



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 1981

COUNCILLOR WYLIE

- WHEREAS: On March 9th the City Council held a hearing on the Civil Defense plans for evacuation of Cambridge residents to Greenfield in the event of a threat of nuclear attack; and
- WHEREAS: The testimony indicated that such an evacuation would not increase the safety of Cambridge residents and might even increase the likelihood of injury and death; and
- WHEREAS: The only conclusion which would be reached from the testimony was that the sole means of protecting Cambridge citizens from nuclear warfare would be for nations with nuclear arms to destroy those arms and renounce their use; and
- WHEREAS: There is doubt that Greenfield, being much smaller than Cambridge, could accomodate Cambridge residents in any significant numbers even if Cambridge residents could get to Greenfield; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager is requested to direct the Civil Defense Director of Cambridge to hold in abeyance further distribution of the regional evacuation plan and immediately to prepare and distribute to all Cambridge citizens before the City Council recesses for the summer a publication which would describe why no step short of nuclear disarmament by all nations could protect Cambridge citizens against a nuclear war, drawing upon the testimony presented on March 9th regarding the number, variety and destructive power of nuclear arms, the probable fallout patterns and the lasting effects of radiation, presumed targeting of U.S. cities by the Soviet Union, the effect of fire storms in removing oxygen and rendering shelters useless, and the anticipated effect on the ozone layer possibly leading to universal blindness and the destruction of insect life with the resultant inability to propagate plant life; and be it further
- ORDERED: That insofar as helpful in preparing said publication the Civil Defense Director should secure pertinent technical data and seek the assistance of the U.S. Defense Department, the Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Council for a Livable World, and any other useful source of information; and

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Insofar as information available appears to the Civil Defense to be conflicting or debatable and incapable of resolution by him, the publication should describe for the public the varying points of view so that citizens may draw their own conclusion; and

That Civil Defense Director should provide the City Council with monthly progress reports, describing groups and persons contacted and information acquired, as well as obstacles encountered. He further should feel free to hold public hearings or request the City Council to hold public hearings, or in other appropriate ways to solicit the views and assistance of all interested groups and individuals.

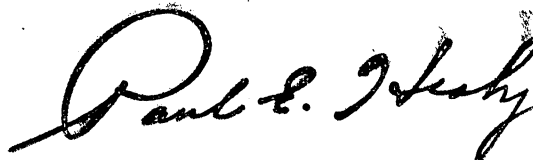
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed word "ATTEST:-".

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C. Wylie re: publication to be drawn up
on the effects of nuclear warfare.

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Members.