



City of Quincy, Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR – WARD TWO

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To: All Members of the Finance Committee of the Quincy City Council

From: Councillor Brad L. Croall, Chairman

The Finance Committee of the Quincy City Council will meet on Monday February 1st at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall at City Hall 1305 Hancock Street relative to the following item pending in the Finance Committee including:

2016 – 003 – Appropriation - \$6,752,145 for MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for Beechwood Knoll and Merrymount Schools

Copy to- All Councillors

Mayor Thomas P. Koch

Joseph P. Shea – City Clerk

James Timmins - Solicitor

Susan O'Connor – Auditor

Mark Cavanagh – Director Municipal Finance

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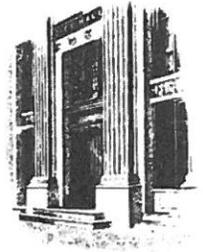


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JOSEPH P. SHEA
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City of Quincy, Massachusetts

Mayor James R. McIntyre City Hall
1305 Hancock Street
Quincy, Massachusetts 02169



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January 20, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing

2016-035

The Quincy City Council will hold a Public Hearing, on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:10 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy in reference to a petition from National Grid Gas.

National Grid Gas respectfully requests the Quincy City Council for your consent to the location of mains for the purpose of installing Gas Main under City of Quincy streets.

National Grid to install and maintain approximately 1,125 feet, more or less of 12 inch gas main in Quarry St., Quincy. From existing 12 inch gas main to building #258, easterly to the proposed 8 inch gas main at Avalon Way (Private Way).

A TRUE COPY.
ATTEST: Joseph P. Shea
Clerk of the Council



City of Quincy, Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL

KIRSTEN L. HUGHES
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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To: All Members of the Quincy City Council Acting in its capacity as the
Special P.U.D. Granting Authority

From: Council President Kirsten L. Hughes

Re: Special Permit Granting Authority Meeting -
Monday February 1, 2016 at 7:25 PM

The Quincy City Council acting in its capacity as the Special Permit Granting Authority will conduct a meeting on Monday February 1, 2016 at 7:25 PM in the Great Hall, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street., to review C-Mart's application for development at 10-40 Hayward Street, # 2013 – 015.

Copy to- All Councillors
Mayor Thomas P. Koch
Joseph P. Shea – City Clerk
James Timmins - Solicitor
Christopher Walker – Director of Policy and Information
James Fatseas – Planning Director
Daniel Raymondi – Public Works Commissioner

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City of Quincy Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1305 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169

Ian C. Cain
Brad L. Croall
Noel T. DiBona
Joseph G. Finn

Kirsten L. Hughes, President
Nina Liang
Margaret E. Laforest
Brian Palmucci

Joseph P. Shea, Clerk
Nicole L. Crispo, Assistant Clerk
Jennifer L. Manning, Clerk of Committees
Susan M. O'Connor, Auditor

City Council Meeting City Council Monday, February 1, 2016 - 7:30 PM Great Hall

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| 1. Appropriation - \$170,000 for Outside Council for Zoning Appeal | Mayor Koch |
| 2. Appropriation - \$65,000 for Election Cost for Presidential Election and Special Election | Mayor Koch |
| 3. Ordinance - Updating Title 17, Zoning Ordinance Section 5.8.3 Specific Types of Signs: Standards | Councillor Finn |
| 4. Order - Municipal School Building Statement of Interest – Atherton Hough Elementary School | Mayor Koch |
| 5. Order - Municipal School Building Statement of Interest – Beechwood Knoll Elementary School | Mayor Koch |
| 6. Order - Municipal School Building Statement of Interest – Merrymount Elementary School | Mayor Koch |
| 7. Order - Municipal School Building Statement of Interest –Wollaston Elementary School | Mayor Koch |
| 8. Gift - \$3,500.00 Donation from Various Donors to Mayor's Cup Charity Golf | Mayor Koch |
| 9. Gift - \$1,500.00 from Various Donors to D.A.R.E. Program | Mayor Koch |
| 10. Resolve – Requesting the Planning Department Conduct an Urban Planning Assessment Regarding the Future Development of South Quincy | Councillor Palmucci |
| 11. Resolve – Regarding Oversight and Management of QPD Detail Operations | Councillor Palmucci |
| 12. Resolve – Regarding Update from the Department of Inspectional Services relative to violations at chronic blight properties | Councillor Laforest Councillor Hughes |

