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**Special Meeting—Tuesday, August 21, 1984**

**at 10:00 A.M.**

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

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**OFFICIAL RECORD.**

**HAROLD WASHINGTON**  
Mayor

**WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI**  
City Clerk

**Call to Order.**

On Tuesday August 21, 1984 at 11:15 A.M. (the official hour appointed for the meeting was 10:00 A.M.) 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 was present at that time: Aldermen Roti, Rush, Tillman, Evans, Sawyer, Beavers, Humes, Hutchinson, Vrdolyak, Huels, Majerczyk, Madrzyk, Burke, Brady, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, Kelley, Sherman, Stemberk, Krystyniak, Henry, Marzullo, Nardulli, W. Davis, Smith, D. Davis, Hagopian, Gabinski, Mell, Banks, Damato, Cullerton, Pucinski, Natarus, Hansen, McLaughlin, Orbach, Schulter, Volini, Stone--42.

Quorum present.

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**Invocation.**

Reverend Gordon L. Marshall, Senior Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Altgeld Gardens, opened the meeting with prayer.

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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 August 17, 1984 at 3:46 P.M.:

August 17, 1984.

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

DEAR MR. KOZUBOWSKI--We, the undersigned Aldermen of the City of Chicago, pursuant to Illinois law and ordinances, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago, to be held Tuesday, August 21, 1984, at 10:00 A.M. in the City Council Chamber of the City of Chicago, for the purpose of consideration of the following matters and for no other purpose:

1. A Resolution providing for the submission to the voters of the City of Chicago of an advisory referendum proposition at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984 concerning an elected Board of Education for the Chicago Public School System;
2. A Resolution providing for the submission to the voters of the City of Chicago of an advisory referendum proposition at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984 concerning the legalization of certain forms of gambling in the City of Chicago to relieve local taxation;
3. A Resolution providing for the submission to the voters of the City of Chicago of an advisory referendum proposition at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984 requesting the United States Congress to enact the Natural Gas Consumer Relief Act;
4. An ordinance providing for an amendment of Chapter 200.6 of the Municipal Code deleting the exemption of soft drinks sales from the Chicago Sales Tax.

Very truly,

(Signed) FRED B. ROTI,  
Alderman - 1st Ward.

(Signed) GEORGE J. HAGOPIAN,  
Alderman - 30th Ward.

(Signed) BERNARD L. STONE,  
Alderman - 50th Ward.

*Referred*--PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADVISORY REFERENDUM  
PROPOSITION CONCERNING ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Alderman Burke presented the following proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, This City Council has been requested by some of its citizens to consider the submission of an advisory referendum question, as set forth with particularity below, on the issue of public election of members of the Chicago Board of Education, such question to be submitted to the voters of the City of Chicago at the general election for November 6, 1984; and

WHEREAS, The results of such a local referendum will constitute the opinion of the residents of the City of Chicago regarding the public election of the members of the Chicago Board of Education, which is supported by public tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, The opinion of the voters of the City of Chicago on this question is important to public officials who must determine the best public policy for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed by the City Council of the City of Chicago to be in the best public interest to survey the opinion of the voters by submitting such a question to the voters at a general election; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Chicago, That:*

SECTION 1. It is the determination of the City Council that the following question of public policy shall be submitted to the voters of this City as an advisory referendum at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984; to wit:

Should the members of the Chicago Board of Education be elected by the people?

SECTION 2. This referendum shall be conducted, in all respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Election Code pertaining to the conduct of general elections, and in accordance with the statutes calling for the election scheduled for November 6, 1984, and providing for the pertinent publications, ballots, polling places, and election judges for the election.

Alderman Burke moved to Suspend the Rules Temporarily for the immediate consideration of and action upon the foregoing proposed resolution. The motion was *Lost* by yeas and nays as follows:

*Yeas*--Aldermen Roti, Humes, Hutchinson, Vrdolyak, Huels, Majerczyk, Madrzyk, Burke, Brady, Kellam, Sheahan, Stemberk, Krystyniak, Marzullo, Nardulli, Hagopian, Gabinski, Mell, Banks, Damato, Cullerton, Pucinski, Natarus, Hansen, McLaughlin, Orbach, Schuller, Volini, Stone--29.

*Nays*--Aldermen Rush, Tillman, Evans, Sawyer, Beavers, Langford, Streeter, Kelley, Sherman, Henry, W. Davis, Smith, D. Davis--13.

Thereupon, Alderman Burke moved to *Refer* the proposed resolution to the Committee on Finance. The motion *Prevailed*.

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*Referred*--PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADVISORY REFERENDUM  
PROPOSITION CONCERNING LEGALIZATION OF CERTAIN FORMS OF  
GAMBLING IN CHICAGO.

