



City of Cambridge

4.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 1983

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: This City Council is acutely aware of the desparate need for additional housing for low income Cambridge families in all neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS: Several rent controlled buildings are currently vacant and in disrepair, because of fire or lack of maintenance; and
- WHEREAS: The Rent Control Board has denied removal permits for some of these buildings, so as to avoid incentives for further deterioration of other buildings and to preserve this housing for low and moderate income tenants; and
- WHEREAS: The owners of these buildings are unlikely to allow rent controlled tenants to re-occupy them in the foreseeable future; and
- WHEREAS: On January 17, 1983, this City Council voted 6-1 to adopt an order by Mayor Vellucci, requesting the City Manager to prepare to take one of these buildings, the Craigie Arms Apartments on Mount Auburn Street and University Road, by eminent domain and to cooperate with the Cambridge Housing Authority in rehabilitating it for occupancy by low income Cambridge families; and
- WHEREAS: Funds are now available to purchase at least some of these buildings at a price which reflects their current condition, and not their value for luxury development on the open market; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That it is the policy of the City of Cambridge to purchase such vacant buildings for low income family housing at the indicated price, and if necessary to take them by eminent domain; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager instruct the Community Development Department to cooperate with the Cambridge Housing Authority and non-profit housing developers in executing this policy as soon as possible, after consulting representatives of the surrounding neighborhoods; and be it further

ORDERED:

That the City Manager inform this City Council and its Committee on Housing and Land Development through regular written reports of the progress made in executing this policy.

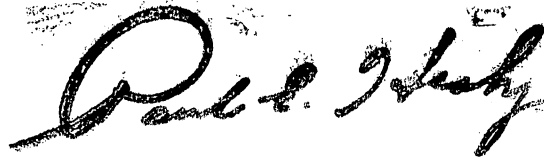
In City Council January 31, 1983.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul E. Healy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name of the City Clerk.

Order # 4 P-28

C.D. Sullivan order re: establishing a policy by the City to purchase vacant buildings for low income housing at the price indicated & if necessary by eminent domain taking of properties such as the Craigie Arms.

In City Council,

January 31, 1983

1/31/83

CPS

Order Adopted

Cancel one word