

Mayor Cites Philosophical 'Difference'

Mayor Harvey W. Moelke produced some old newspaper articles to stress the differences between his philosophy and that of his challenger, Council President Edward McNamara.

Speaking at the Bal-Lynn Civic Association meeting in Merri-Bowl Friday, Moelke produced a July 23, 1969 clipping which he said "stressed the liberal position of McNamara."

"McNamara said at the time he did not favor city operation of senior citizen housing but would rather see them operated by non-profit agencies," Moelke told the group.

THE MAYOR said McNamara "is now taking credit for the project which he, in effect, opposed."

Moelke said McNamara was quoted as saying "the city was hooked" but that "he did not believe it was a legitimate business for the city to be in."

Moelke also said that "McNamara stated in the article he preferred non-profit agencies to handle public housing."

"He (McNamara) tried to override my veto of a private concern's public housing apartment project which the council had approved at Middle Belt and Lyndon," Moelke said.

"It's obvious that McNamara is opposed to the city providing for its own retired senior citizens but he is in favor of public housing schemes promoted by outside interests," Moelke said.

THE MAYOR said he was proud of his record in controlling apartment development in Livonia and that his office secured the help of many residents to circulate petitions which would prohibit apartments within 1,000 feet of residential homes.

He said 7,000 citizens signed the petitions and that they were presented to the council president in March, 1969.

According to Moelke, McNamara didn't "listen to the people of Livonia."

"The council, under McNamara's leadership, proceeded to pass more apartment rezoning and waited for six months before the people of Livonia were given the opportunity to vote on this question," according to Moelke.

Moelke said "McNamara campaigned all over the city against controlling apartment development" and that he

(McNamara) "has now changed his position."

Moelke said McNamara was "saying anything and doing anything that will get him another vote."

The mayor said another newspaper article (July 23, 1969) indicated McNamara stated: "Livonia has no choice really. It needs an income tax."

The mayor also said that "on Jan. 8, 1969 McNamara proposed a two-mill city tax increase and that on Dec. 15, he again proposed a tax increase but today he claims he can cut the budget."

The mayor told the group he would "continue to improve our recreation program: he

"Our crime rate is still one of the lowest in the country for cities our size," the mayor said.

He told the group that he is running on his record and that McNamara "should run on his record."

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1. Continue open space planning.
2. Continue density control.
3. Continue moratorium policy on multi-family developments.
4. Continue close control of carry-out restaurant locations.
5. Continue balancing your taxes with high caliber commercial and industrial development on properties designated for such use on our Master Plan.
6. Provide a check and balance system between the mayor and council. All we have now is check and no balance.
7. Continue regulating all growth and development in our city, making each proposal an asset rather than a liability.
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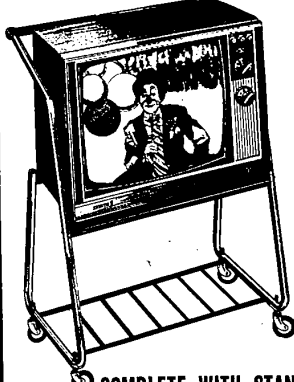


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