It is anticipated that one or more matters contained within the City Council Calendar, including any or all listed items pending in Committee, may be discussed and acted upon at this meeting. For a full Council Calendar, go to www.quincyma.gov

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INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2016 -

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

Upon the request of the City Solicitor and with the approval of his Honor, the Mayor, the sum of \$170,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the City Solicitor's office – Outside Counsel – for the payment of legal fees associated with the defense of city officials in a zoning appeal tried in Norfolk County, *Thyng v. McCauley, et al.* Said appropriation is be charged to Free Cash



OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**QUINCY CITY HALL
1305 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169**

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**JAMES S. TIMMINS
CITY SOLICITOR**

**THOMAS P. KOCH
MAYOR**

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Koch

FROM: James S. Timmins, City Solicitor *JST*

RE: Request for budget transfer

DATE: February 1, 2016

I am hereby request that you recommend to the City Council a transfer within the Legal Department budget of the sum of one hundred seventy thousand (\$170,000.00) dollars as follows:

- from Free Cash
- to the Personal Service/Outside Counsel Account (#0194154-530010).

The request is necessitated by the fact that this year's outside counsel account is now exhausted as a result of two cases: The Woodward School remand, and a zoning case in which several former officials, including Mayor McCauley and a former solicitor, were named as defendants – requiring the retention of private counsel. This transfer is appropriate for us to meet the expenses occurred in those cases.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2016 -

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

Upon the request of the City Clerk and with the approval of his Honor, the Mayor, the sum of Sixty Five Thousand (\$65,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the City Clerks Elections in the following manner:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$13,000.00 to #0116251 | Election Personal Services |
| \$24,000.00 to #0116252 | Elections Contractual |
| \$28,000.00 to #0116258 | Elections Expense |

The same be charged to Free Cash



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TEL: 617-376-1131
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Email: jshea@quincyma.gov

Date: January 25, 2016

To: Mayor Thomas P. Koch

From: Joseph P. Shea, City Clerk

Re: Additional funding for March Presidential Primary and Special Ward 6 Elections

A recent review of the city clerk's election budget indicates that additional funding will be needed to fund a portion of the March 1, 2016 Presidential Election and all of the Special Ward 6 April and May Elections.

Here are my estimates:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 0116251-510130- | 3,000.00 | Overtime |
| 0116251-510196- | 5,000.00 | Police Detail |
| 0116251-512880- | 5,000.00 | Election Workers |
| 0116252-53044- | 15,000.00 | Communication |
| 0116252-530800- | 9,000.00 | Ballots and other purchase services |
| 0116258-580500- | 28,000.00 | Equipment |
| Totals | 65,000.00 | |

Thank you,

JPS/nlc

cc. Kirsten Hughes
Nicole Crispo
Susan O'Connor

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 -

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Quincy that Title 17, Zoning Ordinance Section 5.8.3 Specific Types of Signs; Standards, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By deleting Section 5.3.8 Section 12 in its entirety and substituting therein the following revised 5.3.8 Section 12 Political Signs:

12. Political Signs.

- a) No political sign shall be erected in any residential or PUD district until ten days prior to the date of a primary or preliminary election.
- b) No political sign shall be erected in any Business or Industrial district until thirty days prior to the date of a primary or preliminary election.
- c) No political sign may be larger than four feet by four feet.
- d) All political signs must be removed within seventy-two hours following a final election.
- e) In no case shall more than one political sign per candidate be erected on any one parcel of property. No more than three political signs shall be erected on any one parcel of property.
- f) No political signs may be affixed to any public property including utility poles, city trees, bushes, shrubs, fences, lamp posts, mailboxes, or any public street furniture. In the case of such violations, the department of public works or other appropriate city department may remove such violating signs and be held harmless in doing so.
- g) All political signs located on private property shall be installed only with the permission of the property owner(s).

