



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 7a

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1992

COUNCILLOR ALICE WOLF

ORDERED: That a license is hereby granted to Myron Schippens, General Manager of Old Town Trolley of 329 West Second Street, South Boston, Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 159A of the Massachusetts General Laws for the operation of two sightseeing trolley busses over the following public ways in the City of Cambridge:-

Cambridge Street from O'Brien Highway to First Street

First Street from Cambridge Street to Main Street

Main Street from First Street to Broadway

Broadway from Main Street Mid-Block Connector

Mid-Block Connector from Broadway to Main Street

Main Street from Mid-Block Connector to Massachusetts Avenue

Massachusetts Avenue from Main Street to Garden Street

Garden Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Waterhouse Street

Waterhouse Street from Garden Street to Massachusetts Avenue

Massachusetts Avenue from Waterhouse Street to Garden Street

Garden Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Mason Street

Mason Street from Garden Street to Brattle Street

Brattle Street from Mason Street to Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Mt. Auburn Street from Mt. Auburn Cemetery to University Place

University Place from Mt. Auburn Street to Bennett Street

Bennett Street from University Place to Eliot Street

Eliot Street from Bennett Street to John F. Kennedy Street

John F. Kennedy Street from Eliot Street to Memorial Drive

Pleasant Street from Memorial Drive to Entrance to Hotel

Magazine Street from Memorial Drive to Granite Street

Granite Street from Magazine Street to Brookline Street

Brookline Street from Granite Street to Memorial Drive

Amesbury Street from Memorial Drive to Vassar Street

Vassar Street from Amesbury Street to Main Street to Galileo Galilei Way

Third Street from Broadway to Binney Street

Binney Street from Third Street to First Street ; and be it further

ORDERED: That this license be granted with the following provisions:-

1. That the seating capacity of the buses be limited to thirty-two passengers and not more than 2 buses;
2. That the Director of Traffic and Parking will designate in writing appropriate areas for the buses to pick up and discharge passengers in Harvard Square, the Longfellow House, the Museum of Science, the Sonesta Hotel, the Hyatt Regency Hotel, the Sheraton Commander Hotel and the Charles Hotel; and
3. That no stops other than those designated above be used for the pick-up or discharge of passengers and not be prevented from bringing passengers from Boston to Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council reserves the right to revoke the license granted in the event of the breach of any conditions outlined above.

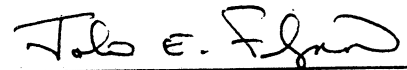
In City Council April 6, 1992.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote
yeas 9; nays 0; absent 0.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk

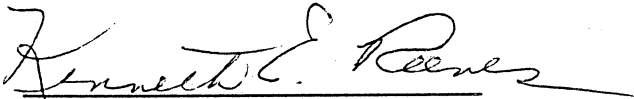
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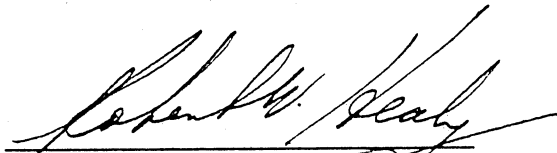
John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk

Approved by Mayor



Kenneth E. Reeves, Mayor

Approved by City Manager



Robert W. Healy, City Manager



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 7b

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1992

COUNCILLOR ALICE K. WOLF

ORDERED: That a license is hereby granted to Norman R. Roy, General Sales Manager, Checker Cab Company, of 103 Fulkerson Street, Cambridge, MA under the provisions of Chapter 159A of the Massachusetts General Laws for the operation of a 10 passenger shuttle service between 10 Fawcett Street and the Alewife T Station to be known as "10 Fawcett Street Shuttle" over the following public ways in the City of Cambridge:-

The shuttle will leave 10 Fawcett Street, turn left onto Concord Avenue to the Fresh Pond Rotary proceeding West on Route 2 to the Alewife T station. As the lights on Route 2, the van will turn left onto Cambridge Park Drive and the first right into the T station pick-up area. Pick-up and drop-off will be made at the designated pick-up/drop-off area at the T station; and be it further

ORDERED: That this license be granted with the following provisions:

1. That the seating capacity of the busses be limited to 10 passengers;
2. That the shuttle operate between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between the Alewife T station and 10 Fawcett Street on 15 minute intervals.
3. The van is restricted to the above stated route and that no pick-ups or discharges of passengers will be made other than at 10 Fawcett Street and the Alewife T station; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council reserves the right to revoke the license granted in the event of the breach of any conditions outlined above.

In City Council April 6, 1992.

