



# City of Cambridge

CALENDAR NO. 4

6.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 1980

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that much discussion within political circles has taken place since election day, November 6, 1979, relative to the splitting of the two year term of the Mayor; that is, that the term be split into two one year terms, said terms being shared by the Mayor and Vice-Chairman, each serving one year; and
- WHEREAS: This proposed arrangement continues to emerge after the city election and has been discussed ever since the adoption of the Plan E form of government; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the City Solicitor to conduct a comprehensive research project studying the Plan E Charter and all rules, laws and ordinances relative to this matter including the seeking of a court decree if necessary to determine the legality of any arrangement to split the Mayoral term in order for this City Council to determine once and for all whether or not this can be done; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That among the question to be answered are:
- 1) If the Mayor resigns the position of Mayor after being duly elected by the City Council, does the Mayor forfeit his Council seat?
  - 2) If the answer to question #1 is yes, then must the City Council declare that seat vacant?
  - 3) If the Council does declare the seat vacant, must the City Council request the Election Commission to make a count of the ballots to fill the vacancy?
  - 4) Must the City Council proceed to the election of a new Mayor?
  - 5) Since the Plan E Charter states that in the absence of the Mayor the Vice-Chairman will preside at Council meetings, what effect does that have in relation to filling the vacancy on a permanent basis?
- and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to report his findings and legal opinion on these questions as soon as possible in order to clear any doubts that may exist in the minds of the Cambridge electorate.

In City Council January 28, 1980

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

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Order #6

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C. Vellucci re: studying the Plan E Charter  
re: splitting of the two year term of the  
Mayor.

In City Council,

January 21, 1980

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A 1/28/1980  
Motion of C. Vellucci  
Order Adopted by  
Voice Vote  
Chair on Right  
By C. Vellucci  
1/22/1980