

City of Cambridge

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

ENVIRONMENT

MEETING HELD IN WALNUT ROOM, CITY HALL, JANUARY 30, 1979

COUNCILLORS DUEHAY AND WYLIE PRESENT

MEETING CONVENED BY COUNCILLOR DUEHAY AT 7:45 P. M.

Topic Discussed

Councillor Duehay opened the meeting by summarizing for the group present the past several meetings of the committee at which the issue of recycling had been discussed. He further stated his personal support for a recycling program for Cambridge and indicated although few major cities have been successful at it, Cambridge could now possibly take on a leading role based on a new proposal which the committee had never seen before but in fact had been prepared several years ago.

Recycling Proposal

Mr. David G. Wilson submitted a proposal to the committee, copy of which is attached, which essentially places the job of recycling newspaper back to those who have shown success in doing it in the past the so-called "scavengers" or early morning workers who precede the regular rubbish collection. These individuals would be either licensed by the city or would be under a contractual agreement to collect newspaper. They would receive the prevailing rate per ton for the paper and would only be subsidized by the city when the cost per ton falls below \$10.00.

City Manager Sullivan and Public Works Commissioner both endorsed this proposal as did Councillors Duehay and Wylie.

Councillor Duehay urged this program begin in a section of the city where participation would be high in order to initiate the recycling effort in a positive atmosphere and hopefully other sections of the city would become involved by their own interest or by request of those picking up the paper.

The City Manager suggested that possibly a non-profit agency would be willing to take this kind of responsibility.

However Councillor Duehay suggested that only a non-profit organization with a strong managerial background and adequate equipment would be able to make such a program work. He stated that non-profit agencies should certainly be allowed to bid on such a proposal but so too should anyone who would be interested.

Public Works Commissioner Fagone stated that he would prepare a letter of intent for publication in the local newspapers stating it is the city's in-

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ten-tion to solicit interest and/or bids for the picking up and recycling of newspaper. He further stated he would confer with the Purchasing Agent as to the appropriate bidding procedure.

Councillors Duehay and Wylie requested this begin as soon as possible and if there are problems with this procedure to notify the Committee and another meeting would be called.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:03 P. M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Francis H. Duehay
Chairman

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Comm. from C. Francis H. Duehay, Chairman,
Comm. on Environment, transmitting report of
the committee for meeting held Jan. 30, 1979.

In City Council,

February 26, 1979

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