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Committee Report #2

Roll Call on Adjourn of Order of the Day

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				Ms. Kathleen L. Born
✓				Mr. Francis H. Duehay
✓				Mr. Anthony Galluccio
✓				Mr. Jonathan S. Myers
✓				Mrs. Sheila T. Russell
✓				Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves



City of Cambridge

COMMITTEE REPORT # 2

IN CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 30, 1995

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL

ORDERED: That it is the recommendation of the Claims Committee that the City Council establish the policy that in the event of a claimant bringing a claim against the School Department or Department of Health and Hospitals (including the Neville Manor and Ambulatory Care) said claim be settled at the department level with settlement funds being drawn from the department's operating budget; and be it further

ORDERED: That in reviewing claims brought against the Department of Health and Hospitals that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Hospital Administrator with the view in mind of reviewing and implementing necessary changes in the protection of patients personal belongings during their stay at the various institutional sites.

In City Council January 30, 1995.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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City of Cambridge

The Committee on Claims conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 1995 in the Ackermann Room, City Hall, beginning at five o'clock and thirty-five minutes p. m.

The purpose of the hearing was to review and make recommendations on claims against the City filed by members of the general public.

Present at the hearing were: Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Chair, Vice Mayor Sheila T. Russell, Deputy City Clerk, John E. Flynn and Legal Counsel Nancy E. Glowa.

<u>Claimant</u>	<u>Nature of Claim</u>	<u>Award</u>
George Adams c/o Lucille Adams 237 Franklin Street - 15G Cambridge, MA 02139	Shoes were lost while a patient at the Cambridge Hospital.	To be approved
Arthur Benson 11 Maverick Street Medford, MA 02155	Coat, gloves and hat were lost while a patient at the Cambridge Hospital.	To be approved
Gregory Billington c/o City Hall	Raincoat was stolen from my office at City Hall.	To be approved
Aryeh Blumberg 109 Orange Road Montclair, NJ 07042	Car was damaged after being struck by a fallen tree limb in the Grant Street parking lot.	DENIED
Robert Chua 36 Concord Avenue Somerville, MA 02139	Car was damaged after striking a pothole at the corner of Bishop Allen Drive and Norfolk Street.	To be approved
Maria Selene da Silva 39 Cedar Street Somerville, MA 02143	Eyeglasses were damaged after being accidentally struck by a student at the Harrington School.	To be approved

Kate Dollard 36 Oxford Street # 2 Arlington, MA 02174	Bicycle and related items were stolen from my classroom at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School.	To be approved
Paula Dudley 67 Sparks Street Cambridge, MA 02138	Car was damaged by a falling tree limb in front of 67 Sparks Street.	To be approved
Diane Fabiano 13 Broadway Place Somerville, MA 02145	Automobile tire was damaged after striking a pothole in front of 146 Rindge Avenue.	REMAINS IN COMMITTEE
Marie Fattibene 58 Edward Street Medford, MA 02155	Automobile tire was damaged after striking a pothole on Hampshire Street, in front of Rosie's Bakery.	To be approved
Lisa Fox 77 Martin Street #26 Cambridge, MA 02139	Automobile tire was damaged after striking a break in the curb while parking my car on Dana Street, at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue.	To be approved
James Grasso 929 Massachusetts Avenue Cambridge, MA 02139	\$45 in cash was taken from my wallet while I was a patient at the Cambridge Hospital.	To be approved
Richard Gray 10 Chauncey Street Cambridge, MA 02138	Car was damaged after striking a pothole on Sherman Street.	To be approved
H. Field Haviland 105 Coolidge Hill Cambridge, MA 02138	Automobile tire was damaged after striking a pothole on Coolidge Hill Road.	To be approved

Janet Kinasewich 146 Rindge Avenue Cambridge, MA 02138	Automobile tire was damaged after striking a pothole on Sparks Street.	REMAINS IN COMMITTEE
Charles Levy 61 Central Street Auburndale, MA 02166	Automobile tire was damaged after striking a pothole on River Street.	To be approved
Angelo Marchio 162 Cushing Street Cambridge, MA 02138	Tooth was broken as a result tripping and falling on the ice during a day trip to the Watertown Arena Skating Rink.	REMAINS IN COMMITTEE
Albertine Martin 337 Allston Street, #1 Cambridge, MA 02139	Her mother's trench coat and sneakers were lost while a patient at the Cambridge Hospital.	To be approved
Emilio Mauro 21 Mannix Circle Belmont, MA 02178	Two automobile tires were damaged after striking an excavation on Concord Avenue.	To be approved
Dorothy Menken 1036 Main Street Woburn, MA 01801	Gold necklace and three gold charms were lost while a patient at the Cambridge Hospital Radiology Department.	REMAINS IN COMMITTEE
Nancy Nichols 12 Wendell Street Cambridge, MA 02138	Car was damaged after striking a pothole in front of 12 Wendell Street.	DENIED
Angela Rivers 20 Upton Street Cambridge, MA 02139	Box of personal belongings were mistakenly thrown out by housekeeping staff at the Cambridge Hospital billing office.	To be approved
Odette C. Sedycias 32 School Street Somerville, MA 02143	Watch was broken by a patient at the East Cambridge Neighborhood Health Center.	To be approved

R.W. Sheppard 327 Columbia Street Cambridge, MA 02141	Car was damaged after striking a pothole at the corner of Windsor and Main Street.	To be approved
Ronald Shuemate 89 Colonial Terrace Plymouth, MA 02360	Automobile tire and rim were damaged after striking a pothole in front of 290 Massachusetts Avenue.	REMAINS IN COMMITTEE
Leo Smith P.O. Box 381652 Cambridge, MA 02238-1652	Car was damaged after striking a pothole while driving in the tunnel which separates Harvard Yard from Harvard Law School.	DENIED
Marguerite Smith 261 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02139	Hub cap to automobile was damaged after striking a pothole on Brookline Street.	To be approved
Marian Steitz c/o Edward Steitz 27 Baystate Road Somerville, MA 02144	\$195 was missing from personal belongings upon discharge from the Cambridge Hospital.	To be approved
Francis McGrail 17 Orchard Street Cambridge, MA 02140	Automobile was allegedly struck by a City snow plow while parked on Orchard Street.	To be approved

The above claimants submitted documents detailing their request for reimbursement and it is the recommendation of the committee that these claims be granted in the amount totalling four thousand seventy-six dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$4,076.78).

Councillor Toomey offered the following motion:

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On a voice vote the motion --

Carried.

Vice Mayor Russell then offered the following motion:

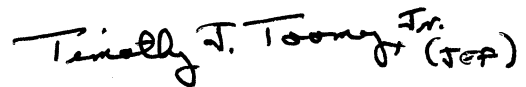
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On a voice vote the motion --

Carried.

The hearing was adjourned at six o'clock and thirty minutes p. m.

For the Committee,

 (JEP)

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Chair.

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A communication was received from John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor Toomey Chair of the Committee on Claims for a public hearing held on January 24, 1995 at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on claims against the City filed by members of the general public.

In City Council January 30, 1995

Report accepted

Placed on file

Order adopted

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