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January 30, 1997

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SC*

SUBJECT: Council Order #002 dated 1/6/97

RE: Three accidents in a 48 hour period in the East Cambridge area

Cambridge Street and Sixth Street has one reported accident from January 1, 1994 to January 1, 1997, in which case, the reports conflict. One driver claims they were both taking a right and one claims he was parking and one was taking a right.

Spring and Sixth experienced seven accidents in the same 3 year period. All claim accidents were due to vehicles running a stop sign. Accidents were distributed evenly on all approaches.

Gore and Third Street had 13 accidents in this same three year period. Vehicles exiting Gore eastbound were the problem. This section of Third Street has three travel lanes and connects the McGrath Highway to Cambridge and leads directly to the courthouse. It is a highly congested area and feeds many desire lines. Our Department is beginning a review of Third Street to improve safety. Gore Street is one of the intersections that we are focusing on. In addition, we will review the East Cambridge residential neighborhood to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. Until improvements can be made in these areas, we will continue to strictly enforce all traffic regulations.



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subject: City Council Order #2, dated 1/6/97

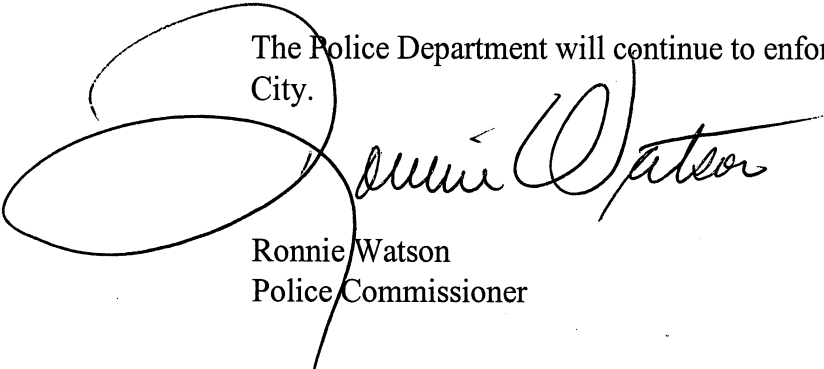
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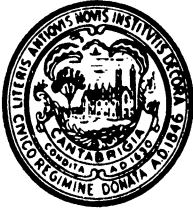
A review of the Cambridge Police Department's records indicates an accident was reported on January 4, 1997 at the intersection of Gore & Third Streets. The driver on Gore Street was reading street directions and failed to obey the stop signal. the driver was issued a citation.

The Department's records do not indicate accidents being reported at the intersections of Cambridge & Sixth Streets and Spring and Sixth Streets within a 48 hour period of the above accident.

A pedestrian was struck by a motor vehicle on December 19, 1996 at 4:30 p.m. on Cambridge Street between Third and Sciarappa Streets. It was dark and raining heavily. The pedestrian, wearing earphones, stepped out onto the street from between two parked vehicles without looking. According to witnesses, it was not possible for the vehicle to stop.

The Police Department will continue to enforce all moving violations throughout the City.


Ronnie Watson
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February 10, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number Seventeen, regarding safety issues at the intersections of Cambridge Street and Sixth Street; Gore Street and Third Street; Spring Street and Sixth Street; Sciarappa Street and Cambridge Street, please find attached reports from Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson and Susan Clippinger, Director Of Traffic, Parking and Transportation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/dls
attachments

Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Seventeen, regarding safety issues
at the intersection of Cambridge Street
and Sixth Street; Gore Street and Third
Street; Spring Street and Sixth Street;
Sciarappa Street and Cambridge Street.

In City Council February 10, 1997

*Referred back
to City Manager
on the motion of
Councillor Toomey.*