



City of Cambridge

11.
IN CITY COUNCIL
June 13, 1977

Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority has begun negotiations with a nationally-known developer in connection with the development of Parcel 2, of "Cambridge Center", in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, and
- WHEREAS: This land originally was intended to be developed by the United States Government for a NASA Electronic Research Center, and
- WHEREAS: The United States Government, operating under a binding land disposition contract with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, retained legal rights to the approximately 11 acres of land even though NASA abruptly abandoned the area, and
- WHEREAS: After the Department of Transportation assumed occupancy of the NASA buildings, then-U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, former Governor of the Commonwealth, ultimately made the critically important decision to relinquish any rights the Federal Government had to the so-called surplus NASA land, and
- WHEREAS: That decision, among other things, opened the way for the subsequent replanning of the project area, for the unanimous 9-0 vote of the City Council on February 14, 1977, and for an aggressive program for the marketing of the land and the identification of prospective developers, and
- WHEREAS: The proposed development of this land is now intended to return this land to the municipal tax rolls and to provide the kinds of jobs which the City Council and the residents of our great City want and need, with upward mobility for Cambridge residents in light industrial, research and development, and related uses, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge notify the Honorable John A. Volpe, who recently retired as U.S. Ambassador to Italy, of the future use and building construction on this land, and once again express its sincere appreciation to him for the leading role he played in making our present position at the commencement of this worthwhile new development possible.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Paul E. Healy
Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Order #11

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M. Vellucci resolutions on John A. Volpe's
former involvement in the NASA site.

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