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Ms. Taylor stated that she could not do this since she did not have the authority to do so.

Councillor Wylie stated that he felt the Housing Authority's position was an extremely poor one and that some sensitivity must be shown to the elderly on this issue and it is their responsibility to correct the problem.

Mr. Teso stated that the Traffic Department will pay the fee on the parking spaces for the next two months while all parties concerned meet with the Assistant City Manager and the City Solicitor to amend the contract relative to the parking garage.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P. M.

For the Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alfred Vellucci". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci
Chairman

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... May 21, 1979

The City Council Committee Affairs

to which was referred a complaint by the elderly residents of the Manning Apartment Building, reports that the Committee met at 5:30 P. M. on May 16, 1979 in the Walnut Room at City Hall.

Mr. Dennis Sullivan, a resident of the Manning Apartments, stated that the elderly residents of the apartments who have automobiles and park in the garage are charged \$15.00 per month by the Cambridge Housing Authority. He stated that he believed Cambridge was the only Housing Authority in the Commonwealth to charge elderly for parking spaces.

Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Vellucci, question Mr. Teso, Traffic Director, why the elderly were being charged for a parking space.

Mr. Teso responded by stating that the Housing Authority had borrowed, through a contractual agreement, \$300,000 from the City for construction of the parking garage and in order to defray that loan they were collecting rent of \$15.00 per month from 15 parking spaces in addition to 35 additional spaces which are open to the public. Unfortunately, he stated, the arrangement has failed to reduce substantially any of the original loan.

Councillor Wylie stated that he did not believe the elderly should be charged for parking especially since the City of ~~Reports,~~ Cambridge provides money through the Block Grant Program to the Housing Authority.

Councillor Duehay questioned whether or not any Housing Authority employees were parking in the garage.

Ms. Elsbeth Taylor, Fiscal Affairs Director of the Housing Authority, responded by stating that employees were parking in the garage but were paying commercial rates as established by the Traffic Department.

Councillors Vellucci, Duehay and Wylie all stated that it was their intent not to have the elderly charged for their parking spaces and requested the City Manager's Office meet with the Housing Authority and the Traffic Department in order to achieve this goal.

Mr. Healy, Assistant City Manager, stated that he believed a solution could be worked out if the Housing Authority waived the revenue from the 15 spaces.

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Committee on Elder Affairs re: complaint
by the elderly residents of the Manning
Apartment Building.

In City Council,

May 21, 1979

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