

Mr. John Corcoran, representing Cambridge Electric Light Company stated although he would to say he was in a position to offer free electricity to the Center, unfortunately, he just could not do it. He further stated he endorsed the idea of a meeting with Speaker O'Neill since the greatest aid to the Center has come from the Federal Government.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

For the Committee,

Alfred E. Vellucci

Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci,
Chairman

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... August 3, 1981

The Human Services

Committee with Councillors Vellucci, Graham

and Wylie present, conducted a public meeting at the Cambridge Hospital on Thursday, July 30, 1981 at 9 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Emergency Service Center located at 240 Albany Street.

Councillor Vellucci, Chairman of the Committee, stated he called the meeting and invited those present due to the fact the Center will have to close November 30, 1981 since both state and federal aid will stop at that time.

At this time, at the request of Councillor Vellucci, Mrs. Caroline Bedell, Director of the Center outlined the past history and funding pattern of the Center including the number of patient visits, food allotments and overall expenditures incurred at the Center. She further stated that although the City Council unanimously adopted Councillor Vellucci's motion on June 8, 1981 endorsing the Center as well as several meetings with Senator Michael LoPresti no additional state aid seems to be forthcoming and the Center must close by November 30, 1981. She further stated her firm belief that the state welfare office should provide a per diem rate for each person who visits the Center.

At this time Councillor Graham suggested that Councillor Vellucci arrange for a meeting and tour of the Center with both Speaker O'Neill and Speaker McGee in an effort to provide both legislative leaders with a first hand knowledge of the facility which will close without their combined assistance.

Councillor Vellucci agreed to this idea and instructed the Deputy City Clerk to begin arranging such a meeting. He further stated he thought in the long term that something called "The Friends of the Center" who could make either monetary or material donations or in-kind contributions to the Center on order to keep it going.

At this time Mr. Walter Milni, Special Assistant to the Chairman of M.I.T. stated that the "Institute" leases this property for \$1.00 to the Center, and unfortunately there are some problems with residents around the immediate area in terms of some of the visitors to the Center congregating around doorways and/or sleeping under cars. He further stated that although the "Institute" supported this program in principle it does have to look at the problems related thereto.

At this time Councillor Vellucci raised the question of reassigning one or two persons from the hospital to work at the Center and stated he would review this with the Hospital Director, Mr. MacLeod.

REPORT

Committee on Human Services
Report submitted by Councillor Vellucci
regarding the survival of the Emergency
Service Center located at 240 Albany Street.

In City Council,

August 3, 1981

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Report Submitted

Deputy City Clerk

to

Arrange a meeting

with Mr. O'Neill

and Mr. McFee