



City of Cambridge

7.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That all items currently pending before the City Council with the exception of those items currently listed under "Unfinished Business" and not acted upon by the end of the 1989 legislative session be placed in the files of the City Clerk without prejudice, subject to recall by any member.

In City Council December 18, 1989.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Enclosed:

I asked - Walsh
Cous to the
Mayor

That His Honor the Mayor be and
he is requested to communicate with
His Excellency the ^{Governor} in an effort to arrange a
time mutually convenient for the City Council
and Governor to meet and discuss the
content of the resolution and further, should
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appropriate legal action effective May 1, 1989



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COUNCILLOR WALSH

(Amended Order No. 13)

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 1989

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- WHEREAS: Determination to preserve The Cambridge Hospital and its ability to serve the needs and special needs, particularly of low and moderate income patients, demands that the spotlight focus on the City Manager's proposed budget for FY90 regarding the hospital deficit on the one hand and the Cherry Sheet Assessments which Cambridge must pay to the Commonwealth on the other. Presently, the city is owed approximately \$4.7 million from the Commonwealth for its uncompensated free care pool, and we are advised that it intends to pay only one half of that amount. In addition, the city is owed about \$2.5 million for Medicaid reimbursements, which reimbursements will not be forthcoming due to the state's fiscal crisis. Thus, a total of \$7.2 million is owed to The Cambridge Hospital by the Commonwealth. Even if the Commonwealth does pay half of the \$4.7 million owed from its uncompensated free care pool, it would still owe Cambridge \$4.9 million; and
- WHEREAS: As creators of a fiscal crisis rooted in overspending, the powers that be in the Commonwealth have decided arbitrarily and capriciously not to reimburse Cambridge Hospital for the full amounts owed, and these same officials will have their hands out to receive the full amount of the Cherry Sheet Assessments from Cambridge taxpayers, which in the City Manager's proposed budget (PAGE IV-203) totals \$5,839,520; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That, apart from paying the projected Cherry Sheet Assessment of \$54,395 to the Commonwealth for Retirement System Audit and Elderly Governmental Retirees respectively, the remaining \$5,785,125 be paid directly to The Cambridge Hospital to reduce and offset the hospital's deficit, thereby reducing a potential tax increase to Cambridge taxpayers. To the degree that the Commonwealth pays what it owes to the hospital, to that degree the accounts of the City and the Commonwealth can be balanced at a future date; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager amend his proposed budget so as to reflect this stance of the City Council and send notice of same to His Excellency, the Governor; Speaker of the House, Keverian; Senate President, Bulger; Sen. McGovern, Senate Ways and Means; Rep. Voke, House Ways and Means; Rep. Flood, House Taxation Committee; and to each member of Cambridge's legislative delegation; and be it further

ORDERED: That His Honor, the Mayor, be and hereby is requested to communicate with His Excellency, the Governor, in an effort to arrange a time mutually convenient for the City Council and Governor to meet and discuss the content of this resolution and further, should the Mayor receive a negative response to this request, the City Council shall initiate the appropriate legal action, effective May 1, 1989.

4/10/89 - TABLED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WALSH. COPY TO HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR.



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Order #13

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C. Walsh order re: that the City Manager be requested to amend his proposed budget with regard to The Cambridge Hospital, the Money owed to it by the Commonwealth & that apart from paying the projected Cherry Sheet Assessment to the Commonwealth for Retirement System Audit & Elderly Governmental Retirees, the remaining \$5,785,125 be paid directly to The Cambridge Hospital to reduce & offset its deficit.

12/28/89 Placed on file
without prejudice

See Order # 7 of
12/18/89

In City Council,

April 10, 1989