

Consent Agenda # 13
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

September 20, 1993

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1993

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1993-94 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the General Fund the City of Cambridge:

FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARY \$ WAGES	OTHER ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
Public Safety	Fire Department		\$226,000.00			\$226,000.00

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

FINANCING PLAN	REVENUE
Property Tax	\$226,000.00

In City Council September 20, 1993.
Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

September 20, 1993

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Attached is an order requesting the appropriation of \$226,000 from property taxes to the Fire Department Other Ordinary Maintenance Account. These funds will be used to purchase protective clothing and Hepatitis B vaccinations for each of the 272 firefighters.

As part of its most recent collective bargaining agreement with Local 30, the International Association of Firefighters, the City agreed to supply each firefighter, on a one time basis with a set of fire retardant uniforms, taking advantage of new technology that created safer work uniforms than had been available to firefighters in the past. The union and the Fire Department have spent over two years field testing various types of this new fabric before selecting the type that appears to be the safest and most practical for use. After purchase of the initial set, firefighters will be responsible for purchasing additional or replacement clothing through their clothing allowance.

The initial set of clothing will be purchased through competitive bid. The estimated cost of the clothing for all firefighters is \$136,000. This will significantly improve firefighter protection from burns in any possible exposure to open flame or intense heat and will allow the department to be in compliance with recommended national standards on fire protection clothing.

As part of the last contract we also agreed to increase City funding for a joint funded clothing and equipment replacement fund for protective clothing necessary for fire fighting, including helmets, fire coats, boots and gloves. The total contractual obligation for this item is \$60,000, covering our contractual obligation since 1991. The Fire Department will be undertaking a review of all such protective gear to ensure that which is being used meets current safety standards, with use of this fund for appropriate replacement.

In addition, each firefighter will receive Hepatitis B vaccinations. The cost is \$36.00 per shot; three shots per person are required.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment

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Comm. from R.W. Healy requesting
\$226,000 from property taxes, Fire Dept.
to provide funds for protective
clothing and Hepatitis B vaccinations
for each of the 272 Fire Fighters.

In City Council September 20, 1993

Order adopted
9-2-93