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**Special Meeting—Thursday, July 12, 1984**

**at 3:00 P.M.**

**(Council Chamber—City Hall—Chicago, Illinois)**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD.**

**HAROLD WASHINGTON**  
Mayor

**WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI**  
City Clerk

July 12, 1984

SPECIAL MEETING

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Call to Order.

On Thursday, July 12, 1984 at 3:00 P.M. (the day and hour appointed for the meeting), Honorable Harold Washington, Mayor, called the City Council to order. Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski, City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Alderman Rush, Tillman, Evans, Bloom, Sawyer, Beavers, Humes, Hutchinson, Burke, Langford, Streeter, Kelley, Sherman, Krystyniak, Henry, Smith, D. Davis, Frost, Natarus, Volini--20.

Quorum not present.

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Placed on File--CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The following communication calling for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on July 11, 1984 at 2:51 P.M.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

July 11, 1984.

Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski  
City Clerk  
Room 107, City Hall  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

DEAR MR. KOZUBOWSKI--I, Harold Washington, Mayor, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago, to be held on Thursday, July 12, 1984, at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber of the City of Chicago, for the purpose of consideration of an ordinance to repeal 1) an ordinance authorizing issuance of 1984 Chicago-O'Hare International Airport General Airport Revenue Bonds, passed July 9, 1984; 2) an ordinance authorizing the implementation of the Jackson Park Transit Line improvement, which authorized the Department of Public Works to apply for continued project funding, passed July 9, 1984; and 3) an ordinance authorizing the implementation of the Southwest Transit (Rapid Transit) Project which included the authority to apply for continued project funding, passed July 9, 1984, and for the consideration of a resolution and three ordinances; 1) a resolution regarding submission of certain purchase requisitions to the Committee on Finance of the City Council; 2) authorizing issuance of 1984 Chicago-O'Hare International Airport General Airport Revenue Bonds; 3) a comprehensive ordinance authorizing the implementation of the Jackson Park Transit Line improvement, which further authorizes the Department of Public Works to apply for continued project funding; and 4) a comprehensive ordinance authorizing the implementation of the Southwest Transit (Rapid Transit) Project which includes the authority to apply for continued project funding, and for no other purpose.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) HAROLD WASHINGTON,  
Mayor.

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STATEMENT BY HONORABLE HAROLD WASHINGTON, MAYOR.

This special session was called in an effort to preclude the necessity and for an executive veto of three ordinances which subvert the spirit and intent of the State Purchasing Act.

Unfortunately, negotiations have broken down.

I have agreed with the position of our leaders of commerce and industry that the Council may have full review powers and the opportunity to state any objections. But the City Council cannot be granted final approval and rejection authority in the contract-letting process.

Decades ago, a good government coalition removed contract approval from the hands of the City Council in order to curb improprieties or corruption. Instead, the Purchasing Act established a non-politicized contracting procedure whereby contracts are awarded on the objective basis of lowest, responsible bid.

I have pledged to make this City a place which facilitates economic growth and provides fair, open government, free from the abuses of the past. We cannot make this City grow and prosper if we return to the past practices of conducting the City's business on the basis of cronyism and inside deals.

I had hoped that a quorum would be present so that this Council could speedily overcome its differences and permit construction of the Southwest Transit Line, the Jackson Park Line improvements and the expansion of O'Hare Airfield.

These projects are too important to the economic welfare of our people to be halted because of selfish political wrangling.

At stake in the expansion of O'Hare are 100,000 permanent jobs, an investment of \$1.5 billion and the maintenance of Chicago as the International Aviation crossroads of the world.

At stake on the City's southwest side is the opportunity of economic renewal of a key part of our community which has already had to wait too long for its fair share of transit services.

I am asking all parties to resume negotiations and quickly resolve this matter for the common good of the City.

I maintain hopes that it will be settled before construction must be halted and layoffs begin.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I want to thank the aldermen who are present for their demonstration of concern for the City's future.

Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Thereupon, in the absence of a quorum, the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.



WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,  
City Clerk.