

City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
August 4, 2003

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with information on defibrillators use, training and funding from comparable cities and towns.

In City Council August 4, 2003
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

Vice Mayor Davis stated that CPR has some of the same life-saving capacity as a SAED. All police officers are required to have CPR training stated Superintendent Giacoppo. The Fire Department personnel are EMT trained stated Mayor Sullivan.

At the conclusion of the meeting Vice Mayor Davis submitted the following motion:

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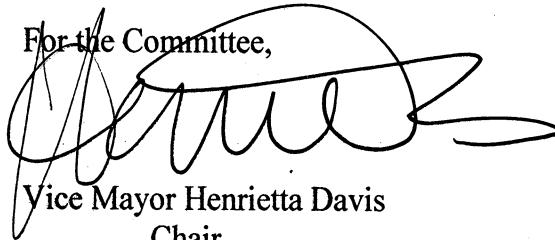
The motion –

Carried.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked all those present for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at three o'clock and forty minutes P.M.

For the Committee,

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Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis
Chair

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: There are only a limited number of Semi Automated External Defibrillators (SAED) located in the city and a limited number of personnel who are SAED trained and certified; and

WHEREAS: The need for additional SAED's and SAED trained and certified personnel may be increasing; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council refer to the Public Safety Committee the issue of further investigating additional public buildings and entertainment complexes to house SAED's and SAED trained and certified personnel.

In City Council February 24, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy:

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENT B

In City Council June 14, 1999

The Public Safety Committee conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at twelve o'clock and fifty minutes p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issue of requiring defibrillators in buildings.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Michael Sullivan, Chair, Councillors Henrietta Davis and Katherine Triantafillou, Fire Chief Kevin J. Fitzgerald, Lieutenant Mike Travers, Emergency Medical Technician, Cambridge Fire Department Rescue, Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Sullivan stated that he scheduled this meeting based on an article in the newspaper that placed defibrillators in municipal buildings and any building that is a public building.

Fire Chief Fitzgerald informed the committee that his department has a total of ten (10) defibrillators; one in each firehouse.

Councillor Triantafillou asked what is a defibrillator. Lt. Michael Travers, Fire Department Rescue, responded that a defibrillator is a device to deliver an electrical charge to a patient in various stages of cardiac problems. Councillor Triantafillou asked what was the cost of a defibrillator. Lt. Travers responded that the cost is between \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. He stated that there is a trend to install defibrillators in municipal buildings.

Councillor Sullivan inquired as to what buildings in the city contain defibrillators. Lt. Travers responded that Polaroid has defibrillators in their buildings. Councillor Sullivan asked if MIT and Harvard University have defibrillators. Lt. Travers responded that they do not have defibrillators to his knowledge.

Councillor Sullivan inquired if there should be a defibrillator in City Hall and should city staff be trained to operate a defibrillator. Police Commissioner Watson asked if there is a device that will not work if there is no rhythm. Lt. Travers stated that the device recognizes the shockable rhythm of the heart. The device will charge itself and will advise the rescuer to defibrillate. He further stated that sixteen (16) hours are required for training with an additional 6-8 hours of CPR training.

Councillor Davis asked how often have defibrillators been used. Chief Fitzgerald responded that a defibrillator was used at Lafayette Square. Lt. Travers stated that defibrillators are used weekly. In the last two weeks, he stated, he witnessed the devices used on three people.

Councillor Triantafillou asked why would defibrillators be put in public buildings. Lt. Travers responded that if an adult collapsed at City Hall, ventricular fibrillation is the only effective treatment. There is a 72%-80% chance of survival; this statistic decreases 10% every minute there is a delay.

Councillor Davis stated that trained staff is necessary. Lt. Travers stated that a group of people need to be trained.

Councillor Triantafillou requested more data from the Fire Department and Health Department including what other communities have placed defibrillators in their public buildings, what is the cost, the frequency of the problem and what is the health risk. Lt. Travers stated that defibrillators are an insurance policy and should be looked at in this vein.

Councillor Sullivan asked Lt. Travers where he has used the defibrillators. Lt. Travers responded in private homes.

Commissioner Watson stated that installing defibrillators in police cars presents a problem with training and retraining. Councillor Sullivan asked if every Police Officer was trained in CPR. Commissioner Watson responded in the affirmative. Councillor Sullivan asked if defibrillators were strategically located in some of the police cars. Commissioner Watson responded that defibrillators are not installed in police cars. Councillor Sullivan stated that dispatchers are now Emergency Medical Technicians.

Councillor Triantafillou requested that this hearing be continued for a few weeks to get the requested information from the Fire and Health Departments.

Lt. Travers stated that one defibrillator was needed for City Hall. Hospital personnel, he said, would be involved in the training of staff. The resources to handle the training are here, he said.

Councillor Sullivan asked if there was a defibrillator in the Senior Center due to the fact that there is a health clinic located at the Senior Center. Mr. Travers responded he did not know.

Councillor Sullivan requested that at the next meeting Lt. Travers, Fire Chief Fitzgerald, John O'Brien or his designees and personnel from the Emergency Room be invited to attend. Councillor Davis also requested that plans for training be presented at the next meeting.

The two motions carried on a voice vote.

Councillor Sullivan stated that the License Commission should require a defibrillator available for large gatherings. Lt. Travers responded that the American Heart Association suggests a defibrillator be available for gatherings over 10,000.

The meeting adjourned at one o'clock and eighteen minutes p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan
Chair

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PUBLIC SAFETY

In City Council August 4, 2003

COMMITTEE MEMBERS*Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair**Councillor David P. Maher**Councillor Timothy J. Toomey*

The Public Safety Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2003 at three o'clock and thirty minutes P.M. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss investigating additional public buildings and entertainment complexes to house Semi Automated External Defibrillators (SAED) and SAED trained and certified personnel.

Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor Davis, Chair of the Committee, Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, Michael Giacoppo, Superintendent of Police, Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner and Donna P. Lopez Deputy City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Davis convened the meeting and stated the purpose. This meeting was scheduled a result of Order Number Seven submitted by Mayor Sullivan on February 24, 2003 (**ATTACHMENT A**).

Mayor Sullivan informed the committee that a previous Public Safety Committee held a public hearing on June 2, 1999 on the issue of defibrillators in public buildings. The Fire Department outlined at that time the importance of one-minute of time in saving a person's life. A discussion occurred about the possibility of having defibrillators in police sector cars. Currently, he said, defibrillators are less costly, are more compact and easier to use. Defibrillators increase life expectancy and the quality of life. Mayor Sullivan requested that the 1999 Public Safety Committee Report be attached to this report (**ATTACHMENT B**). Every firehouse and fire apparatus have a defibrillator, he said.

Superintendent Giacoppo informed the committee that the Police Department has one AED. Training is very strict. Training is required four times a year. There are twenty-six defibrillators being used in the field by the Fire Department, none in use in the Police Department. The Regulation IV training will be changed to reduce the number of trainings required per year. He also noted the issue of liability. Public employees are not exempt from liability the same way as the general public. A police officer could not use a SAED, but a civilian could use the SAED and be covered.

Mr. Barnes stressed the need for uniformity throughout the city. Training provided should be similar to that provided at airlines so that the general public can use it. Statistics show that when an SAED is used it extends life.

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Committee Report #2

A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a meeting held on June 26, 2003 to discuss investigating additional public buildings and entertainment complexes to house Semi Automated External Defibrillators (SAED) and Saed trained and certified personnel.

In City Council August 4, 2003

**REPORT ACCEPTED
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SEE ORDER #47**