

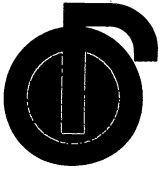
Councillor Clutter

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Feb 4, 1985

Ordered:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic and Parking with a view in mind of addressing the concerns raised to this Council in their letter dated February 4, 1985 ^{relating} ~~concerning~~ to this future plan in the City of Cambridge; specifically parking adjacent to this property at 75 Cambridge Parkway and proposed development plans for commercial avenue. D



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February 4, 1985

The Honorable City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Sirs:

Prior to Mr. Jenkin's departure for Europe on Friday, February 1, 1985, he dictated the attached letter and asked that I see that it be delivered to the City Council before its meeting today. Accordingly, I enclose his letter which I have signed for him in his absence.

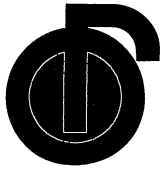
Orion Research Incorporated certainly hopes that the City Council will be able to respond affirmatively quickly to this request for assistance so that our lease arrangements can be finalized as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Peter W. Smith
Vice President, Treasurer,
and Chief Financial
Officer

Enclosure

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Dear Sirs:

As you all know, Orion Research Incorporated has operated in Cambridge since its founding in 1961. In recent years our Research, Sales and Administration activities have been conducted in the building at 840 Memorial Drive, on part of the site of the old Riverside Press, while our manufacturing and assembly operations have been sited at 75 Cambridge Parkway.

Our lease on the 75 Cambridge Parkway property expires May 31, 1985. Anticipating this last May, several of our people met with members of the Cambridge Planning Department to discuss whether or not Orion would be able to stay in the building, given the redevelopment work going on in that area. We were assured that we could continue to operate in that building, and therefore, Orion began negotiating with the landlord for a new five-year lease.

Within the last two weeks, we became increasingly concerned as we negotiated the specific details of a lease with our landlord. Specifically, we have learned that the City plans to terminate its lease to our landlord of the thirty-five vehicle parking lot on the east

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side of the building. We have also learned that the city has taken property necessary to widen Commercial Avenue, and plans to proceed with that project, as well as the project to turn Cambridge Parkway into a park area with only a single lane access road going through it.

These moves concern us for two reasons.

First, parking is very limited in that area right now. With the thirty-five vehicle parking lot next to the building, parking on both sides of Cambridge Parkway, parking at the rear of our building, supplemented by surface parking in other lots in the general area which we lease, we are barely able to provide our employees with the minimum hundred-vehicle parking capacity which we need at the present time. With the elimination of our thirty-five vehicle parking lot next door; of at least 50% of the parking capacity of Cambridge Parkway; the elimination of parking behind our building due to the widening of Commercial Avenue; and by the reduction of parking in the general area due to the overall development program, we will be unable to provide our employees with even a fraction of the currently required parking capacity, let alone provide for parking needs stemming from continued expansion of our business and employment.

We are further concerned with the fact that, looking at the proposed layout for the area and talking with people from the City Development and Managers Offices, access to the loading docks to the rear of our building will be severely hampered during the construction phase. In addition, once the redevelopment of Commercial Avenue is complete, the side of the road adjacent to our building will become the eastbound substitute for Cambridge Parkway. Semi-trailers which presently load and unload at the rear of our building

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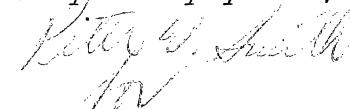
will no longer be able to make deliveries to, or pick up finished products from, the only loading dock at the building. In short, we apparently, as a manufacturer, may not be able to receive goods from our suppliers or deliver goods to our customers from the Cambridge plant under these conditions.

In order that we may remain in Cambridge and provide the employment and payroll which we have provided, as well as the expansion which we plan, we ask the assistance of the Council in these two areas.

Specifically, we would like the assistance of the City in finding, and contracting for, sufficient parking in the general area of our plant to assure that we have parking capacity to provide for our growth. This is estimated to be at least one hundred and fifty (150) spaces. Further, we wish the assistance of the City in providing us with absolute assurance that we will be able to receive, load, and unload trucks of all kinds during our hours of operation. As of Friday, February 1, 1985 we were advised that the City would not provide us with waivers which would enable us to load and unload trucks at the building dock.

Without these assurances, it is unlikely that Orion will be able to continue its manufacturing operations at 75 Cambridge Parkway, and will be forced to seek facilities elsewhere. This has now become an urgent matter, inasmuch as we were not previously informed of the changes in the situation since our meeting of last May. Therefore, we would appreciate your initial response to this request on February 5th, the day after the next City Council meeting.

Very truly yours,



Alexander Jenkins III
President

AJ/mcm



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 1985

COUNCILLOR CLINTON

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Assistant City Manager for Community Development and the Director of Traffic and Parking to confer with a view in mind of addressing the concerns raised to this City Council in their letter dated February 4, 1985, relative to their future plans in the City of Cambridge; specifically, parking adjacent to their property at 75 Cambridge Parkway and proposed development plans for Commercial Avenue.

In City Council February 4, 1985.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order # 11 F-40

C. Clinton order re: Assistant City Manager
for Community Development & Director of
Traffic & Parking to confer Re: concerns
raised by Orion Research on parking adjacent
to their property at 75 Cambridge Parkway &
proposed development plans for Commercial
Avenue.

In City Council,

February 4, 1985

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Order

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