

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund Personnel Salary & Wages to the Travel & Training Account to provide funds to cover additional EAP, diversity, and PeopleSoft training for the remainder of the fiscal year.
2. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the transfer of \$20,000 in the General Fund of the Public Works Department from Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to Travel & Training (Judgement & Damages) to enable surplus funds in the snow operating account to be used for medical bill payments and lump sum settlement.
3. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of donations from Cambridge businesses to match Massachusetts Department of Education Workplace Education grant funds for \$2,904 to the Grant Fund Human Services Salaries & Wages Account to provide funds for a part-time teacher for English classes to business employees.
4. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of a grant from the Paine Social Services for \$850 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds to train Council on Aging seniors on resources and support for elder victims of domestic violence and to provide limited transportation for seniors to attend sobriety support groups.
5. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of fees and donations from the annual City Run Road Race for \$19,134 to the Grant Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide support for the Friends of Cambridge Athletics, a volunteer parent organization that supports athletic programs at CRLS.
6. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$5,000 in fees from program participants for activities and classes at the Senior Center to the General Fund Human Services Salaries & Wages Account to provide funds for additional class instructors.
7. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$12,000 in fees paid by program participants in the youth center to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance account to provide funds for staff training and technical support.
8. Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to the appropriation of \$75,000 in fees from participants in the

Harrington Extended Day Program to the General Fund Human Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account to provide funds for program development and staff training.

ON THE TABLE

1. Landmark Designation Study Report for Shady Hill Square, 1-11 Shady Hill Square and 36 Holden Street.
2. Landmark Designation Study Report for designating as a protected landmark the Tulip Tree at 1436 and 1446 Cambridge Street.
3. Consent Communication #3 of March 18, 2002 regarding opposition to a curb cut application at the premises of 64 Garfield Street.
4. Consent Communication #6 of March 18, 2002 regarding opposition to a curb cut application at the premises of 64 Garfield Street.
5. Consent Communication #9 of April 22, 2002 regarding opposition to the proposed curb cut at 64 Garfield Street.
6. Consent Communication #10 of April 22, 2002 regarding opposition to the proposed curb cut at 64 Garfield Street.
7. Applications and Petitions #2 of April 22, 2002 on the application from Fleet Bank, requesting permission for one table and one chair at the premises numbered 727 Massachusetts Avenue.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To be used to sign up new checking accounts from time to time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Petition from Harvard University requesting a sub-surface easement located between 1720 and 1737 Cambridge Street for the purpose of constructing an underground pedestrian and service tunnel beneath Cambridge Street.
9. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$517,995 from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to cover a portion of the cost of the Cambridgeport and Infiltration/Inflow projects. The question comes on adoption on or after May 20, 2002.
10. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$11,919,542 to provide funds for several sewer reconstruction projects. The question comes on adoption on or after May 20, 2002.
11. Appropriation and authorization to borrow an additional \$775,000 for renovations to the Taylor Square Fire Station. The question comes on adoption on or after May 20, 2002.
12. Appropriation and authorization to borrow \$850,000 for extensive renovations to the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr./Fresh Pond Golf Course. The question comes on adoption on or after May 20, 2002.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. An application was received from Tommy's House of Pizza, requesting permission for an awning at the premises numbered 49 Mount Auburn Street. Approval has been received from Inspectional Services, Community Development Departments and abutters.
2. An application was received from The Music Factory, Inc., requesting permission for chairs and tables to display merchandise Sunday – Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the MBTA Station at Kendall Square.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. A communication was received from Janet Friel and family, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted on behalf of their mother Mary Friel.
2. A communication was received from Kathryn S. Podgers, requesting the City Council to file a bill that would allow disabled SSI recipients to qualify for maximum food stamp benefits.
3. A communication was received from Bernard A. Flynn, Jr., transmitting appreciation for the resolution congratulating him on his promotion to Colonel.
4. A communication was received from Kathy Teixeira and the Devine family, transmitting thanks for the resolution on behalf of her mother.
5. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding a council order on Abercrombie & Fitch.
6. A communication was received from the family of Erasmo Santilli, acknowledging your kind expression of sympathy.
7. A communication was received from the Mahoney family, accepting your kind expression of sympathy for Mary J. Mahoney.
8. A communication was received from Walk Boston, urging the City Council to reconsider the vote taken on a council order regarding photo enforcement of red-light running.
9. Sundry communications received from the following Riverside residents, regarding how they feel about preserving the character of life in their neighborhood: Kenneth Spencer 34 Mt. Auburn St.; (Illegible signature) 51 Hayes Street; Elie Yarden 143 Pleasant Street; Robert Freed 16 Soden Street; (Illegible signature) 23 Bay Street; Michael Higgins 215 Putnam Avenue; Irene Carmen 460 Franklin Street; Nita Sembrowich 203 Putnam Avenue; Jacqueline Linard Gates 109 River Street; Nancy Highsmith 32 Howard Street; L.R. Derbali 17 Flag Street; Irene Hartford 207 Putnam Avenue; Wendy Baring-Gould 525 Franklin Street
10. A communication was received from the family of Nathalie L. Graham, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council on the loss of their mother.
11. A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding an open meetings law violation.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Congratulating the Graham Parks School for their play performance of "*Ten Whispers Make A Shout.*" Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
2. Resolution on the death of Joao C. Morais. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
3. The City awards Harvard University Operations Services and Broadway Bicycle School the GoGreen Business Recycling Award. Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
4. The City awards AMGEN and BIOGEN the GoGreen Business Award. Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan, Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
5. Resolution on the death of Mary Mae Cloherty. Councillors Galluccio, Toomey and entire membership
6. Resolution on the death of Leonard Brzezinski. Councillor Toomey, Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
7. Expressing best wishes to CAMBRIDGE, 1. to Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
8. Congratulating TOT LOT for its thirty years of thought provoking education and for bringing smiling faces to the many children it has served. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
9. Congratulating the Cambridge Housing Authority on their Second Annual Senior Banquet for the graduating students. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
10. Commending Ms. Hogan's second grade class at the Fletcher Maynard Academy for their act of kindness and generosity on donating the free pair of shoes they won to a homeless child in Cambridge as well as New Balance for their recognition of these children. Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
11. Resolution on the death of Edward J. Reid, Sr. Councillor Galluccio and entire membership
12. Congratulating the Community Development Department and all city staff involved in successfully preserving two expiring use developments. Vice Mayor Davis and entire membership
13. Thanking Musica Sacra, Spare Change News, Solutions at Work, and Bread and Jams for their work on behalf of the homeless community. Vice Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Decker and entire membership
14. Thanking Biogen for their wonderful gift to the science department and to the students of the Fitzgerald School. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership

15. Thanking Senator Edward M. Kennedy and the Child Care Resource Center for their continued commitment to the care, development and learning of our children. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
16. Congratulating the six recruits graduating from the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy on Friday, May 10, 2002. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
17. Congratulating the Belmont Hill School and the Windsor School on the completion of the new athletic facility and wish all the individuals who use the boathouse the best of luck. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
18. That the City Council strongly urges all Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day, and every day, to remember and pay tribute to our nation's defenders, living and deceased, for their service and devotion to our country. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
19. Congratulating Ethel Ampey for receiving the Governor's "Point of Light" Award and thank her for her continued dedication to the city of Cambridge. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
20. Congratulating Laura Donaldson for receiving the first Barbara Singer Artist Award and wish her continued success. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
21. Resolution on the death of Audrey Melnick. Mayor Sullivan and entire membership
22. Congratulating Les Kimbrough on his Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus Award. Councillor Reeves and entire membership
23. Expressing appreciation to the Museum of Science for their new program that will further the City Council's goals of fostering community. Councillor Toomey and entire membership
4. Calling on the State Legislature to reject the proposed constitutional amendment H4840 that would deny protections and benefits to Cambridge families. Councillor Murphy
5. Calling on the State to close the funding gap by approving revenue-raising proposals, therefore properly funding services vital to our city. Councillor Murphy
6. Urging the Cambridge delegation to the State House to support passage of H4716, to develop and support legislation to require Producer Take Back for all consumer electronics products, computers and household hazardous products and Governor Swift to support H4716. Councillor Decker
7. Urging the Cambridge delegation to the Massachusetts Legislation to file a bill that would enable SSI recipients to automatically qualify for maximum food stamp benefits when their food stamp "countable expenses" reach 3/4 or 2/3 of their SSI income. Councillor Decker
8. City Manager is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to examine the feasibility of installing a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Gore and Sciarappa Streets. Councillor Toomey
9. City Manager is requested to report on what programs the city has to promote the purchase and the planting of flowering trees and shrubs by citizens. Councillor Reeves
10. City Manager is requested to please address the dangerous traffic situation at the corner of Dana and Harvard Streets. Councillor Reeves
11. Urging Cambridge residents and city departments to attend the CityWide Education Forum and share their own experiences of the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act. Councillor Decker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee, for a meeting held on May 2, 2002 to discuss the procurement law with the Purchasing Agent and any general business that comes before the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS

