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January 28, 1999

Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Re: **Council Order No. 66 of January 25, 1999**
re: Closing of City Foods Market

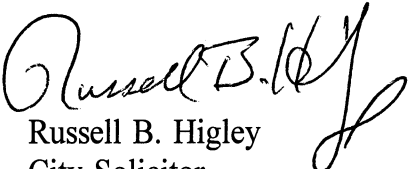
Dear Mr. Healy:

We have obtained the Consent Decree entered into by the Stop & Shop Companies, Inc. and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By its terms, Stop & Shop was required to maintain and operate the former Purity Supreme food market at this location for a period of **up to three** years from the date the Consent Decree was signed, which was October 18, 1995. During that three year period, Stop & Shop was required to use its best efforts to sell the store "to an entity that will ensure the continuation of [it] as [an] ongoing viable [enterprise] engaged in the supermarket business". Stop & Shop did, in fact, sell that store to the City Foods company during the three year period following the execution of the Consent Decree. There is nothing in the Consent Decree that would prohibit City Foods from closing the supermarket at this time.

We have also researched the question of whether the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act ("WARN" or the "Act") would require the City Foods company to have notified the City of Cambridge prior to its closing this supermarket. By the terms of the Act, City Foods would have been required to give 60 days' notice to the City and to affected employees at the supermarket if City Foods had employed 100 or more employees, excluding part-time employees, of a "plant closing", or the permanent or temporary shutdown of a "single site of employment" or one or more "facilities or operating units" within a single site of employment, if the shutdown results in an "employment loss" during **any 30-day period** at the single site of employment for **50 or more** employees, excluding any part-time employees. 29 U.S.C. 2107(a); 20 C.F.R. Chapter V, §§ 639.1-10.

We have been advised that City Foods employed 9 full-time and 25 part-time employees. Accordingly, City Foods does not appear to have been required by the terms of the Act to give any notice to the City or to affected employees prior to closing the supermarket.

Respectfully,



Russell B. Higley
City Solicitor



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SUSAN B. SCHLESINGER
*Assistant City Manager for
Community Development*

BETH RUBENSTEIN
*Deputy Director for
Community Development*

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: ^{BK} Beth Rubenstein, Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development

DATE: January 27, 1999

SUBJECT: Council Order 66 of 1/25/99 regarding the closure of City Foods Market

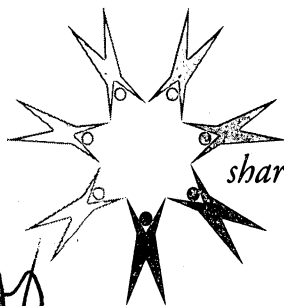
This memo addresses two items in the above Council Order: the retail survey of Central Square and access to affordable food in Central Square.

Central Square Retail Survey : Gibbs Planning Group of Birmingham, Michigan, one of the nation's leading retail market analysis firms, has been selected to perform the retail study of Central Square. Their work will commence in late February and will include a telephone survey of households in the four neighborhoods surrounding Central Square, analysis of commercially available data concerning shopping patterns in the district and interviews with merchants and shoppers. Our objective is to use this information to help influence the retail mix in Central Square in the future. The firm will be asked to look at the issue of affordable food in Central Square as part of the survey and analysis.

The text below summarizes the current status of access to affordable food for Central Square residents.

- Free shuttle service from Franklin Street (near Manning apartments) to Star Market every Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm, leaving every half hour.
- On Thursday's, the Council on Aging offers a free shuttle to Market Basket in Somerville from elderly housing developments, including Manning. It leaves Manning at 10 am and returns at 11:30 am.
- The Manning apartments have a weekly milk delivery from a vendor.
- The Harvest Food Co-op, a full service grocery store across the street from City Foods, provides senior citizens and disabled people free membership in the Co-op, which makes them eligible for a 10% discount. Residents who participate in a Co-op member work program (a 2 hour per week commitment) will receive a 20% discount. The usual membership fee is \$10.00.

