

In City Council

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WHEREAS there appeared in the Boston Herald on July 15, 1936, a report of a series of sensational charges alleged to have been made by the Chief of Police in the presence of newspaper men as follows:

- (1) That a prominent citizen, who purported to represent ~~Mayor~~ Lynch, last winter asked Leahy to permit a huge gambling establishment to continue to operate in East Cambridge. Leahy later personally raided the place, arresting 85 men.
- (2) That the Mayor had requested the transfer of a police sergeant who had interfered with the operation of a licensed "club", which Leahy says pays rent to the Mayor.
- (3) That the Mayor had refused to permit the Chief to transfer certain members of the Inspector's Bureau, because they were "good friends of His."
- (4) That the Mayor is interfering with other departments, besides police, that he has cowed certain city officials into inaction by holding a whip over their heads, and

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Press further reported that the Chief of Police "will reveal matters connected with the Mayor's office that will rock the city", and

WHEREAS after a private conference between the Mayor and the Chief of Police following the publication of these charges, both the Mayor and the Chief of Police alleged that they had been misunderstood and misquoted, and

WHEREAS the publication of said charges caused great injury to the standing and prestige of our City and has been most detrimental to the morale of the Police Department,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council appoint a committee of five members with the power to summon witnesses and make a complete investigation of said charges and make a full report to the City Council of the results of said investigation.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 15 members.

*Councillors Hiller, Mahoney, Delaney
Dee and J. J. Sullivan appointed*

Federick W. Burke

City of Cambridge

JUL 23 1936

Presented to the Mayor

Frederick H. Burke

Resolves
relative to the appointment of a
Committee of 5 members of City Council
to investigate charges made by Chief
of Police relative to interference by Mayor
in conduct of Police Dept.

Bill = 5
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