

RESOLUTION NO. R- 2757

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING.

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has heretofore acquired from Lake Washington School District the site of the former Central Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, G. Cichanski and Associates, Architects, and a special committee advisory to the Kirkland City Council have conducted studies and review of the old Central Elementary School structure including the feasibility of remodeling and renovating the structure to serve as a new City Hall facility; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council in special meeting called for that purpose did consider the report of the architect, the recommendation of the special advisory committee, and the comments of members of the general public in attendance at the public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the report of the architect and the recommendation of the special advisory committee indicate that extensive work will be required to bring the existing structure to current building, fire and earthquake code requirements and standards, and that such work will include the installation of entirely new electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems as well as structural modifications and bracing which will result in substantial change or modification of the appearance of the exterior of the Central School building; and

WHEREAS, it further appears to the City Council that use of the existing building form and configuration with respect to interior design and layout of City departmental offices and functions would not provide the long-term flexibility nor efficiency which could be designed initially into a totally new City Hall facility; and

WHEREAS, a renovation and remodel of the existing Central School building could be accomplished for an initial construction square footage expense somewhat less than the cost of a new structure, however the added expense for anticipated future expansion (estimated to be required around the year 2000) could well exceed the initial savings; and

WHEREAS, it further appears from the report of the architect that the physical condition of the Central School building is rapidly deteriorating; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Kirkland City Council as follows:

Section 1. The City Council reluctantly concludes that utilization of the old Central Elementary School building as a new City Hall facility

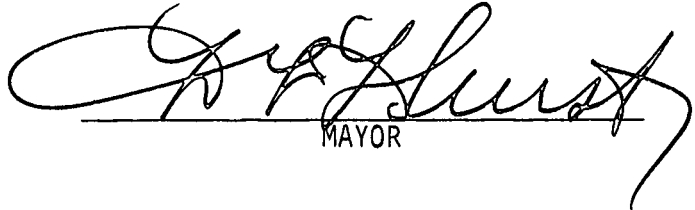
is not in the best long-run interest of the City of Kirkland or its residents, and to that extent concurs in the recommendation of the special advisory committee.

Section 2. It further appears to the City Council in view of the extensive fire damage to the Central School building and its rapidly deteriorating physical condition that it is not feasible nor in the public interest to continue to maintain the structure, and that it should probably be demolished.

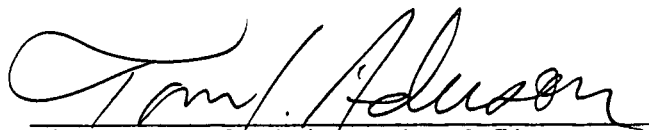
Section 3. The City administration is hereby authorized and directed to initiate all steps necessary and required (including SEPA requirements, if any) with respect to demolition of the existing Central Elementary School building.

ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE of the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 15th day of September, 1980.

SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION thereof on the 15th day of September, 1980.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Director of Administration & Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)