

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 THURSDAY
 JANUARY 13, 1944.

A G E N D A

- Prayer.
 Minutes.
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 2. Report Finance & Executive Comm. re Tenders for License Plates.
 3. " " " " re Tax Liens.
 4. " " " " re Wood City Home.
 5. " " " " re Laundry City Home.
 6. " " " " re Account Repairs to Boilers.
 7. " " " " re Account V. G. Hospital.
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 21. " " " " re Amendment Section 440 City Charter.
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 24. " " " " re Fixed Tax Rate.
 25. " " " " re Legislation City Court.
 26. " " " " re Legislation (General).
 27. Report Safety Committee re Amendment Ordinance # 20.
 28. Report Public Health & Welfare Comm. re Salaries.
 29. " " " " re Account over \$200.00.
 30. " " " " re Plans Extension T. B. Hospital.
 31. " " " " re Erection Pole City Property.
 32. " " " " re Accounts written off City Home.
 33. " " " " re Tender butter & Eggs.
 34. Deferred Business (Report N. W. Arm).
 35. Questions.
 36. Report Committee on Works re Application for Temporary Building.
 37. " " " " re Fire City Hall.
 38. " " " " re Expropriation of land Bayers Road.
 39. " " " " re Account Department of Highways.
 40. " " " " re Borrowing Water Construction.
 41. " " " " re Account Standard Paving Maritime Ltd.
 42. " " " " re Final Certificate F. Hankin Co., Ltd.
 43. Report Chief Accountant re Tax Collections month of December.
 44. " " " " re Appropriations.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 P. M.,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
January 13, 1944.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular order of business, the members of Council attending, led by the Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Deputy Mayor Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Hosterman, Adams, DeWolf, McDonald, Doyle, Walker and Burgess.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers were submitted.

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of the various Committees was submitted.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Finance and Executive Committee amounting to \$8,793.73; the Committee on Safety amounting to \$899.22 chargeable to Fire Alarm; \$21,754.90 chargeable to Fire Department and \$14,945.25 chargeable to Police Department; the Committee on Public Health and Welfare amounting to \$12,162.04 chargeable to Health Department; \$8,487.28 chargeable to City Home and \$2,174.94 chargeable to City Prison; the Committee on Works amounting to \$37,463.72; the Directors of Point Pleasant Park amounting to \$372.97; Civic Defence Committee amounting to \$1,761.95 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

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Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR LICENSE PLATES

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the City Collector submitting tenders for making and supplying License Plates, Badges and Dog Tags for the Civic Year 1944-45 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the London Rubber Stamp Company at ~~\$458.95~~ be accepted. 478.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
City Clerk.

W.P.P.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TAX LIENS

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the City Collector recommending that legislation be secured to extend the 1941-42 Real Estate Tax and 1943-44 Business and Household Tax Liens to December 31, 1944 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WOOD CITY HOME

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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January 13, 1944;

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Public Health and Welfare Committee recommending a proposed system of handling the wood which is being supplied to Halifax City for the use of dealers here, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the proposal be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 8, 1944;

The Chairman and Members of the
Public Health & Welfare Committee.

Dear Sirs:- Re: Wood.

May I please have the approval of this Committee and City Council for the following proposed system of handling the wood which is being supplied to Halifax City for the use of dealers here.

1. That we buy up to 5000 cords of wood through the Wood Fuel Controller.
2. That this wood is to be for our own use and for wholesale to recognized dealers in the City.
3. That we pay \$9.50 per cord delivered in our yard.
4. That we charge \$2.00 per cord for unloading box cars and \$3.00 per cord for coal cars.
5. That dealers buying from us will pay the above prices and strictly C. O. D.

Respectfully yours,

A. E. Ettinger,
Superintendent.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman De Wolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

LAUNDRY CITY HOME

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Public Health & Welfare Committee approving of a report of a sub-committee appointed to deal with the laundry policy of the City Home which includes the installation of machinery at an approximate cost of \$6,500.00 and prices to be charged other Departments for laundry work done at the City Home was considered.

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Your Committee concurs in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 8, 1944.

The Chairman and Members of the
Public Health & Welfare Committee.

Dear Sirs:- Re; Laundry

The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the laundry policy of this institution feels that we should install the necessary machinery to complete this department. This would cost approximately \$6,500.00.

It is also felt that the work being done for the other departments should be charged as follows:

Hand Towels.....	1¢	Pillow Slips.....	2¢
Sheets.....	3¢	Spreads.....	5¢
Blankets.....	20¢	Bath Towels.....	2¢
Nurses Uniforms.....	20¢	Nurses Aprons.....	10¢
Maids Uniforms.....	10¢	Internes' Coats.....	15¢
Internes' Trousers.....	15¢		

These prices to be effective as from May 1st, 1944.

Respectfully yours,

A. E. Ettinger,
Superintendent.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT REPAIRS TO BOILERS

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Public Health & Welfare Committee submitting an account from T. Hogan & Co., Ltd., amounting to \$1,473.88 covering repairs to boilers at the City Home was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be passed for payment and the sum of \$1,150.00 borrowed under the provisions of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1939 the remainder to be paid from the Current Estimates of the City Home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 13, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Hosterman
Adams
DeWolf
McDonald
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

ACCOUNT V. G. HOSPITAL

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date an account of the V. G. Hospital amounting to \$2.00 for one day's general ward services for Constable Sidney Clarke of the Police Department who was overcome by smoke at the Bon Ton Cafe fire was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the account be passed for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF ACTION

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the City Solicitor advising of the receipt of a notice of action on behalf of Irene Grace Sinclair and Stinson Kennedy Sinclair for damages for injuries suffered by Mrs. Sinclair in falling on a slippery sidewalk on the S/S Sackville Street on December 17, 1943 was considered.

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Your Committee recommends that the City enter an Appearance to the Writ when it is issued and defend the action.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

BURGLAR ALARM

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the Chief of Police recommending that a request from Arthur & Conn Limited for permission to install a Burglar Alarm System from the Oil Controller's Office, Sackville Street, to the Police Station was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and an agreement entered into with the proper authorities containing the same terms and conditions as the agreement now existing between the City of Halifax and the People's Credit Jewellers Limited.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF FIRE ALARM SIGNAL BOXES

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Safety Committee recommending the purchase of 3 M-600 Northern Electric Gamewell Fire Alarm Signal Boxes at a cost of \$555.00 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and the funds required for this purpose borrowed in accordance with legislation secured at the 1942 session of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 13, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Batson
Burgess
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
McDonald
Walker

SALARIES

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Personnel Committee in connection with automatic salary increases was considered.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Mr. Archibald McDonald, Superintendent of the Water Department, be granted an increase to his present salary of \$300.00 effective October 1, 1943, and that he be permitted to proceed to the maximum salary for his position by way of the usual automatic increases.

2. That Mr. T. G. Murphy, Deputy Chief Accountant, be permitted to proceed to the maximum salary for his position by double automatic increases.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WATER DEPARTMENT SURVEY

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

January 13, 1944.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending for payment an account amounting to \$1,703.93 of the Engineering Service Co., Limited for professional services rendered and expense disbursements in connection with the Survey of the Water Department was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
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Adams
DeWolf
McDonald
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

HOUR OF CLOSING SATURDAYS

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the Halifax Civic Employees Federal Union # 143 requesting that the hour of closing on Saturdays be changed from 1 P. M. to 12 Noon was considered.

Your Committee recommends that in the best interests of the citizens the request be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman McDonald that this matter be referred to the Personnel Committee.

Alderman Hosterman stated that he was opposed to the report going to the Personnel Committee.

