

At this time Mr. MacLeod, Hospital Director questioned the availability of funds to purchase new and additional x-ray equipment, at an approximate cost of \$500,000.

Assistant City Manager Healy responded by stating no money was currently available for such a purchase but it would be included in the bond issue in the fall for the power plant.

Both Councillors Vellucci and W. Sullivan stated that they were acutely aware of the need for this equipment and hoped that it could be purchased quickly.

Mr. Healy advised Mr. MacLeod to go forward and prepare the necessary specification and bid forms so that the paper work would be done in conjunction with the City Manager's request to the City Council for a bond authorization.

At this time, Ms. Herold, Coordinator of Human Services, reported that work has already been done to expand the Adult Day Care Center at 105 Windsor Street to allow for an additional 15 clients for a total of 39. She further stated that she has been discussing with Mr. MacLeod the possibility of sharing the cost of a Health/Human Services Planner who would work with both her department and the hospital.

Vice-Mayor Russell stated that he hoped that once the City Manager fills the newly created position of Assistant City Manager for Human Service Programs that all the needs of the city's elderly are addressed.

All members of the Committee agreed.

Councillor Vellucci requested that Mr. MacLeod prepare a job description for a Health/Human Services Planner and forward it to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

For the Committee,


Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci,
Chairman.

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... June 23, 1980

to which **The** City Council **Committee** on Health and Hospitals with
Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci, Chairman, Councillor Walter Sullivan and Vice-Mayor Leonard Russell present, held a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, June 18, 1980 at 8 a.m. in the Second Floor Board Room of the Cambridge Hospital.

Councillor Vellucci stated the purpose of the meeting was to receive a status report on the proposal to increase the number of beds at the Neville Manor by 30 as well as to discuss the future construction/bond authorization for a new power plant at the hospital.

He further stated that he had heard that the Commonwealth had reduced the number of allowable beds at the Manor.

Public Works Commissioner Fagone stated the state had in fact reduced the number of beds by 5, thereby approving only 25 additional beds. He further stated that the city was appealing that decision and asking for approval of 28 beds. The cost would be approximately \$350,000.

Councillor Vellucci stated that everything possible should be done to get the decision reversed and that the city administration should look into the possibility of constructing an additional nursing home or converting the Cahill Building.

He then questioned whether or not there would be a revenue surplus at the Manor by June 30, 1980.

Mr. Lynskey, the Neville Manor Administrator responded by stating that not only would there be no surplus but possibly a slight deficit.

At this time Councillor Vellucci questioned the status of the new power plant for the hospital

Commissioner Fagone responded by stating that both mechanical and architectural work was on going regarding the power plant, but it was somewhat more complicated than other such projects in view of the fact that the existing plant must remain in operation until completion of the new one. He further stated that the project will be ready for bids in September.

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Committee on Health and Hospitals.

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