

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... September 14, 1981.....

The Ordinance **Committee**
comprised of the entire membership of the City Council

to which was referred the petition of the City Council to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge to rezone an area of land in North Cambridge bounded by Cedar St., Harvey St., Westley Ave. and the MBTA Rail line from Business B and Industry A-1 to Residence B met on Monday, August 3, 1981 at 4:25 p. m.

Councillor David A. Wylie, Chairman, presided.

The Committee was in receipt of a report from the Planning Board after hearing on July 21, 1981, dated July 27, 1981 recommending that the petition to rezone from Industry A-1 and Business B to Residence B be approved.

In response to the call of the Chair for the proponents to appear the Committee heard from David Vickery, Assistant City Manager for Community Development who outlined the area in question and stated that the proposed amendment was compatible and appropriate with adjacent land uses and zoning districts; that only one Residence would be non-conforming if the change was adopted; that all other uses in the area would conform to the change; that the present zoning for industrial and commercial uses threatens the stability of the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

No one else appeared in favor at the call of the Chair who then requested the opponents to appear.

The Committee heard from Attorney John J. Campbell of 1 Center Plaza, Boston who presented the Committee with photos of the area in question and stated that 5,600 square feet of his clients property would be affected by the amendment. He further stated that his clients, John Flynn and two others sought to build a self-service laundry at this location; that the proposed amendment would reduce the vacant lot owned by his clients to no value and prevent any development of the lot which would prove undesirable for the construction of a two family residence which would be permitted by the amendment. He further stated that the land could be taken for open space by the City if the proposed amendment was adopted by the City Council.

Mr. Campbell outlined the proposed laundry operation of a laundry from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and stated that the laundry operation would provide an income for a widow who had a fifteen year old daughter at the High School level; that this person had been adversely affected by Proposition 2½ cutbacks in her teaching profession; that she had formerly taught at the Morse School. He concluded by requesting the Committee to deny the proposed amendment or to take the property by eminent domain for open space.

REPORT

Committee on Ordinance on the petition of the City Council to rezone the area bounded by Cedar St., Harvey Street, Westley Ave. & the MBTA rail lines.

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