Alderman Batson stated that many people use the hours from 12 noon to 1 P. M. to get library books and the same thing applies to the business men and he felt the City Hall should be open for the benefit of the citizens.

Alderman Coffin arrives 8.15 P. M.

Alderman Walker and Adams stated that they thought the Personnel Committee should have nothing to do with this matter as the Council sets the hours of work.

The amendment was then changed to read the Finance and Executive Committee.

The amendment was put and lost with 2 voting for the same and 7 against as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Burgess
McDonald

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AGAINST IT

Alderman Adams
Batson
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
Walker

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The motion was put and passed 7 voting for the same and 2 against as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
Doyle
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Alderman McDonald
Burgess

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CALLING SEMI-PERMANENT STOCK

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance recommending the calling of an issue of semi-permanent stock in the amount of \$327,900.00 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 12, 1944.

Chairman,
Finance & Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

The City of Halifax has outstanding an issue of Semi-Permanent Stock, in the amount of \$327,900.00 bearing interest at 4% per annum. This stock was issued at various times between 1889 and 1910 and is callable after the giving of one year's notice to the registered holders.

In view of the prevailing low interest rate of slightly over 3% per annum, I would recommend that the necessary directions be issued by the City Council for the calling of this issue on February 1st, 1945.

There should be an annual saving of interest of at least \$2,400.00, to the City, by the calling and refinancing of this Stock. The necessary funds can be secured as part of the future Bond issue of the City, and repaid over a period of fifteen to twenty years as desired. About one twelfth of the cost of refinancing this issue of Semi-Permanent Stock would be chargeable to the Water Department Estimates.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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PERMANENT STOCK

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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance recommending that legislation be secured granting the City permission to call \$663,000.00 5% Permanent Stock issued in the years 1880 to 1909 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 12, 1944.

Chairman,
Finance & Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

The City of Halifax has outstanding \$663,000.00, 5% Permanent Stock, issued in the years 1880 to 1909. \$548,000.00 of this Stock was issued from 1880 to 1889 inclusive, the balance represents conversions of Debentures issued with fixed maturities. These conversions were made in the year 1882 to 1909.

This Permanent Stock, is of course not callable. However, some years ago permission to call it, was sought, but the Legislature refused to grant the City permission to do so.

I have discussed this matter several times with Mr. Bethune, City Solicitor, who is strongly in favor of the making of another attempt to secure the necessary legislation to permit the calling of this Permanent Stock.

If this Stock were called it could be refinanced at a lower interest rate.

Even if no actual saving of interest could be effected, the refinancing of this Stock would permit the City to provide for the retiring of the refunding issue on an annual basis. This is generally considered to be the preferred method of financing by a municipality.

I note that the City of Montreal has included in its "Plan of Financial Reorganization", \$378,700.00, 7% Permanent Stock, to be retired April 30, 1944 at 140. The average rate of interest on the new Montreal Stock, being exchanged for present issues maturing on or before May 15, 1944, is about 3 1/4%.

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Therefore the equivalent on a 5% issue on the Montreal basis would be about par.

The City of Halifax has paid in interest on its Stock over a period of 62 years, approximately \$2,000,000.00 and in discharging this obligation, must surely have also discharged any moral obligation to the original holders that may have existed.

The necessity for refinancing permanent obligations as between Montreal and Halifax is not comparable, but if it is equitable for the Citizens of Montreal to be relieved of a burdensome Interest charge running in perpetuity, it should also be equitable for the Citizens of Halifax to receive a similar benefit, especially in view of the fact that the financial record of the City of Halifax, had been and still is highly satisfactory. Moreover I do not think that a Debtor should be forever precluded from finally discharging the Debt due his Creditor.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

PRINTING FINANCIAL REPORT

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Commissioner of Finance submitting tenders for the printing of the Financial Report of the City of Halifax for the Civic Year ended April 30, 1941 was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the tender of the Nova Print Limited for the printing of 200 copies of the Report for the sum of \$285.00 being the lowest, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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TAXES HOSTELS

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Commissioner of Finance regarding the writing-off of taxes assessed to Service Hostels for the Civic Year 1943-44 was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 11, 1944.

Chairman,
Finance and Executive Committee,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

Attached is a memorandum of taxes for the civic year 1943-44 assessed to Service Hostels and like institutions operated for the benefit of members of our armed forces or of our allies.

I recommend that these taxes, less the Highway Tax of \$166.40 be written off, under authority of Chapter 56, Section 52, Sub-Section 1 & 3 of the Acts of 1941, and Chapter 51, Section 6, of the Acts of 1942.

Yours very truly,

N. L. Sherman,
Commissioner of Finance.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1942

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from H. R. Doane & Co., submitting copies of the Financial Statements of the City of Halifax with the Auditors Report attached for the year ended April 30, 1942 and submitting an account for services rendered in connection therewith amounting to \$3,690.00 was considered.

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LIST OF SERVICE CANTEENS.

		H.T.	CITY TAX	TOTAL	Yr
St. Mary's Orphan Association. 10101 Street.	10101 10101-1	264.60	18,305.60	18570.20	/43
St. Mary's Seaman's House, 74 Tobin	11165-1		24.50	24.50	/43
St. Mary's Home, 7-11 Argyle St.			185.50	185.50	/43
St. Mary's Orphan Comt. c/o St. Mary's Glebe	30080	8.80	316.80	325.60	/43
Knights of Columbus Hut 10101 Street	30080-1		77.00	77.00	/43
St. Joseph's Trust Co. 107 Dresden E.	30506	12.20	1179.20	1191.40	/43
St. Mary's Seaman's Residence 10101 Street	30506-1		42.70	42.70	/43
St. Joseph's Trust Co. 74 Bishop St.	30214	7.40	266.40	273.80	/43
St. Joseph's Seaman's Home 34 Bishop	30214-1		25.20	25.20	/43
St. Mary's Seaman's Services Inc. 10101 Street.	30209 30209-1	13.70	427.50 105.00	532.50 105.00	/43 /43
St. Mary's Club, 101 Remington St.	30090-4		50.75	50.75	/43
St. Mary's Seaman's Services Ltd. c/o Knights of Columbus, Almon St.	D6, 263 60376	24.00	864.00	888.00	/43
St. Mary's Seaman's Services Canteen 10101 Remington Street.	60451 60451-1	35.70	1285.20 301.00	1586.20 301.00	/43 /43
Knights of Columbus Hut. Almon St.	D6, 263-1 60376		210.00	210.00	/43
			\$ 141.20	\$ 1,091.75	\$ 1,232.95

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Your Committee recommends that the account be passed for payment and the reports referred to this Committee for consideration and report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS SCHOOL BOARD

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee had for consideration on various occasions a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners on October 28, last regarding the appointment of members to the Board by the City Council.

At a meeting held on the above date, after careful attention and full consideration on the matter, the Committee decided to recommend that no change be made in the existing law.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Publicover,
City Clerk.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a proposal from the Fairview Cemetery Company Limited to transfer to the City its Cemetery Property and Trust Funds it holds to provide for perpetual care of lots upon the City assuming the obligation of the Fairview Cemetery Co., Ltd., to its lotholders.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be secured enabling the City to accept this proposal and if the property and Trust Funds above referred to are transferred to the City, that the Superintendent and Secretary now in the employ of the Fairview Cemetery Co., Ltd., be taken on the staff of the City.

January 13, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

His Worship the Deputy Mayor asked Mr. Martin Archibald if he would say a few words in regard to this matter to which Mr. Archibald agreed.