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 –

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

**ATHERTON HOUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY
FUNDING**

Having convened in an open meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016, prior to the closing date, the Quincy City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 12, 2016 for the **Atherton Hough Elementary School** located at 1084 Sea Street, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Atherton Hough Elementary School was built in 1911 and renovated in 1950. Given the innovations in HVAC technology since the building renovation was completed, the Atherton Hough Elementary School's energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of a replacement boiler.

The Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Quincy to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 –

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

**BEECHWOOD KNOLL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEASIBILITY FUNDING**

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Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Beechwood Knoll Elementary School was built in 1952 and renovated in 1995. Given the innovations in HVAC technology since the building renovation was completed, the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School's energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of a replacement boiler.

The Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Quincy to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 –

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

**MERRYMOUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FEASIBILITY FUNDING**

Having convened in an open meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016, prior to the closing date, the Quincy City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 12, 2016 for the **Merrymount Elementary School** located at 4 Agawam Road, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Merrymount Elementary School was built in 1928 and renovated in 1977. Given the innovations in HVAC technology since the building renovation was completed, the Merrymount Elementary School's energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of a replacement boiler.

The Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Quincy to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 –

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

**WOLLASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY
FUNDING**

Having convened in an open meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016, prior to the closing date, the Quincy City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 12, 2016 for the **Wollaston Elementary School** located at 205 Beale Street, Quincy, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy-related costs in a school facility.

Description of Deficiencies for Priority 5: The Wollaston Elementary School was built in 1912 and renovated in 1987. Given the innovations in HVAC technology since the building renovation was completed, the Wollaston Elementary School's energy efficiency would be substantially improved by the installation of a replacement boiler.

The Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Quincy to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 –

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

Be it ordained that the City of Quincy accept the following gift upon the conditions attached and herein set forth:

| <u>DONOR</u> | <u>GIFT</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| Various Donors | \$3,500.00 | Various Local Charities - Mayor's Charity Cup Golf Tournament |

Deposit To: 83494 - 484000

| <u>VENDOR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Granite Telecommunications | \$2,500.00 |
| Aecom Technical Services | \$1,000.00 |
| Total | \$3,500.00 |

INTRODUCED BY **MAYOR, THOMAS P. KOCH**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

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| Various Donors | \$1,500.00 | D.A.R.E. Program |

Deposit To: 31194 - 484000

D.A.R.E. Donor's

| Donor | Check# | Date | Amount |
|--|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Baystate Equipment Rental & Sales | 032431 | 1/12/2016 | \$ 150.00 |
| Burgin Platner Hurley Insurance Agency, LLC. | 028044 | 1/14/2016 | \$ 500.00 |
| Patrick J Kennedy & Sons, Inc. | 26291 | 1/12/2016 | \$ 250.00 |
| Keohane Funeral Home | 48721 | 1/14/2016 | \$ 100.00 |
| Quincy Credit Union | 14390 | 1/15/2016 | \$ 500.00 |
| | | | \$ 1,500.00 |

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GIFT ACCOUNT

JANUARY 19, 2016

TO: The Quincy City Council

Please accept the following gift

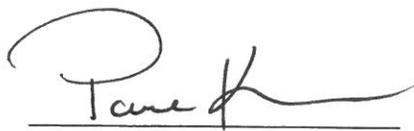
PURPOSE: DONATION FOR DARE PROGRAM.
TOTAL AMOUNT \$150.00

ACCOUNT # 31194-484000

DONOR: BAYSTATE EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SALES

CONTACT: MR. KEVIN DOOLEY

 ADDRESS: 153 BROOK RD
QUINCY MA 02169


Paul Keenan
Chief Of Police

D.A.R.E.

