

City of Cambridge

Committee Report #1

MASSACHUSETTS

C. Duehay m.

In City Council

6-24

, 1996

Election of Donna Lopez as Deputy City Clerk

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				V.M. Kathleen L. Born
✓				Ms. Henrietta Davis
✓				Mr. Francis H. Duehay
✓				Mr. Anthony Galluccio
✓				Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves
✓				Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
② ✓			① ✓	Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mayor Sheila T. Russell

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City of Cambridge

The Government Operations Committee held a public meeting on June 20, 1996, beginning at 11:25 a.m. in the Ackermann Room for the purpose of selecting a candidate to recommend to the full City Council for the position of Deputy Clerk. Present at the meeting were Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Francis H. Duehay, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury.

Councillor Sullivan convened the meeting, which was originally scheduled for June 10, 1996, and at that time was recessed until June 20, 1996. Councillor Sullivan reviewed the process that the Committee has utilized in this matter. The position was posted and advertised by the Personnel Department. One hundred twenty eight resumes were received, and were distributed to all of the City Councillors, with a request that each member submit a list of six to eight candidates they believed should be interviewed. The Committee then interviewed the six candidates whose names appeared most on the lists of candidates members of the Council wanted interviewed. All City Councillors were invited to attend the interviews.

Councillor Sullivan then opened the meeting to nominations for the position. He noted that all of those interviewed were very talented. Councillor Duehay and Councillor Toomey agreed with his assessment. Councillor Toomey stated that he is very concerned with the residency ordinance, which he sponsored.

Councillor Toomey nominated John Kiely. Councillor Duehay nominated Donna Lopez.

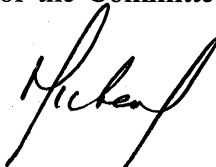
The Committee then proceeded to vote on the candidates, and as a result of the vote, the Committee agreed without objection to recommend that the City Council appoint Donna Lopez as Deputy Clerk of the City of Cambridge.

The Committee directed the City Clerk to forward the resumes of all of the finalists for the position to the City Manager for his review, due to the unusually high caliber of these applicants.

Councillor Duehay noted that the Committee had also discussed looking at the ordinance which governs the deputy clerk's position, with the view in mind of considering revisions to the unique termination requirements. He pointed out that not only is the requirement for a vote of six a different process than that which pertains to every other City employee, it makes no sense when the ordinance itself can be changed by a majority vote. It was agreed that this matter, along with the structure of the City Council office and the plans for a fall City Council informal meeting to discuss the City Manager's goals and objectives, would be discussed at the next meeting of the Government Operations Committee, on July 11, 1996 at 11 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

For the Committee,



Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair

A communication was received from
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk, transmitting
a report from Councillor Sullivan, Chair,
Government Operations Committee, for a meeting
held on June 20, 1996 regarding the position
of Deputy City Clerk.

In City Council June 24, 1996

Report Accepted.
Election of Donna P. Lopey
Deputy City Clerk by an unanimous
vote of nine members 9-0-0.