Mr. Archibald then addressed the Council and stated: "We have 125 shareholders on our rolls of whom 107 are dead. Some of the Directors have been acting for twenty years and now they want to be relieved of any responsibility with the Company. We had 52 acres of which 24 were expropriated by the C. N. R. and 18 acres undeveloped which means there should be enough land for the next 50 to 75 years for burial purposes. We have a Trust Fund of \$35,000.00. There are some firms in the City who give us grants such as the Cunard White Star Co., of \$175.00 per year for the Titanic victims and a grant from the Halifax Relief Commission for the Explosion victims. The real reason why we are asking the City to take over is because the Directors can't get the time to carry on with this any longer. This proposition means no capital outlay on the part of the City."

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefore:

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Adams
Batson
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
McDonald
Walker

AMENDMENT SECTION 440 CITY CHARTER

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

January 13, 1944.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the City Assessor recommending that Section 440 of the City Charter be amended by inserting the words "or lease" after the word "agreement" in the 3rd. line thereof, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that legislation be secured amending the Section so that same will apply to Business Tax only.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

Alderman Burgess stated that he would oppose this matter as it placed the burden on the owner of the property who is already paying a heavy tax.

Alderman McDonald suggested that in order to prevent evasion of paying the tax, the City should make the man pay his tax before he occupies the premises.

City Assessor McManus then addressed the Council and stated that the Collector's Department has had many situations where they could not collect the tax because there was no lien to enforce, but if this went through, they would then have the authority to enforce collection.

Alderman Hosterman stated that we should do all we can to help the Assessor and Collector and that we should not throw this matter out entirely. It was moved in amendment by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman McDonald that this matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for further consideration and report.

The amendment was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

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FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
McDonald
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

LEGISLATION CAPITAL BORROWING

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending that Legislative authority be obtained for the borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$100,000.00 for the construction of permanent sidewalks was considered and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Batson
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
McDonald
Walker

LEGISLATION CAPITAL BORROWING

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

January 13, 1944.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a report from the Committee on Works recommending that legislation be obtained for the borrowing of a sum not exceeding \$50,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing equipment was considered, and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 11, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

In 1942 Legislation was obtained to borrow \$30,000.00 for remodelling the garage and the purchase of new equipment. The work of repairs, heating garage and other minor work was done. Since that time the equipment has gone into such a state of further disrepair and disuse that further borrowing is necessary, and I am submitting the following list of equipment required and the amount that should be borrowed.

Tractor and Angle Dozer	\$10,000.
Street Flusher and Sprinkler Combined	8,000.
1 Large self-propelled maintainer with snow plow	10,000.
1 Compressor complete with attachments	3,000.
3 Garbage Truck Chassis @ \$2,000.	6,000.
5 Garbage Trucks @ \$4,000.	20,000.
1 Service Truck	2,000.
New car for Supt. Streets	1,500.
" " " Commissioner of Works	1,500.
Sand Spreader	600.
Garage Machine Shop Equipment	5,000.
Sewer Maintenance Equipment	1,500.
Gasoline Pump	500.
Sidewalk Plow and Tractor	2,000.
Truck Plow Blades	2,000.

\$73,600.

Available at present approximately \$25,000.00 amount recommended for borrowing \$50,000.00.

You will note that provision is made for five new garbage trucks; these will replace three purchased in 1935 and 1936. The bodies and hoists will be placed on three proposed new chassis. At present nearly one-half of our garbage trucks are hired, and the bodies are not at all suitable for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

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Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
McDonald
Doyle
Burgess

LEGISLATION CHECK-OFF POLL TAX

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the City Solicitor suggesting that legislation be submitted to the Legislature at its next session authorizing the City to have a check-off for Poll Tax in the case of Non-Resident Poll Tax was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the suggestion of the City Solicitor be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

ITEM 32

The Charter is amended by inserting therein immediately following section 367 thereof the following section:

367A. (1) The Collector may in writing request any employer to collect from any person employed by him on the date of such request who is liable to pay the poll tax on non-residents of Nova Scotia, provided by section 367, the poll tax due by such person in respect of the civic year then current or the preceding civic year or both such years, unless such person has himself already paid such poll tax to the City. Such request may be made at any time after such person has become liable to pay such poll tax.

(2) Such employer shall collect such tax within one month from the date of such request.

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(3) Upon the receipt of such request from the Collector, the employer shall from the salary, or other remuneration payable by him from time to time to such person, make such deductions for the paying of such poll tax as may be necessary to collect the same together with any penalties or interest accruing thereon within the time set out in sub-section (2) hereof, unless such poll tax has been paid to the City since the date of such request and such person produces an official receipt therefor.

(4) Any such employer who has been requested to collect such poll tax as hereinbefore provided shall within fifteen days after the expiration of the time set out in sub-section (2) hereof, pay to the Collector the sums so collected, together with any penalties or interest which may have accrued in respect of any such poll tax, and shall furnish a statement setting out the names and addresses of the persons from whose salary or other remuneration the same has been deducted.

(5) Upon making such deductions the employer shall give to the person from whose salary or remuneration any sum has been deducted, a receipt stating the amount so deducted for the poll tax and upon receiving an official receipt issued by the City such employer shall deliver the same to such person.

(6) No employer shall be required to collect such tax in respect of any person who was not in his employ at the date of such request, but every employer shall promptly notify the Collector of such fact and shall give such information as he may have which will enable the Collector to locate such person.

(7) Any employer who has been requested by the Collector to collect such poll tax, and who fails to deduct the same as hereinbefore provided from the salary or remuneration paid by him to such person or who, having deducted the same, fails to pay the same to the Collector within the time limited by subsection (2) hereof, shall be liable in respect of each such poll tax so unpaid to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and in default of payment thereof to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

(8) Upon receipt by the Collector from any employer of any poll taxes or portions thereof, the Collector shall forthwith acknowledge receipt of the same and issue an official receipt to each of the persons from whose salary or remuneration the same was deducted, as shown upon the statement thereof submitted by such employer, which receipt shall state the name of the employer who has remitted the amount set out therein.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report and legislation as submitted be approved.

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In discussing this report Alderman McDonald suggested that we should do the same as the City of St. John regarding Poll Taxes.

The Assessor stated that a firm came into the City and brought 42 employees with them and when the Collector went to collect the Poll Tax some of them had gone away and most of the revenue was lost.

He also stated that he thought the Company should pay the tax for them and then deduct it from their pay.

The motion was then put and passed with Alderman Burgess wishing to be recorded against.

FIXED TAX RATE

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the City Solicitor regarding tax rates imposed upon Residential and Business Real Property was considered.

Your Committee concurs in the suggestion of the City Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 3, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members Finance & Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

It appears that one of the amendments enacted in 1942, in which different tax-rates were imposed upon residential and business real property, is not working out in the manner intended. Under one interpretation the owner of an apartment house, who also owns other residential real property which is let out to tenants, is assessed upon \$5,000.00 of the value of the apartment houses at the fixed rate and also upon \$5,000.00 of the other rented residential real property at the same rate. This of course is exclusive of the portion occupied by himself to which the fixed rate applies. It was originally proposed and I think it was the intention of the Council that the \$5,000.00 valuation at

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the fixed rate would apply against all of the residential real property owned by him (except that which he occupied himself) and it was not intended that by owning two types of residential real property he would receive the advantage of being assessed \$10,000.00 at the fixed rate.

This confusion has apparently resulted by the insertion of a special clause dealing with apartment buildings after the original legislation was drafted and although the wording of both sections is very similar, nevertheless the result is as above stated.

I suggest that the section dealing specifically with apartment houses be repealed, and such houses will then fall into the category of "residential real property" and only one amount of \$5,000.00 will be assessed at the fixed rate.

I do not think the effect of this correction will be very serious.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Doyle that this matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee.

