



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE USAGE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

*WHEREAS*, Surveillance technology and electronic data gathering can be useful tools for advancing effective delivery and analysis of constituent services, public safety and security, *and*,

*WHEREAS*, Usage of surveillance technology must include safeguards with accountability to the public in order to protect privacy rights and civil liberties, with a process that includes an informed public discussion, and allows for the deliberation and review of the costs, benefits, and concerns, *and*,

*WHEREAS*, Cities around the country such as Santa Clara, CA and others have created ordinances governing the acquisition and use of surveillance technology and electronic data in order to protect the civil liberties of its citizens while allowing for appropriate use to assist in the charge of improving delivery of services and public safety; *and*,

*WHEREAS*, As more municipalities move toward electronic data collection used to manage assets and resources efficiently and new technologies are becoming available, the public would benefit from proactive discussion of current practices and future acquisitions; *NOW*

*THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED*,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss a surveillance technology framework for city departments and that representatives from the Boston Police Department, Boston Transportation Department, other interested parties, and members of the public be invited to testify.

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