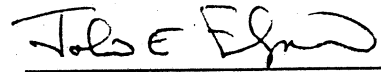
Adopted by a ye and nay vote

yeas 9; nays 0; absent 0.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk

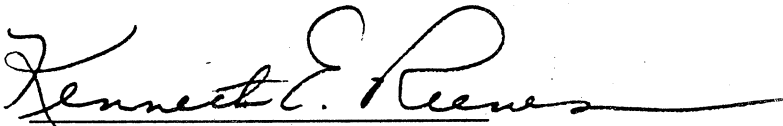
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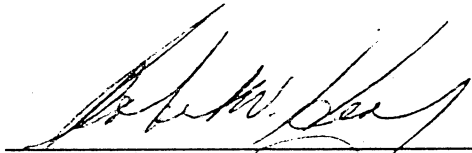
John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk

Approved by Mayor

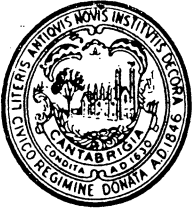


Kenneth E. Reeves, Mayor

Approved by City Manager



Robert W. Healy, City Manager



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Commission Chairman

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Chief-of-Fire Department
Commission Member

HENRY BREEN
Police Representative
Commission Member

RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer

Date: April 1, 1992

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer *RS*

Re: Jitney applications

This is to inform you that the License Commission held a special meeting On March 31, 1992 with regard to the two pending jitney applications which are currently before the City Council.

The License Commission is required to hold a hearing on jitney applications and make a recommendation to the City Manager to be submitted to the City Council, pursuant to Ord. 5.20.360B. In the future, this Commission will include these applications on its regular agenda. Notification has been and will be by newspaper advertisement in the Chronicle and Tab; our regular agenda mailing list of neighborhood groups, city departments, city councilors and interested parties; all radio services to announce over the air; all independent cab owners by mail; all hotels and handouts at the hotels to cab drivers. I also enclose our procedure for your reference.

The hearing on the following applications, was held as described above and I submit the vote of the Commissioners for you to report to the Council. Although the Law Department has submitted their opinion that the time frame of 60 days starts to run from when the License Commission receives the application, they have asked us to meet an April 10th deadline on these applications because of the confusion as to who should have received these applications a few months back. Therefore, I would recommend that this opinion be submitted to the Council for April 6th and hopefully acted upon, by April 10th. In the future, all applications will come directly to us for hearing with out delay.

- 1) Checker Cab Company, Inc., 103 Fulkerson Street for a jitney license to be operated as "10 Fawcett Street Shuttle" for a van with capacity of 10 riders, between the hours of 7:30 am to 6:00 pm between the Alewife T- Station and 10 Fawcett Street.

The Commission voted 3-0 to approve this application. The Commission felt from the evidence received that there was a need for this service. The van would shuttle employees from the Codman building at 10 Fawcett Street to the T station on 15 minute intervals. The service would be available without having to call for the van. It takes approximately 5 minutes to get to the T station and 3 to 4 minutes to get back. This is especially necessary during rush hours when it is hard to get a cab as well as it would reduce the number of cars on the street trying to get to and from the T station.

The Traffic and Parking Department also recommends this application for the same reasons plus it reduces the need for additional parking spaces and emissions from cars. They do recommend a consolidation in the future, of any other shuttle services.

Recommendations were made from testimony, that we should institute a measuring system to make sure the van does not pick up in other areas of the city, outside the area or during off hours, not allowed on permit. The Commissioners felt that this should be handled like any other licensee. It should be monitored as would a restaurant, inspected on a rotating basis and if a complaint is received, an investigation launched whereby disciplinary action can take place.

2) Deacon Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours, amendment to jitney license already granted, to include 2 more trolleys; addition of streets; to be able to pick up and drop-off in Cambridge and Boston. The applicant amended its application to only add Galileo Galilei Way to its list of streets after talking to the Traffic and Parking.

The Commissioners voted 3-0 to allow: a) the addition of Galileo Galilei Way to the route; b) to allow 2 more vehicles to be on the route for a total of 4 trolleys; c) to amend the route so that the trolley service may pick-up and drop-off in Cambridge at the designated spots as previously licensed, and not be prevented from bringing people from Boston to Cambridge as was previously restricted.

10.00

The Commission felt that the kind of service provided is not that of the cab companies. A fee of ~~\$32.00~~ is charged to the patron of the trolley service for a pass so that he/she may get off and on the trolley to tour historical sites. No person will be able to get on for transportation. All will have to pay ~~\$32.00~~.

