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CITY COUNCIL
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CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Special Meeting--Wednesday, October, 4, 1989

at 9:30 A. M.

(Council Chamber--City Hall--Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RICHARD M. DALEY
Mayor

WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI
City Clerk

Attendance At Meeting.

Present – The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, and Aldermen Roti, Rush, Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Vrdolyak, Huels, Fary, Madrzyk, Burke, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, Jones, J. Evans, Garcia, Krystyniak, Henry, Soliz, Gutierrez, Butler, E. Smith, Davis, Figueroa, Gabinski, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, O'Connor, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Orr, Stone.

Absent – None.

Call To Order.

On Wednesday, October 4, 1989, at 9:30 A.M., The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, called the City Council to order. The Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski, City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Roti, Rush, Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Vrdolyak, Huels, Fary, Madrzyk, Burke, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, Jones, J. Evans, Garcia, Krystyniak, Henry, Soliz, Gutierrez, Butler, E. Smith, Davis, Figueroa, Gabinski, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, O'Connor, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Orr, Stone -- 49.

Quorum present.

Invocation.

Alderman Danny K. Davis (29th Ward) opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Mell led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski, City Clerk, informed the City Council that the following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on October 2, 1989, at 1:47 P.M.:

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 2, 1989.

*Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski
City Clerk
Room 107, City Hall
121 North La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602*

DEAR MR. KOZUBOWSKI -- We, the undersigned aldermen, have called a special meeting of the City Council for the purpose of considering a resolution paying honor to the life and memory of our beloved colleague and friend, Honorable George J. Hagopian, Alderman of the 30th Ward.

The meeting is to be held on Wednesday, October 4, 1989, at 9:30 A.M., in the City Council Chamber, second floor, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EDWARD M. BURKE,
Alderman, 14th Ward.

(Signed) RICHARD F. MELL,
Alderman, 33rd Ward.

(Signed) PATRICK M. HUELS,
Alderman, 11th Ward.

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Rules Suspended -- RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
THE HONORABLE GEORGE J. HAGOPIAN,
ALDERMAN OF THE
30TH WARD.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, submitted the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 4, 1989.

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the memory of the late Alderman George Hagopian.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY,
Mayor.

The following is said proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, His many friends and colleagues, and all Chicagoans, are saddened by the sudden departure of George Hagopian from this life on September 30, 1989; and

WHEREAS, George Hagopian was first elected Alderman of the 30th Ward in 1975, and served his ward with dignity and honor for over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Hagopian was an intensely religious and devout member of Saint Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church and showed his devotion in countless ways, including donating the land on which the church is built, organizing a bible study program in the Cook County Sheriff's Office and delivering the invocation at City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Hagopian served with distinction in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge with the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Hagopian was a tireless champion of military veterans, successfully fighting for establishment of a Committee on Veterans' Affairs, serving as its chairman and seeking greater public awareness of veterans' problems and solutions to those problems; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Hagopian was known to all of his colleagues in the City Council as a passionate and dedicated spokesman who stood firm on his principles, regardless of their popularity; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Hagopian was a proud representative of Armenian Americans, and labored to assist the victims of the devastating earthquake in the Armenian Republic in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Hagopian was above all devoted to and proud of his family, and is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Elizabeth; his sons, Gary, Robert and George, Jr.; his daughters, Georgia Calistro, April Koza and Karen Peters; and his sixteen grandchildren; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered this 4th day of October, 1989, do hereby express our sadness at the death of our friend and colleague, Alderman George Hagopian, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his beloved wife, Elizabeth, and their children and grandchildren; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the United Service Organization Facility at Chicago-O'Hare International Airport be designated and named in memory of Alderman George Hagopian in recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of veterans; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of George Hagopian.

Alderman Burke moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* to permit immediate consideration of and action upon the foregoing proposed resolution. The motion *Prevailed*.

On motion of Alderman Burke, seconded by Aldermen Roti, Rush, Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Vrdolyak, Huels, Fary, Madrzyk, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, Jones, J. Evans, Garcia, Krystyniak, Henry, Soliz, Gutierrez, Butler, E. Smith, Davis, Figueroa, Gabinski, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, O'Connor, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Orr and Stone, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Adopted* by a rising vote.

Alderman Burke then requested leave of the body to permit publication of written remarks in the Journal of the Proceedings of the City Council. Leave was granted.

WRITTEN MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE.

Mr. President and Members of the City Council:

Too often in public life are terms of respect or admiration glibly applied to the subjects of political discourse. To say, however, that George J. Hagopian was beloved by family, colleagues and constituents is to state an elemental truth.