The amendment was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Adams
Batson
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
McDonald
Walker

LEGISLATION CITY COURT

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the City Solicitor submitted an item of legislation amending Section 164 of the City Charter which will increase the jurisdiction of the City Civil Court in all cases in which the City is Plaintiff was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the amendment as prepared by the City Solicitor be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

ITEM 29

Subsection (1) of section 164 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(c) any action for a debt or a liquidated demand in money in which the City of Halifax is the Plaintiff when the amount claimed in the action does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report and legislation as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION GENERAL

January 12, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:--

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date items of legislation as submitted by the City Solicitor and attached hereto were concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

1944 LEGISLATION

1. Subsection (1) of section 148, as the same is amended by section 31 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1940, is further amended by striking out the words "City Medical Health Welfare Officer" and substituting therefor the words "Commissioner of Public Health and Welfare".

(Explanatory note: This amendment is necessary because of the change in the title of this official).

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2. (1) Section 36 of Chapter 51 of the Acts of 1942 is amended by striking out the figures "65" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the figures "57".

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 29th day of March, A. D., 1942.

(Explanatory note: This amendment is for the purpose of correcting a typographical error in the 1942 Statute whereby the reference to section 17 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1940 should have read "section 17 of Chapter 57 of the Acts of 1940".)

4. and
5.

(1) Subsection (1) of section 242, as that subsection is amended by section 5 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1933, is amended by striking out the words "Assistant Deputy Chief of Police".

(2) Subsection (2) of section 244, as that subsection is enacted by section 6 of Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1933, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"The Committee shall appoint from among the other members of the force a deputy chief and as many inspectors and sergeants of police as the Council may by resolution determine."

(3) Subsection (4) of said section 244 is hereby repealed.

(Explanatory note: The foregoing amendments are made necessary by the discontinuing of the office of "Assistant Deputy Chief of Police" and by the appointing of "inspectors of Police" in place of the former office.)

10. The members of the Committee on Works heretofore purporting to act as members of the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax, notwithstanding that in certain years they were not appointed as members of such Board, are nevertheless hereby declared to have constituted the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax under the provisions of the Town Planning Act, being Chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1923, and amendments thereto, and to have had the same authority under the said Town Planning Act as if they had been so appointed according to the provisions thereof, and the acts of such members of such Committee on Works purporting to so act are hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to have been the acts of the members of the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax appointed under the provisions of the said Act.

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12. Subsection (1) of section 3750 is hereby repealed.

(Explanatory note: This amendment is for the purpose of placing the owners of apartment buildings on the same basis as owners of other rented residential dwellings insofar as the \$5,000.00 assessment thereof at the fixed tax rate is concerned.)

13. The City shall pay to George Hubley, retired employees of the Department of Works, for the remainder of his life, a monthly allowance of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00), which sum shall be paid to him in monthly installments as and from the 1st day of May, A. D., 1944, and the sums required to pay the said allowance for the civic year 1944-45 may be borrowed from any fund or any bank, person or corporation available and with the interest thereon included in the estimates for the Civic Year 1945-46, and all sums necessary to pay such allowance in the subsequent civic years shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which such allowance is to be paid.

16. The expenditure by the City of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) out of the appropriation provided for the Department of Works of the City for the civic year 1943-44 for the purpose of advertising the Fifth Victory Loan is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved and declared to have been within the authority of the City.

17. The City may sell and convey to the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, its Successors and Assigns, for such consideration as the City may determine, and may execute and deliver to it a good and sufficient deed or deeds thereto under the Seal of the City, and may authorize the same to be executed on behalf of the City by the Mayor and City Clerk, the following lands and interests in lands:

"All that certain lot, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being in the north-western part of the City of Halifax, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point where the northern street line of Bayers Road intersects the western street line of Connaught Avenue; thence westwardly along the said northern street line of Bayers Road three hundred and thirty-three feet (333') more or less, or to the eastern boundary line of the property now or formerly owned by Melvin S. Clarke; thence northwardly along the said eastern boundary line of the said Clarke property two hundred and thirteen feet (213') more or less, or to the southern line of Roslyn Road; thence eastwardly along the said southern line of said Roslyn Road two hundred and twenty-eight feet (228') more or less, or to

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the western street line of Connaught Ave; thence southwardly along the said western street line of Connaught Avenue two hundred and two feet (202') more or less, or to the place of beginning.

(Explanatory note: This will vest title in the School Board of land upon which one of the prefabricated schools is located.)

18. The Official plan of the City is amended by removing therefrom the lines of that portion of Atlantic Street which lies between the western side of Tower Road and the eastern side of Robie Street.

(Explanatory note: The portion of land through which the above lines ran is part of the Gorsebrook Golf Course now purchased by the R. C. Episcopal Corporation and the continuance of Atlantic Street would seriously injure the property for the purpose for which it was purchased.)

22. Section 86 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

86. Any mayor or alderman retiring from office shall, if then qualified, be capable of immediate re-election.

(Explanatory note: The effect of this amendment is to remove from the section the words which prevent a mayor from serving more than three consecutive terms of one year, thus enabling him to continue in office indefinitely, provided he is elected annually.)

24. Subsection 6 of section 361, as that section is enacted by section 4 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 1936, is amended by striking out the word "December" in the seventh line thereof and substituting therefor the word "November".

(Explanatory note: This amendment is recommended by the City Assessor for the reason that the present time limit for filing the names of companies represented by insurance agents, viz., December 15th, is found to be rather late to be properly checked. The amendment advances the date to November 15).

25. Section 553 A, as the same is enacted by section 26 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1943, is hereby repealed.

(Explanatory note: This section requiring approval of plan of sub-division by the Committee on Works is a duplication of authority. The Town Planning Board, consisting of the same personnel as the Committee, also approves of such sub-division.)

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28.

(1) The City may expend a sum not exceeding Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing the whole or any portion of the property known as the Collins Field which is bounded by Inglis Street, Robie Street, South Street, Wellington Street and the rear line of the lots fronting on the western side of Wellington Street and the prolongation northerly to the south line of South Street of such rear line. Any sums required from time to time and in such amounts as the Council of the City determines, in accordance with the provisions of the Halifax City Charter relating to the Halifax City Consolidated Fund, and shall be in addition to the amounts previously authorized to be borrowed as part of that Fund. They shall be secured by stock or debenture to be issued in conformity with the said provisions at a rate of interest to be determined by the Council of the City at the time of making any loan under the authority of this Act and the dates on which the same are payable shall be determined by the Council. The said property when so purchased may be used for such purposes as the City Council may from time to time determine or the whole or any portion thereof may be from time to time sold or otherwise disposed of by the City.

(2) The City may also pay any or all real property taxes upon such portion of the said property so purchased in respect of the portion of the civic year 1943-44 subsequent to the 16th day of December 1943 and all real property taxes assessed upon such portion in respect of the civic year 1944-45, and such sums may be added to the purchase price of such portion and borrowed along therewith and under the same terms and conditions and authority as hereinbefore set out.

29.

Subsection (1) of section 164 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(c) any action for a debt or a liquidated demand in money in which the City of Halifax is the plaintiff when the amount claimed in the action does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars.

LONG TERM CAPITAL BORROWING

To defray the cost of constructing an addition to the Incinerator and to provide equipment necessary therefor, a sum not exceeding.....\$3,000.

To defray the cost of the construction and extension of the sewer system, a sum not exceeding.....\$50,000.

To defray the cost of providing an extension of ~~the~~ sewer system for the purpose of serving the proposed abattoir a sum not exceeding.....\$25,000.

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To defray the cost of the construction of an auxiliary sewer or sewers for the purpose of relieving existing over-loaded sewers, a sum not exceeding.....\$75,000.

