

Councillor Vellucci stated that consideration should be given to those people in the viewing audience who are hearing impaired.

The City Manager responded by stating that translation capability is being looked at with the cable company.

At this time a discussion arose relative to the place from which public testimony will be given.

Mr. Sakey supplied the Committee with a diagram proposing the construction of a podium at the entrance gate of the Chamber. The podium would have a microphone attached and it would provide the opportunity for the public to make a statement.

Councillors Duehay, Wolf and Vellucci voiced their concern about the construction of a podium and indicated they thought the public should continue to come within the rail when providing testimony.

The City Manager stated that he would review the diagram of the podium and consider alternatives.

Finally, Councillor Duehay stated he was upset over the fact the School Committee meetings will not be televised.

Mr. Sakey responded by stating he feels that has always been a decision of the School Committee and the Committee has failed to answer several inquiries from his office.

At this time, the Committee entered into a discussion relative to the staffing of the Council Office.

Councillor Duehay stated that a clerical position has been in the Council Budget for over a year and has not been filled. He further stated that Susan Boyle was drafting a revised job description in an effort to outline to all members of the Council the increased workload in the Office.

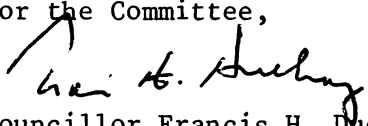
A discussion arose relative to the feasibility of the Council Office providing some staff support to the City Clerk's Office relative to Committee meetings.

The Committee requested the Acting City Clerk to meet with Mrs. Boyle, in an effort to discuss the entire issue of Council staffing. (Councillor Duehay has requested Mrs. Boyle to forward a copy of the revised job description to all City Councillors for their review).

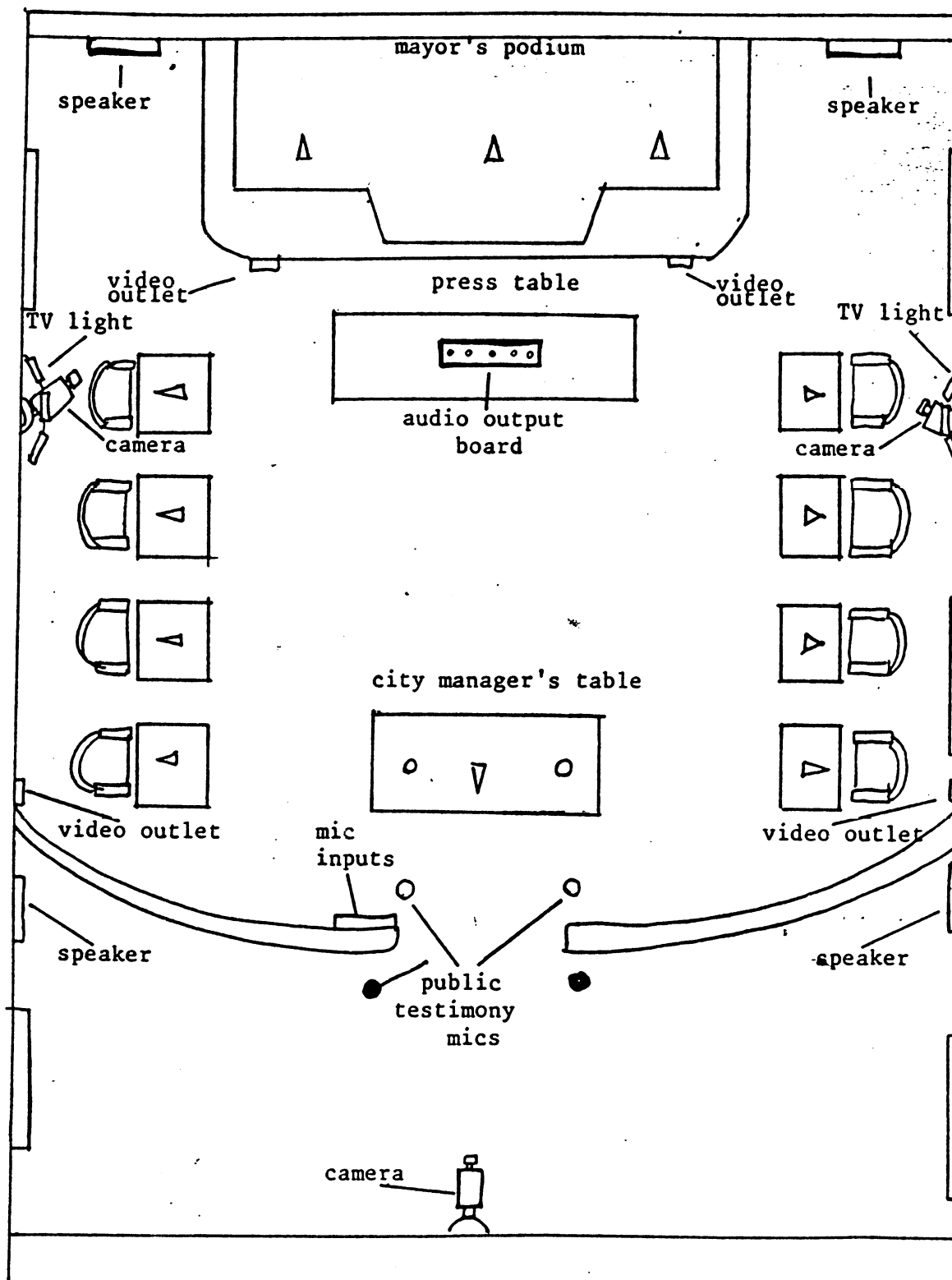
(Attached for your review are copies of the diagram for Council Chamber adaptations for video applications).

