



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (1A)

-Agenda-Item-No.-1-

IN CITY COUNCIL

-September-21,-1987

September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$4,500,000.
in available "free cash" as an offset to the FY1988 property tax levy.

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

-September-21,-1987

September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1987

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1987-88 the following sum is hereby accepted in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A and appropriated in the Public Investment Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARIES & WAGES	OTHER ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
Community Maintenance & Development	Public Works				\$355,000.00	\$355,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriations in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

FINANCING PLAN

REVENUE

Free Cash

\$355,000.00

-September-21,-1987

September 28, 1987

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Community Maintenance & Development	Public Works				\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriations in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

FINANCING PLAN

REVENUE

Free Cash

\$280,000.00

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

~~-September 21, 1987-~~
September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1987

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1987-88 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the General Fund of the City of Cambridge:

FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARIES & WAGES	OTHER			EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
			ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING			
General Government	Employee Benefits	\$500,000.00					\$500,000.00

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

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connerton, City Clerk.

FINANCING PLAN

REVENUE

Property Taxes

\$500,000.00

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connerton



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (D)
-Agenda-Item-No.-1-

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1987
-September-21,-1987-

ORDERED:

That the City Council classify property within the City of Cambridge into five property classes allowed for the purpose of allocating the property tax levy and that the City Council hereby establishes a residential factor of 65%.

In City Council September 28, 1987.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *Joseph E. Connarton*
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

--Agenda-Item-No.-1-
Calendar Item No. 14(E)

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1987

-September-21,-1987-

ORDERED:

That the City Council approve a ten (10) percent residential exemption for owner-occupied homes.

In City Council September 28, 1987.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 8; Nays 1; Absent 0.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy:

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (1F)
-Agenda-Item-No--1-

IN CITY COUNCIL

-September-27,-1987-
September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Council in accordance with the General Laws,
Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, hereby increase by 100% the
normal value of statutory exemptions for FY-1988.

In City Council September 28, 1987.
Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *Joseph E. Connarton*
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (1A)

-Agenda-Item-No.-1-

IN CITY COUNCIL

-September-21,-1987

September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

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in available "free cash" as an offset to the FY1988 property tax levy.

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

~~-September-21,-1987~~

September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

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Community Maintenance & Development	Public Works				\$355,000.00	\$355,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriations in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

FINANCING PLAN

REVENUE

Free Cash

\$355,000.00

~~September 21, 1987~~
September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

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Community Maintenance & Development	Public Works				\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriations in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

In City Council September 28, 1987.
Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

FINANCING PLAN	REVENUE
Free Cash	\$280,000.00

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

~~-September 21, 1987-~~
September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

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			ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING		
General Government	Employee Benefits	\$500,000.00				\$500,000.00

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

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

FINANCING PLAN

REVENUE

Property Taxes

\$500,000.00

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton



City of Cambridge

--Agenda-Item-No.--1-
Calendar Item No. 14(E)

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1987

~~September 21, 1987~~

ORDERED:

That the City Council approve a ten (10) percent residential exemption for owner-occupied homes.

In City Council September 28, 1987.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 1; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy:

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (D)
~~-Agenda-Item-No.-1-~~

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1987
~~-September-21,-1987-~~

ORDERED:

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In City Council September 28, 1987.
Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *Joseph E. Connarton*
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (1F)
~~-Agenda-Item-No.-1-~~

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~-September-21,-1987-~~
September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Council in accordance with the General Laws,
Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, hereby increase by 100% the
normal value of statutory exemptions for FY-1988.

In City Council September 28, 1987.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *Joseph E. Connarton*
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14 (1A)

Agenda Item No. 4

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1987

~~March 16, 1987~~

September 21, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to use \$4,500,000 in available "free cash" as an offset to the FY1988 property tax levy.

