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To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date November 24, 1987

From William Sommers, Commissioner, DPW

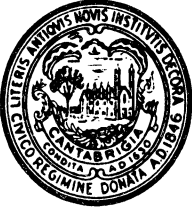
Reference

Subject Council Order No. 32 - Councillor Wolf - 10/19/87
Re: Construction of Public Restrooms in the active
squares in the City

The problems presented under this order are immense. If no facilities exist we would have to acquire space, dig up streets, sidewalks, etc. in order to make the necessary physical connections to water, sewer and electric lines and then construct the facilities. Moreover, the maintenance of such space is perhaps even more difficult - and costly. General experience with outdoor restroom facilities has been largely negative: destruction of facilities, graffiti, clogged units, heating to keep lines from freezing, etc. We estimate that it would take a full time crew of from three to five people available around the clock and everyday of the week to maintain the units, depending on the number installed.

The costs in both construction and maintenance would be far beyond our current means and would detract from other vital programs and projects which are in progress or have been proposed.

While we believe the idea is one that is socially beneficial the costs and the associated problems make it necessary to respectfully request that the project not be adopted.



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December 7, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 26 regarding the construction of public restrooms in the active squares throughout the City, I submit the attached report from William Sommers, Commissioner of Public Works requesting that such a project not be adopted.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 26
on the construction of public restrooms in
the active squares throughout the City.

In City Council,

December 7, 1987

*Referred back to
City Manager for
cost & report on
motion of Councillor
Wolf.*

*Councillor Dancy
recorded in opposition
to the motion.*