



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 1940

WHEREAS

Notice has been received from His Honor, the Mayor, of the death on September 29, 1940 of Walter C. Wardwell, a former Mayor of the City of Cambridge, it is fitting and proper that recognition be given the sad event.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Wardwell attended school in his native city and entered public life at an early age as a Page in the Virginia Legislature. Later when he came north with his family, he furthered his education in Boston, and was a resident of Cambridge for over sixty years.

In his youth, Mr. Wardwell was well known in militia circles and was a student of military science and tactics for over thirty years. He was with Company B 5th Regiment, later serving with the Artillery as sergeant, and still later Adjutant in the 1st Battalion of Cavalry.

He served for over ten years as a civil engineer in the City of Boston Sewer and Paving Departments. In 1895 he was elected to the Cambridge Common Council serving until 1897 when he was elected to the Board of Aldermen, later being its President. Mr. Wardwell was the first nonpartisan candidate for Mayor and was chosen to represent our city in 1907 and was re-elected in 1908.

Mr. Wardwell did not confine his activities to his adopted city, but served the County well in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff,

Court Officer, and finally County Commissioner which position he held for almost a quarter of a century, serving many years as Chairman.

During the busy years of his career as a public servant Mr. Wardwell found time to be active in social affairs as well and has been a Past Master of Mt. Olivet Lodge of Masons, Vice President of Boston Industrial Home; State Officer in the Grand Council, Legion of Honor, Director of Cambridge Gas and Electric Company, Member of Royal Arch Chapter, and the Cambridge Lodge of Elks.

Both the City of Cambridge and the County of Middlesex will greatly suffer the loss of this kindly and beloved man who was always so willing and eager to give of his time and energy for any cause that meant improvement in civic, social or political affairs. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That this City Council does hereby acknowledge the loss sustained in the passing of Walter C. Wardwell, former Mayor of the City of Cambridge and would have this tribute to his memory spread upon the records/

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*Adopted unanimously by
a rising vote*

Fred C. M. Burke City Clerk

Executive Department OCT 17 1940

Approved

John W. Lyons
Mayor

City of Cambridge

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Presented to the Mayor

for approval.

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JOHN W. LYONS, MAYOR

September 30, 1940

To the Honorable, the City Council:-

I have asked your Honorable Body to meet informally in special session at this time to announce to you with feelings of sincere sorrow the death of Honorable Walter C. Wardwell a dearly beloved fellow citizen and former mayor of the City of Cambridge which occurred at his home in this city on Sunday, September 29, 1940. At the time of his death he was the oldest living ex-mayor of Cambridge.

Mr. Wardwell was for a great many years prominent in business, social and political life of this community. During the years 1889 and 1900 he was a member and President of the Old Board of Aldermen. Subsequently he served the city faithfully and well as Mayor during the years 1907 and 1908.

He was also for many years Deputy Sheriff of Middlesex County and later County Commissioner for many years. At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Commission.

In all his public service he had in mind only the sincere good of the community. I recommend that, if it suits the members of your Honorable Board, that you will appoint a committee to attend the funeral services to be held at First Congregational Church, Cambridge, Tuesday, October 1st at 2:30 P.M. I sincerely recommend that you also adopt suitable resolutions as a tribute of respect to his memory in which action I shall, of course, join.

Respectfully yours,

MAYOR

COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor, ~~transmitting~~
~~one from recommending that a~~
Committee of the City Council be
appointed to attend funeral of Hon.
Walter S. Waddwell; also that a
Committee be appointed to draw
up suitable resolutions on the
death of Walter C. Waddwell.

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Referred to Special Committee on Resolutions

Councillors: - Roche - Sene - Sullivan
Pitt - Toomey - Winslow and Parker.

Albert T. Doyle City Clerk

City of Cambridge

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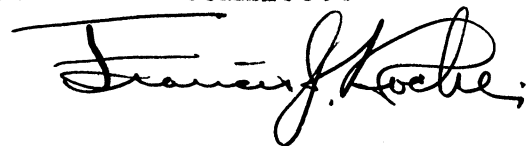
Committee On Resolutions

to which was referred communication from His Honor, the Mayor, transmitting notice of death of Walter C. Wardwell, a former Mayor of the City of Cambridge

Reports,

Recommending the adoption
of the accompanying resolution relative to the same.

For the Committee

Francis J. Roche;

REPORT

Committee on

Resolutions

*Recommending
adaption of Resolu-
tion on death of
Walter C. Gardwell*

Oct. 15, 1948