

City of Cambridge

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Councillor Duehay moved that the petition be referred to the City Council without recommendation and the motion - carried.

The hearing closed at 7:31 P. M.

Councillor Graham requested that the City Clerk and David Vickery inform the Planning Board of the comments of the City Council.

For the Committee,

Councillor Lawrence Frisoli
Chairman, Committee on Ordinances.

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... May 1, 1978

The Ordinance Committee

to which was referred the petition of James Fitzgerald to amend the map accompanying the text of the Zoning Ordinances from Residence C-1 and Business A-1 to Office - 1 in an area bounded by Prospect Street, Common Street and Harvard Street, after hearing held on April 26, 1978 the committee reports:-

That the Committee heard from the petitioner who owned the premises numbered 146-152 Prospect Street and outline his proposal to convert a five unit wooden frame structure into an office apartment building and to provide parking in a vacant lot at 146, now used as a throughfare - that no displacement of families would be involved.

David Vickery, Asst. City Manager for Community Development informed the council of the uses allowed in the proposed district and stated that the Planning Board would meet on April 27th to report on this matter and that no height change was included in the proposed use.

Councillor Graham stated that the council should not act without recommendations of the Planning Board that it was not good zoning to convert housing to office space, that the city needed more housing and that the conversion to office space would set a dangerous precedent.

Councillor Wylie stated that the area was predominantly residential and a rezoning would change the present character of the area and could constitute spot zoning.

The Chair declared the hearing for the proponents closed at 7:10 P. M. and called for the opposition.

Clark Fisher of 140 Prospect Street appeared and stated that the vacant lot at 142 Prospect Street now used as a parking lot would add to the traffic congestion together with other lots in the area that a special use had been granted in 1976 for the vacant lot with specific conditions regarding landscaping and parking that traffic conditions on Common Street would increase 200% changing the residential character of the area.

Clifford Truesdell of 29 Essex Street stated that the petitioner should negotiate a compromise with the residents and urged that the council reject the petition until negotiations take place.

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REPORT

**Committee on Ordinance on the petition
of James Fitzgerald.**

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- Petition tabled -
J. Calender per
May 8, 1978