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October 16, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Committee on Legislative Matters convened on October 16, 2007 with Chairman Thomas Taylor presiding and Committee Members Aldermen William Roche, Robert Trane and Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Maryann Heuston and William White, City Solicitor John Gannon, George Landers from ISD and Stephen Mackey from the Chamber of Commerce.

183131

Alderman Roche addressed the members regarding the placement of satellite dishes, stating that the objective of the order is to get the dishes out of public view. There have been concerns with dishes being left on properties indefinitely after an occupant vacates the space. Alderman Roche suggested that the Condo Review Board enact a regulation requiring that satellite dishes be placed out of the public's view. Solicitor Gannon suggested that there might be some restrictions on what the city can order due to Federal regulations, such as the Federal Telecommunications Act. Mr. Gannon will research the matter and update the committee.

183307

Chairman Taylor's motion *that Medford Street be included in the home rule petition giving the city jurisdiction over MA Highway and DCR roadways that border the city*, was approved.

183732

Mr. Gannon informed the members that the ordinance to rename the High School Concourse may have to be amended and that he will research the matter and update the committee.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

184063: Communication from Mayor - Requesting approval to permanently rededicate for park use in perpetuity, the land known as Central Hill Memorial Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 4 - 0 in favor

Alderman Thomas F. Taylor, Chairman
Committee on Legislative Matters

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