



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER

Calendar #3

IN CITY COUNCIL
December 27, 1976

Mayor Vellucci

WHEREAS:

The Cambridge City Council must make a very important decision concerning experiments involving recombinant DNA molecules, and

WHEREAS:

It has taken the Laboratory Experimentation Review Board nearly six months to complete the advisory report which we asked them to prepare, yet we are expected to review and act on this report within a matter of hours prior to the expiration of the moratorium on January 7, 1977, and

WHEREAS:

This subject is so important that the Council should not be forced to act in haste in that such action will undoubtedly lead to error and misjudgement, therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the moratorium on experimentation involving recombinant DNA molecules at the P3 and P4 level be extended in the City of Cambridge for an additional thirty days beginning at midnight on Friday, January 7, 1977.

In City Council January 5, 1977

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy".



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December 27, 1976

To The Honourable, The City Council:

Mr. Daniel Hayes, who serves as Chairman of the Cambridge Laboratory Experimentation Review Board, has informed me that his committee has completed its findings and is prepared to file its report.

On Wednesday evening, January 5, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Mr. Hayes will deliver the final report of the Committee and pass out written copies of same. Dr. Francis Comunale, Acting Commissioner of Health and Hospitals, will also be present to give his opinion and analysis of the final report.

This will be an open meeting in the form of a press conference, given the extraordinary curiosity which the media has shown concerning this report.

Mr. Hayes has asked me to extend a cordial invitation to the Mayor and the City Council, in the hope that you will be able to attend this meeting.

Very truly yours,

Richard E. McKinnon
Admin. Asst. to the Council



ALFRED E. VELLUCCI
MAYOR

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To The Honorable City Council:

Please be aware that the expiration date for the moratorium and review of DNA experimentation in the labs of Harvard and M.I.T. will be January 7, 1977.

The City Manager notifies me that the report of the Review Board will soon be coming forward for presentation to the City Council.

I have this day notified the City Manager to expedite the presentation of the Laboratory Experimentation Review Board.

If the Review Board investigatory report does not reach this City Council with reasonable time, I will be forced to request another moratorium of 3 months in order to properly study the contents of said report.

Also, be advised that I have conferred with Dr. Jonathan King of M.I.T., Dr. George Wald and Dr. Ruth Hubbard of Harvard with the thought of appointing them as my advisors to review the Review Board's report.

Inasmuch, as the eyes of the world are focused on Cambridge government as to what action will be taken, I recommend that we study this entire matter before any action is taken by this City Council.

Very truly yours,

ALFRED E. VELLUCCI
Mayor



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James L. Sullivan
City Manager
Cambridge, Ma.

Dear Mr. City Manager:

As you know, the expiration of the DNA moratorium will take place on January 7, 1977. Through a Council order introduced by me, you were authorized to appoint a group of citizens to review proposed DNA experimentation within the limits of the City of Cambridge.

As per our conversation of recent date, I learned from you that the Review Board is about to submit its final report.

As you are the chief executive of the City, I expect that the report will be delivered to Councillors before any public presentation is made. This should be done with ample time for study by Councillors.

I hope that the presentation will be made in a usual manner respecting the authority of the Council as the sole legislative body.

Cordially yours,

ALFRED E. VELLUCCI
Mayor



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Dr. Francis Comunale
Acting Health Commissioner
Cambridge Hospital
1493 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, Ma.

Dear Dr. Comunale:

As Acting Health Commissioner, you are empowered to protect the health and well-being of Cambridge citizens. As such you are the city official which the Cambridge Laboratory Experimentation Review Board is immediately responsible to. I firmly believe that it is the objective of CLERB to review the proposed DNA experimentation matter as fairly, impartially and as comprehensively as possible and to issue a report, providing adequate time for study by the City Council.

The primary mandate of the City Council as sole legislative body of the City of Cambridge is to propagate legislation insuring the safety and well-being of Cambridge residents. In order to accomplish this, the Council must be provided with information and proper time to digest such information so as to develop well-thought out, timely and intelligent legislation. If the CLERB releases its report on January 5, 1977 as has been announced, just two days prior to the expiration of the moratorium on January 7th, then I cannot see as to how the Council can live up to its obligation of issuing timely and responsible legislation. The eyes of the world are focused on Cambridge and the forthcoming Council actions. The City Council cannot and must not make hasty decisions.

It is my conviction that unless CLERB provides the Cambridge City Council with a report giving adequate time for careful consideration then, I have no choice but to insist that an additional 3 month extension of the moratorium be imposed providing the Council with the necessary time.

Very truly yours,

ALFRED E. VELLUCCI
Mayor



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Resolution #21
M. Vellucci re: DNA.

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