



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To : James L. Sullivan
City Manager

Date : May 25, 1978

From : Conrad C. Fagone, Commissioner **CF**
Public Works Department

Reference

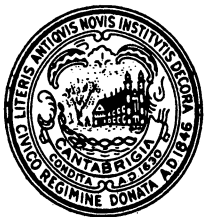
Subject : Councillor Crane
Council Order No. 20 - May 15, 1978
Refurbishing of City Council Chambers

The Public Works Department is well aware of the problems and the condition of the ceilings leaking, and the paint peeling from the walls of the Council Chambers. However, please be advised, prior to 1974, the entire rehab budget for the City of Cambridge Public Buildings, which number some 34 buildings, amounted to approximately \$75,000 per year. This amount of money as one can realize, has been impossible to maintain and improve any of the buildings. The previous two years, because of the use of Federal Fundings, and an increase from the Public Works Budget, we have made some substantial improvements and repairs to the conditions at all of the public buildings.

A Committee was established by the City to establish priorities and to prepare work schedules of all of these buildings. It is inconceivable at this point in time to attempt to repair the interior of the Council Chambers without first repairing the outside of the building. A contract was let in November of last year for the repair of City Hall exterior roof and walls, and the Main Library roof and walls. At the time the contractor started work he requested the City to make a determination of which building needed repairs first. At that time I made the decision to do the Main Library first, because of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of books that were in very serious danger of being destroyed by water damage.

The Library project is approximately 75% complete, and is anticipated that the contractor will start work on the City Hall building by July of this year, with work to be done during the summer. The Public Works Department is well aware of the Council's intention to restore the Council Chambers, and we would be pleased to start this work immediately. However, it is impossible because of scheduling problems, lack of manpower, and supervision, to immediately begin this project. We are attempting to work with the contractors to start some of the immediate work. As soon as we are able, we will begin the interior work of the Council Chambers, and it is intended to completely refurbish the City Council Chambers.

In addition, paint chips will be removed from the ceiling and walls, and forwarded to the Hospital for testing of lead content. If it is the City Council's intention also to relocate furniture within the Council Chambers, we would be pleased to perform this work immediately.



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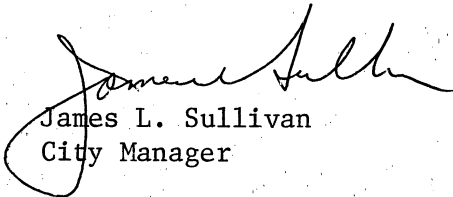
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

June 5, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Council Order No. 20 of May 15, 1978 relative to refurbishing City Council Chambers, enclosed please find copy of a communication from Conrad C. Fagone, Commissioner of Public Works.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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Response to Council Order No. 20 of May 15th
re: refurbishing City Council Chambers.

In City Council,

June 5, 1978

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