

Mayor Sullivan stated that he would like to review the creation of the Assistant City Manager for Human Services. The Assistant City Manager for Human Services was a proposal offered by Councillor Vellucci who served as chair of the Human Services Committee. This proposal was ordained by a roll call vote of 6-3-0.

Mr. Drisdell stated that the Plan E Charter is structured so that all employees, except the City Auditor and the City Clerk, are under the direction of the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Davis noted that this proposal was referred to the Public Safety Committee pending a report from the Law Department to include the Inspectional Services Department and a report from the City Manager on the reorganization and a cost estimate. No report has been received from the City Manager. Therefore, she made the following motion:

ORDERED: That the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code establishing the position of Assistant City Manager for Public Safety remain in committee pending a report from the City Manager on the reorganization, coordination and cost estimate for the creation of the position of Assistant City Manager for Public Safety; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on the issue of coordination between relevant departments dealing with public safety.

The motion –

Carried.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked all those present for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at three o'clock and fifteen minutes P.M.

For the Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henrietta Davis', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis
Chair

City of Cambridge

PUBLIC SAFETY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor David P. Maher

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey

In City Council August 4, 2003

The Public Safety Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2003 at three o'clock and five minutes P.M. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issue of a new position entitled "Assistant City Manager for Public Safety".

Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor Davis, Chair of the Committee, Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, Donald Drisdell, City Solicitor, Nancy Glowa, Deputy City Solicitor, Michael Giacoppo, Superintendent of Police and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. A hearing was held on January 15, 2003 in the Ordinance Committee on this proposed amendment to the Municipal Code. At this meeting the Mayor made the motion to refer the proposal to the Public Safety Committee for additional hearings.

Mayor Sullivan stated the justification for the position and the need to unify departments especially in the area of homeland security. There is a real need for better communication within the public safety departments. There are no sub-section meetings held by the public safety departments. This proposal would bring all aspects under one umbrella.

Vice Mayor Davis questioned Mayor Sullivan about the emergency drill held three weeks ago. Mayor Sullivan responded that the drill went well. He informed the committee that an emergency disaster drill would be held on June 27, 2003. All departments have a part to play in this drill.

The committee heard from City Solicitor Drisdell regarding the inclusion of the Inspectional Services Department in the reorganization of the proposal. Chapter 143, Section 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws states that the Commissioner of Inspectional Services is to report directly to the City Manager. This proposed amendment creates a problem. The proposal is in conflict because it provides that the Commissioner of Inspectional Services report to the Assistant City Manager for Public Safety. Deputy City Solicitor Glowa also noted that Chapter 143, Section 3 uses the word "solely," not just "directly" to the appointing authority.

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Committee Report #3

A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a meeting held on June 26, 2003 to discuss the issue of a new position entitled "Assistant City Manager for Public Safety."

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**REPORT ACCEPTED
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