10.00

The service is currently already in operation only without the use of Galileo Galilei Way. The addition of this one street should not cause any more traffic problems. By allowing 2 more trolleys, the tour may make a loop through Boston and Cambridge. It is anticipated that not more than 2 trolleys will be touring the streets of Cambridge at one time. No trolleys will be linked together.

The Commissioners did vote to include the opinion of the Traffic and Parking Department which asked that the tour be limited to 2 vehicles.

The Commission did receive a letter from the E. Cambridge Planning Team which expressed concern for traffic and parking in the area of Binney Street due to the future completion of the Binney Street Extension. I enclose that letter for your perusal. The Commission felt these concerns were addressed since the street route was amended and the tour is currently operating there already.

If you need any further information, please contact me. I am sending this opinion to the applicants as evidence of this decision.

cc: Alex Rodriguez, Chairman
Kevin Fitzgerald, Fire Chief
Henry Breen, Police Captain
Lauren Preston, Deputy Traffic Director
Susan Goldwitz, Community Development
David Tobin, Esq. for Old Town Trolley
Norman Roy, Checker
Patricia Lomans, E. Cambridge Planning Team
Russell Higley, City Solicitor
Joseph Connarton, City Clerk

East Cambridge Planning Team
Richard Vendetti, Chairman

March 31, 1992

Richard Scali
Board of License Commissioners
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Application of Deacon Transportation, Inc.
d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours

Dear Mr. Scali:

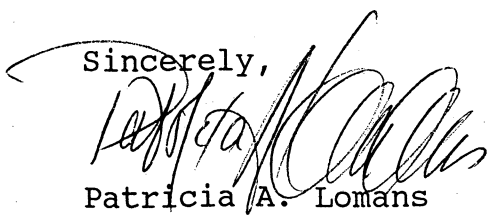
As the secretary of the East Cambridge Planning Team, I am writing to advise the License Commission that the above-referenced applicant has not presented its application for an amendment to its Jitney License to the Planning Team. Since the residents have not had the opportunity to evaluate the impact of this amendment to the neighborhood, I must object to the application.

The East Cambridge community has been wrestling with the problems of traffic and parking for the past several years. Without a revision of the zoning ordinance these issues will not be adequately addressed. In addition, the Binney Street Extension is not scheduled for completion until December, 1992. Until Binney Street is completed, the residents will not be in a position to evaluate whether or not the promised relief to residential streets will actually occur.

The addition of these slow moving, traffic impeding, cumbersome vehicles to already overloaded streets will only compound the traffic problems the neighborhood is already experiencing.

I urge you, on behalf of the Planning Team, to postpone your decision until the application is presented to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Lomans



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic and Parking
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

George Teso
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

TO: Richard Scali, Executive Officer
License Commission

March 12, 1992

FROM: Lauren M. Preston, Deputy Traffic Director

SUBJECT: PETITION OF CHECKER CAB COMPANY

Petition of Checker Cab Company

They have petitioned the City Council to operate a 10 passenger van 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM between the MBTA's Alewife Station and 10 Fawcett Street. No fare will be charged to any employees of this building for this shuttle service.

The route will be from the "T" Station via CambridgePark Drive, Alewife Brook Parkway, Concord Avenue, Fawcett Street to 10 Fawcett Street and return.

We recommend approval of this shuttle service as it will provide an alternative to driving to work, reduced vehicle emissions and the need for additional parking. We would also recommend that the owners and employers in this area work together to provide joint use of a shuttle for all their employees.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Richard Scali, Executive Officer License Commission **Date** March 30, 1992

From Lauren M. Preston, Deputy Traffic Director

Reference

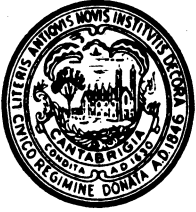
Subject Deacon Transportation Inc. Request

We have reviewed Deacon Transportation, Inc. amended petition. As was stated in our letter of March 12, 1992, we continue to recommend that all tour bus/trolley companies be limited to two (2) vehicles and that all pick-up and discharge locations be on private property except in Harvard Square at the Johnson Gate and at the Longfellow House.

We recommend that Galileo Galilei Way between Main Street and Broadway be added to their license. After discussing their route with Mr. Tobin from Foley, Hoag & Eliot, it was agreed that Ames Street would not be necessary to increase the efficiency of their tours.

cc: Susan Goldwitz

LMP:rd



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

April 6, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a recommendation received from the License Commission, relative to special meeting held on March 31, 1992, regarding two pending jitney applications which are currently before the City Council.

I hereby recommend approval of the License Commissions recommendation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 7

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Recommendations from the License
Commission for two jitney applications
currently before the City Council.

In City Council,

April 6, 1992

Orders adopted

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