1. A communication was received from Marilyn Y. Bradshaw, Executive Secretary to the School Committee, transmitting information on graduation dates.

ORDERS

1. City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council as to why claims are not being settled promptly and upon ways we can assist our residents in getting appropriate compensation. Mayor Sullivan
2. City Manager is requested to report back to the City Council as to whether there are conditions set forth prior to the issuance of a liquor license that the license be held by the applicant for a period of time before the business may be sold and license transferred. Vice Mayor Davis
3. City Manager is requested to confer with Community Development Department to determine whether there is any way to get more of the Polaroid site housing as community housing. Councillor Decker

HEARING SCHEDULE

Mon, May 13

5:00pm *Special Presentation* to the winners of the "Go Green Business Awards." (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 14

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting for discussion of meeting with the Planning Board, tour of additional sites presenting planning issues, neighborhood study updates, planning that emphasizes green space and forest-like areas near dense development, a planning study of the Alewife triangle and any other business that may come before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

Fri, May 17

1:00pm The Government Operations Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the possibility of coordination of a citizen satisfactory survey and the upcoming election. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, May 20

5:00pm *Special Presentation* by the award recipients of the Cambridge Partnership for Public Education Mini-Grants. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

At the conclusion of the 5:30 P.M. City Council Meeting The University Relations Committee will conduct a brief public working meeting to discuss the May 28 meeting of the University Relations Committee. No public comment. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs, May 23

8:30am-11:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the "Buy Cambridge Initiative." (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, May 28

9:00am-1:00pm The University Relations Committee will hold a facilitated meeting on city university relations with participation of representatives from Harvard University and MIT. (Biogen Conference Room, 10 Cambridge Center)

Wed, May 29

5:30pm The Claims Committee will conduct a public hearing to consider claims filed against the city. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, June 3

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting - Public Health infrastructure and infant mortality rate. Informal meeting with no public comment, at which time no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 4

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting for discussion of meeting with the Planning Board, tour of additional sites presenting planning issues, neighborhood study updates, planning that emphasizes green space and forest-like areas near dense development, a planning study of the Alewife triangle. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, June 10

5:00pm *Special Presentation* to announce the winner of the Golden Shoes contest. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, June 17

5:00pm *Special Presentation* to a retired Police Captain. (Sullivan Chamber)

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Tues, June 18

3:00pm The Neighborhood and Long Term Planning Committee will conduct a public meeting for discussion of meeting with the Planning Board, tour of additional sites presenting planning issues, neighborhood study updates, planning that emphasizes green space and forest-like areas near dense development, a planning study of the Alewife triangle. (Ackermann Room)

Thurs, June 20

11:00am The Economic Development, Training and Employment Committee will conduct a public meeting to discuss the youth summit, the business directories, the Buy Cambridge Initiative and any other general business that comes before the committee. (Ackermann Room)

Mon, June 24

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, July 29

5:30pm Special City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 9

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 23

5:30pm City Council Meeting (Sullivan Chamber)

Mon, Sept 30

5:30pm Roundtable Meeting - Informal meeting with no public comment, at which time no votes will be taken. Meeting will not be televised. (Sullivan Chamber)

TEXT OF ORDERS

O-1. May 13, 2002

MAYOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has put out to bid a number of contracts relating to sewer construction and storm water separation throughout the city; and

WHEREAS: During this construction, particularly in the area of Wendell Street, some properties were damaged; and

WHEREAS: The city has informed these property owners to pursue claims directly with the contractor; and

WHEREAS: The contractor has failed to act swiftly and appropriately in resolving these claims, including to promptly deliver copies of the video of the properties; and

WHEREAS: Although a private contractor performed the construction, in the view of the many, the city is responsible for those whom they hire; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to report back to the City Council as to why these claims are not being settled promptly and upon ways we can assist our residents in getting appropriate compensation; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to report back to the City Council on what measures the City can take to ensure that contractors that do not respond appropriately are not awarded future City contracts.