To defray the cost of constructing a settling basin or sedimentation tank for the City's sewers, a sum not exceeding.....\$ 5,000.

To defray the cost of altering the location of the sewer outlet into Bedford Basin and constructing any new sewers in connection therewith, a sum not exceeding.....\$10,000.

To defray the cost of installing a chlorination treatment plant for the sewer discharging into the North West Arm, a sum not exceeding.....\$ 5,000.

To defray the cost of repairs, extensions to or construction of sewers in the City, a sum not exceeding.....\$30,000.

SHORT TERM BORROWING

#7 To pay as a contribution to the Greek War Relief Fund the sum of500.

#11 To pay as a contribution to the Chinese War Relief Fund the sum of.....\$ 1,000.

#20 To pay as a contribution to the Halifax Community Fund the sum of.....\$2,000.00

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report and items of legislation as submitted with the exception of Section 2 of item 28 which the Solicitor was asked to redraft, be approved. Motion passed.

The City Solicitor submitted and read an item to be added to Short Term Borrowing as follows:

#31 To pay to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, to assist the Association to pay the paving charge assessed against it, a sum not exceeding.....\$524.62

(Authority obtained for above in 1940, C.57, Schedule "A" but not used and has expired.)

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Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE # 20

January 6, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee on the above date a letter from the City Solicitor submitting an amendment to Ordinance # 20 "Respecting Chimney Sweeps" was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the amendment as drafted by the City Solicitor be read and passed a first time and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that the report be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Halifax as follows:

Section 5 of Ordinance Number 20 of the Ordinances of the City of Halifax "Respecting Chimney Sweeps" is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

5. If any chimney, flue or stovepipe takes fire, the owner of the building in which such fire occurs, shall be liable to a penalty, unless it appears that the chimney or flue had been properly swept within one year before the fire, or in the case of a stovepipe that proper care had been taken to prevent fire, and that it was an unavoidable accident. If any such fire occurs within one year after the chimney or flue was swept by a licensed sweep, such sweep shall be liable to a penalty unless, it appears that the fire was not occasioned by insufficient sweeping.

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Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the amendment to Ordinance # 20 as set out above be read and passed a first time and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Alderman Walker suggested that the City Clerk insert an add in the press stating that this matter would be brought up at the next regular meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee and all those who wished to attend the meeting could do so and also that the Chief of the Fire Department, and Mr. Rogers of Liverpool be requested to attend.

SALARIES

January 10, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date a recommendation of Superintendent Ettinger of the City Home that the pay of Frank Colwell and William Merrigan be increased to \$50.00 per month as from January 1, 1944 was concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT OVER \$200.00

January 10, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date approved for payment an account of J. & M. Murphy Limited amounting to \$998.00 covering Dry Goods supplied to the City Home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 13, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

PLANS-EXTENSION TO T. B. HOSPITAL

December 13, 1943.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date plans for the proposed extension to the T. B. Hospital numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 were recommended for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ERECTION OF POLE CITY PROPERTY

January 10, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date a report from Superintendent Etinger of the City Home regarding a request from the C. N. Railways on behalf of the R. C. A. F. for permission to erect a stub pole on City Home property was considered.

Your Committee recommends that permission be granted to erect a stub pole on City Home property for the duration of the war and 6 months thereafter at a rental of \$1.00 per year. The location of the pole to be subject to the approval of Mr. Etinger and that a proper agreement be entered into between the City and the R. C. A. F. containing such terms and conditions as the City Solicitor may approve.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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ACCOUNTS WRITTEN OFF CITY HOME

January 10, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on the above date the attached letter from Superintendent Ettinger of the City Home regarding accounts written off was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 8, 1944.

The Chairman and Members of the
Public Health & Welfare Committee.

Dear Sirs: Re: Accounts Written Off

On September 10, 1943 the attached report was accepted by this Committee and approved by Finance and City Council. The Auditors now ask that this report definitely state that these accounts are to be written off our books.

Respectfully yours,

A. E. Ettinger,
Superintendent.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDER - BUTTER AND EGGS

January 10, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Public Health and Welfare Committee at a meeting held on the above date had for consideration a tender from R. B. Colwell Limited offering to supply butter and eggs to civic institutions at the following prices:

Creamery Prints Butter	1 month	39½¢	per lb.
	2 "	39½¢	" "
	3 "	40¢	" "
"A" Large Eggs	1 "	41¢	per doz.
	2 "	40¢	" "
	3 "	39¢	" "

Your Committee recommends that the tender be approved for a 3 months period in each case.

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Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Walker that the report be approved. Motion passed.

REPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE N. W. ARM

This report is entered in detail in the minutes of Council meeting under date of December 16, 1943, pages 386 to 390.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Doyle that the report be approved. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Alderman Walker asked how much it would have cost if the City had expropriated the Gorsebrook Property and was advised by Alderman DeWolf that it would be in the vicinity of \$72,000.00 plus legal expenses.

Alderman DeWolf asked if there was anything new on the Taxi Situation and His Worship the Deputy Mayor stated that there was going to be a meeting with the Taxi Association next week.

Alderman DeWolf wished to know what protection there was for the public in being able to secure a car when they wished one and Alderman Burgess stated that the Transit Committee is turning the authority over to the Cabs Committee who will then have power to cancel the license of any taxi operator who does not answer calls from the Taxi Pool.

He further stated that we now have about 180 cars in the Taxi Service as compared with 214 two years ago. Due to the lack of parts, some of the cars had to be discontinued in the service and now they pick up the best runs which give them more money than the regular call.

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His Worship the Deputy Mayor suggested that the members of the Cabs Committee pay a visit to the Taxi Association.

Alderman Burgess requested a copy of the regulations in connection with the Fence Viewer and asked if he had any authority to enforce the law.

The City Solicitor said he would furnish Alderman Burgess with a copy of these regulations.

Alderman Burgess asked if the Fence Viewer could make a charge for viewing a fence and was answered by the Solicitor that a charge of \$1.00 was allowed.

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY BUILDING

January 13, 1944.

City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on January 11, 1944, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 10, 1944, entitled as above was considered.

On motion of Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern and passed unanimously, the Committee recommended to City Council that the Governor in Council be asked to grant the necessary authority to the City and when authority obtained, the City grant a permit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

January 10, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

An application has been received from the Acadian Coach Lines for permission to erect a temporary office and baggage room of wood construction. It is proposed to erect this building on Dresden Row which is in the building district.

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The authority given by the amendment of Section 728 of part Nine of the City Charter in 1942 does not cover permission for the erection of a temporary building such as is now being sought, but to enable the building to be erected by making substitution for such materials as were unobtainable.

If the Committee is favorable to the granting of this request, it may be necessary to secure legislation. In any case, it will be necessary to get the approval of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FIRE CITY HALL

January 13, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 11th instant, on motion of Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern, approved and recommended to Council that the attached cheque from the Halifax Insurance Company for \$1,053.40 be accepted in payment for claim under Policy F-1-1570 for fire damage to a portion of the City Hall and contents.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND BAYERS ROAD

January 13, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 11th instant, the report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 11, 1944, entitled as above was considered.

On motion of Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern the said report was approved.

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At a subsequent meeting held on this date, the City Solicitor submitted the two attached resolutions, which, on motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Doyle were approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

January 11, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

At a meeting of City Council held on September 16, 1943, the Commissioner of Works was instructed to construct a sewer on Bayers Road between Windsor Street and Oxford Street.

Some difficulty has arisen whereby the City cannot secure immediate title to a piece of land assessed to the Estate of Alfred O. Gastonguay due to the impossibility of securing sufficient title.