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

September 21, 1987

September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

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Community Maintenance & Development	Public Works				\$280,000.00	\$280,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriations in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

<u>FINANCING PLAN</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
Free Cash	\$280,000.00

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE~~September 21, 1987~~

September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

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Community Maintenance & Development	Public Works				\$355,000.00	\$355,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above acceptance and appropriations in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

FINANCING PLANREVENUE

Free Cash

\$355,000.00

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

September 21, 1987

September 28, 1987

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

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			ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING		
General Government	Employee Benefits	\$500,000.00				\$500,000.00

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

FINANCING PLAN	REVENUE
Property Taxes	\$500,000.00

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City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14
Agenda Item No. 1(A) (1 D)

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 1987
~~June 8, 1987~~

September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Council classify property within the City of Cambridge into five property classes allowed for the purpose of allocating the property tax levy and that the City Council hereby establishes a residential factor of ⁶⁵⁷⁰~~66.5145%~~.

September 28, 1987

In City Council ~~June 8, 1987~~.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- ~~John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.~~
Joseph E. Connorton

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


~~John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.~~
Joseph E. Connorton.



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14
Agenda Item No. 1(B) (1E)

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~June 8, 1987~~

September 21, 1987

September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Council approve a ten (10) percent residential exemption for owner-occupied homes, which will produce a residential tax rate of ~~\$9.80~~, while, the commercial, industrial and personal property tax will be ~~\$20.76~~.
\$21.19

September 28, 1987

In City Council ~~June 8, 1987~~.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 1; Absent 0.

Attest:- ~~John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.~~

Joseph E. Conrarton

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

~~John E. Flynn~~

~~John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.~~

Joseph E. Conrarton



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item No. 14
~~Agenda Item No. 1(E)~~ (1F)

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~June 8, 1987~~

September 21, 1987

September 28, 1987

ORDERED:

That the City Council in accordance with the General Laws,
 Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, hereby ^{increase by 100%} ~~double~~ the normal
 value of statutory exemptions for FY-^{1988,} ~~1987~~.

September 28, 1987

In City Council ~~June 8, 1987~~.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- ~~John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.~~

Joseph E. Conarton

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

[Signature]
~~John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.~~
 Joseph E. Conarton.

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council September 21 198 7

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (A)

RE: THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE USE OF \$4,500,000. IN AVAILABLE FREE CASH TO OFFSET FISCAL YEAR 1988 EXPENDITURES AS CALLED FOR IN THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 1988 BUDGET

Ch. Pt. C. Walsh 1A-F

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

September 21,

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (B)

(ROLL CALL NO. 1)

RE: CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$635,000. FROM FREE CASH TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO FULLY FUND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS - RIVER STREET FIRE STATION - \$280,000.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council September 21 1987

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (B)

(ROLL CALL NO. 2)

RE: CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$635,000. FROM FREE CASH TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO FULLY FUND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS - PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE - \$355,000.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duéhay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council September 21 1987

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (C)

RE: THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATE \$500,000. TO THE SALARY ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT FROM PROPERTY TAXES TO COVER THE COST OF FISCAL YEAR 1987 CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 1988.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy,	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

C. Duehay
C. Danehy
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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council September 21 1987

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (D)

RE: THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CLASSIFY PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTO THE FIVE CLASSES ALLOWED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOCATING THE TAX LEVY. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR OF 65%, THE LEGAL MINIMUM PERMITTED

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

September 21

1987

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (E)

RE: THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A TEN PERCENT RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION FOR OWNER OCCUPIED HOMES, WHICH SHOULD RESULT IN A RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE OF \$9.80 AND A COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$21.19.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan		✓		
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council September 21 1987

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (F)

RE: THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, VOTE TO ~~DOUBLE~~ ^{Increase by 100%} THE NORMAL VALUE OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988.

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Walter J. Sullivan	✓			

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139
TEL. 498-9011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

September 21, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City Council authorize the use of \$4,500,000 in available free cash to offset Fiscal Year 1988 expenditures as called for in the adopted Fiscal Year 1988 budget.
2. That the City Council appropriate an additional \$635,000 from free cash to the Capital Projects Fund to fully fund previously authorized capital projects (River Street Fire Station \$280,000, Public Works Garage \$355,000)
3. That the City Council appropriate \$500,000 to the salary adjustment account from property taxes to cover the cost of Fiscal Year 1987 contract settlements paid in Fiscal Year 1988.
4. That the City Council classify property within the City of Cambridge into the five classes allowed for the purpose of allocating the tax levy. It is further recommended that the City Council adopt a minimum residential factor of 65%, the legal minimum permitted.
5. That the City Council approve a ten percent residential exemption for owner occupied homes, which should result in a residential tax rate of \$9.80 and a commercial, industrial, and personal property tax rate of \$21.19.
6. That the City Council, in accordance with state law, vote to double the normal value of statutory exemptions for Fiscal Year 1988.