O-2. May 13, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as to whether there are conditions set forth prior to the issuance of a liquor license that the license must be held by the applicant for a period of time before the business may be sold and license transferred and further whether any tracking has been conducted by the License Commission to determine if there is a trend in businesses obtaining liquor licenses and soon thereafter selling.

O-3. May 13, 2002

COUNCILLOR DECKER

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Community Development Department to determine whether there is any way to get more of the Polaroid site housing purchased by Harvard as community housing.

O-4. May 13, 2002

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: All citizens are equal and must be seen so in the eyes of the law; and

WHEREAS: Marriage, and the loving relationship which it signifies, is a basic human right and a personal decision made by individuals; and

WHEREAS: A sweeping, discriminatory constitutional amendment has been introduced to amend the

Massachusetts constitution to deny basic rights to gay and lesbian citizens; and

WHEREAS: This constitutional amendment would prevent almost any legal recognition of same-sex couples, would threaten the health care benefits of same-sex couples and does not protect any marriage or any family; and

WHEREAS: The City Council opposes any attack on the principles of equality enshrined in the Massachusetts Constitution; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Representatives Wolf and Barrios have led the opposition to this measure; and

WHEREAS: This proposal was reported adversely by the Joint Committee on Public Service of the state legislature by a 15-0 vote; and

WHEREAS: The economic well-being of all our citizens and families, including families formed by same-sex couples, should be protected; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the State legislature to reject the proposed constitutional amendment, H.4840, that would deny protections and benefits to Cambridge families; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to the State House.

O-5. May 13, 2002

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and Cambridge social service organizations face dramatic cuts in state funds in areas including home care services for seniors; funding for public libraries, homeless assistance and domestic violence prevention; and

WHEREAS: The City Council agree that to meet the expectations of our community and truly meet our obligations to the citizens who live here, adequate state funding must be made available to allow delivery of these services; and

WHEREAS: The revenue measures approved by the House of Representatives, while a significant beginning, do not adequately meet those funding obligations; and

WHEREAS: Even with the tax increases passed by the House, the state is expected to face a budget shortfall of \$1.5 billion; and

WHEREAS: The City Council believes that the state must look to additional sources of revenue such as keeping the 2002 income tax rate at the same 5.6% rate as 2001, increasing the sales tax by \$.01, and doubling the excise tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco to avoid cuts that will hurt working families, seniors, the homeless and schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the Senate to close the funding gap by approving these revenue-raising proposals, therefore properly funding services vital to our city; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to the State House.

O-6. May 13, 2002
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Discarded electronic products, including computer monitors, televisions, computers and others, are an increasing problem for Massachusetts cities and towns, who have to deal with more than 75,000 tons of electronic waste each year, which is expected to increase to 300,000 tons each year by 2005; and

WHEREAS: Discarded electronic products contain lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polyvinyl chloride, brominated flame retardant and other toxic materials that can pose hazards to human health and the environment when landfilled or incinerated; and

WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on April 1, 2000, because of the toxicity of this waste, prohibited the disposal of discarded cathode ray tubes (CRT's), such as those found in televisions and computer monitors, in municipal landfills or incinerators, which has increased local government costs for recycling discarded CRT's; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts residents generate an estimated 6 pounds per year of household hazardous products, such as paint, septic cleaners, pesticides, fingernail polish, and shoe polish, and Massachusetts cities and towns spend thousands of dollars each year for collection events to divert these household hazardous products from disposal; and

WHEREAS: The costs incurred by Massachusetts cities and towns for disposal of products that contain toxic and are not easily recyclable, particularly electronic products and household hazardous products, are in effect unfunded mandates imposed by the production of such products on local taxpayers, which takes funds away from other needed local government programs, such as schools, fire protection, emergency services, and police; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Master Plan adopted December 20, 2000, commits the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to develop a Product Stewardship Policy that will encourage or require producers to take greater responsibility for the costs of disposing of their discarded products, but this needed state policy has not yet been adopted; and