It is the City Solicitor's opinion that perhaps the best solution of all would be to expropriate the land, of which a description and plan are attached.

The amount of money to be paid into Court is Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), and it is therefore recommended that this land be expropriated, so that the City may immediately begin construction of the sewer as ordered, since, a recent letter has been received from the office of Public Health and Welfare, stating that complaints have been received from the overflow of cesspools on this street.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Works of the City has submitted a report dated January 11th, 1944, and also a plan and description covering the expropriation of certain lands and interests therein of a portion of Bayers Road which lies between Windsor and Oxford Streets in the City of Halifax.

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Works is of the opinion that it is desirable that the said lands and interests therein should be acquired for the purpose of extending Bayers Road for the purpose of completing the connection between the present portions of Bayers Road with Windsor Street.

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AND WHEREAS the Committee is of the opinion that a good title cannot be given to the said lands and that it is necessary to expropriate the same.

AND WHEREAS the Committee has requested from and has received a report from the City Solicitor upon the title to such lands and interests therein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and it is recommended to the City Council that the said lands and interests therein hereinafter described be expropriated.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the price or compensation to be paid to the owners of the said lands and interests therein taken be Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

The following is a description of the lands and interests therein, hereinbefore, referred to, to be expropriated by the City:

All that certain lot, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being in the northern part of the City of Halifax, said land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the eastern line of Oxford Street intersects the northern boundary line of the property now or formerly owned by Evelyn Bianco, said point of beginning being distant two hundred and sixteen feet and eight inches (216'8") more or less, northwardly, measured along the said eastern line of Oxford Street from the northern line of Young Street; thence eastwardly along the proposed southern street line of Bayers Road, two hundred and fifty-seven feet (257') more or less, or to the western boundary line of the lands formerly owned by Mrs. C. J. Kirby; thence northwardly along the said western boundary of the lands formerly owned by Mrs. C. J. Kirby, sixty feet (60'); thence westwardly along the proposed northern street line of Bayers Road, two hundred and fifty-eight feet (258') more or less, or to the eastern line of Oxford Street; thence southwardly along the eastern line of Oxford Street, sixty feet (60') to the place of beginning.

The above description of land being intended to convey to the City of Halifax all property owned by the Estate of Alfred O. Gastonguay, which is required by the City of Halifax for the extension westwardly of Bayers Road to Oxford Street, in the City of Halifax, N. S., and being shown bordered in red on a plan entitled, "Expropriation Plan of Certain land required by the City of Halifax from the Estate of Alfred O. Gastonguay on Bayers Road, between Dublin and Oxford Streets", signed by R. M. MacKinnon, Commissioner of Works, and filed in his office and known as Plan No. KK-7-2365.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that this Council does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Works for the expropriation of certain lands and interests situated on Bayers Road between Oxford Street and

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Windsor Street in the City of Halifax and more particularly described in the said resolution, and that the said lands and interests therein set out in the Resolution adopted by the Committee on Works at a meeting held this 13th day of January, A. D., 1944, be and the same are hereby expropriated.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the price or compensation named in the said Resolution for the certain lands and interests therein to be paid to the said owner of the said lands be forthwith paid to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax, N. S.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
McDonald
Doyle
Walker
Burgess

ACCOUNT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

January 13, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 11th instant, on motion of Alderman Reardon, seconded by Alderman Ahern, approved and recommended to Council the attached report of the Commissioner of Works, recommending payment to the Department of Highways and Public Works of \$830.75 for half cost of maintenance work on the D. V. Road.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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BORROWING WATER CONSTRUCTION

January 13, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 11, 1944, and entitled as above.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 11th instant, on Motion of Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Doyle, the report was ordered forwarded to Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

January 11, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I wish to recommend, for your approval, the seeking of Legislation for the borrowing of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), for water construction. There was no borrowing last year and at present we have approximately Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), which was authorized, available.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Works.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Adams
Batson
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
McDonald
Walker

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ACCOUNT STANDARD PAVING MARITIME LIMITED

January 13, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is a report of the Commissioner of Works dated January 10, 1944, and entitled as above.

At a meeting of the Committee on Works held on the 11th instant, on motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Doyle, the report was ordered forwarded to Council for payment of the bill as recommended therein.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL CERTIFICATE FRANCIS HANKIN CO., LTD.

January 13, 1944.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the 11th instant, on motion of Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern, the attached report of the Commissioner of Works dated November 27, 1943, and entitled as above, recommending payment to Francis Hankin & Co. of the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$374.31) in full payment for work done at the new Incinerator, was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Per T. J. Moore,
Clerk of Works.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman McDonald that the report be approved. Motion passed.

*Amount of
accounts
\$ 1,535.20
W.P.P.*

TAX COLLECTIONS MONTH OF DECEMBER

Arrears Taxes Reserve	Outstanding Balances Nov. 30/43.	New Accounts and Adjustments.	December Collections	Outstanding Balances December.	
1941-42	\$71,646.57	\$107,849.28	Cr. 1,217.71	\$4,364.92	\$102,266.65
1942-43	44,105.83	208,517.95	Cr. 1,045.88	11,001.54	196,470.53
Current 1943-44	69,804.41	407,976.19	30,559.21	35,422.51	403,112.89
Water Rates		70,469.49	111,993.54	32,906.79	149,556.24
		\$794,812.91	\$140,289.16	\$83,695.76	\$851,406.31

Poll Taxes

1934-35	459.44		7.00	452.44
1935-36	28.42		11.00	17.42
1942-43	2,701.00	6.00	501.18	2,205.82
1943-44	48,117.57		3,414.45	44,703.12

Additional Collections	1943-44	1942-43
Tax Arrears 1908-9 to 1924-25	11.00	
Corresponding Period Last Year		15.56
Tax Arrears 1925-26-1940-41	7,492.14	
Corresponding Period Last Year		4,188.86
Collections as per statment above	83,695.76	
Corresponding Period Last Year		79,606.31
	\$91,198.90	\$83,810.73
Collections of Poll Tax May 1, 1943		
to December 31, 1943.	42,528.63	
Corresponding Period Last Year		38,377.37

M. L. Bellew,
Chief Accountant.

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APPROPRIATIONS

To the City Council:

December 31, 1943.

The following is the state of civic appropriations on the above date after deducting unpaid orders:-

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>FREE BALANCE</u>
City Home Maintenance	\$ 12,769.29
City Home Salaries	12,689.22
Fleming Park	1,372.61
Public Gardens	6,408.00
T. B. Hospital Maintenance	15,162.07
T. B. Hospital Salaries	12,145.17
I. D. Hospital Maintenance	3,350.43
I. D. Hospital Salaries	6,171.57
Public Health & Welfare Maintenance	1,769.12
Public Health and Welfare Salaries	5,475.14
Police Department Maintenance	1,893.83
Police Department Salaries	49,701.04
City Prison Maintenance	7,187.18
City Prison Salaries	5,942.86
Works Department	106,548.87
Fire Department Maintenance	12,456.43
Fire Department Salaries	72,007.11
Fire Alarm Telegraph Service	1,175.64
Fire Alarm Salaries	3,044.43
Printing and Stationery	5,181.92
Library Maintenance	609.80
Library Salaries	1,272.00
Co-operative Health Maintenance	8,729.00
Co-operative Health Salaries	20,827.11

M. L. Bellew,

Chief Accountant.

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Moved by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Batson, that this meeting do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

10.05 P. M.

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MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

W. F. Publicover
W. F. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

M O R N I N G S E S S I O N
SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
January 24, 1944,
11.00 A. M.

A meeting of the City Council was held this day. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Hosterman, Breen, Coffin, Adams, DeWolf, McDonald, Doyle, Walker and Ahern.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Salaries Senior Sergeants Police Department.
2. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Survey Police Dept.
3. Request Wartime Taxi Association Limited.

