



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 1987

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: According to the attached letter, an annual swimming pass to the War Memorial costs \$100, all of which must be paid up front; therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Recreation Division of the Department of Human Service Programs to consider methods for spreading this annual payment over the term of the pass without substantially increasing its amount, and to report in writing to the City Council as soon as possible.

In City Council November 9, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

21 Watson St.
Cambridge, MA 02139

November 1, 1987

Cllr. David Sullivan
Cambridge City Council
795 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Cllr. Sullivan:

Recently, I decided to go to the War Memorial Pool, run by the city Recreation department, to begin swimming on a regular basis. I discovered that, for a resident of Cambridge, a pass to the pool costs \$20/month, \$60 for 6 months, and \$100 for one year.

I understand the rationale for making a longer term pass cheaper, but for many people, myself included, it is very difficult to lay out that kind of money all at once. I would have bought a years pass, except that I can't afford to pay \$100 in one chunk just to swim.

It seems to me that it would be quite easy for the Rec. department to allow people to pay for the longer term passes over the course of several months. I would not even mind paying a few dollars to cover the costs of the additional paperwork that would be involved. This would enable someone on a tight budget like me, to benefit from the long term cost savings of buying a yearly swimming pass. Over the course of a year, it would cut the monthly cost from \$20 to \$8.50. This is a considerable savings.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter, and any help you could give would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,


Mike Friedman

Order #9

F-619

C.D. Sullivan order re: City Manager to request the Recreation Division of the Human Services Dept. to consider methods to spread the annual payment over the pass term for a War Memorial swimming pass.

In City Council,

November 9, 1987

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C.D. Sullivan

Order Adopted

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