

Damas To Offer New Plan To Start Medical School

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A 2-point plan to raise operating funds for the proposed University of Toledo medical school will be submitted to City Council's Committee-of-the-Whole tonight by Councilman Michael Damas.

The committee will meet in special session at 7:30 p.m. to hear a report from the citizens' group appointed by the university directors to study the medical school proposition.

Mr. Damas said yesterday he will submit a resolution declaring Council's intent to go before the voters in November, 1955, for an operating levy.

Law Changes Sought

He said he also will propose going to the Ohio General Assembly for changes in the laws controlling the financing of municipal universities.

The councilman, a leading proponent of the medical school, said the city should seek authority for a levy of up to one-mill that could be applied for a 10-year period.

State statutes limit the levy to .45 mills for no more than a 5-year period.

The limitation, uncovered by the city law department, forced

Mr. Damas to change his original plans for a long-term, 1-mill levy.

Under the plan devised by the special study committee, if the state would provide \$5 million for physical facilities, the city and county would take over the operating costs, which are expected to climb to \$1 million a year eventually. The city and county also would turn over public hospitals for the medical school's use.

Mr. Damas said a .45-mill levy would provide in excess of \$350,000 a year. This sum, plus county contributions and grants from various organizations, should carry the school through the early years, he said.

Research Fund Cited

Mr. Damas said that one organization that makes annual fund drives here has been giving Western Reserve University \$75,000 in medical research grants from monies collected here. He said the organization would use the money locally if there were research facilities here.

In the long run, a change in state statutes would be necessary to finance the school, he said.

Mr. Damas said that if Council declares its intent to seek an operating levy it would encourage the state to provide construction funds for school buildings. An appeal already has been made to Gov. Frank J. Lausche.