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Amendments by R. Debooy

- 1) That each candidate for elected municipal office and the Treasurer of his campaign committee, if applicable, be required to file under oath with the City Clerk reports of expenses and receipts relating to his campaign on a monthly basis starting from August 1 prior to election date. Reports shall be due on the first of each month and shall be due August 1, and shall continue to be filed through January 1 following election. There shall be an additional report due in October two weeks prior to election day.
- 2) That the report filed in August shall include a statement of all prior expenditures and receipts on behalf of the named candidate relating to the upcoming campaign including receipts from testimonial dinners.
- 3) That the City Clerk be required to collect and publish the candidates reports after each reporting date.
- 4) That "expenditures" and "receipts" be each thing of value received or spent. Receipts shall list each donor and his address. Expenditures shall identify the purpose for which funds were spent as well as the recipient and his address.
- 5) That all candidates for elected municipal public office be required to file with the City Clerk a statement of their net worth on August 1. Net worth shall include a listing of all property owned and other tangible and intangible assets minus liabilities and debts.

That all municipal elected officials shall be required to file with the City Clerk a similar statement on January 1 of each year.

That the City Clerk be required to collect and publish these results.

In Cambridge City Council,
November 12, 1973

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Councillor Graham.

Amendments to order of October 15, 1973 re campaign expenditures.

In second to last paragraph, change "seven days" to "twelve days" and delete phrase in parantheses.

In last paragraph, add after "House Bill 7590" the words "as amended in the House by House, No. 7718".

ORDER OF OCTOBER 15, 1973 AS AMENDED

WHEREAS,

Recent developments on the national and state political scene underline the need for full and timely disclosure of the sources and recipients of all campaign contributions: and

WHEREAS,

The current Massachusetts law and Cambridge ordinances requiring reporting of municipal campaign expenditures have a fundamental flaw, namely that the only reporting requirement is disclosure of names and amounts 30 days after an election or primary: and

WHEREAS,

The public interest of Cambridge residents and voters would be far better served if candidates and groups endorsing candidates were required to report periodically prior to elections an all monies received and expended in the furtherance of their campaigns:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the City Council goes on record as supporting disclosure of campaign funds received and expended prior to elections, and specifically directs the City Manager to obtain from all candidates and groups supporting candidates in the City election, or from their designates, information on the sources and recipients of such funds to be delivered to the City Clerk's office no later than twelve days before the election day: and

BE IT RESOLVED

The the City Council goes on record as supporting the provisions of House Bill 7590 as amended in the House by House, No. 7718 now pending before the General Court, which would, if enacted, require similar pre-primary and pre-election disclosure of sources and recipients of campaign funds.

In Cambridge City Council,
November 12, 1973

Councillor Graham.

(new order to follow on the order of October 15, 1973 re campaign expenditures)

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the City Council requests that the City Solicitor, no later than two weeks from passage of this order, draft an ordinance to be submitted to the City Council setting a limit for "campaign media expenses" by any candidate in a Cambridge municipal election in line with Section 8 of House Bill 7590 as amended by House, No. 7718. SECTION 8

Order # 3 444
C. Graham re: Campaign contributions

In City Council,

Nov. 12, 1973

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Present
Order a Resolution
referred to the
City Attorney.