



City of Cambridge

O-4.
Amended Order
IN CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 2000

VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Peter Helwig's contribution to the City of Cambridge was his blend of a unique understanding of urban planning and modern assessment technology. His talents and creative drive were combined with a deep love and knowledge of, and commitment to, all the neighborhoods of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: While with the Community Development Department from 1969 through 1982, Peter was recognized as one of the City's foremost city planners. As lead city planner he managed a large team of multi-disciplinary planners in the development of a comprehensive city plan for Cambridge — a plan that exerted major influence on quality of life and development in Cambridge. Later, as Deputy Block Grant Coordinator, he developed a high-caliber citizen participation program which has been a model for many other cities. He moved on to direct the City's Community Development Block Grant-funded open space program, managing many successful projects, including the large-scale, complex design and development project for Riverside Press Park, as well as the redesign and reconstruction of Sennott Park; and

WHEREAS: In 1982, Peter made the transition from community planning and development to property tax assessment by stepping forward to lead the City in its fledgling efforts to assess all property in the City at its full and fair cash value for the first time in the City's history. The result is one of the first, and to this day one of a handful, of Assessing Departments in the State which is staffed and equipped to produce 100% fair market values annually exclusively through the efforts of City employees. And Cambridge has had its valuation challenges: rent controlled apartment buildings, limited equity ownership for affordable housing, assisted living developments and housing cooperatives, to mention a few; and

- WHEREAS: Peter Helwig maintained the high standards he identified for residential property valuation over the course of his 15 years of service as Director of Residential Valuation: consistent application of valuation methods, reasonable consideration of taxpayer concerns and constant interest in and research into real estate market trends in the City of Cambridge. Peter had always made access to assessment information and taxpayer education high priorities. In 1997, the Assessing Department's information booklet, *Tax Facts*, of which Peter Helwig is the author, received the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers' Public Information Award; and
- WHEREAS: Peter Helwig's service to his country during the Vietnam Conflict again exemplifies the energy and effort he could be counted upon to devote to the task at hand. As Base Development Officer, 937 Engineer Group, he was responsible for all Army installation planning and development for one-sixth of Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS: Peter was the loving husband of Donna, the father of Johanna and Alex, and the grandfather of Alex's son Aaron Peter. Peter's personal interests and pursuits included bee-keeping, gardening, antique restoration, a love of Bluegrass music, and fly-fishing; and
- WHEREAS: Peter was a person possessed of an extraordinarily high level of integrity and character who is greatly missed by all he loved and touched; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record commemorating Peter Helwig on his achievements and his outstanding service to the City of Cambridge.

In City Council March 6, 2000.

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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March 6, 2000
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April 27, 1998

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Peter Helwig's contribution to the City of Cambridge ^{was} is his blend of a unique understanding of urban planning and modern assessment technology. His talents and creative drive have been combined with a deep love and knowledge of, and commitment to, all the neighborhoods of Cambridge; and

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WHEREAS: Peter Helwig ~~has~~ maintained the high standards he identified for residential property valuation over the course of his 15 years of service as Director of Residential Valuation: consistent application of valuation methods, reasonable consideration of taxpayer concerns and constant interest in and research into real estate market trends in the City of Cambridge. Peter ~~has~~ always made access to assessment information and taxpayer education high priorities. In 1997, the Assessing Department's information booklet, *Tax Facts*, of which Peter Helwig is the author, received the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers' Public Information Award; and

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WHEREAS: Peter ~~and his wife Donna have two children, Johanna and Alex, and a grandchild, Alex's son Aaron Peter, born this year.~~ *(was the loving husband of Donna, the father of and the grandfather of)* Peter's personal interests and pursuits include bee-keeping, gardening, antique restoration, a love of Blue Grass music, and fly-fishing; now therefor be it resolved

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~~RESOLVED:~~ *Peter was* That because he ~~has long been recognized by his Community Development and City Hall colleagues as a person possessing~~ *himself* an extraordinarily high level of integrity and character, that this City Council go on record as thanking Peter Helwig for the outstanding service and achievement he has rendered to the City of Cambridge.

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In City Council April 27, 1998.

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D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

w/A
commemorative
R/ That the CC go on record ~~dedicating~~ *commemorating*
~~on behalf of~~ *commemorating* Peter Helwig and his outstanding
service to the City of Cambridge



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RESOLVED: That the City council go on record dedicating a bench at the Riverside Park or another suitable location in honor of Peter Helwig a former employee of the Assessors Department and the Community Development Department; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitable dedication ceremony be arranged with the Recreation Department and the Department of Public Works arrange for the sign.

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Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, looped "D" at the beginning.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Original Order
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To Denna
Date 2/22 Time 3:03 ☐ AM ☐ PM

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Mr. Jones
of _____

Phone Numbers

Office _____
Area Code _____ Number _____ Ext. _____
Voicemail _____
FAX _____
Pager _____
Mobile _____
e-mail _____

- ☐ Telephoned
☐ Please call
☐ Returned your call
☐ Called to see you
☐ Wants to see you
☐ Will call again
☐ URGENT

Message

Stopped by to forward the info
regarding Councillor Maher's
order on Peter Helwick
- Bench being named
(at Reverside):

Davis



AMPAD
EFFICIENCY®

Operator

Reorder
#23-006

Donna
Jones
Maher

Memorial Drive
side on small
Hill There are
2 benches side by
side.

1825 9200

Riverside Press
Book

rec 2/14/2000

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bench dedicated to Peter Helwig

at the Riverside Park.



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Park in honor of Peter Helwig.
Vice Mayor Maher

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ORDER ADOPTED

as Amended