

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

WHEREAS: This City Council in recent years has adopted numerous orders relative to the municipal property tax as it relates to seniors, including but not limited to, allowing seniors to work for the City in exchange for tax relief; and

WHEREAS: There has been much discussion in surrounding communities relative to the increases in property assessments and their affect on seniors living on fixed incomes (Boston Globe October 14, 1998, page 1); and

WHEREAS: These other communities have begun to look for other means, other than simply allowing the tax to be delayed, to address this serious issue. (Id); and

WHEREAS: Tax bills with new assessments are about to be sent out, which may stagger many seniors and others; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with all appropriate individuals within his administration and others outside his administration to provide this City Council with a plan on how to address this serious issue of the increase of assessments on seniors throughout this City; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this City Council, through the Finance Committee, with a preliminary plan/outline on how this matter can be addressed; said plan shall be provided within three weeks.

In City Council October 26, 1998.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



October 19, 1998

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COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Clerk prepare a suitable resolution on Parents Forum conducting workshops at the Central Square Library on October 24th on Parenting Skills in Celebrating National Make A Difference Day; and be it further

ORDERED: That Saturday, October 24th be declared "Make A Difference Day" here in Cambridge.

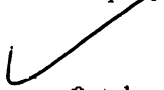


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ORDERED: That the City Clerk prepare a suitable resolution on the retirement of Eileen Mank from the Commonwealth Gas Company after 38 years of dedicated service.



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WHEREAS: The Economic Development Department should be at the table of many of the discussions that are presently on going in this City, to at the very least lend its perspective to the discussion. We should be knowledgeable as to the affects and/or effects of our decisions on a wide variety of levels, including but not limited to, quality of life and economically; and

WHEREAS: A similar order had been filed and referred to a City Council committee with no report to have followed; and

WHEREAS: This is an important issue for this City Council, as a whole, to address; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this City Council with a report, through its Finance Committee, within one month on issues relating to the structuring of an Economic Development Department; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to draft for the City Council's consideration an ordinance establishing an Economic Development Department; and be it further

ORDERED: That the above matter be referred to the City Council's Finance Committee.



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Consent Order #3 572 CM

Councillor Sullivan re: develop a plan to help seniors living on fixed incomes cope with the increase in property assessments.

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ORDER ADOPTED