

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda #6 Transfer of \$28,000 in the
Fire Department

In City Council June 7 1976

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clem	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham			✓	
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mayor Vellucci			✓	

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

June 7, 1976

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER JAMES L. SULLIVAN

AN ORDER CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1975

ORDERED: That the following transfer be made in the General Fund of the City of Cambridge:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Fire Salaries & Wages	\$28,000.00	Fire Other Ordinary Maintenance	\$28,000.00

REASON(S)

Increased costs of 1.) clothing allowance, 2.) utilities, and 3.) automotive parts and services.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

June 7, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

The Fire Chief has requested the attached appropriation transfer, in the amount of \$28,000.00, because of larger-than-estimated cost increases in three aspects of his department's operation.

The first of these is the increased clothing allowance approved for department personnel in the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The total increase amounted to \$16,500.00 for 1975-76 (from \$185.00/year to \$235.00/year for 300 employees). The second and third increases are related in the sense that they are cost factors beyond the direct control of the department, i. e., utility bills and motor equipment parts and service.

The Fire Department operates 10 stations throughout the City on a round-the-clock basis, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Because of this schedule, the impact of utility rate increases, such as those experienced during 1975-76, is most severe on the Fire Department. In response to this, the Fire Chief has begun programs such as installing "delayed-closing" mechanism on all fire station doors, etc. Because of the nature of the fire service it is very difficult to forecast or control the cost of repair and maintenance of the department's rolling stock. This year our cost estimates for this aspect of the department's operations were low because of the dramatic increase in the cost of parts and service. Despite the cost increases, the equipment downtime had to be minimized in order to allow quick, adequate responses to any fire emergency. Therefore, we experienced cost overruns which will be covered by the remaining portion of this transfer.

Passage of the attached order is recommended.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
Assistant City Manager

RWH/mbf
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Order

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