

City of Cambridge

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Chair
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Vice Mayor David P. Maher
Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves
Councillor Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

In City Council January 8, 2001

The Finance Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2000 at five o'clock and fifty-five minutes p.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the rehabilitation of the firehouses in the city.

Present at the meeting were: Councillor Sullivan, Chair of the Committee; Vice Mayor Maher; Councillors Decker, Davis, Braude and Toomey; Robert W. Healy, City Manager; Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager; James Maloney, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs; Lisa Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager; Gerald Reardon; Acting Fire Chief; and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Sullivan opened the meeting by stating that this administration has been supportive of the Fire Department. The City Manager distributed a historical summary of the Fire Department Capital Appropriations. **(ATTACHMENT A)** The purchase of a new ladder truck was approved by this administration.

Robert W. Healy, City Manager, stated that the City Council and the City Manager has dedicated resources to keep the fire department in excellent condition with their apparatus. The city is looking at equipment and fire stations in an orderly manner and work is needed to be done and will be done in each succeeding year. Funds were provided for a second ladder truck. Every year, he said, the capital requests will be reviewed and requests will be addressed. There is no attempt to do less in the interiors of the fire station than on the exteriors. The Fire Department has a rating of an ISO department and this cannot be achieved without good equipment.

Councillor Sullivan asked about the work planned on the Taylor Square and the Lafayette Square fire stations. Chief Reardon stated that Taylor Square is being done and an interior design will be done in Lafayette Square.

Vice Mayor Maher stated that Channel 7 did an expose on the conditions of fire stations which raised many questions and caused him to submit the attached order adopted by the City Council on April 3, 2000. **(ATTACHMENT B)** The firefighters invited the City Council to breakfast to discuss issues such as safety and engines running in firehouses creating air quality problems.

A discussion ensued regarding exhaust equipment. Chief Reardon stated that there is a bid closing on the capture hose exhaust. Apparatus Rules are being encapsulated and will be done by the end of the year, he said. An enclosure around the top of the fire pole will stop the exhaust from rising into the living quarters. Vice Mayor Maher asked the cost of the enclosure. Chief Reardon responded the expected cost is \$200,000.

Vice Maher asked about the conditions at the firehouses in the living quarters. Chief Reardon stated that Lafayette Square requires exterior sealing before the interior can be worked on; Headquarters was painted; Engine 3 needs a new roof; Engine 4 was done in 1992.

Councillor Sullivan asked if any of the work could be done in-house to save money. Mr. Healy responded that what can be done in-house is done, but the Public Works Department is strapped. Councillor Sullivan asked who was responsible to clean the firehouses. Firefighters was the response of Chief Reardon.

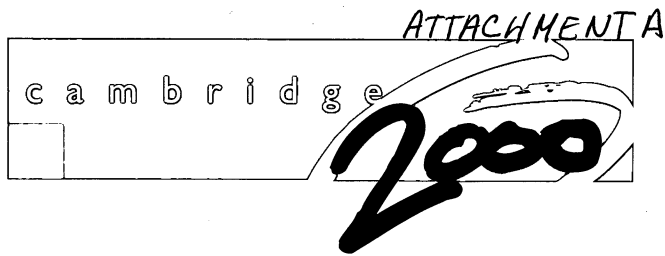
Councillor Davis asked the Fire Chief if the firehouses were converted from oil to natural gas. Chief Reardon responded in the affirmative. Gas is cleaner and requires less maintenance, he said. Councillor Davis asked what is done to conserve energy. Chief Reardon stated the enclosure on the fire pole, automatic door timers are used and new thermopane windows were installed in Engine 3, 4, 5 and 8.

Councillor Davis told of a conference she attended regarding Lead Silver Standards used when renovation is made to a building to have as little impact on the environment as possible. Harvard University and M.I.T. have committed to this standard, she said. Chief Reardon stated smart controllers are used for the heaters and the timer have been installed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on the motion of Vice Mayor Maher.

For the Committee,


Councillor Michael A. Sullivan
Chair



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

September 27, 2000

To Councillor Michael A. Sullivan, Finance Committee Chair
& Members of the Finance Committee of the City Council:

Please find attached for your information, a historical summary of Fire Department Capital appropriations: pages 1 and 2 combine all appropriations; page 3 lists renovations by station; page 4 lists renovations by year; and page 5 lists fire capital equipment appropriations by year.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", written in a cursive style.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachments



2000 Things 2 Do in 2000

**Summary
Fire Capital Appropriations
FY87-01**

ATTACHMENT B

Fiscal Year	Renovation Project / Type of Equipment	Amount
2001	100 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck for Taylor Square	550,000
	100 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck for East Cambridge Fire Station (Supplemental Appropriation 9/18/00)	650,000
		1,200,000
2000	Air Supply Unit for Department's Air Cylinders	180,000
	Turnout Coats	280,000
	Renovations to Taylor Square Fire Station	2,100,000
	Replacement of Roof and Boiler System at Inman Square Fire Station	350,000
	Replacement of Roof at East Cambridge Fire Station	150,000
		3,060,000
1999	Replacement of Pumper at Engine 8	250,000
	Acquisition of 28 Radios	75,000
	Final Phase of Renovations to Lafayette Square Fire Station ((\$650,000 previously appropriated including \$150,000 grant from the State	150,000
		475,000
1998	Replacement of Pumper at Engine 3 (East Cambridge)	290,000
	Renovations to Lafayette Square Fire Station	650,000
		940,000
1997	Acquisition of Medium Duty Rescue	125,000
		125,000
1996	Replacement of Pumper at Engine 1	230,000
	Replacement of Boilers at Porter Square and Taylor Square Fire Stations	70,000
		300,000
1995	Replacement of Pumper at Engine 4	190,000
	Renovations to Taylor Square Fire Station	50,000
		240,000
1994	Replacement of 105 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck at Ladder 4	405,000
		405,000
1993	Acquisition of Air Tanks and Breathing Apparatus (Phase 2)	82,400
	Acquisition of Hazardous Materials Unit	127,600
		210,000
1992	Acquisition of Air Tanks and Breathing Apparatus (Phase 1)	120,000
	Replacement of Heating System at Lexington Avenue Fire Station	35,000
		155,000
1991	Replacement of Aerial Ladder Truck at East Cambridge Fire Station	365,000
		365,000

Summary
Fire Capital Appropriations
FY87-01

1990	Replacement of Pumper at Kendall Square Fire Station	165,000
	Renovations to Fire Headquarters	1,100,000
	Renovations to Porter Square Fire Station	400,000
		1,665,000
1989	Replacement of Two Pumpers	320,000
	Renovations to Porter Square Fire Station	800,000
		1,120,000
1988	Replacement of Pumper at Engine 8	130,000
	Replacement of Rescue Unit	150,000
	Renovations to River Street Fire Station	150,000
		430,000
1987	Replacement of Aerial Ladder Truck	275,000
	Renovations to River Street Fire Station	470,000
		745,000
	Total Fire Capital Appropriations FY87-01	11,435,000

**Building Renovations by Fiscal Year
FY87-01**

Fiscal Year	Project	Amount
FY01	No projects funded.	
FY00	Renovations to Taylor Square Fire Station	2,100,000
	Replacement of Roof and Boiler System	
	at Inman Square Fire Station.	350,000
	Replacement of Roof at East Cambridge	
	Fire Station	150,000
FY99	Final Phase of Renovations to Lafayette	
	Square Fire Station (\$650,000 previously	
	appropriated including \$150,000 grant from	
	the State.	150,000
FY98	Renovations to Lafayette Square Fire Station	650,000
FY97	No projects funded.	
FY96	Boiler Replacement at Porter Square and	
	Taylor Square Fire Stations	70,000
FY95	Renovations to Taylor Square Fire Station	50,000
FY94	No Projects Funded.	
FY93	No Projects Funded.	
FY92	Replacement of Heating System at Lexington	
	Avenue Fire Station.	35,000
FY91	No Projects Funded.	
FY90	Renovations to Fire Headquarters	1,100,000
	Renovations to Porter Square Fire Station	400,000
FY89	Renovations to Porter Square Fire Station	800,000
FY88	Renovations to River Street Fire Station	150,000
FY87	Renovations to River Street Fire Station	470,000
	Total FY87-01	6,475,000

**Building Renovations by Fire Station
FY87-01**

Fire Station	Fiscal Year	Amount
Taylor Square	FY00	2,100,000
	FY96	35,000
	FY95	50,000
		2,185,000
Inman Square	FY00	350,000
		350,000
East Cambridge	FY00	150,000
		150,000
Lafayette Square	FY99	300,000
	FY98	500,000
		800,000
Porter Square	FY96	35,000
	FY90	400,000
	FY89	800,000
		1,235,000
Lexington Avenue	FY92	35,000
		35,000
Fire Headquarters	FY90	1,100,000
		1,100,000
River Street	FY88	150,000
	FY87	470,000
		620,000
Total		6,475,000

**Fire Vehicles / Equipment
FY87-01**

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Committee Report #1

Committee Report from Councillor
Michael A. Sullivan, Chair of the
Finance Committee for a meeting
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Report Accepted

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