SALARIES SENIOR SERGEANTS

January 24, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report of the Safety Committee regarding the salary of the Senior Sergeants was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 18, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date it was decided pending legislative authority to appoint Inspectors in the Police Department, to designate certain Sergeants, to be known as Senior Sergeants and to provide for the salary to be paid to such Senior Sergeants.

It is recommended that a classification of "Senior Sergeants" be provided in the Police Department.

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It is also recommended that the salary to be paid to such Senior Sergeants be at the rate of \$2,150.00 per annum as from September 15, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Satson, that the report be approved. Motion passed unanimously,

SURVEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 24, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached report of the Safety Committee regarding the Survey of the Police Department was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 18, 1944.

To The Chairman and Members of the
Finance and Executive Committee.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on the above date the matter of securing a person or persons to make a survey of the Police Department was considered.

It is recommended that His Worship the Mayor be authorized under the provisions of Section 122 A of the City Charter to engage a person or persons for the purpose of making a survey of the Police Department and that a sum not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Dollars be borrowed under the provisions of Section 332 A of the City Charter for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the said survey.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

January 24, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Batson that the report be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Alderman being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION

Alderman Batson
Breen
Hosterman
Coffin
Adams
DeWolf
McDonald
Doyle
Walker
Ahern

REQUEST WARTIME TAXI ASSOCIATION

His Worship the Mayor presented and read the following letter:

January 24, 1944.

Members of the City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Aldermen:

The Halifax Wartime Taxi Association Limited, at a meeting of the Company on Friday, January 21st, passed by majority vote a resolution to the effect that the switchboard office maintained by the Company in the United Services Corporation Building, be discontinued.

There were thirty-eight members of the Company present at the meeting, sixteen—representing 113 shares voting to continue the switchboard—and twenty-two members—representing 145 shares voting against its continuance.

The meeting was actually called for the election of directors and to receive a report of a special committee appointed at a previous meeting to enquire fully into operations of the switchboard or Central Despatching Office. The special committee, following several meetings had recommended to the Company that the Central Despatching Office be reorganized and improved in its operation.

Among the matters referred to by the special committee was the recommendation that the 1944 licenses of drivers and/or operators, be cancelled for failure to operate with the central despatching office.

Present at the meeting was Mr. Wagner of the Federal Government Department of Transit Control. Mr. Wagner indicated, on being questioned by certain members present at the meeting, that he would not take

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any action on the matter until advised by the City Council. As you are aware, transit control has all the powers necessary to deal with this matter, and in fact issues a transit control license to each taxi cab operated in Halifax, Mr. Wagner's department could, if necessary, take over the operation of the central switchboard and cancel their licenses for non-cooperation by owners and/or drivers.

The Company, at its meeting on Friday appointed a new Board of Directors and with the cooperation with Transit Control could materially improve the operation of the present despatching office.

If the Wartime Taxi Association Limited is to be wound up, private offices will have to be re-established. I have been advised by the Telephone Company that no new telephone equipment is available with which to adequately equip private taxi companies. Therefore, the private offices would have to get along with the equipment at present installed.

Furthermore, the so-called independent operators who have no offices, would be under a definite handicap with the winding up of the Company.

Since the Company's meeting on Friday some of the members who voted in favor of winding up the company's affairs, have advised me that they have changed their opinion and now believe that it would be better to continue the operation of the central despatching office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lloyd,
M A Y O R.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Mr. Wagner didn't want to make any change until he heard what action the Council would take in the matter.

Alderman Burgess arrives 11.40 A. M.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the responsibility should not fall on this Council and that his interest was in finding out the facts about the Association.

In reply to a question from Alderman Walker His Worship the Mayor explained the working of the switchboard.

Alderman Hosterman stated that the public was very much interested in the matter and that he and Alderman Batson had visited the Pool on Saturday night for 2 hours and watched the operation and to them it seemed to be unsatisfactory. He stated that they watched the cars coming in and at 9.30 P. M. the Dispatcher had 22 calls and could not contact 1 taxi, but he was satisfied that the Pool could be operated satisfactorily.

Alderman Reardon arrives 11.45 P. M.

Alderman Batson stated that he spent 2 1/2 hours on Friday at the Pool. He said that there had been inquiries from the public why they could not get ser-

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vice. He remarked that when he arrived there, there were 3 ladies and the Dispatcher on duty and they were working very hard. From information received from Mr. McKay I would say that the Pool can be operated better than it has been in the past. I understand that if the Pool were dissolved the individual taxi owners would not be able to get phones in their offices. Some of these men have put all they had in the Pool. I think that the public are very much interested in this matter and with the aid of Mr. Wagner, and the assurance of gas and rubber this thing can be made to go on very smoothly. There are others who think that the Pool should be disbanded. Some of the men should have their licenses cancelled because they handled the undesirable trade. I think that the price is too low and should be jacked up a bit.

Alderman Ahern stated that he was only concerned with service to the public and Mr. Wagner is trying to evade his responsibility. I would not say that the Pool was poorly run but we should make suggestions and hand them on to Mr. Wagner for him to act upon. The good drivers should be protected if they are willing to work 8 hours a day.

Alderman Walker stated that from what the other Alderman have said the Pool runs alright until 10 o'clock and from then on there are no cars, because they don't report back to the Dispatcher.

Alderman Coffin stated that a vote should be taken as to whether or not the Pool should be operated. We will leave the matter of putting teeth in the regulations to Mr. Wagner.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he didn't think 35¢ was enough to operate a taxi on and that there should be some supervision in the matter.

Alderman Reardon stated that he had received a number of complaints about the operation of the taxis. When you phone for a car you are told several times that a car is on the way but it never comes. I agree with Alderman DeWolf that the whole question is the taxi rates, because they can't operate with an increasing overhead and still give good service.

Alderman Burgess stated that the matter of rates was not up to the Cabs Committee but rather to Mr. Wagner and that is what he is getting paid for.

His Worship the Mayor then called upon Mr. L.W. Fraser who represented the men who wished to have the Pool continue in operation.

Mr. Fraser then addressed the Council as follows:

"I am here to defend the Pool. I am told by Mr. Parsons of the Diamond Taxi that the Pool is not working

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efficiently and as far as I am concerned, I agree with him, but at least it is a framework to be improved upon and made to run smoothly, with all the controls we have to-day. If these men have to give up the pool they won't be able to get any phones for their own private offices and neither will they be able to get a staff to run their own business. My impression is that many improvements can be made. One suggestion is by closing out these call boxes. The down-town business is enough for the men and they don't want any more than that. If they are taken away, you will have better service. It is a bad principle to trade something for nothing. Your decision should be that the Pool be continued.

Alderman Walker: These people sitting in the call boxes are not allowed to pick up a call unless they notify the Pool Office, is that right?

Mr. Fraser stated that it was a hard proposition but that the operator could tell the dispatcher where he is going.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the man who has waited for 1 hour and a half should have the preference over the man who comes along and takes a taxi at a call box. The switchboard should come first.

Mr. Donohue, representing the individual taxi operators, then addressed Council and stated that it might be well to think of the beginning of the Pool and the bringing into effect of the same. The demand for taxis is far greater than before the war. The Transit Control stepped in and said we will have a Pool. This whole thing was forced upon the taxi operators and they could do nothing about it. I have made it a practice to go to the Corner of Quinpool Road and Oxford Street to get a car because of the long wait for a car from the Pool.

