

City of Cambridge

APRIL 24, 1978

COMMITTEE REPORT

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

MEETING HELD IN WALNUT ROOM, CITY HALL, APRIL 5, 1978

COUNCILLORS DUEHAY, CRANE AND WYLIE PRESENT

MEETING CONVENED BY COUNCILLOR DUEHAY AT 8:43 A.M.

Councillor Duehay opened the meeting by explaining that it was the intent of the Committee to establish a comprehensive agenda of major concerns to the city and recommend appropriate action.

It was agreed by all those present that the following items should be added to the agenda: the East Cambridge Roadway System, the MBTA Assessment Formula, re-routing heavy truck traffic, the resident sticker parking program and the monitoring of tow companies.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

Enforcement of Traffic and Parking Regulations

Councillors Duehay, Crane and Wylie stated they were extremely concerned with the apparent lack of enforcement of existing regulations throughout the city and requested a comprehensive enforcement plan be prepared by the Chief of Police and reviewed by the Director of Traffic and Parking prior to being submitted to the committee.

Delays in Collection of Fines

Councillor Duehay stated it had been brought to his attention that \$1,000,000. was recently written off as uncollectable and requested an explanation from the Traffic Director. Mr. Teso responded by stating that due to past computer operation difficulties in Boston and the transition from that firm to another, it became impossible to collect these overdue fines. He further stated that this problem has been resolved and 500 to 600 summonses are being mailed daily and the anticipated revenue for the remainder of this fiscal year is \$180,000. The anticipated revenue for a full year is approximately \$850,000 to \$1,000,000. Currently there are 400,000 tickets being written per year.

Jay-Walking

Councillor Crane requested that the laws on jay-walking be enforced. It was stated by Police Sgt. Brusgalis the existing laws do not allow police officers to require positive identification and consequently the law as written is unenforceable.

Councillors Duehay, Crane and Wylie requested the City Solicitor to review the existing statutes relative to jay-walking and prepare recommendations on amending the law by special Act or home rule legislation or establishing a new ordinance.

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Compliance with Environmental Protection Agency Guidelines

Councillor Duehay stated the committee's concern over whether or not the city is complying with the E.P.A. guidelines and requested a written report from the Traffic Director.

Pending Reports

1. Comprehensive traffic enforcement plan requested from Police Chief.
2. Revenue projections from collections of parking fines for a full year, requested from Traffic Director.
3. Alternatives to existing legislation relative to Jay-Walking, requested from City Solicitor
4. Status of city's compliance with current E.P.A. guidelines, requested from Traffic Director.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:30 A.M.

For the Committee

Councillor Francis H. Duehay
Chairman

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and Parking.

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