

# 3 Ref back to the City Manager  
Order adopted

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provide the C. Council with a cost saving analysis,  
~~and~~ the impact <sup>to the city</sup> and the redeployment of the  
police officers involved in the matter v. 9.



# City of Cambridge

Calendar Item #3

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 14, 1998

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convey to the Police Commissioner the request of the City Council to reconsider the elimination of the K-9 Division of the Police Department; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a cost saving analysis, the impact to the City and the redeployment of the police officers involved in the matter.

In City Council December 14, 1998

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
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RICHARD C. ROSSI  
Deputy City Manager

December 7, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 30, regarding a report on the status of the K-9 Division of the Police Department, please be advised of the following:

Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson has determined that better patrol coverage would be provided to the citizens of Cambridge by eliminating the Canine assignment and redeploying those resources into general patrol. A study conducted by the Command Staff of the Police Department included the observation that canine units are a luxury. Based upon the "lack of specified need for the Canine Unit, as demonstrated in the calls for service documentation and the very low number of calls for specific canine service," it was recommended that the assignment be discontinued. Commissioner Watson accepted this recommendation and the City notified the union of its contemplated action in October.

Although the union has threatened litigation over the matter, we remain hopeful the dispute can be resolved amicably.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mec

Consent Agenda #6

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Relative to AW Report #30, regarding  
a report on the status of teh K-9  
Division of the Police Department.

In City Council December 7, 1998

CHARTER RIGHT

BY Councillor Toomey

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