Department of Human Service Programs



To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: Eileen Ginnetty *Eileen Ginnetty*
Director, Council on Aging

CC: Jill Herold
Assistant City Manager
Human Services

Date: January 28, 1999

Re: City Council Order #66

As part of the contract between the Department of Human Service Programs and SCM transportation, the nutritional shopping service for seniors serves the Manning Building weekly, on Thursdays, and brings seniors to DeMoula's Market Basket in Somerville. The vehicle used is a wheelchair accessible minibus, which can hold up to fourteen (14) passengers, plus has room for their grocery bags for the return home. Seniors call in advance to book a ride for that day.

We anticipate that the ridership demand from the Manning Building will increase for the Thursday runs. The Council on Aging and SCM will monitor the sign-up from Manning for the next few weeks to assess whether the currently available vehicle and run are meeting the need.

Both the SCM nutritional shuttle and the shuttle offered on Tuesdays by the University Park Star Market are being advertised and highlighted throughout the Manning apartments, with flyers, newsletters, and at resident meetings.

The Hannaford's Home Runs food delivery program did a presentation to the Manning apartment during last year. Another meeting is being set up with Homeruns representatives, the Council on Aging, and the Service Coordinator for the Manning Apartments to further discuss options, including possible waiving of the delivery fee and the minimum order requirement, and/or the pooling of orders by seniors to meet the minimum order requirement.

Manning is the host of a senior meals site, provided through Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). Meals are delivered and served Mondays through Fridays, with a voluntary donation of \$1.50 per senior for a hot lunch. The Service Coordinator is promoting this option throughout the building, as well. The meals site coordinator is aware that the number of people opting to have a hot lunch at the building meals site may increase.

Childcare

Commission for
Persons with Disabilities

Community and Youth

Community
Learning Center

Coordinating Council for
Children, Youth and Families
(Kids' Council)

Council on Aging;
Elderly Services

Low Income
Fuel Assistance

Multi-Service Center;
Homeless Services

Office of Workforce
Development

Planning & Development

Recreation



Home Delivered

Meals/Groceries

		Market / Meals	Charges	Area	Delivery Days
1	market	The Broadway Market	Over \$50.00 - Free Delivery	Cambridge/Somerville	Mon. - Sat. 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
		468 Broadway	Under \$50.00 - you shop: \$3.00 charge		
		Cambridge	* we shop for you: \$5.00 charge		
		547-2334			
2	market	Hannaford's Home Runs	Telephone ordering- minimum order of \$30.00	Cambridge/Somerville	Mon.- Sat. 11 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
		P.O. Box 168	* \$5.00 processing fee for phone or fax orders		You may place an order 7 days in advance
		Somerville, MA 02143	* Orders under \$60.00 - \$10.00 delivery fee		
		1-800-882-7867	* Orders Over- \$60.00 free delivery		
		Fax: 1-800-592-6726	Internet ordering- \$30.00 minimum order		
		www.homeruns.com	* free delivery for orders over \$60.00		
			* \$10.00 delivery charge for orders between \$30-\$60		
3	market	Pemberton Market	\$3.00 - delivery charge	Cambridge	Fridays & Saturdays
	meals	2172 Mass. Ave.	\$30.00 - minimum order		
		Cambridge, MA			
		617-876-2910			
4	meals	Home For Dinner	\$60.00- minimum order	Cambridge, Boston,	Call by 9:00 p.m. up to two days in
		374 Columbus Avenue	Under \$60- charged a slightly higher rate	Arlington, Brookline,	advance or as far in advance as is
		Boston, MA 02116	Free Delivery- within 2 miles of their Back Bay kitchen	Wellesley, Newton	convenient.
		617-536-7222			
5	meals	Eating In	Delivery prices vary, call for a catalog.	Cambridge, Somerville	Lunch: Mon.- Fri.: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
		1170 Commonwealth Ave.	Choose from 11 restaurant menu's		Sat.& Sun.: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
		Allston, MA 02134	*Delivery charges do not include gratuity to driver.		Dinner: Sun. - Thur. 4:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
		617-278-2100			Fri. - Sat. - 4:00 p.m. - midnight
6	meals	Dining In	\$5.25- delivery charge & \$10.00 minimum purchase	East Cambridge,	Lunch: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
		1170 Commonwealth Ave.	* Delivery charges do not include gratuity to driver.	Cambridge, Somerville	Sat. & Sun.: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
		Allston, MA 02134	Choose from 13 - 38 restaurant menu's.		Dinner: Sun. - Thur.: 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
		617-278-2121			Fri. & Sat.: 4:00p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grocery Stores and services which deliver

