



City of Cambridge

49.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 5, 1995

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to review the attached letter, regarding the obstruction of traffic on Craigie Street, and to direct the appropriate City Departments to address this situation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on the resolution of this matter.

In City Council June 5, 1995
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT

49.

ATKINS ASSOCIATES INC.
MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES
55 WHEELER STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

TELEPHONE: (617) 497-0091
TELECOPIER: (617) 497-1428

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MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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April 27th, 1995

Kenneth E. Reeves,
Mayor,
City of Cambridge
795 Mass. Ave.,
Cambridge
Mass. 02139

Sir,

This is to register a serious complaint with your office over the obstruction of traffic and the endangering of my child's safety in front of BB&N's lower school on Craigie Street at 8:25 this morning. The irresponsible and inept behavior of the the person driving your city truck this morning must be addressed.

Not only were the children in my care put at risk, but they were also terrified by the loud and authoritarian demeanor of your employee. One of the children in my care, Gabriel Lloyd is only five years old and must be escorted to his classroom by an adult which usually takes all of about three minutes of stationary parking in front of the BB&N school. My responsibility to his parents was seriously compromised this morning by the insensitivity and arrogance of your employee whose behavior went completely beyond the bounds of safe and prudent conduct.

Nobody questions the necessity for cleaning any street in Cambridge. You have eight hours in each day of the week in which to conduct this service. For you to do so on Craigie Street at precisely the same time and place when small children must be escorted to their classrooms is so blind an act of foolishness, that one has to ask if it is not intentional harassment on the part of the City of Cambridge.

Might I suggest to you a different approach to cleaning Craigie Street in Cambridge.

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1. Pick a time of day when children are NOT being taken to school, as opposed to a time of day when children ARE being taken to school. On the assumption that the City of Cambridge employees work an eight hour day, you do have eight hours a day and five days a week to chose from.
2. Find a job better suited for the employee who harassed me and my wards in front of BB&N at 8:30 this morning.

Mr. Reeves, I do not intend to let this matter rest. I expect an answer from your office, and your assurance that the safety of any child in my care will not be compromised by the irresponsible behavior of a City of Cambridge employee who is ill suited for their job.

The the harassment of individuals and the placing small children at risk by public employees in this manner should be completely and absolutely unacceptable to all of us, under any circumstances.

Yours truly,



cc:

Mr. Daniel Klatz
Director, Lower School
Buckingham Brown & Nichols School
80 Gerry's Landing Road
Cambridge
Mass 02138

The Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Lloyd
233 Clarendon Street
Boston
Mass. 02116



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Consent Order #49

Mayor Reeves re: Obstruction of traffic
on Craigie Street.

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Order adopted