



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

~~-January 7, 1991-~~
January 28, 1991

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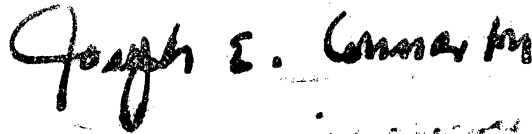
In City Council January 28, 1991.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
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REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE



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Alice K. Wolf
Mayor

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The Honorable Members of the City Council
FROM: Alice K. Wolf, Mayor *AKW*
DATE: January 2, 1991
RE: Consent agenda

I would like to propose we implement a consent agenda process for some of our City Council agenda. I believe this procedure will help us move more quickly through routine issues and give us more time for substantive discussion.

In other cities, consent agendas include memorial and congratulatory resolutions, routine communications, and sometimes uncontroversial notifications from the City Manager. All items on the consent agenda are voted on at once. These items are not discussed. However, any item can be removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate vote by request of a single City Councillor.

As you will note below, I suggest we add three consent agendas to our order of business:

City manager's consent agenda: routine appropriations, constable appointments, or other routine business to be determined by the City Manager

Communications consent agenda: routine notices and letters with appropriate action (e.g. to refer to City Manager), to be determined by the City Clerk

Consent agenda of City Councillors' motions, orders, or resolutions: resolutions commemorating anniversaries, deaths, or ceremonial occasions. City Councillors will specify which of their orders belong on the consent agenda.

I hope you will agree with me that the inclusion of consent agenda would help us stream-line our meetings.



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Mayor Wolf re: consent agenda.

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Rules Committee
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Order adopted
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In City Council Jan. 28 1991

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
Mr. Ed Cyr	✓				
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓				
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers	✓				
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves	✓				
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓				
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓				
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓				
Mayor Alice K. Wolf	✓				

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The City Council Committee on Rules conducted a public meeting on Thursday, January, 17, 1991 beginning at 8:05 a.m. at the Charles Hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss proposed amendments to the Council rules as offered by Mayor Alice Wolf, Members present were: Councillor Walter Sullivan, Councillor Francis H. Duehay and City Clerk Joseph Connarton.

Councillor Sullivan, Chair of the committee opened the meeting by stating he generally supported the proposed amendments given the fact that a consent agenda would serve to expedite the council meeting process by waiving the need for every item to be read: while still providing for all council business to be put on the cable networks for the viewing public.

Councillor Duehay stated he agreed and raised the following issues:

- 1) That each City Councillor clearly understand that they need to indicate to the City Clerk which council orders etc. are to placed on the consent agenda.
- 2) If an item within any of the consent agendas on which a member of the general public wishes to speak, that person or persons shall request a member of the City Council to make a motion to remove the item from the consent agenda and placed on the appropriate section of the agenda.

The Committee agreed that both of these points were worthy of note and should be considered by the full membership of the City Council.

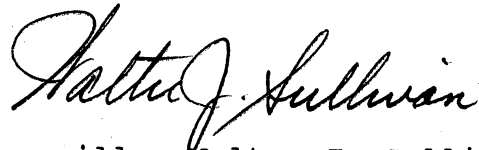
Councillor Duehay requested that the City Clerk double checks with the Law Department and Finance Department relative to roll call vote on appropriations.

Councillor Duehay moved, subject to any change regarding appropriation votes, to report the proposed amendment to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation.

The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05a.m.

For the Committee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter J. Sullivan".

Councillor Walter J. Sullivan,
Chairman

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from the Rules Committee for a hearing held on Thursday, January 17, 1991 to review and discuss proposed amendments to the City Council Rules. - *Consent Agenda*

In City Council,

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Report accepted

Amendments

Adopted

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