



City of Cambridge

6.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 1996

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: It is the desire of this City to replace its present Police Station, which is in great need of replacement; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the Commonwealth, there is a critical need for a construction and reconstruction program for police and fire stations; and

WHEREAS: The Great and General Court's Joint Committee on Public Safety completed a comprehensive needs assessment survey for police and fire facilities; and

WHEREAS: The results of this survey were shocking; 72% of police stations and 63% of fire stations are in need of replacement or reconstruction; and

WHEREAS: Some communities are being sued by individuals arrested by the police department for the condition of the station; and

WHEREAS: Many fire stations were built in the era of horse drawn fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS: These deplorable conditions can be found in every section of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: This City has not simply stood by and waited for state assistance, we have reconstructed and upgraded a number of fire houses throughout this city, constructed a new fire house and most recently constructed a joint public safety enhanced communications center; and

WHEREAS: This City has reached a point where state assistance, would enable this City to replace a police station, which is in serious condition, unable to meet the needs of this century, and clearly not prepared for the next century; and

WHEREAS: Representative Caron and Senator Jajuga, in both 1995 and 1996, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety, filed legislation for a program to help cities and towns address this issue; and

WHEREAS: It is anticipated that this legislation will be refiled for consideration in the 1997 Legislative session; now therefore be it

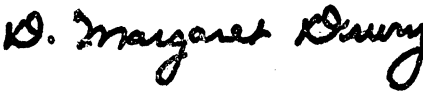
RESOLVED: That this City Council respectfully requests that its entire legislative delegation sign on in support of and work for the passage of legislation for a Police and Fire Construction Program, to aid this city and other cities and towns in addressing the critical need for a construction and/or reconstruction of police and fire stations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each member of our legislative delegation.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


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Born, Davis, DeHay, Goddard, Muccia, Reeves
Consent Order #6 Russell, Tormey

Councillor Sullivan re: Critical
need for a constructio and/or
reconstruction of police and
fire stations. CM-521

Triantafyllou

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ORDER ADOPTED