



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James Leo Sullivan
City Manager

Date July 10, 1978

From Leo F. Davenport
Chief of Police

Reference Pilot
Mounted Police Program

Subject

Dear Sir:

In regard to this matter, may I draw to your attention that said program, although very good for public relations purposes, would create a large financial drag upon the budgetary process of the Cambridge Police Department.

I enclose herewith minimal information secured by members of this Department as a result of contact with the Boston Police Department which reflects the fact that in order to maintain a Horse Program, the original outlays of money would be somewhere in the vicinity of \$ 34,000.00 for the necessary equipment, such as, helmets, boots, grooming and the like and on top of it, it would necessitate the hiring of personnel to maintain said equestrians, such as, a Hostler, who, I am sure, would not work for less than \$ 11,000.00 per year and who must be very familiar with the overall operation and manner in which horses should be handled.

Then, we come to the fact that in order to have three (3) horses there would be the question of the salaries of the Officers involved and under our new contract obligations, Officers would not work for less than \$ 17,000.00 a year multiplied times three and there is always that possibility with days off and the like, we would have to add a fourth Officer in there and when you break that down, you're talking in the area of \$ 68,000.00 for that and that alone together with the fact that prior to the inception or at the beginning of an inception of a program of this type, it will be necessary for eight (8) weeks training each Officer with a certified handler in order to conform with the dictates of this Commonwealth. Figures relative to said schooling are not available at this point in time and according to the Boston Police, it may well be that we would have to put together our own schooling program which would cost additional monies.

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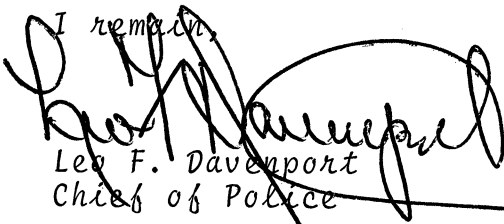
Then, we come down into the actual construction of a stable and where would we construct this stable? At this point in time, the only feasible area one could think of in regard to maintaining it and being away from the public and where actually the public could come and visit to look at the horses because, as you are well aware, it is a Public Relations Program we're talking about, it would be more than likely very, very wise to set it up at Fresh Pond in the Golf Course area which would leave adequate parking, it would be a free open area.

Now, in order to construct a stable, according to the Boston Police Department, one has to think along the lines of heat, light, water, disposal of materials, and an exercise area. Further, I draw to your attention, that during the winter months, there must be a cleared area so that they can exercise, when and if they are not to be used on the street for crowd control or traffic control or the like.

All in all, Mr. Manager, we're talking about a large outlay of monies, time and personnel, somewhere in the vicinity of a rough figure, I would say, somewhere like \$ 140,000.00 - 150,000.00.

I, myself, at this time, feel that it is not necessary for the purpose of having horses used for patrolling the City, itself. Bearing in mind, Mr. Manager, that utilization of the Honda motorscooters that we have, have not been used to the utmost nor have our motorcycles, which also were part of an L.E.A.A. funding process been used to their full extent and we look forward to obtaining the most we possibly can out of personnel and equipment and I see no 100% use, at this point in time, in regard to a Horse Program.

I remain,


Leo F. Davenport
Chief of Police

LFD:smp

EXPENDITURES OF MONIES NEEDED

	<u>ONE</u>	<u>THREE</u>
Horses	\$ 1,000 - 1,200	\$ 3,600.00
Saddle - stirrups - leather	900	2,700.00
Trim Blankets		
Summer - \$ 30.00		
Winter - 50.00	80.00	240.00
Helmet	20 - 40	120.00
Boots	50 - 80	240.00
Gloves	14	42.00
Raincoat and Uniform	240	720.00
Feed - Shoeing - Vet	1,500 per year	4,500.00
Grooming Equipment	250	250.00
Brushes		
Buckets		
Sait Tabs		
Two Horse Trailer	2,400	2,400.00
Heavy Duty Hitch	300	300.00
Truck or Jeep	8,100	8,100.00
Hostler	11,000 per year	<u>11,000.00</u>
		\$ 34,212.00
Officers Salaries - 4@ \$ 17,000.00 per year		68,000.00
Stable Construction, Maintenance and Transportation Costs		?
Eight weeks training with a Certified Handler		?



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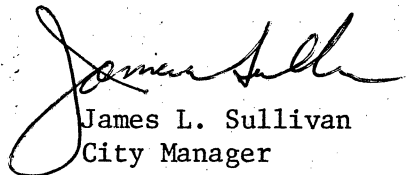
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 18, 1978

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 6 regarding a pilot mounted police program, enclosed is a report from Leo F. Davenport, Chief of Police, recommending against such a program, primarily due to the increased costs involved.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Enc.

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 6 re: pilot
mounted police program.

In City Council,

September 18, 1978

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