



City of Cambridge

In City Council

November 24, 1931.

WHEREAS:-

Patrolmen James D. Russell, attached to Police Station No 2, is a police officer of the City of Cambridge duly appointed according to law, ~~or~~ and

WHEREAS:-

Patrolmen James D. Russell of Station 2 is now and has been since the police shift made by the present Administration in June of this year been assigned to Route No 11, which covers territory in the Ward 2 district, of which I am the elected representative to this body, and

WHEREAS:-

Patrolman James D. Russell of Station 2 has been in that district as a police officer and a constable for about twenty years, and

WHEREAS:-

During the administration preceding the present administration through my efforts in fulfillment of a promise I made to the citizens of Ward 2 in conducting my campaign for election to the office I now hold I succeeded in having him removed from the Ward 2 district, and

WHEREAS:-

Since that time he has ~~remained~~ connived and contrived and succeeded in getting into the good graces of those higher up in the present administration by opposition to the past administration, and

WHEREAS:-

He publicly declared that he would come back into the Ward 2 district despite the fact he is not wanted there save by those who are beneficiaries of his corrupt favors, and



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WHEREAS:-

Officer James D. Russell has a very uncomplimentary court record before he became a police officer, and

WHEREAS:-

Incidents involving innocent parties, which are too putrid to mention in a public document, have attended his career as a police officer, and, previously as a public official, throughout the city and especially in that section he now patrols are matters of general and common knowledge, and

WHEREAS:-

All these things are known to those who are presumed to study public affairs having been reviewed on the ~~first~~ floor of this City Council Chamber when he was pronounced morally unfit to be a public officer and was refused confirmation by the then Board of Aldermen as a City Constable after a three night public hearing when twenty-five reputable Cambridge citizens appeared against him, and

WHEREAS:-

During the time he has patrolled the present district he now patrols he had disregarded every rule of law and has proven himself to be devoid of every vestige of human decency and fairness, and

WHEREAS:-

He has used this authority given him by virtue of his position, to brutalize petty violators of the law, and

WHEREAS:-

He has been denounced by members of the Kendall Square Business



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Men's Association, and

WHEREAS:-

Patrolman James D. Russell of Station 2 has been a corrupting and degrading influence on the Ward 2 district to which he has been sent to protect the lives and property of citizens, and

WHEREAS:-

Patrolman James D. Russell of Station 2 is morally unfit to be a police officer of the City of Cambridge, therefor be it

ORDERED:-

That His Honor the Mayor, in the name of all that is decent and fair to the City and its citizens, rid Ward 2 of the degrading and demoralizing presence of this police officer, when by his action he has returned to the Ward 2 district from which the past administration convinced of his evil ways saw fit to remove him by removing him.

And be it further

ORDERED:-

That His Honor the Mayor set in motion the machinery for a complete investigation of patrolman James D. Russell of Station 2, for the purposes of removing him as a police officer of the City of Cambridge, which this order would call for this City Council to do if the time remaining of its tenure of service were sufficient to warrant its completion of such investigation which would result in the discharge of patrolman James D. Russell of Station 2.

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 10 members.

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk.



City of Chicago

IN CHARGE

Order
relative to investigation
of Patrolman James D. Russell
of Police Station #2 by
His Honor the Mayor.

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Nov. 24, 1931

D. J. Murphy