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Date: February 14, 1997

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Benjamin Barnes, Chairman

Re: Old Cambridge Baptist Church Update and
City Council Order #080, dated 1/6/97

This is to update as per the order above on the Old Cambridge Baptist Church hearing which was held on February 11, 1997 on the incident of January 4, 1997.

The Commissioners received the report of the police on the incident and heard from the mother of the victim. The church was represented by Kelly O'Connell, Rev. Irving Cummings and head Deacon Jim Wallace. The church has submitted a new procedure for screening applicants to use the building and a list of requirements is attached with this letter.

The concern lies with the lack of supervision during events and the previous lack of screening of applicants by the church. Neighbors are concerned that the church is becoming a nightclub as the church is rented out almost every weekend for events. The Commission is concerned with regard to the requirements for zoning with entertainment on a constant basis and the policy of not issuing more than three or four one-day entertainment licenses per month to one entity. If the events are held on a consistent basis this is more in line with an annual licensee.

The Commission will vote on this hearing on Thursday, February 27, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.. In the meantime, the church is still calling our office with a list of events they have scheduled between now and February 27th. The Commission voted not to allow any licensed event until they vote on February 27th but will consider each event on a case by case basis should it cause hardship.

cc: Commissioner Ronnie Watson; Captain Henry Breen; Chief Kevin Fitzgerald; Andrea Boyer, Chief Investigator; Henderson Headley, Investigator; Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer

Requirements for Building Use of Old Cambridge Baptist Church

1. All licenses required for your event must be obtained from the Cambridge License Commission. An alcohol license is required for any event serving and/or selling alcoholic beverages. An entertainment license is required for any event where an admission fee or cover charge is required for entrance. Copies of the required licenses must be submitted to the Parish Administrator to receive the keys for your event.
2. The maximum capacity of the Parish Hall is 150 people and the capacity of the Dining Room is 75 people. These limits will not be exceeded during your event.
3. If you are serving alcohol and/or your event lasts beyond 11:00 PM, you are required to have a security person or police detail present during the event. This person will seek you out when he or she arrives at 8:00 PM and will be present for the duration of the event.
4. All music must be shut off by 12:30 AM. If the music is audible from 50 feet away from the church, it is too loud and must be turned down. It will be your responsibility to ensure that music is kept to an acceptable level at all times.
5. All guests or patrons must leave the building and property by 1:00 AM. The doors will be locked to prevent re-entry at that time. It is your responsibility to ensure people are not only out of the building but off the property as well. The building will be closed at 2:00 AM. Clean-up must be completed by that time.
6. Copies of any advertisement for the event must also be submitted to the Parish Administrator with the completed Application for Building Use and any required City of Cambridge licenses.

I agree to observe all of the above requirements and realize that failure to comply with the above may result in the full or partial loss of my late fee and security deposit or the cancellation of my event.

Name _____ Date _____



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Mr. Robert W. Healy
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subject: City Council Order #80, dated 1/6/97

Sir:

In reference to incident at 1151 Massachusetts Avenue, the Police Department has met with the License Commission to discuss ways to avoid such situations in the future. The event was held without the application or issuance of a one-day license.

The License Commission has agreed to notify and forward a copy of all issued one-day licenses to the Operations Division. The Police Department is recommending that all one-day licenses stipulate a limit on the number of participants and the need for a detail officer regardless of whether liquor is being offered at the event. The Police Department is also recommending that a full License Commission hearing be held before the issuance of a one-day license to any applicant who has previously violated any licensing rules or whenever a person has been injured at a previously sponsored event by the applicant.

The Police Department will continue to work cooperatively with the License Commission in order to ensure that a repeat of the 1151 Massachusetts Avenue incident will not occur.

Ronnie Watson
Police Commissioner



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February 24, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 19, regarding an incident at 1151 Massachusetts Avenue, please find attached responses submitted by Benjamin Barnes, License Commission Chair, and Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls
Attachment

Consent Agenda #10

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Relative to; Awaiting Report Item
Number ~~Nineteen~~ regarding an incident
at 1151 Massachusetts Avenue.

In City Council February 24, 1997

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