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MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Chambers  
July 19, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Mayor Johnston.

Council members present: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Moss, Nalley, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. (One Council Vacancy).

Mayor Johnston announced that the meeting was the second of two special public hearings called by the Council to hear public testimony on the findings and recommendations of the Citizens Charter Review Committee.

John Messina, member of the Citizen's Charter Review Committee, commented on Sections 5.4, 2.1, and 2.2. The changes would provide for five council members of the City to be nominated by districts. The other four positions to be nominated at-large. He said the subcommittee felt this in no way changed the form of government nor the relationship between the City Manager and the City Council. He further commented that in reviewing the results of past elections, it was found that the central area of the City had not been represented on the Council. He said it would not fragment the City but would have the effect of consolidating the City. Without area representation the people of the area have a feeling of remoteness toward City government.

Lou Marchesini, member of the Citizen's Charter Review Committee, reported that in contacting various citizen groups he has found that they felt they would be better represented by districts and that it would not create any difficulties.

Anita Londgren, member of the Citizen's Charter Review Committee, commented on the following Committee recommended changes: Civil Service area; Election of Councilmen and their pay; Mayor, term and roll; Public Utilities, Boards and Commissions; and Administrative.

Anita Londgren then addressed the Council as 2nd Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County. She advised that the League asks that the Council reject the proposed change of Section 2.4. They urged that the proposed change of Section 3.3 be submitted to the voters. They also urged that the Charter include a specific mechanism for regular and impartial redistricting.

Jerry Lynch, attorney and member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. View Funeral Home & Memorial Park, asked that Section 9.4 of the City Charter be deleted as it is an archaic law and prohibits them from expanding their cemetery onto adjoining property which they already own.


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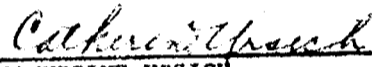
Brewer Thompson, President of Mt. View Funeral Home also spoke and urged that Section 9.4 be deleted from the City Charter.

After discussion on the subject, Mayor Johnston instructed the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to submit the proposed deletion to the vote of the people.

It was agreed that all of the proposed charter changes submitted by the Citizen's Charter Review Committee, plus Section 9.4, be brought to Council in proper form for Council's consideration at the meeting of July 31, 1973.

On proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST:   
CATHERINE URSICH  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK