

# Aldermen Want D. A. to Discuss Jury's Reform

*Grand Jury Investigation*

The City Council Tuesday night invited Dist. Atty. Gerald Nichol to appear Sept. 14 to discuss a proposal calling for reform of the Grand Jury. ✓

Sponsored by Alds. Thomas George, Third Ward, and Joseph Thompson, Second Ward, the proposal recommends that the Grand Jury be reformed to eliminate secret proceedings, and institute the right to counsel of any witness.

It also recommends the right of witnesses to submit testimony ~~in their own behalf~~, the right to a preliminary hearing, and the right of anyone to make a record of the proceedings.

Three weeks ago the council turned down a measure that condemned the convening of a state Grand Jury called to investigate the Sterling Hall bombing last Aug. 24.

Those who favored that measure, however, argued then that the Grand Jury as it presently operates is outmoded and does not safeguard basic constitutional rights.

Ald. Loren Thorson, 12th Ward, objected to adopting the proposal Tuesday night because, he said, "There must also be some reasons on the other side."