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Ordered: That the
City Clerk forward a
copy of the Order ^(ccx note) NO —
to the City Manager and
be it further

Ordered: That the City Manager
be + hereby is requested to
report back on the
estimated costs of ~~the~~
utilizing an outside
consultant to review, prepare
analyze — —

Tabbed on the
motion of C. Sullivan

June 19, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL

ADD
C. DUEHAM

WHEREAS: The City Council and the City Manager for the first time were able in the FY 96 Budget to hold the line with the smallest ax levy increase of .8% since 1983 and it is projected that this increase will be fully offset by taxes levied on property entering the tax rolls for the first time in FY 96; and

WHEREAS; This was a responsible start as we begin to focus on expected impacts in the FY 97 Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth's revenue and fiscal projections for coming years do not look especially bright and the present revenue flow has failed to meet expected projections and this the likelihood of continued growth in local aid in coming years looks dim; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to adjust the City fiscal picture as it relates to the consequences of the present tax rate situation and budget growth in light of the projected fiscal and economic realities; and

WHEREAS: The residential tax rate has approached levels that are making the City too expensive for its long term residents, especially since there will be a direct pass through of the residential taxes to tenants; and

WHEREAS: The commercial tax rate, one of the major considerations for businesses, has likewise approached levels that is making Cambridge too costly for the retention of existing industries and the attraction of new industries, both for much needed job opportunities for our residents as well as support for the tax base; and

WHEREAS: The mechanism to address these important issues needs to be rational and systematic with a sufficient process to insure that appropriate decisions and policies are made with sufficient direction, priorities and guidance given to the City Manager to insure follow through; and

WHEREAS: In order for the City Council and City Manager to fully perform this task, they will need extensive and precise information; and

WHEREAS: the City Council in recent orders has requested information relative to existing programs and has called for a study of its present government operations, and has in previously sought some performance based budgeting analysis; and

WHEREAS: There is a need to start this process in advance of the FY97 Budget; and

WHEREAS: During the FY 96 Budget process, the Finance Committee heard from members of the Community relative to analysis relating to budgetary comparisons with other municipalities and some town; and

WHEREAS: Outside independent analysis and review would be of great assistance to the City Council; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to retain an out side consultant to review, study and analysis the City current and projected operating expenditures and governmental operations with this consultant to report back to the City Council and the City Manger; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the Council with an accounting of all fixed costs which are beyond the control of the City, with an explanation as to why these costs are beyond our control; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide this Council with an analysis of the possible affects, cuts would have in each department detailing what City services would be affected and/or personnel; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to extrapolate the effects of various levels of reductions in the property tax levy to the average residential and commercial rate payer. And it be

RESOLVED: That the City Council and the City Manager will use this information to jointly reduce the tax levied portion of the budget and this have a significant impact on the tax rates, while seeking to maintain city services.

*Tabled in min of
C. Sullivan
W/S*

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W/S



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of Order No. 38 to the City Manager; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the estimated costs of utilizing outside consultants to review, study and analyze the City's current and projected operating expenditures and governmental operations with this consultant.

In City Council June 19, 1995

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Non Consent Order #39

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Councillor Sullivan re: Use outside consultant
to review, study and analyze the City's
current and projected operating expenditures.

Rep. received 6/26/95

See Agenda # 18 of 6/26/95.

In City Council June 19, 1995