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**Special Meeting—Friday, July 13, 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 13, 1984

SPECIAL MEETING

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Call to Order.

On Friday, July 13, 1984 at 3:00 P.M. (the day and hour appointed for the meeting), Honorable Harold Washington, Mayor, called the City Council to order. Daniel J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Rush, Tillman, Bloom, Sawyer, Beavers, Burke, Langford, Streeter, Kelley, Krystyniak, Henry, W. Davis, Smith, D. Davis, Frost, Natarus, Oberman, Hansen, Volini--19.

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 12, 1984 at 2:35 P.M.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

July 12, 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 Friday, July 13, 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 a 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.

Alderman Burke raised a point of order stating that since there was not a quorum present the next order of business was to adjourn.

The Chair ruled the point of order *Not Well Taken*.

Mayor Washington then made the following statement:

I would simply like to make two points today.

First, it should be clear to everyone that the City Council majority faction is attempting to gain powers it has not had since 1955, and that is authority over the awarding of contracts.

Secondly, most large American cities do not permit City Council authority over contracts.

New York, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis and Philadelphia all have removed the purchasing function from the City Council, as part of a widespread reform movement of the 1950's.

I cannot allow this City to slide back into antiquated, politicized contract letting. This City can only prosper and grow by establishing a climate of honesty and fairness for business.

I am therefore calling on business, labor, civic groups and all reform minded citizens to join me in convincing the City Council majority to withdraw its demands for control of City purchasing.

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**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter S. Kozubowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Walter" and last name "Kozubowski" clearly distinguishable.

WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,  
*City Clerk.*