George was a passionate man whose fiercely held beliefs were invariably related to the betterment of others. While it was impossible to know George and not be conversant with each of the causes he so eloquently espoused, it was one of his greatest passions - - his love of God - with which I was most familiar.

In discharging my responsibility of providing an invocator at each meeting of the City Council, I choose from and attempt to reflect the religious diversity of this great city. Despite this vast pool of potential candidates, circumstances often precluded the appearance of a scheduled invocator. It was at those times that I invariably relied upon George Hagopian. With his abiding commitment to God, George was not only prepared to offer a prayer at a moment's notice but would deliver a heartfelt supplication tailored to the circumstances under which the Council was meeting.

The loss of George Hagopian to his family, friends, constituents, colleagues, veterans, Armenian patriots - indeed, to the many whom he touched, will be a profound one. Yet, it is appropriate that a conviction which was at the essence of George Hagopian - his belief in God - should now provide us solace. While we in the temporal world have lost George Hagopian, we are confident that he is finally home.

Sincerely,

(Signed) WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,
City Clerk of Chicago.

Mr. President and Members of the City Council:

"Love is life's end! an end, but never ending;
All joys, all sweets, all happiness, awarding;
Love is life's wealth, more rich by giving, taking by discarding;
Love's life's reward, rewarding in rewarding;
Then from thy wretched heart fond care remove;
Ah! shouldst thou live but once love's sweets to prove,
Thou wilt not love to live, unless thou live to love."

Synonymous with the name of George J. Hagopian was the word love. Love of God, love of family, love of country, love of city, and certainly of his fellow man. He loved to live because he lived to love. He was a strong right arm for those who were in their time of tribulation. His dedication to his God needed no demonstration to those who knew him; he believed in God and God's work and was not afraid to live and preach His word. Flag and country were more than words to George. As a descendent of those who were oppressed, he knew the value of a free and democratic nation and to those who demonstrated that devotion to their nation by their service in its military, George proved his dedication as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

George loved Chicago. Chicago is a city of neighborhoods and George loved his neighborhood. His proudest day is the day he assumed the office of Alderman of the 30th Ward. When others castigated and berated the office of alderman, George stood tall and said, "I am proud to serve my neighborhood and my city".

No one was turned away from George Hagopian's door -- whether he lived in the 30th ward or any other ward, or even in another city, he carried out the biblical decree, "Love Thy Neighbor".

And finally, but not least of all, George Hagopian was devoted to family. The sun rose and set on Liz, his beloved wife, on the children and the grandchildren. Joys and sorrows he shared with them, and he spread a blanket of love over them.

We love you George, we will miss you. We know that there is a revered spot in Heaven for you.

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

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

Mr. President and Members of the City Council:

I wish to second the resolution commemorating the loss of our good friend George J. Hagopian. He was a man dedicated to his fellow-men, his community, his city and his nation.

George J. Hagopian was a true American patriot. Throughout history men have risen to the occasion of the times.

We all know George J. Hagopian was a man of the twentieth century.

On behalf of myself, my family, and the people of the 10th Ward, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of George J. Hagopian in this hour of their grief.

(Signed) VICTOR A. VRDOLYAK,
Alderman, 10th Ward.

To the President and Members of the City Council:

George Hagopian has been a friend and confidant of mine for many years, but more than that, he has been a great friend to the City of Chicago.

His forthright style and his sincerely warm heart had combined, over the years to form an irresistible personality, who represented his community and City with fierce loyalty and genuine charm.

George will be missed sorely by his family, his friends, and his City, but his warmth has enriched us, and his memory will always be in our hearts.

I wish him farewell; he will always be in my prayers; he was a great pal.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM J. P. BANKS,
Alderman, 36th Ward.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

Alderman George Hagopian helped me in 1983 when I was first elected to the City Council. His friendship and support during those first few years is something that I had let pass from memory in the past several months. I regret that I allowed political differences to interfere with the personal friendship.

Alderman Hagopian's dedication and love for this City is well known. It is something we should all take a lesson from.

My condolences and those of the people of the 40th Ward go out to his family and loved ones.

It is my sincere hope that he rests in peace.

(Signed) PATRICK J. O'CONNOR,
Alderman, 40th Ward.

PRESENCE OF VISITORS NOTED.

Alderman Burke called the Council's attention to the presence of the following visitors:

The Honorable Marco D'Amico, member of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County;

The Honorable Robert Bugielski, State Representative for the 11th District;

Mr. Ron Gidwitz, Chairman of the City of Chicago Economic Development Commission;

Mr. Irving Koppel, Commissioner of the Illinois State Liquor Commission; and

Colonel Kenneth A. Plummer, member of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Veterans' Affairs.

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Adjournment.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter S. Kozubowski".

WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI,
City Clerk.