The hearing adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

For the Committee,


Councillor Francis H. Duehay
Chairman.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER ADAPTATIONS FOR VIDEO APPLICATIONS



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▽ highly directional microphones

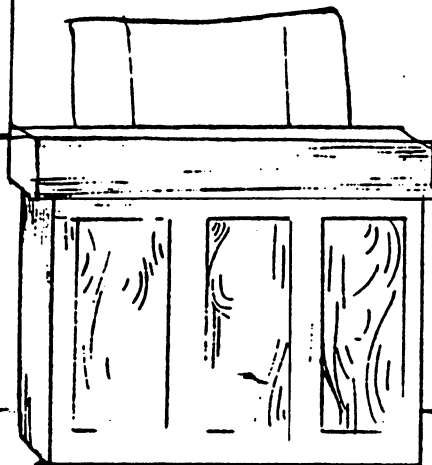
TV lights



remote control
camera

1st window at front of
Chamber

2nd window



Councillor's Desk

Inman Street wall of Council Chamber

City of Cambridge

In City Council September 22, 1986

The Legislative & Gov.'t Operations Committee conducted a meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 1986 in the Sullivan Chamber, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the installation of cable television in the Sullivan Chamber and the staffing of the City Council Office.

Councillor Francis H. Duehay, Chairman of the Committee, opened the meeting and stated that he wanted the Committee to receive an update from the City Manager and the representatives of the cable company, American Cablesystems, relative to the implementation of cable for the coverage of Council meetings. He further stated that it was his intent to have future meetings to discuss the public access corporation and its role in the delivery of cable programs to the community.

At this time the Committee heard from Joseph Sakey, Director of the Library and Communications. Mr. Sakey informed the Committee that American Cablesystems Company has designated \$25,000. solely for the design and installation of a state of the art audio and visual system in order to cover the Council meetings. He further stated that there will be television monitors installed in the Green Room adjacent to the Council Chamber, the hallway on the second floor, the Mayor's Office, the City Council Office and the City Manager's Office.

Mr. Sakey indicated that the new audio system, that is to say the microphones on the desks of each Councillor would have a button to be pushed down in the event a Councillor did not want to be heard. This as opposed to the current on and off mechanism that currently exists.

Councillors Duehay, Wolf and Mayor Sullivan voiced concern over this particular microphone design, indicating they preferred to have an on and off switch.

Councillor Wolf stated she agreed and thought in addition to the on and off switch, a light should be installed on the microphone, in order that each Councillor would be able to know when the microphone is on or off.

City Manager Robert Healy stated he would work with the Deputy City Manager, Mr. Rossi and Mr. Sakey, in order to reach a solution to the microphone problem.

At this time the Committee heard from Rika Welsh, who informed the Committee of the camera layout, the location of the lights and the control booth. She further informed the Committee that work must be done relative to formulating the agenda for production over the air.

In response to a question from Councillor Duehay, Ms. Welsh indicated that the cable company was considering how best to broadcast the meetings in terms of commentary.

REPORT

Committee on Legislative & Government
Operations

Re: implementation of cable television in
the Sullivan Chamber & staffing of the City
Council Office

In City Council,

September 22, 1986

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