

City of Cambridge

In City Council October 29, 1979

The Special Sub-**Committee** on Council Chamber Renovations, comprised of Councillor Walter Sullivan, Chairman, and Councillors Lawrence Frisoli and Sandra Graham, met on October 22, 1979 and October 24, 1979 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The purpose of these meetings was to meet the architect involved with the renovations and discuss the status of the work project currently underway.

The Committee discussed at length the need for timely completion of the east wall in order to conduct the upcoming City Council inaugural ceremonies. The architect, Ms. Ann Beha, and Historical Commission Director Charles Sullivan indicated that much interior work had to be done on the four walls (painting, cleaning woodwork, etc.) and that the lighting and public address system should be given a hard look for repairs, upgrading or replacement. All of this, however, could not be done in time for inauguration.

Public Works Commissioner Conrad Fagone stated that prior to redoing all the walls in the Chamber, the entire electrical system had to be upgraded if new lights and a public address system is to be effective. Furthermore, he stated the need for a structural engineer to review the ceiling and beams above the Chamber. Commissioner Fagone stated that he strongly felt the City Council should temporarily hold off a major and time consuming renovation and restoration program until all alternative funding sources have been recruited. He specifically mentioned the possibility of a federal grant through Economic Development Administration for such a job.

Councillor Graham stated that she **Reports,** believed the City should put an application for such a proposal together as soon as possible. Both Councillors Frisoli and Sullivan agreed.

Ms. Beha stated that the low bid for painting the walls had come in at \$16,000. and that a delay would probably increase the price. Both she and Mr. Charles Sullivan urged that as much work as possible be done now through December.

It was agreed by the Committee to recommend to the full Council that the following be done:

1. Obtain a report by a structural engineer on the condition of the Chamber;
2. Paint and restencil the east wall of the Chamber immediately;
3. Wash the remaining three walls and clean the woodwork; and
4. The City Manager and Public Works Commissioner confer on the possibility of obtaining a federal grant for the total project.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 1979 at 8:00 a.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Walter Sullivan
Chairman

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