

# Councilman May Run For Lt. Governor

Arthur Fletcher, Pasco, is considering running for the post of state lieutenant governor.

Fletcher said he will poll public interest in his candidacy throughout the state and announce his decision by June.

A Republican, Fletcher said he has not yet discussed the matter with Gov. Dan Evans.

Pasco's Negro councilman made the announcement after speaking Friday and Saturday in Tacoma to War on Poverty directors from throughout the state on formation of coopera-



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tives in poverty areas.

"As a result of the presentation here with the East Pasco Self Help Cooperative, there was common agreement someone should be on the state ticket who can express the desire and needs of the poor, and the direction the War on Poverty programs should take," Fletcher claimed.

Present candidates for all state offices "lack the day-to-day contact and grass-roots involvement with the poor to recognize needs," he said.

Fletcher stressed his cam-

paign would be a "people's effort, not a political effort." This weekend he plans to poll people in the Puget Sound area on the financing and organization of a campaign. "If it seems promising, between now and June, I will announce."

The present lieutenant governor is John Cherberg, a Democrat.

Prior to coming to the Tri-Cities in 1963, Fletcher ran as a Republican against Rep. Byron Rumford in California, and in 1960 was a paid campaign organ-

izer for the Nixon-Lodge ticket in the Western States. In 1954-56 he was vice chairman of Kansas State Republican Central Committee and was adviser on civil rights to ex-Gov. Fred Hall.

In the last year, Fletcher has been appointed by Governor Evans as chairman, State Committee on Training and Job Opportunity, and to the State Urban Affairs Advisory Committee.

City officials said they didn't know if Fletcher could retain his seat on the council if elected lieutenant governor.