

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

December 22, 1997

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1997

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1997-98 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the General Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARY \$ WAGES	OTHER ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
Community Maintenance & Development	Cable		\$38,435			\$38,435.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriation in the General Fund be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

FINANCING PLAN	REVENUE
Free Cash	\$38,435.00

In City Council December 22, 1997.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
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December 22, 1997

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$38,435 to the General Fund Cable TV Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account; this appropriation, which supplements the \$20,000 approved in the FY98 Budget, will be used to hire a consultant to assist the City in the Cable refranching and licensing process. The revenue to support this appropriation will come from Free Cash.

The City has engaged a consulting team, the Law Offices of Peters Epstein in partnership with the Telecommunications Insight Group, to assist us as we undertakes our cable refranchising and licensing process. Our Cable License with MediaOne will expire at the end of the year 2000; the formal process to begin relicensure can begin as soon as January, 1998.

The consultants will assist the City with the following tasks:

- (1) Conducting an assessment of the operator's past performance; the assessment will be a public process allowing for public participation and input.
- (2) Identifying future cable-related community and municipal needs. Among other things, this will include the development of Telecommunications Plan for the City.
- (3) Assessing the competitive environment and advising City on whether more than one license should be considered/issued.
- (4) Advising the City on the impact of open video systems on the license or renewal.
- (5) Developing the City's upgrading and renewal requirements to be provided in a Request-for-Proposals to the operator(s).
- (6) Evaluating proposals received from operator(s).
- (7) Negotiating and preparing new license agreement(s).

I urge your approval of this appropriation.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Consent Agenda #16

F-190

Relative to an order requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$38,435 to be used to hire a consultant to assist the City in the Cable refranchising and licensing process.

In City Council December 22, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED

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