

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

October 1, 1976

Traffic Board Meeting September 22, 1976

Present: Chairman Vincent Panico, Capt. Lawrence Brutti, Lt. Joseph Borelli, Deputy Chief Ernest Gelinis, George Teso, Fred Ceilineri, Lauren Preston, David Bryant, John Pitkin and Conrad Fagone.

1. Central Sq. Off-Street Parking

The Green Street Garage is available at a rate of \$35.00 per mo., 7 days a week. Goldberg is willing to rent his lot for \$18,000 per year and is available to the police officers. This figures out to be about 35 cents per man per shift. At the present time no parking is allowed after 6:00 PM.

2. Hyatt Hotel

The hotel is going to have parking problems. They have 400 parking spaces, 200 for employees and 200 for guests. As this hotel is going to cater to conventions, 200 parking spaces for guests is not nearly enough. During construction they were informed about this problem but went ahead with their original plan and have guests park on the streets. It has been suggested to the hotel management to try and get the MIT garage that is empty at night or the Badger Co. Lot which is available and shuttle guests to the hotel. As yet nothing has been done. At the present time, Amesbury Street has parking on both sides. Today we are going to remove parking from one side for safety and allow trucks to maneuver. By the end of the week, parking will be restricted on both sides except for an eight (8) cab Taxi-Stand on the hotel side between the hotel entrance and Vassar St.

3. Burger King

The Burger King Corporation is bringing suit against the Traffic Department and the City of Cambridge. Mr. Teso said he knew all about it and was ready.

4. Visitor Permits

Visitor permits are issued to doctors that have offices in resident parking areas. Three doctors in the city make house calls and we have issued permits to them. Very few visitor permits have been issued to attorneys; usually their offices are not located in residential areas. Some visitor permits are also issued to visiting nurses.

5. Tow and Hold Law

After two public hearings State Senator Lombardi is still holding up the Tow and Hold Law.

6. Resident Parking

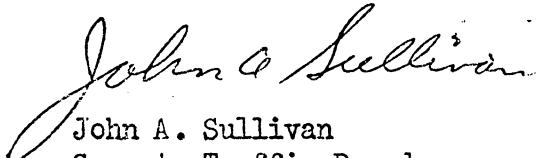
As of October 1, we intend to enforce the resident parking ban in all posted areas of mid-Cambridge. Before this time we plan to send out a press release and notify people in City Hall and the Annex.

7. Tickets

Between the Police Department and our parking control officers, the City issues approximately 35,000 tickets per month. This averages out to be about 2000 tickets per parking control officer. The problem is not the issuing of tickets but sending out summonses. The City plans to employ a girl to work at the court to help expedite the processing. Summonses up to 1974 should all be sent out by October 1. The summonses for 1972 and 1973 will be a one shot deal.

8. Chairman Panico asked if we could operate the Tow and Hold under the City Ordinance to tow out of state cars that have ignored five or more tickets. George Teso said he would talk to the court and see if we can get the process moving. Lt. Borelli and Captain Brutti both said they would cooperate in the effort.

The next meeting of the Traffic Board will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 1976 at 10:00 AM in the Traffic Dept. Conference Room, third floor of the City Hall Annex, Broadway and Inman Sts.


John A. Sullivan
Sec. to Traffic Board

Comm. from John A. Sullivan, Sec. to Traffic Bd.,
re: to the Traffic Board meeting on Sept. 22,
1976.

In City Council,
Oct. 18, 1976

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