

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council May 13 1991

*C. Myers - Motion to Refer Agenda # 15 to Budget*

*Discussion*

|                            | YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PRESENT |  |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|--------|---------|--|
| Mr. Ed Cyr                 | ✓   |     |        |         |  |
| Mr. Francis H. Duehay      |     |     | ✓      |         |  |
| Mr. Jonathan S. Myers      | ✓   |     |        |         |  |
| Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves      | ✓   |     |        |         |  |
| Mrs. Sheila T. Russell     |     | ✓   |        |         |  |
| Mr. Walter J. Sullivan     |     | ✓   |        |         |  |
| Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. |     | ✓   |        |         |  |
| Mr. William H. Walsh       |     | ✓   |        |         |  |
| Mayor Alice K. Wolf        | ✓   |     |        |         |  |

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*Failed by Adoption*



# The Cambridge Hospital



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May 10, 1991

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Robert W. Healy, City Manager  
City of Cambridge  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to City Council Order Number 15 introduced on May 6, 1991. I have gathered the following data relative to monies due The Cambridge Hospital specifically those owed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the uncompensated care pool and for the care of Medicaid recipients. Regarding the uncompensated care pool which provides payment for much of the cost associated with care of the indigent, the hospital is currently owed \$3,400,000. from the pool. There have been dramatic improvements in payments from the pool as the State has become much more current in the payment of these monies thereby reducing the majority of monies owed from prior years. This is the primary reason for the superlative financial performance projected for Fiscal Year 1991. Regarding Medicaid indebtedness of the State, the hospital currently has \$1,450,000 outstanding in accounts receivable. The majority of these monies are for services rendered within the past (90) days. Medicaid receipts, like uncompensated care pool payments, have improved in the past year significantly reducing the State's liability for this care.

In summary, while the indebtedness by the State totals \$4,8500,000, which is still significant and is the focus of much of our ongoing collection efforts, it has dramatically improved from a year ago.

Sincerely,

John G. O'Brien  
Hospital Administrator

JGO/kw

cc: Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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Deputy City Manager

May 13, 1991

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #44 regarding the status of The Cambridge Hospital reimbursement, attached please find a report from the Hospital Administrator, John O'Brien.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name.

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

CONSENT AGENDA # 15

15-661  
Comm. relative to Awaiting Report # 44  
regarding the status of money owed to  
the City regarding the status of money owed  
to the City regarding the Cambridge  
Hospital reimbursement.

In City Council,

May 13, 1991

*Placed on file*