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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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To the Honorable, the City Council:

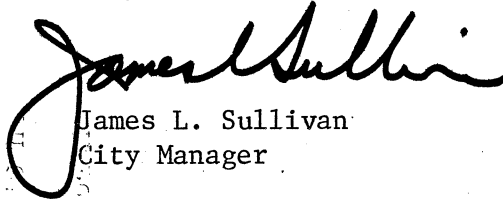
With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 4, the following information is provided on the status of various positions in the City Government:

1. Dr. Francis Comunale has been appointed Commissioner of Health and Hospitals until July 1, 1978. Dr. Comunale has accepted a position in California after having served as Commissioner of Health and Hospitals since July, 1976. The Health Policy Council has set up a screening committee to make recommendations to the City Manager on a replacement for Dr. Comunale.
2. It is the intention of the Administration to completely revamp the administrative procedures in the Purchasing Department and to work to computerize the process. At the present time Barbara Duffy, who has worked in the Purchasing Department for the past 25 years, is the Acting Purchasing Agent and is assisted in that function by Richard Rossi of the Water Department who is familiar with the financial systems that have been introduced in the City.
3. The Acting Superintendent of Recreation is John De-luise who is the senior member of that department, having served in that department for almost 40 years. At the time of the resignation of Paul Cowles I met with all of the Recreation Supervisors and indicated that I felt that the position of Superintendent of Recreation should not be a Civil Service position, but that there should be an Assistant Superintendent of Recreation under Civil Service for upward mobility in the department. This issue is intended to be addressed in the Budget deliberation before the City Council.
4. The License Commissioner position is vacant and will be readvertised in the near future.

5. The Police Commissioner position has not been established in the budget (only by ordinance) and funds for the position will be included in the upcoming budget.
6. Russell Higley is the City Solicitor of the City of Cambridge and there is no vacancy in that position.
7. The Rent Control Board is fully constituted with the exception of a vacancy for a landlord representative. I have spoken to the Property Owners' Association and many others who are attempting to obtain qualified applicants.
8. The Housing Authority has one carryover and one vacancy on the Board. Recommendations have been submitted to the City Council for approval.

I believe that this communication should clarify the request of the Council for information.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Agenda #11

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 4 re: status
of certain positions within the City.

In City Council,

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