SUMMARY: The package that is presented for Council consideration contains recommendations to finalize the Fiscal Year 1988 budget and establish the Fiscal Year 1988 property tax rate. While eight separate votes of the City Council are necessary to complete the package, the recommendations fall into three categories:

- I Authorization of Free Cash
- II Supplemental Appropriations
- III Establishment of FY 1988 Property Tax Rate

ISSUES:

I Authorization of Free Cash

When the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 1988 budget in May of this year, the financing plan called for \$1,500,000 in free cash to offset General Fund expenditures and \$3,000,000 in free cash to offset Capital Fund expenditures. This financing plan is basically the same as has been used for the previous two fiscal years. Ideally, the vote to authorize free cash would be taken at the time the budget is adopted. However, state law prohibits the authorization of free cash between March 31 and June 30 of a given year. For the year ended June 30, 1987, the City Council had a free cash balance of \$11,510,703 (unaudited), adjusted for the late real estate billing. For the past three years the City Council has carefully managed its free cash balance and avoided the dangerous trap of setting a falsely low tax rate by using too much free cash one year, only to have the tax rate dramatically escalate the next. This authorization maintains the City's conservative approach to the management of our reserve.

II Supplemental Appropriation

Capital:

Since Fiscal Year 1986, the City Council has made three appropriations to the Capital Projects Fund, totalling \$625,000, to be used for the renovation of the Public Works Garage on Hampshire Street. After minor expenditures for design costs, \$590,000 remains in this project account. However, bids have now been received for the first major phase of this project that total \$945,000, leaving a shortfall of \$355,000. The funds will be used to upgrade existing heating, ventilation, and electrical systems which have not had any major improvement since the garage was first constructed. These areas have been a concern to employees health and safety.

The second appropriation recommended is for the renovation project at the River Street Fire Station. In Fiscal Year 1987 and Fiscal Year 1988 the City Council appropriated funds that now have an available balance of \$483,000 for the renovation of this fire station. Originally this project was to be done in two stages. However, after further discussion with the Fire Chief and architects, it has been determined that the best way to complete this project is in one step, at a total cost of \$733,000, \$280,000 more than currently available. The project was bid a second time in an effort to reduce costs, but to no avail. This is a major rehabilitation of the station in most ill-repair. Both the \$280,000 and the \$355,000 are recommended to be funded from available free cash.

Operating:

An appropriation of \$500,000 is requested to cover the costs of union contract settlements for Fiscal Year 1987 that were paid retroactively in Fiscal Year 1988. The appropriation is from the tax levy and is already included in the calculation that resulted in my recommended tax rates of \$9.80 and \$21.19.

III ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1988 TAX RATE

CLASSIFICATION: Since Fiscal Year 1984, the City Council has followed the state law which allows municipalities to classify property according to use for the purpose of allocating the property tax. The classification law

provides that the minimum residential tax rate after classification can result in no less than 65% of what the total tax burden would be on residential properties if all classes were equally assessed. Additionally, the tax burden on commercial and industrial property cannot be more than 150% of what it would be if all classes were taxed at the same rate. Last year the City Council adopted a minimum allowable residential factor of 66.5%, and also established a ten percent residential exemption for owner occupied homes.

This year, for the first time in three years, the City Council may reduce the residential factor back down to the minimum 65% level allowed under state law, thus shifting a greater percentage of the tax levy onto commercial property. The decline in the residential tax burden is due to continual economic growth on the commercial side. As the table below indicates, commercial property, both as a percentage of total value and as a percentage of the total tax levy, increased substantially from Fiscal Year 1987 to Fiscal Year 1988.

