

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda #1 Appropriation of \$8,000.00 to the
Election Commission.

In City Council December 6 1976

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clem	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham			✓	
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mayor Vellucci	✓			

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December 6, 1976

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER JAMES L. SULLIVAN

AN ORDER CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976

ORDERED: That the following transfer be made in the General Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO	AMOUNT
RESERVE FUND		ELECTION COMMISSION	
Extraordinary Expenditures	\$8,000.00	Other Ordinary Maintenance	\$8,000.00

REASON(S)

To provide funds for soft-ware Development and staff training

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Adopted by yeas and nays Vote
Yeas 8 Nays 0 Absent 1

Paul E. Hsieh
City Clerk



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

December 6, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

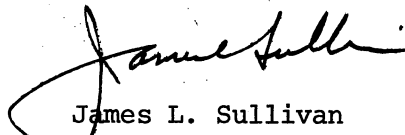
The Election Commission has requested the attached appropriation transfer from the Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$8,000.00, to provide additional funds for computer services for their department. If approved, these funds will cover the one-time costs of software development (\$6,000.00) and staff training (\$2,000.00) necessary for the transfer of the Commission's electronic data processing procedures to the School Department's new computer facility. Under terms of an agreement reached between the Election Commission and the School Department, the services provided by the new facility represent a significant advance over the current system. For example, the Commission will have daily access to the computer using two terminals that will be installed at the Commission's offices. This will enable the Commission to maintain an accurate street list on an up-to-the-minute basis. In addition, the voter list, supplemental voter list and "drop" list will all be placed in the computer and will be available for printing out after only a 48-hour waiting period.

In addition to the one-time charges for software and training, the department will pay, from its own budget, for the updating of the existing file before transfer to the School computer (\$500.00) and the installation of special telephone lines (\$170.00) to accommodate the new terminals. These charges, as well as the normal computer time-charges (\$1,500.00), lease/purchase of the terminals (\$2,000.00), and telephone line rental (\$930.00) for a half-year will be covered by the \$4,500.00 already budgeted for computer services in the Commission's budget, as well as a modest surplus of \$600.00 left in their "Primary Election" allotment.

Further support for this effort is being provided by the Finance Director, who has ordered the purchase of a computer "disc drive" unit which he will provide free-of-charge to any department interested in new computer applications. The Election Commission will be the first department, outside of the Treasury, to take advantage of his offer. In addition, he will make available his two Treasury terminals to the Election Commission during the peakload periods.

Passage of the attached order is recommended.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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