Quincy Police Department
1 Sea St.
Quincy, MA 02169
617-745-5735

To Resist Drugs and Violence

Donation to DARE: 150.00

Contact: Mr. Kevin Dooley
153 Brook Rd
Quincy MA 02169

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GIFT ACCOUNT

JANUARY 19, 2016

TO: The Quincy City Council

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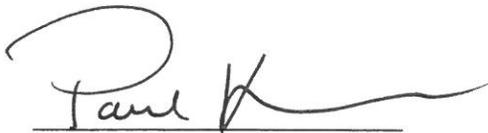
PURPOSE: DONATION FOR DARE PROGRAM.
TOTAL AMOUNT \$500.00

ACCOUNT # 31194-484000

DONOR: BURGIN & PLATNER & HURLEY

CONTACT: MS. BRENDA THORBAHN

ADDRESS: 14 FRANKLIN ST
QUINCY MA 02169

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Keenan", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Keenan
Chief Of Police

D.A.R.E.

Quincy Police Department
1 Sea St.
Quincy, MA 02169
617-745-5735

To Resist Drugs and Violence

Donation to DARE: 500.00

Contact: Ms. Brenda Thorbahn
14 Franklin St
Quincy MA 02169

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GIFT ACCOUNT

JANUARY 19, 2016

TO: The Quincy City Council

Please accept the following gift

PURPOSE: DONATION FOR DARE PROGRAM.
TOTAL AMOUNT \$250.00

ACCOUNT # 31194-484000

DONOR: PATRICK J. KENNEDY & SONS INC.

CONTACT: MR. PATRICK KENNEDY JR.



ADDRESS: 39 GIBSON ST
BOSTON MA 02122



Paul Keenan
Chief Of Police

D.A.R.E.

Quincy Police Department
1 Sea St.
Quincy, MA 02169
617-745-5735

To Resist Drugs and Violence

Donation to DARE: 250.00

Contact: Mr. Patrick Kennedy **Jr.**
39 Gibson Street
Boston MA 02122

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GIFT ACCOUNT

JANUARY 19, 2016

TO: The Quincy City Council

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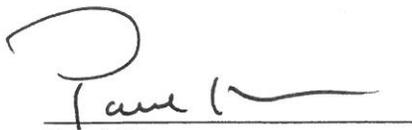
PURPOSE: DONATION FOR DARE PROGRAM.
TOTAL AMOUNT \$100.00

ACCOUNT # 31194-484000

DONOR: KEOHANE FUNERAL HOME

CONTACT: MR. JOHN KEOHANE

 ADDRESS: 785 HANCOCK ST
QUINCY MA 02170


Paul Keenan
Chief Of Police

D.A.R.E.SM

Quincy Police Department
1 Sea St.
Quincy, MA 02169
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To Resist Drugs and Violence

Donation to DARE: 100.00

Contact: Mr. John Keohane
785 Hancock St
Quincy MA 02170

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GIFT ACCOUNT

JANUARY 20, 2016

TO: The Quincy City Council

Please accept the following gift

PURPOSE: DONATION FOR DARE PROGRAM.

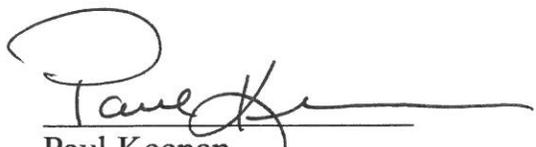
TOTAL AMOUNT \$500.00

ACCOUNT # 31194-484000

DONOR: QUINCY CREDIT UNION

CONTACT: MS. LISA COMERFORD

 ADDRESS: 100 QUINCY AVE
QUINCY MA 02169


Paul Keenan
Chief Of Police

D.A.R.E.

Quincy Police Department
1 Sea St.
Quincy, MA 02169
617-745-5735

To Resist Drugs and Violence

Donation to DARE: 500.00

Contact: Ms. Lisa Comerford
100 Quincy Ave.
Quincy MA 02169

INTRODUCED BY **WARD FOUR COUNCILLOR – BRIAN PALMUCCI**

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 -

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

A Resolution Requesting that the Planning Department Conduct an Urban Planning Assessment Regarding the Future Development of South Quincy

WHEREAS, the Planning Department employs professional planners with experience and knowledge regarding urban planning; and

WHEREAS, South Quincy's was once home to a vibrant industrial and manufacturing base; and

WHEREAS, the potential for development of exhausted industrial sites is high; and

WHEREAS, advanced planning in collaboration with the Planning Department, Mayor, area businesses, and local residents would benefit any future development; and

WHEREAS, formulation of an overall plan for utilization of land, improvement to infrastructure, and maintaining south Quincys neighborhood character is preferable to piecemeal development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Quincy City Council requests that the Planning Department begin the process of analyzing South Quincy for appropriate utilization with attention given to working with area residents regarding any negative impact by future development.

INTRODUCED BY **WARD FOUR COUNCILLOR – BRIAN PALMUCCI**
WARD ONE COUNCILLOR – MARGARET E. LAFOREST
WARD TWO COUNCILLOR – BRAD L. CROALL
WARD THREE COUNCILLOR – IAN C. CAIN
WARD FIVE COUNCILLOR – KIRSTEN L. HUGHES
COUNCILLOR AT LARGE – NOEL T. DIBONA
COUNCILLOR AT LARGE – NINA X. LIANG

**CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL**

ORDER NO. 2016 -

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

WHEREAS, as part of its mandate to serve and protect the public safety of the City of Quincy, the Quincy Police Department undertakes detail operations in addition to regular performance of duties; and

WHEREAS, detail operations are funded by both taxpayer funds and funds from private entities; and

WHEREAS, detail operations are governed by policies and procedures implemented and overseen by the Chief of the Quincy Police,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Quincy City Council requests the Chief of Quincy Police appear before the City Council to discuss oversight and management of detail operations in the Police Department and efforts to improve same.

INTRODUCED BY **WARD ONE COUNCILLOR – MARGARET E. LAFOREST**
WARD FIVE COUNCILLOR – KIRSTEN L. HUGHES

CITY OF QUINCY
IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2016 -

ORDERED:

February 1, 2016

Resolution seeking an update on administration and enforcement of the City of Quincy Neighborhood Property Preservation (Blight) Ordinance and the status of abandoned properties throughout the City of Quincy.

WHEREAS, the on May 7, 2007, The Quincy City Council passed the Neighborhood Property Preservation Ordinance, commonly known as the “blight ordinance”; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this law was the establishment of community standards that would serve to enhance the quality of life and the promotion of the public health, safety and welfare by requiring a predictable commonly understood minimum level of maintenance of private property, and that said community standards would serve to ensure the livability, appearance and social and economic stability of the city and serve to protect the public from health and safety hazards and diminishment of property values that result from the neglect and deterioration of property; and

WHEREAS, ward councillors and other city officials continue to receive complaints about and questions regarding many properties whose conditions are the subject matter of the blight ordinance and for which law was enacted

WHEREAS, in the present economic environment some of these properties may be subject to foreclosure proceedings for which the City Council enacted the Foreclosed Property Ordinance,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Ordinance Committee of the Quincy City Council hold hearings and received information from the Director of Inspectional Services including but not limited to a list of properties for which the blight ordinance has been applied, the nature and status of enforcement actions undertaken including court action and compliance with the enforcement efforts, actions taken or planned to be taken by respective property owners of the listed properties, and the effectiveness of the ordinance in compelling compliance especially with regard to the most reluctant property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ordinance Committee receive information at the afore-cited hearings including a list of properties registered with the city pursuant to the requirements of the Foreclosed Property Ordinance and a report concerning compliance with this ordinance, the blight ordinance and other codes and regulations of the city.