



City of Cambridge

8.
IN CITY COUNCIL

September 17, 1979

COUNCILOR FRISOLI
COUNCILOR PREUSSER
COUNCILOR VELLUCCI

WHEREAS:

The City of Cambridge is faced with an emerging crisis due to the increased cost of home heating fuel, the need for citizens to make cash payments, and the likelihood that many of our citizens will be unable to keep their homes warm this winter, therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be requested to set up an Emergency Fuel Fund which would be a revolving loan and grant program to be administered jointly and in partnership by a Board consisting of the city government, the business community, the institutional community, and the banking community, and be it further

ORDERED:

That he set down guidelines to assist needy families and individuals through loans or cash grants, and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Council hereby requests the City Manager to make a cash appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 as the city's contribution to this fund and as a challenge to the other participants of the partnership in the hope that they will respond in kind.

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City of Cambridge

6.
IN CITY COUNCIL

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COUNCILOR FRISOLI
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ORDERED:

That the City Manager be requested to request the Cambridge Housing Authority to set aside at least twenty-five (25) now vacant units to be available for families in distress this winter because of heating emergencies, and be it further

ORDERED:

That he be requested to direct the Commissioner of Public Works to make his work crews available to the Housing Authority so as to make these units ready for occupancy.

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7.
IN CITY COUNCIL

September 17, 1979

COUNCILOR FRISOLI
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COUNCILOR VELLUCCI

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be requested to take the necessary steps to insure that an Emergency Fuel Funding Hotline be established as quickly as possible to be organized by the Human Services Coordinator.

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

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September 20, 1979

REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Committee met at 10:00 AM in the Walnut Room on Monday morning, September 17, 1979.

Present were Councilors Preusser, Frisoli and Vellucci with Councilor Preusser chairing the meeting to discuss the subject of an Emergency Fuel Fund for this coming winter as well as other winters in all likelihood.

Also present:

Bob Healy	Assistant City Manager
Richard McKinnon	Council Staff
Carmen Besterman	M.I.T.
Jack Healy	Cambridge Community Services
Peter Smargon	Cambridge Family Y.M.C.A.
Richard Fahlander	Cambridge Community Development, Energy Division
Walter Little	Cambridge Community Development, Housing Division
Kevin Doherty	Department of Health and Hospitals
Gerald Bergman	Committee of Elders
Susan Wonderly	S.C.E.O.C.
Barbara Sullivan	Chamber of Commerce
Bob Molliker	Lt. Governor's Office

Councilor Preusser stated that the Committee did not want to usurp the work in progress of other agencies but desired instead to be sure that the city's attempt to cope with the emerging crisis was broad-based, coordinated and well run.

Walter Little suggested that the banking community, at their request, be allowed to help in ways they do best, by working at the administration of a program.

Councilor Vellucci stated that he had already contacted banks and found them to be willing and cooperative.

Bob Milliker noted that State and Federal funding and guidelines were still unclear but expected the State to commit nine million dollars and Federal money to arrive in early November. With considerable discretion left to the states, he regretted that the administration plans were truly favorable to colder states.

Councilor Frisoli suggested that for the time being, last year's guidelines should be followed.

Councilor Vellucci stated that some recipients did not want a gift or grant but preferred to pay back when their cash flow situation changed. Getting stuck with C.O.D. payments is for some only a temporary problem that nevertheless must be dealt with. As such, he suggested a loan and grant combination program.

It was decided that Council Order # 8 should be submitted. (Attached)

The need for a Hotline was unanimously felt.

Council Order # 7 was suggested. (Attached)

Councilor Frisoli proposed that Cambridge Housing Authority units be set aside for emergencies in spite of the red tape problems involved.

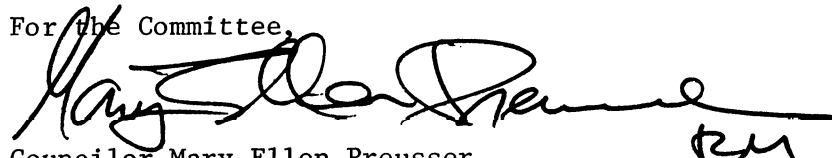
Council Order # 6 was suggested. (Attached)

The group also decided that the Committee should write to Harvard, M.I.T., and the Chamber seeking funding and cooperation.

Beyond this, it was decided to write directly to the Presidents of the major oil companies asking them to donate fuel to Cambridge through their distributors as a tax deduction.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

For the Committee,



Councilor Mary Ellen Preusser,
Chairperson

MEP/smc

Attachment (3)

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Report from the Human Service Committee
for meeting held September 17, 1979 re:
Emergency Fuel Fund.

In City Council,

Sept. 24, 1979

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