

Special Meeting of the City Council for Monday, December 11, 2000

December 1, 2000

Dear Councillor:

You are hereby notified to attend a **Special Meeting** of the City Council for Monday, December 11, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber.

By order of His Honor the Mayor.

Anthony D. Galluccio

Mayor

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the site for a new main public library.

This meeting shall be subject to the Rules of the City Council as amended.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2000

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the siting of the main library.

CITY MANAGER AGENDA LETTER FOR DECEMBER 11, 2000

December 7, 2000

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find several pieces of information relative to the siting of the library, requested by the City Council over the past few weeks.

1. A revised chart, dated 12/7/00, which outlines overall costs and program data for five library alternatives -- one at Broadway and four at 65 Prospect Street. As you will notice on this chart there are two new columns for LIB1A and LIB2A. These options were requested by the City Council at the November 20th meeting and describe the costs of building all of the additional parking (replacement parking for East West Enterprises) needed under the proposed new library instead of building/replacing parking in the lot at 111 Bishop Allen Drive. **LIB1A AND LIB2A have not been reviewed by geo-technical or structural engineers, or by East-West Enterprises; the costs do not include temporary relocation of the 173 parking spaces during construction.**
2. A chart titled "Cost Comparison" dated 12/6/00 which outlines total project costs for five library alternatives, and gives details on financial options the City Council may choose. Specifically, the City Council requested financial information on: the costs saved by closing the Central Square branch library and not replacing a branch library on Broadway if the 65 Prospect Street location is chosen; the costs saved by closing the Central Square branch library and placing a 5,000 square foot branch library at the Broadway site if the 65 Prospect Street location is chosen; and the cost of renovating the existing library building for an alternative municipal use without expansion.
3. A chart prepared by Pfeufer/Richardson P.C. Architects titled "Library Feasibility Study Parking Alternatives" which outlines estimated construction costs on four alternatives for building a library (or library and Community Learning Center) at 65 Prospect Street. It is important to note that while the data for LIB1A (LIB1 with three levels of parking) and LIB2A (LIB 2 with three levels of parking) was extrapolated from the Daedalus information provided for the previous feasibility study, the information on these options was not prepared by an independent cost estimator, nor were the concepts reviewed by a geo-technical or structural engineer.
4. Answers to additional questions raised in Council Orders #8, #17 and #19 of November 20, 2000.
5. The summary reports titled "Parking Data" and "Broadway Alternative, Area and Parking," originally submitted to the City Council on October 30, 2000.
6. November 15, 2000 letter from Dennis Carlone on the CRLS music room's impact on his conceptual design, originally submitted to the City Council on November 20, 2000.
7. Estimated timelines and regulatory requirements for expanding the library on Broadway and constructing a library at 65 Prospect Street.
8. Main Library zoning analysis, prepared by City Solicitor Russell Higley.

9. December 5, 2000 memo from the Cambridge Historical Commission on the review requirements by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission
10. A map displaying the number of households with children living within a ½ mile radius of each existing public library as well as the proposed location on Prospect Street.

Very truly yours,