<u>Market</u>	<u>Charge/Notes</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Delivery Days</u>
Evergood Supermarket 1674 Mass. Ave Cambridge 354-8331	\$5.00 Phone orders No minimum purchase required	Cambridge (nearby the market)	Wed- Sat
Fresh Pond Market 360 Huron Ave Cambridge 876-3916	\$5.00 Must purchase in store. They will box and deliver, but <u>not</u> shop.	West Cambridge	All
Sage's Market 60 Church Street Cambridge 876-2211	\$7.50 Phone orders No minimum purchase required	Cambridge/Mass. Ave. Huron Ave.	M,T,Th,F
Parnel's 75 Dudley Street Cambridge 354-4155	FREE Phone orders No minimum purchase required	Somerville and Cambridge (near the store)	M-S
Barsamians 1030 Mass Ave Cambridge 661-9300	\$5. for orders under \$50. in Cambridge/\$10. for outside Cambridge. Over \$50. no charge for Cambridge/Over \$75. outside Cambridge	Cambridge/Somerville	Mon.-Sat./ Order must be called in before 3:00 P.M.
Verma's Market 896 Mass Ave Cambridge 876-0913	FREE Phone orders \$20.00 minimum purchase required	Cambridge- within a 2 mile radius from the store	All

Grocery Stores and services which deliver

<u>Service</u>	<u>Charge/Notes</u>	<u>Areas</u>	<u>Delivery Days</u>
Home Runs P.O. Box 66249 Auburndale (800)882-7867	\$10 for orders under \$60, free above. \$30 min Clt. orders from a quarterly catalog of goods.	Cambridge, Somerville, and other areas as well	All
Rick Biere Somerville 628-3165	\$8 - \$10 depending on size of order Phone orders. No Minimum	Cambridge and Somerville	Will arrange
Time Shoppers Boston 926-4449	\$15 for orders up to \$50 \$25 above, up to \$100 Will shop anywhere, including CostCo, CVS, etc. Phone Orders	Greater Boston, including Cambridge and Somerville	All
Richard Wheeler Shops at Johnnie's Foodmaster, Arlington 646-5799	\$5 and up, depending on size of order. Phone Orders	North Cambridge Huron Towers	All



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Susan E. Clippinger
Director

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Resident Parking	349-4701

January 27, 1999

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SC*

RE: Council Order #66 dated 1/25/99

RE: City Foods

MBTA bus route 64 runs to Kendall Square in the peak hours via Prospect and Broadway. In the off peak hours, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and 6:50 pm to 12:40 am, the bus comes into Central Square on Magazine Street, turns right on Mass. Ave., turns right on Sidney and right on Green Street, then outbound on Green Street and left on Western Ave.

Also bus routes 70 and 70A come into Central Square on River Street, right on Mass. Ave., right on Sidney, right on Green and then Green Street to a left on Western Ave.

The schedules for the three buses are attached. We will post the schedules and a map showing the route and stops at the Manning Apartments.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

February 1, 1999

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 99-24, regarding a report on the closing of the City Foods Market, received from the Law, Human Services, Traffic and Community Development Departments.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

Consent Agenda #22. 8-88 ~~8~~

Relative to AR #99-24, regarding
a report on the closing of the
City Foods Market.

In City Council February 1, 1999

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