



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING
MEETING HELD IN WALNUT ROOM, CITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 3, 1977
COUNCILLORS ACKERMANN AND DUEHAY PRESENT
MEETING CONVENED BY COUNCILLOR DUEHAY AT 7:15 P.M.**

Councillor Duehay opened the meeting by explaining his purpose for calling the meeting was to address the concerns of many residents who have discussed with him the resident sticker program, truck traffic in and around the Brattle Street area, as well as his own concern with the delays in the collection process for parking fines.

RESIDENT STICKER PARKING PROGRAM

George Teso, Director of Traffic and Parking spoke first on the status of the Resident Sticker Parking Program indicating that the court suit has been heard before the State Supreme Judicial Court and a ruling from the court is due on or about April 1, 1977. He further indicated that he was optimistic that the decision of the court would be favorable to Cambridge, consequently allowing him to implement the final stages of the city-wide program. Should the court rule against the city, he would then revert to a 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. parking ban in all residential areas of Cambridge.

At this point Councillor Duehay questioned Mr. Teso regarding the adequate number of Parking Control Officers to enforce this program. Mr. Teso responded by saying he currently has 16 officers, but he estimated he would need 25. These additional 9 positions were requested but were denied by the City Manager in the upcoming budget. Councillor Duehay stated this is an item that must be taken up at the meetings of the Finance Committee when they review the proposed budget for FY 77/78.

In terms of the actual date of final implementation of the sticker program, Mr. Teso submitted a schedule, but indicated this would have to be changed due to the severe weather conditions as well as the pending decision from the Supreme Judicial Court. Councillor Duehay requested a more realistic schedule be composed and distributed throughout the community.

Councillor Ackermann questioned the possibility of having Parking Control Officers work nights. Mr. Teso responded by saying that was a possibility provided a male employee from his office teamed up with the Parking Control Officer and they were mobilized with radio contact to the Traffic Department.

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DELAYS IN COLLECTION OF FINES

Mr. Teso stated that a tremendous backlog of fine collection exists because of the City of Boston computer and Middlesex County. The cooperation from Boston in this program has been unsatisfactory, he said, due partly to conflicts between personnel who operate the computer and, in his opinion, the reluctance of the courts to push ahead with the program. Because of this difficult process, the city is losing approximately \$ 120,000 yearly. He further stated that he has discussed this problem with the City Manager and they have agreed on funding a computer program for Cambridge only in order to rectify the problem. Councillor Duehay stated that a meeting between this Committee, the City Manager, and the the Middlesex County Commissioner would be in order. Mr. Teso agreed and urged the Committee to move forward with the idea.

TRUCK TRAFFIC ON BRATTLE STREET

Mr. Teso indicated that in 1970 a study was conducted on Brattle Street for the purpose of restricting truck traffic, except those trucks having business on the street or which were under 2½ tons. In order to get State approval for this he recommended Mt. Auburn Street as an alternate route. However, because of the opposition from the residents of the street, the City delayed implementing a restriction on Brattle Street. Mr. Teso informed the Committee and people present from the neighborhoods that he is working on a master plan for truck traffic beginning with Prospect Street.

At this time the Committee received many questions from the residents of the Brattle Street area as well as the Broadway area who are concerned with the truck traffic problem. Councillor Ackermann stated, and it was agreed by all present, that a midnight to 8 A.M. ban on trucks would be in order. In accordance with the neighborhood concerns, Councillor Ackermann made a motion, seconded by Councillor Duehay, that the Deputy City Clerk prepare an order for submission to the full City Council on 2/7/77 requesting the City Manager to take the appropriate steps to implement an enforcement program against speeding trucks throughout the City.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.

For the Committee

Councillor Francis H. Duehay
Chairman

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