

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28

December 12, 1988

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1988

ORDERED: That the following transfer be made in the Hospital and Ambulatory Care Fund of the City of Cambridge:

| FROM                         | AMOUNT         |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Health and Hospital Services |                |
| Salaries and Wages           | \$1,000,000.00 |

| TO                           | AMOUNT         |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Health and Hospital Services |                |
| Other Ordinary Maintenance   | \$1,000,000.00 |

REASON (S)

Contract and Agency Professional Staff.

In City Council December 12, 1988.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connerton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

*Joseph E. Connerton*

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council December 12, 1988

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RE: TRANSFER OF ~~\$1,000.~~ IN THE HEALTH & HOSPITALS DEPT.

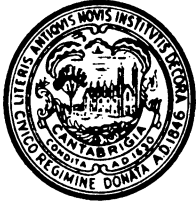
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|                          | YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PRESENT |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| Mr. Thomas W. Danehy     | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Francis H. Duehay    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Ms. Sandra Graham        |     |     | ✓      |         |
| Mrs. Sheila T. Russell   | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. David E. Sullivan    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Walter J. Sullivan   | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. William H. Walsh     | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Ms. Alice K. Wolf        | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci | ✓   |     |        |         |

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI  
Deputy City Manager

December 12, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Attached is an order requesting the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Health and Hospital Services Salaries and Wages account to the Health and Hospital Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds for staffing in the nursing, respiratory care, laboratory and radiology areas. Due to the critical shortage of healthcare personnel in these areas as well as a shift of large numbers of these professionals from permanent employee status to agency or per diem status, a large number of vacancies in these areas exists. While these vacancies have contributed to a \$1,000,000 surplus in the Salaries and Wages account, the cost of funding these positions on a contract/agency basis is significantly due to the agency expense and profit being built into their rates. It should be noted that this is a problem which exists throughout the State.

While this transfer will address the short-term problem, it is anticipated that an additional \$1,000,000 will be required for the remainder of this fiscal year. Current revenue projections indicate that the additional \$1,000,000 appropriation can be financed through surplus patient revenues.

It is clear that this is a problem which we will face not only in the current fiscal year but also in preparing the FY90 Hospital budget.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mbf  
Enc.

Agenda Item No. 28 F-560

Re: transfer of \$1,000. in the Health &  
Hospitals Dept.

In City Council,

December 12, 1988

12-12-88

Order Adopted

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