Eric G. Hoyer Newspaper Clippings

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number: B501

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Collection repository: Hennepin History Museum
2303 Third Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Collection title: Eric G. Hoyer Newspaper Clippings

Dates: 1948-1957

Extent: 3 boxes, 1.84 linear feet total

Creator: Eric G. Hoyer and staff

Language of the Material: English

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Erick Gustav Hoyer was born Lidköping, Sweden on March 3, 1898 to Johan August Höijer and Emma Christina Andersdotter. Hoyer immigrated to the United States in 1916. In 1919 Hoyer’s brother, a Minneapolis Resident, died in the flu epidemic and Hoyer came to Minneapolis to settle the estate. Hoyer decided to remain in Minneapolis taking a job as a construction laborer. Hoyer was active in the house painters labor union: Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 386. He attended night school studying parliamentary law, business, and art at Dunwoody Institute. From 1926 to 1936 he worked as an interior decorator and contractor. Hoyer did a great deal of work on the Weyerhaeuser mansion in St. Paul.

Hoyer joined the Farmer-Labor party and eventually was elected an officer in the East Side Farmer-Labor Club. In the early 1930s, Hoyer entered his first political office when Minneapolis Mayor William A. Anderson appointed Hoyer to investigate the city police department. Hoyer was appointed to as the 9th ward Alderman in 1936. In 1937, he was elected to the position and
represented the 9th ward for 12 years. While on the council, Hoyer caucused with the liberal block and eventually served as chair of almost every city council committee.

In 1948, Mayor Hubert H. Humphry resigned following his election to the United States Senate. Hoyer was the city council president and succeeded Humphrey and became acting mayor. The following year, he was elected to mayor and was elected four more times. He served as Minneapolis mayor from December 1, 1948 to July 7, 1957. Hoyer was narrowly defeated for re-election in June 1957 by P. Kenneth “P.K.” Peterson and retired from politics.

In September 1957, Hoyer went to work for Reynolds and Company as a stockbroker. In 1960, he worked in public relations until his retirement in 1963. He retired to California, where his daughter lived. Hoyer died on March 17, 1990 in Manhattan Beach, California.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The material in the collection was donated by Glen Wallace at the Minneapolis Court House in 1970. The collection made up of newspaper clippings that covered various events during Hoyer’s time in office. The clippings reflect various issues facing Minneapolis between 1948 and 1957. The scope of the issues covered are very broad including: civil rights, desegregation, fair housing, the labor movement, police vice activities, public housing, civil defense and public transportation issues.

The collection is arranged in five series with no sub-series. The series include:

Series 1: Transportation
Series 2: Housing
Series 3: Government Services
Series 4: Unions
Series 5: General Issues

ACCESS

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RELATED MATERIAL

Additional items on Eric Hoyer can be found in these collections.

- Minnesota Reflections, American Swedish Institute – 1 image
- Hennepin County Library Special Collection – Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection – 1 image

ACQUISITION

Material in this collection was donated by Glen Wallace, former President of the Minneapolis City Council.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: Transportation
Box 1, Folder 1: Freeways, 1957
Box 1, Folder 2: Transit, 1953
Box 1, Folder 3: Transit, 1953
Box 1, Folder 4: Transit, 1956
Box 1, Folder 5: Transit, 1957
Box 1, Folder 6: Upper Harbor, 1956-1957
Box 1, Folder 7: Airport, 1956
Box 1, Folder 8: Airport, 1957

Series 2: Housing
Box 1, Folder 9: Housing, No Dates & 1949
Box 1, Folder 10: Housing, 1950
Box 1, Folder 11: Housing, 1952
Box 1, Folder 12: Housing, 1953 & 1954
Box 1, Folder 13: Housing, 1954
Box 1, Folder 14: Housing, 1956
Box 1, Folder 15: Housing, 1957

Series 3: Government Services
Box 1, Folder 16: Civic Affairs-Leaders, 1953
Box 1, Folder 17: Civic Affairs-Leaders, 1954
Box 1, Folder 18: Civic Defense, 1953-1954, 1957
Box 1, Folder 19: City Council, Dec 1955, Jan-Jun 1956
Box 1, Folder 20: City Council, Jul-Dec 1956
Box 1, Folder 21: City Charter, 1953
Box 1, Folder 22: Park Commission, 1957
Box 1, Folder 23: Planning Commission, 1956
Box 1, Folder 24: Library Board, 1956
Box 1, Folder 26: Welfare Board, 1956
Box 2, Folder 1: Fire Department, 1956
Box 2, Folder 2: Police, 1953 & 1956
Box 2, Folder 3: Police, 1957
Box 2, Folder 4: School & School Boards, 1956-1957
Box 2, Folder 5: Taxes, 1956-1957

Series 4: Unions
Box 3, Folder 1: Unions, 1956

Series 5: General Issues
Box 3, Folder 2: Editorial, 1954, 1956-1957
Box 3, Folder 3: Hoyer-General Items, 1953 & 1956
Box 3, Folder 4: Hoyer-General Items, 1957

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