Alderman Burke presented the following proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, This City Council has been requested by some of its citizens to consider the submission of an advisory referendum question, as set forth with particularity below, on the issue of the legalization of gambling in the City of Chicago to relieve the local tax burden, such question to be submitted to the voters of the City of Chicago at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984; and

WHEREAS, The results of such a local referendum will constitute the opinion of the residents of the City of Chicago who pay taxes to support the operations of City government; and

WHEREAS, The opinion of the voters of the City of Chicago on this question is important to public officials who must determine the best public policy for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed by the City Council of the City of Chicago to be in the public interest to survey the opinion of the voters by submitting such a question to them at a general election; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Chicago, That:*

SECTION 1. It is the determination of the City Council that the following question of public policy shall be submitted to the voters of this City as an advisory referendum at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984; to wit:

Should legalized gambling be permitted in non-residential areas of the City of Chicago to relieve the local tax burden?

SECTION 2. This referendum shall be conducted, in all respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Election Code pertaining to the conduct of general elections, and in accordance with the statutes calling for the election scheduled for November 6, 1984, and providing for the pertinent publications, ballots, polling places, and election judges for the general election.

Alderman Burke moved to *Refer* the foregoing proposed resolution to the Committee on Finance. The motion *Prevailed*.

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*Referred*--PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADVISORY  
REFERENDUM PROPOSITION REQUESTING THE UNITED  
STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT NATURAL GAS  
CONSUMER RELIEF ACT.

Alderman Burke presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chicago has been asked by some of its citizens to consider the submission of an advisory referendum question, as hereinafter specifically set forth, on the question of the Natural Gas Consumer Relief Act; this advisory referendum to be submitted to the voters of the City of Chicago at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984; and

WHEREAS, The results of such a local referendum will constitute the opinion of the residents of the City of Chicago regarding the Natural Gas Consumer Relief Act; and

WHEREAS, Local public opinion on such a matter is important to local, state and federal public officials in a determination of what is wise public policy for the people of the United States and the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed by the City Council of the City of Chicago to be in the best public interest to survey the opinion of the voters by submitting such question to the voters at the general election; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, that the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby declares that the following question of public policy shall be submitted to the voters of this City as an advisory referendum at the general election scheduled for November 6, 1984:

Shall the U.S. Congress enact the Natural Gas Consumer Relief Act, which rolls back home heating bills and limits future gas price increases?

*Be It Further Resolved*, that the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby declares that this referendum shall be conducted, in all respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois

Election Code pertaining to the conduct of the general election, and in accordance with the statutes calling for the election scheduled for November 6, 1984, and providing for the pertinent publications, ballots, polling places, and election judges for the general election.

Alderman Evans moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* for the immediate consideration of and action upon the foregoing proposed resolution. The motion *Lost* by yeas and nays as follows:

*Yeas*--Aldermen Rush, Tillman, Evans, Sawyer, Beavers, Humes, Hutchinson, Langford, Streeter, Kelley, Sherman, Henry, W. Davis, Smith, D. Davis, Natarus, Orbach, Volini--18.

*Nays*--Aldermen Roti, Vrdolyak, Huels, Majerczyk, Madrzyk, Burke, Brady, Kellam, Sheahan, Stemberk, Krystyniak, Marzullo, Nardulli, Hagopian, Gabinski, Mell, Banks, Damato, Cullerton, Pucinski, Hansen, McLaughlin, Schulter, Stone--24.

Thereupon, on motion of Alderman Burke the proposed resolution was *Referred to the Committee on Finance*.

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*Referred*--PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200.6 OF  
MUNICIPAL CODE OF CHICAGO CONCERNING CHICAGO SALES  
TAX ORDINANCE.

Honorable Harold Washington, Mayor, submitted the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

August 21, 1984.

*To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Chicago:*

Ladies and Gentlemen--At the request of the Acting Director of Revenue, I transmit herewith an ordinance amending Chapter 200.6 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chicago Sales Tax Ordinance. This amendment eliminates the exemption for soft drinks presently provided for in the tax.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

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

Alderman Evans moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* for the immediate consideration of and action upon the said proposed ordinance.

The motion *Lost* by yeas and nays as follows:

*Yeas*--Aldermen Rush, Tillman, Evans, Sawyer, Beavers, Humes, Hutchinson, Langford, Streeter, Kelley, Henry, W. Davis, Smith, D. Davis, Natarus, Volini--16.

*Nays*--Aldermen Roti, Vrdolyak, Huels, Majerczyk, Madrzyk, Burke, Brady, Kellam, Sheahan, Stemberk, Krystyniak, Marzullo, Nardulli, Hagopian, Gabinski, Mell, Banks, Damato, Cullerton, Pucinski, Hansen, McLaughlin, Orbach, Schulter, Stone--25.

Thereupon, on motion of Alderman Burke the said proposed ordinance was *Referred to the Committee on Finance*.

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**ADJOURNMENT.**

Alderman Burke moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed*, and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Walter S. Kozubowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "W" and "K".

WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,  
*City Clerk.*