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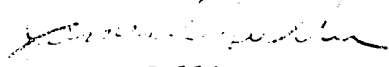
September 26, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Items No. 2 and No. 4, regarding the purchase of the Ellery Garage property, please be advised that in the past year the City has lost 2.8 million dollars in property valuations as a result of property being acquired by tax exempt entities. The City is one of these entities, and I do not believe that the City should continue to acquire property and take it on the tax rolls at the rate that it has been.

In the recent past the City has taken ownership to the Kolligian garage, the new East Cambridge Fire Station site, Riverside Press, Line Street Parking lot, Springfield Street Parking lot, and some smaller parcels for open space or tot lots. Thus it is again my recommendation that the City not acquire these parcels.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Agenda #6

S-509

Relative to Awaiting Report Items Nos. 2 & 4,
re: purchase of the Ellery Garage property.

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Referred to the
City Manager for
future discussion with
the City Council on
motion of L. Clinton

In City Council,

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