WHEREAS: Producer Take Back requirements, which have been adopted in many countries across the world, will shift the burden of disposal costs for electronic and household products from local taxpayers back to the producers, internalizing these cost and giving a market incentive to design products that are durable, less toxic and recyclable; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as follows:

1. Urging the Cambridge delegation to the State House to support passage of H-4716, An Act To Require Manufacturers To Take Back Used Cathode Ray Tubes (attached); and
2. Urging the Legislature to develop and support legislation to require Producer Take Back for all consumer electronics products, computers, and household hazardous products; and

3. Urging Governor Jane Swift to support H-4716, to support Producer Take Back legislation for consumer electronics, computers, and household hazardous products, to adopt a statewide Producer Take Back policy, and to adopt statewide procurement guidelines to require vendors who provide products to state and local government to take back discarded electronics and household hazardous products; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to the State House and Governor Swift on behalf of the entire City Council.

O-7. May 13, 2002
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: Persons who cannot work because of their disability and rely on Social Security for their only income need to be able to qualify for maximum Food Stamp benefits; and

WHEREAS: The current formula for calculating food stamp eligibility does not allow recipients of SSI for disabilities to receive the maximum amount because their income is not high enough to reach the qualifying "countable expenses;" now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council urge the Cambridge delegation to the Massachusetts Legislature to file a bill, that would enable SSI recipients, who are unable to work due to their disability and have only SSI limited income, to automatically qualify for maximum Food Stamp benefits when their Food Stamp countable expenses reach 3/4s (or 2/3rds) of their SSI income. Disabled SSI recipients would provide their SSI letter stating both income and disability and show 3/4 (or 2/3rds) of their SSI income to be countable food stamp qualifying expenses in order to automatically qualify for the maximum Food Stamp benefits. (The SSI Administration can and does, upon request, provide a letter that not only states the amount of SSI payment, but that the recipient receives the SSI for a disability. This is the letter that is used for applying for Homestead Protection.)

O-8 May 13, 2002
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to examine the feasibility of installing a four way stop sign at the intersection of Gore and Sciarappa Streets.

O-9 May 13, 2002
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report on what programs the city has to promote the purchase and the planting of flowering trees and shrubs by citizens; said report shall include whether there are any city sponsored efforts which assist residents with easy access to bulbs for perennial flowers or annuals; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be requested to report back on how such a program could be established in Cambridge, if it does not exist already.

O-10 May 13, 2002
COUNCILLOR REEVES

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to please address the dangerous traffic situation at the corner of Dana and Harvard Streets, where the lighting has been out for more than a week and there continue to be regular accidents. Neighbors have suggested requesting that the corner bushes be reduced. Please consult the neighbors regarding a solution.

O-11 May 13, 2002
COUNCILLOR DECKER

WHEREAS: In the wake of September 11, spurred on by a climate of fear, the US Congress and Senate passed Attorney General Ashcroft's 350 page USA PATRIOT Act; and

WHEREAS: This act was enacted after less than one day of deliberation and without the support of Congressman Capuano; and

WHEREAS: This Act has a chilling effect on many aspects of life from denial of due process protections to immigrants, to using the new label of domestic terrorism to silence dissent, to assaults on rights to privacy and freedom from government surveillance; and

WHEREAS: While many people may feel uncomfortable with the general idea of the Act, most know little about its specific provisions nor their potential impact on our communities; and

WHEREAS: United for Justice for Peace-Cambridge, a grassroots effort, with the support of the Cambridge Peace Commission and the Cambridge Human Rights Commissions is organizing a community educational event; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council lends its sponsorship to the CITYWIDE EDUCATION FORUM to be held on Tuesday, May 28 from 6:30 to 8:30, at the Cambridge Senior Citizens Center. State Representative Alice Wolf will moderate the event with an overview from Nancy Murray, coordinator for the ACLU Bill of Rights Project and member of the Cambridge Peace Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council will support the educational forum through the participation of its members and through providing information relevant to understanding the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act on Cambridge including information which may be in the domain of the Public Safety and Civic Unity Committees; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urges Cambridge residents and City departments to attend the event to share their own experiences of the impact of the USA PATRIOT Act and listen to the information provided; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council is prepared to consider a resolution making Cambridge "a sanctuary city" for democracy and civil liberties at the City Council meeting on Monday, June 10th.