



City of Cambridge

1.
IN CITY COUNCIL

April 1, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this Council that the letter's point of criticism which are applicable specifically to the City be factored into the equation for both cutting costs and determining methods for funding costs of city government as we begin to move through the upcoming budget process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue to impress upon Department Heads the need to understand more clearly than ever before that the well of funding is not bottomless and we cannot continue to act as though it were; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Mr. Olson on behalf of the entire City Council to express appreciation for his bringing these concerns which affect not only him but many other business people in Cambridge to this Council's attention.

In City Council April 1, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy:

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk



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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 498-9094

William H. Walsh
City Councillor

BY HAND

March 26, 1991

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

FROM: David Noonan, for
Councillor Walsh

RE: Council Resolution for Monday, April 1, 1991
(~~CONSENT AGENDA~~)

I am enclosing a Council Resolution regarding the letter from Carl S. Olson (copy of letter attached to Resolution) which Councillor Walsh requests be included in the CONSENT AGENDA for the Council Session on Monday, April 1, 1991.

Thank you for your usual courtesy and cooperation.

(ENCLOSURE)



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(ATTACHMENT)



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808 Memorial Drive Cambridge, MA 02139
209 Broadway Street Cambridge, MA 02139

March 22, 1991

Councillor William Walsh
215 First Street
Cambridge, MA 02142

Dear Councillor Walsh:

I have been a business man in Cambridge for 30 years and have leased and owned two Gas/Service Stations. I am writing to you as a business man who may be at the end of his career due to the cost of doing business in Cambridge.

I would therefore like to give you an idea, which I hope you will share with your fellow councillors, as to what a small business man like myself is confronted with:

- (a) increase in cost of licenses and permits;
- (b) increase in personal property taxes;
- (c) increase in real estate taxes;
- (d) continual increases in water and sewer;
- (e) for reasons known only to the insurance industry, because my business is in Cambridge, my insurance is higher than some of my competitors in adjoining cities and towns;
- (f) workman's compensation continues to rise;
- (g) increase on demand energy charge by the electric company;
- (h) loss of business due to many commercial business leaving the City.

On top of all this the oil companies continue to raise the rents on the leased properties and continue to cut on our margin of profits by increasing wholesale prices to the retailer.

What I am saying to you councillor and to your colleagues is that in the next few years there will be ghost gas stations, that is, oil companies owned stations totally automated to credit cards and money machine use with no employees. If Cambridge want to be a City where business' are no longer owned by the small entrepreneur who usually employs local people and continues to raise the cost of doing business, then stay on the same course, otherwise please heed my words and reduce the cost of city related expenses.

Very truly yours,

Carl Olson
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Joseph E. Conerton
City Clerk

CONSENT

Councillor Walsh re: letter of Carl S.
Olson re: well of funding.

In City Council,

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Order adopted