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Agenda #19

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VV/a



City of Cambridge

Consent Agenda #19

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 1996

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

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In City Council November 4, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION

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Date: October 28, 1996

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer

Re: Further Clarification of Council Order #098, dated 9/9/96 RE:
Impact of the Entrance of U.S. Shuttle into Cambridge With Respect
to the Taxi Industry and Trips to Logan Airport.

As further clarification of the above council order, I offer you
the following information.

U.S. Shuttle has begun their regular program as I outlined previously. There is a schedule of every 10 to 15 minutes stops to the hotels on a regular route. However, the shuttle will only stop at the hotels if there is a reservation beforehand. The Department of Public Utilities did grant U. S. Shuttle permission to have an open door policy along the route requested. However, U. S. Shuttle met with every hotel and negotiated out the above agreement in order to settle any cab disputes. Essentially, U. S. Shuttle could by law stop at each hotel along the set route on a 10 -15 minute basis without a reservation. But in order to build their business and to defer any cab battles, they agreed to stop only at a hotel along the route if there was a reservation. This does not prevent a customer from calling to make special arrangements for pick up at a hotel. Residents as always will call the shuttle for a reservation at their home or can go to a nearby hotel with a reservation to be picked up.

As for gathering the data to determine if U. S. Shuttle is acting properly and the impact to Cambridge taxis, the License Commission had planned on gathering information from complaints submitted, hotel information on reservations, and the hackney officer watching the hotel sites. If a more formal report is needed, we may need to get permission from the city manager to hire a consultant to watch and observe each hotel, talk with the doorman, and gather information for a more critical analysis.

Should you need further information, please let me know.

cc: Benjamin Barnes, Chairman; Kevin Fitzgerald, Fire Chief;
Henry Breen, Police Captain; Laura Nichols; Lisa Peterson



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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November 4, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 15, which requested more information on the impact of the entrance of US Shuttle into Cambridge with respect to the taxi industry and trips to Logan Airport, received from Richard Scali, Executive Officer of the License Commission.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Transmitting communication relative to
Awaiting Report Item Number Fifteen,
which requested more information on the
impact of the entrance of US Shuttle into
Cambridge with respect to the taxi industry
and trips to Logan Airport.

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Report Received 11-4-96
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10-7-96
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In City Council November 4, 1996

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on file,
Order Adopted.