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SUMMARY OF HEALTH AND HOSPITAL

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee on Health and Hospitals met Friday, February 22, 1974 at 8:00 A.M. in the conference room of the Cambridge Hospital. Present at the meeting were Concillors Ackermann, Duehav and Vellucci, Dr. James Hartgering, Health Commissioner, Mr. Leslie MacLeod, Hospital Director, Mr. Daniel Greenbaum, staff person to the Committee, and Mr. Joseph E. Connarton, Assistant City Clerk.

The Committee heard from Dr. Hartgering and Mr. MacLeod regarding health care in general, and also the financial management of the hospital, specifically, budget cuts and current financial shortages. The Committee feels that that the shortages exist basically for two reasons:

(A) The deletion of \$800,000 from the original 1973-1974 budget, requested by the Health Commissioner, and

(B) The overall increase in hospital costs such as fuel, plastics, etc.

The Committee was told that the City of Cambridge annually spends \$3 million dollars more for operating costs than is received from hospital revenue. The Committee plans to find out why this happens and determine ways in which this gap can be closed.

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The Committee decided to meet weekly each Friday morning at 7:30 A.M. to discuss the upcoming budget of the Cambridge Hospital, and also during the months of April or May the Committee will discuss the City Infirmary, and the Health and Housing Code Enforcement programs.

Finally, the Committee unanimously agreed to introduce the following order:

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For the Committee

Barbara Ackerman, Chairman.

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