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# Council Eyes Kohn's Call for Sapir Hearing

Members of the City Council met in private this afternoon to consider a letter from the Metropolitan Crime Commission asking for a hearing on alleged underworld connections of Councilman Eddie L. Sapir.

Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the MCC, raised the issue at a council meeting a week ago when he accused Sapir of having "continuous contact" with Jefferson Parish rackets figure Carlos Marcello.

**SAPIR HAS RETALIATED** by calling on the Orleans Parish Grand Jury to look into the possibility that Kohn is guilty of intimidation of public officials.

Yesterday the district attorney's office told Sapir that both he and Kohn would have a chance to tell their stories to a grand jury. Sapir has called Kohn "a malicious liar."

After today's closed meeting, council president John J. Petre was expected to transmit the council's decision on the hearing to the MCC via letter.

**THE MEETING WAS** held in the City Planning Commission's office with City Attorney Alvin J. Liska sitting in.

Kohn's original charge last week came during a stormy debate over an ordinance that would legalize charitable bingo in the city.

"I believe the community would be interested in knowing whether Mr. Sapir, in his deliberations on this matter . . . is primarily interested in the public interest or in the interests of persons with whom he happens to be particularly close," Kohn said.

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