

City of Cambridge

The Government Operations Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 1996 beginning at 10:45 a.m. in the Ackermann Room for the purpose of considering the applicants interviewed by the Committee for the Deputy Clerk position and to discuss the staffing structure for the Council employees. Present at the meeting were Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Francis H. Duehay, Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury.

Councillor Sullivan convened the meeting. It was agreed that the matter of the Deputy Clerk position would remain in committee pending further discussion.

Councillor Sullivan then turned the discussion to the staffing structure for Council employees. It was agreed that discussion of the vacant position in the City Auditor's office would be post-poned because the City Auditor was not able to be present at this meeting.

Discussion then moved to the staffing structure of the City Council office. Councillor Sullivan noted the lack of clarity as to the structure of the office. It is not covered by ordinance. Councillor Toomey pointed out that City Council assistant assumes a great deal and a great variety of responsibility and queried whether she was or was not a department head. Councillor Duehay suggested clarifying the structure by an ordinance that would set out the Council office as a specific department with a department head position; and a second position which reports to the department head. The department head would report to the Government Operations Committee.

It was agreed without objection that the committee will request for its further consideration a draft ordinance establishing the City Council office as a separate department with two employees a department head who reports to the Government Operations Committee and a second employee who reports to the department head.

For the Committee,



Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair

Report from Councillor Sullivan,
Chair, Government Operations Committee,
on a meeting held on May 22, 1996
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In City Council June 3, 1996

*Report Accepted by an
affirmative vote of
9 members.*