

March 19, 1974

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Bills, Land & Licenses Committee

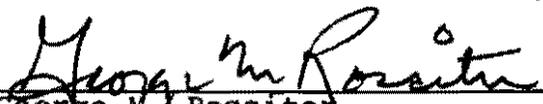
SUBJECT: Resolution Relating to a Councilman's Creed

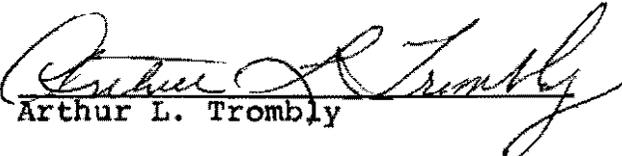
Attached is the proposed Resolution for adopting a Councilman's Creed which was introduced at the March 7 meeting of the Council as well as a substitute Resolution which is being recommended for adoption by the Bills Committee.

The substitute Resolution differs from the original in one way: number IX in the original, which reads "Avoid unilateral action that does not comply with existing Council policy.", has been eliminated.

The Committee recommends that the new Resolution be adopted with one amendment to it; that being the elimination of the new number IX which says, "Work with the City Manager as the head of the administrative structure, not on an individual Councilman-employee basis." The Bills Committee recommends that this phrase be eliminated for two reasons: 1) All of the other provisions of this Creed relate in general with Council activities as a Council, and not Council activities with the administration of the City, and therefore this number IX is slightly different from the rest of the provisions of the Creed; and 2) It is felt that the adoption of any language referring to Council-City Manager relation that is different than that in the Charter may only cause confusion and misunderstanding.

Nancy E. Baybutt, Chairman


George M. Rossiter


Arthur L. Trombly



CITY OF KEENE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and SEVENTY-FOUR

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO A COUNCILMAN'S CREED

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

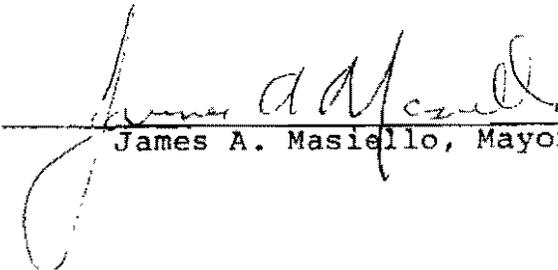
That the following Councilman's Creed be endorsed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Keene as its own:

- I Support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of my State.
- II Uphold the laws of the United States of America and those of my State.
- III First concern myself with the advancement of the public interest in all matters that come before me.
- IV Endeavor, through diligent attendance, to represent my constituency as I have been elected to do.
- V Seek to assimilate all pertinent information on matters before the Governing Body prior to committing myself to an irrevocable judgment or decision.
- VI Abstain from participation in the discussion and decision of a matter before the Council where a possible conflict of interest may occur.
- VII Strive to provide fiscally-sound policies.
- VIII Not make available to any one citizen any services, tangible or intangible, that are not equally available under the law to any other citizen.
- IX In my contacts with other persons and groups, conduct myself in keeping with the trust and dignity reposing in my position as a servant of the people and of my City. I shall further take care to guard not only the factual principles but also the appearances of justice and integrity.

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- X Prepare myself for all items scheduled for presentation to the Council.
- XI Refuse personal gifts in every instance where the gift is or may reasonably be considered to be designed to influence my official actions.
- XII Place the competence and effectiveness of service to the public above all interests of persons, factions, or parties.


James A. Masiello, Mayor

PASSED: March 21, 1974