<u>Category</u>	<u>FY 1987</u>	<u>FY 1988</u>
Commercial	40.1%	41.4%
Residential	59.1%	58.6%

TAX LEVY SHARE (millions of dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>FY 1987</u>	<u>FY 1988</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>
Commercial	\$49.7	\$53.8	\$4.1
Residential	32.9	33.1	.2
	<u>\$82.6</u>	<u>\$86.9</u>	<u>\$4.3</u>

The tables also illustrate the fact that commercial properties will pay over 95% of the \$4.3 million tax levy increase. It should be noted that new commercial development not on the tax rolls last year will pay over \$3.5 million of the \$4.1 million increase in the commercial levy. All told, taxes paid by new development, both residential and commercial, will total over \$3.9 million in Fiscal Year 1988.

RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION: The tax classification law provides for up to a ten percent residential exemption for owner occupied residences. Since Fiscal Year 1985, the City Council has approved the full ten percent exemption for owner-occupied homes. Were the City Council not to approve the exemption, owner-occupied homes assessed under \$387,800 would face a tax bill increase.

The table below gives some examples of what the tax bill differences are with and without residential exemptions.

OWNER OCCUPIED

<u>Value</u>	<u>FY 88 Tax Bill With Exemption</u>	<u>FY 88 Tax Bill Without Exemption</u>
\$150,000	\$1237	\$1380
250,000	2217	2300
350,000	3197	3220
450,000	4177	4140

Overall, as the following table shows, residential tax bills will decline slightly when compared with last year.

CITY WIDE AVERAGE TAX BILL

	<u>Fiscal Year 87</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 88</u>	<u>Change</u>
Single Family*	\$2,544	\$2,541	\$(3)
Two Family*	2,162	2,159	(3)
Three Family*	2,250	2,247	(3)
Condominiums	1,269	1,267	(2)
4 to 8 Units	1,894	1,892	(2)
9 Units Plus	11,941	11,929	(11)

The City Council should be aware that for the first time in five years the City did not do an annual revaluation of property values. A property revaluation was not done this year due to the lateness in finalizing last year's values. I fully expect that the City will resume annual property revaluations next year, however.

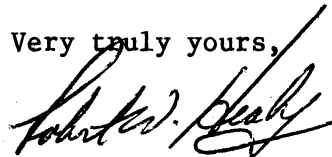
STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS: In 1987 the City Council accepted new state laws which liberalized certain statutory exemptions for the elderly, and at the same time doubled the value for all statutory exemptions. The acceptance of the state law regarding statutory exemptions does not have to be voted on annually by the City Council. However, the Council must vote annually to double the value of those exemptions. Homeowners who received exemptions last year would receive tax increases of between \$175 and \$500 in Fiscal Year 1988.

CONCLUSION

Residents of the City of Cambridge continue to benefit from the fiscal policies of the City Council and the City's strong local economy. Classification, residential exemption, commercial development, and conservative financial policies have combined to give Cambridge one of the lowest residential tax rates in Greater Boston. A Cambridge resident pays less in taxes than residents in surrounding cities and towns do for similar property.

The task for the future is to work to ensure that the financial stability that our residents have come to expect remains in place. This will not be an easy task. Costs such as health insurance and pensions are projected to increase at an annual rate that exceeds the primary limit increase under Proposition 2-1/2. The result of this is that the City has become dependent upon recent economic development to further increase our tax levy limit. As Cambridge is geographically a small community, the current levels of development cannot continue forever. However, by continuing to make difficult financial decisions that are best for the City's future, not merely an easy solution to current problems, we will continue to be successful in managing the City's finances.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: six recommendations (totaling 7 roll calls)
on the establishment of the tax rate.

In City Council,

September 21, 1987

9-21-87 Charter Right by
Councillor Walsh

9-28-87

1A. 9-0-0	1C. 9-0-0
1B. 9-0-0	1D. 9-0-0
1B. 9-0-0	1E. 8-1-0
	1F. 9-0-0

C. Duchay moved from
calendar.

C. Duchay moved Suspension
Reconsideration failed.