

*Adjournment By Sullivan*  
**City of Cambridge**

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council May 4 1972

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|  | Mr. Danehy      | ✓   |     |        |  |
|  | Mr. Duehay      |     | ✓   |        |  |
|  | Mrs. Graham     |     | ✓   |        |  |
|  | Mr. Moncreiff   |     | ✓   |        |  |
|  | Mr. Owens       |     | ✓   |        |  |
|  | Mr. Sullivan    | ✓   |     |        |  |
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|  | Mayor Ackermann |     | ✓   |        |  |
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## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Barbara Ackermann  
Mayor

We have forty-seven written reports from those who participated in interviewing City Manager candidates.

Forty participants listed the candidates in order of preference. Of these, twenty-six listed Neil Peterson either first (21) or tied for first (5). The second-ranking candidate had seven first preferences and two ties for first.

Of the seven participants who did not express a preference, all commented favorably on Mr. Peterson.

He was described as "farsighted," "energetic," "aggressive," "direct and positive," "sophisticated in methods," "flexible" and "an exciting prospect".

Citizen panelists felt that Mr Peterson possessed "experience in finance and budget," "an immense amount of knowledge in what it takes to run a city," "accessibility" and "the capacity for good relations with people."

Some of the unfavorable comments on Peterson were: "shallow," "impractical experience," "too young" and "too inexperienced." One panelist said, "Unless Peterson had outstanding references from New Brunswick" (where he served as City Administrator), another candidate would be preferable.

In summary, there appeared to be a clear consensus that if Mr. Peterson's references checked out thoroughly, he would be by far the most acceptable candidate. Accordingly, three members of the City Council went to New Jersey to investigate Mr. Peterson's background. I understand their impression was unanimously favorable.

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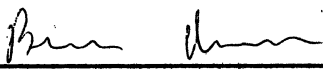
# City of Cambridge

April 28, 1972.

Sir:-

You are hereby notified to attend a SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council on Thursday, May 4, 1972 at 9:00 P. M. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

By order of Her Honor the Mayor,

 Mayor.

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The meeting is called for the purpose of hearing and acting on a report of the progress of a search for a new City Manager.

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Notice of Special Meeting on May 4,  
1972 at 9:00 P. M.