

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda # 17 - Appropriation of \$4,000,000
to the Health & Hospital Dept. In City Council January 27 199 2

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

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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

January 27, 1992

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1991

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1991-92 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the Public Investment of the City of Cambridge:

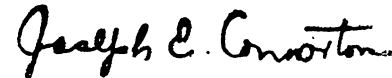
FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARY \$ WAGES	OTHER ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
Human Resource Development	Health & Hospital Services				\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

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

FINANCING PLAN	REVENUE
Hospital Receipts	\$4,000,000

In City Council January 27, 1992.
 Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-
 Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 0; Present 1.
 Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy



ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

January 27, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached is an order requesting the appropriation of \$4,000,000 in excess hospital receipts to the Public Investment Fund Health & Hospital Services Extraordinary Expenditure Account to provide funding for a wide range of capital projects which I have described in detail below. Hospital revenues are currently exceeding budget estimates by approximately \$4 million. As a result of the recent passage of the hospital financing bill, this level is expected to be either maintained or exceeded for the remainder of the fiscal year. In order to continue the program of providing quality care and maintaining the competitive position of the hospital, I am recommending funding for the following projects:

1. \$1.5 million. Digital subtraction bi-plane angiography unit. These funds are critically needed for the replacement of an existing unit so as to provide state of the art technology. This radiology unit uses two (2) imaging units and a table that moves the patient under the control of computer enhanced video images so that a physician can diagnose the levels of blood flow through the patient's arteries;

2. \$900,000. Elevators in Main Building (4) and the Cahill House (2) to be completely upgraded. This project, which due to the age of these elevators is quite predictable, should now be undertaken at the earliest possible time according to state inspection and independent consultants commissioned by the hospital. Hospital engineering staff, in collaboration with the independent consultant and the hospital's consulting architect, have developed a comprehensive approach so as to provide a modern, safe, elevator system which would be accessible to people with disabilities;

3. \$275,000. Purchase of 8 Camelia Avenue. With the assistance of numerous city agencies including Rent Control, Inspectional Services, the Law Department and others, the hospital has received clearance for the possible purchase of the aforementioned property which abuts hospital property. This facility, ideally located, would be occupied by hospital administrative staff thereby freeing up additional space for clinical activities necessitated by the nearly 70% increase in ambulatory patient volumes;

4. \$600,000. Additional computer hardware, software, peripheral equipment, and associated information system conversion. This allocation is required for the third phase of the development and implementation of a hospital-wide information system. The hospital is now fully engaged in the deployment of hardware and software that will fully integrate all clinical activities with the financial reporting system. Most recently, the radiology and pharmacy departments have been fully automated not only improving efficiency within those departments but also ultimately improving patient care. This next phase of the implementation will integrate computer access and communication throughout the nursing units, health centers, and ancillary departments which will include order entry and nurse staffing and patient classification. Physician inquiry and patient care inquiry, providing important format, will also be achieved in this next phase;

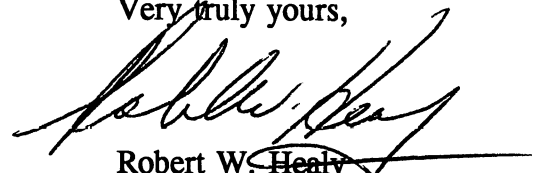
5. \$75,000. Riverside Health Center. Design of the building finally agreed upon include more square footage than originally budgeted necessitating this additional outlay.

6. \$325,000. Plant Upgrade. Miscellaneous construction projects throughout hospital buildings including \$75,000 required for structural improvements required so as to prevent water leaks in the radiology department; and

7. \$400,000. Medical Equipment. The majority of those monies will be needed in the laboratory (\$100,000) and for a central cardiac arrhythmia system with telemetry units (\$190,000).

I appreciate your consideration of this major capital appropriation which will enable the hospital to continue its capital improvement program while requiring no additional tax support from the city.

Very truly yours,

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

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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In City Council,

January 27, 1992

Order adopted

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