The Council and Transit Control has the power or authority to control the Pool. If the Pool were discontinued, the demand could not be met because you haven't the necessary cars to go around. The Pool has not accomplished full service to the public. A taxi man is given 5 gallons a day and he used that gas to make the most money he can for himself. Mr. Donahue then referred to the phones and said that it was the Transit Control that caused the taxi operator to give up his business and that he couldn't say that the phones could not be put back. I want to go on record by saying that the best use be made of the available taxis. All efforts should be discouraged to let the taxis run wild and the operation of a Pool would help that situation. The men are subject to the control of the Cabs Committee.

His Worship the Mayor then asked Mr. Donahue how the information would be obtained if there were no Pool and Mr. Donahue answered through the medium of

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the Police Force, who have excellent chances for information. Mr. Donahue further stated that if the men had equipment you would get 100% service. There is nobody here that can say that the Pool has operated satisfactorily. This Council passed at a meeting not long ago that (1) A Pool should be operated. (2) The Pool was operating efficiently and (3) They were satisfied with the Management.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Committee stated that there would be a new Board of Directors and regulations which would result in the cancelling of licenses.

Mr. Donahue stated that some drivers had already had their licenses cancelled because they did not operate well with the Pool to which His Worship the Mayor explained that some men were trying to beat the Pool by making 10 calls and then going out on their own.

His Worship the Mayor asked if we remedy the Central Dispatching Office would it be more efficient?

Mr. Donahue stated that the most important thing is that the Pool had not improved the service and the conservation of tires and gas has failed. He further stated that this Council should do everything in its power to see that these men are restored to their former way of business.

Mr. Fraser then stated that the Police Force is to get the information regarding the taxi operators, he thought that the statement was out of line and that the Police Force was not a Gestapo. If the driver is not co-operating, that driver should be put out. He further stated that many cars have been in the garage for months waiting for parts before they can run again.

The Deputy Mayor assumes the Chair.

Mr. Mitchell, President of the Wartime Taxi Association then addressed the Council as follows: "In the later part of 1942-43, if you were going to the Station you would have to walk or take a street car. We had 500 complaints from people who missed their train or couldn't get home.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Mitchell continued and stated that it cost about \$10.50 to operate a car under the Pool and about \$30.00 out of the Pool. I am satisfied for this Council to take over the taxi business and operate it. I am fully in accord with taking out the phones in the call boxes and having all calls come through the Central Dispatching Office.

His Worship the Mayor then submitted the following resolution:

(1) That this Council advise Mr. Wagner of Transit

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Control that this Council is satisfied that many improvements can be made in the operation of the Central Dispatching Office, coupled with penalties for non-co-operation which would achieve the maximum of service possible under existing wartime conditions.

(2) This Council is of the opinion that whereas Transit Control has all the necessary powers to bring about the desired improvements it must accept the responsibility and deal with the matter at an early date.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was put and passed unanimously with the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor:

FOR THE MOTION:

Alderman Adams
Ahern
Batson
Breen
Burgess
Coffin
DeWolf
Doyle
Hosterman
McDonald
Reardon
Walker

Meeting Adjourned.

1.15 P. M.

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J. E. Lloyd,
MAYOR & CHAIRMAN.

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EVENING SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING

8.05 P. M.;
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
February 8, 1944.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening.

After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman and before considering the regular course of business, the members of Council attending, led by the Clerk, joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Batson, Hosterman, Adams, DeWolf, McDonald, Doyle, Walker and Ahern.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Tenders for Loan.
2. Borrowing Resolution for loan.
3. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Water Department.
4. Report Fin. & Exec. Comm. re Legislation and Administrative changes.

LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

The report was dealt with item by item.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item 1 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman Batson that item 2 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 3 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 4 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 5 be approved. Motion passed.

February 4, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Finance and Executive Committee at a meeting held on the above date considered matters arising from the Reports of the Independent Auditors for the Civic Years ending April 30, 1941 and April 30, 1942 and also suggestions made by Mr. J. H. Lowther of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and other matters requiring legislation etc.

Your Committee submits the following recommendations for your approval:

(1) It is recommended that commencing May 1st, 1944 the accounts receivable appearing in the Capital Section of the Balance Sheet arising from abutter's charges for special work, be transferred to and hereafter carried as Current Accounts Receivable. The direction of the Council is required to accomplish this purpose.

(2) It is recommended that the practise of using funds borrowed for a particular Capital purpose, but not yet required, to temporarily finance some other Capital expenditure, pending the issuance of a loan therefor, be discontinued and that instead legislation be sought permitting the borrowing for such temporary purpose from current funds available, or from the Bank as a temporary Bank loan. At the present time the City's annual borrowing authority permits this latter course to be taken for capital expenditures other than those for which the City borrows on long term.

(3) It is recommended that the Street Fund of \$8,000.00 provided for in Section 518 of the Charter be eliminated and that legislation therefore be obtained. The right to continue to borrow a maximum of \$5,000.00 per annum repayable out of the next year's appropriation for these purposes, be retained.

The amount of \$8,000.00 now in that fund will be transferred to a proposed Current Surplus Account under legislative authority.

(4) It is recommended that legislation be sought to eliminate the account known as the "Local Improvement Redemption Account" and that the assets and liabilities of this account, other than the cash advances to or from other funds, and investments therein shall be evaluated and transferred to the Current Section of the Civic Accounting System. The said cash advances and investments will be turned over to the Trustees of the General Sinking Fund as Sinking Fund Investment toward the paying off of the liabilities of the present Local Improvement Redemption Account and that a Sinking Fund therefore be set up on an actuarial basis to which annual payments will be appropriated for and made from the estimates if necessary. The assets to be transferred to the Current Section as above, should be evaluated and the unrealizable assets and unnecessary accounts eliminated. The net value of these assets should be reserved against in full.

Any collections from the net assets transferred to the Current Section shall be regarded as available for current revenue of the City.

The present annual appropriation of \$10,000.00 now being made to this account will be discontinued and be replaced by the proper actuarial payments.

(5) It is recommended that:

(a) That the consolidated Collections (Capital) Fund be eliminated as a Fund from the Capital Section of the Balance Sheet.

(b) That the Sinking Fund investments held by the Sinking Fund Trustees for this account be evaluated as to their actuarial sufficiency to retire the bond issue with respect thereto.

(c) If Sinking Fund investments are not sufficient to retire the Bond Issue at maturity, that this fund be augmented to the extent necessary by transference to the Sinking Fund Trustees the necessary portion of the investments, cash and advances to other funds.

(d) All assets remaining after the foregoing steps have been completed, shall be transferred to the Current Section of the Balance Sheet.

(e) The said net assets be reserved against in full.

(f) Any collections from the net assets transferred to the Current Section shall be regarded as available for current revenue of the City.

(6) It is recommended that the Council accept the recommendation of the Independent Auditors that outstanding Stock Issues be verified by them by direct verification with the holders thereof.

(7) It is recommended that the Auditors' recommendation that a subsidiary ledger, supporting the General Ledger Account for Capital Borrowings be established. This subsidiary ledger should show the amount, date of issue, date of maturity, rate of interest and purpose for which the loan is issued and the legislative authority therefor.

This ledger should contain for all serial and short term loans, a schedule of the amount to be redeemed each year, and an analysis of the amounts chargeable to the various Capital Asset Accounts as the loans are redeemed.

(8) It is recommended that the Inactive Ledger for special taxes and the Inactive Ledger for general tax arrears be examined by a special staff in order to establish collectibility or a recommendation or recommendations for the disposal of the uncollectible items, that the special staff consist of 4 employees in order to expedite the transferring of all collectible accounts to the mechanized system.

(8 A) It is recommended that legislation be sought to limit the amount of interest charges on taxes for civic years prior to 1939-40 to six years at 6 percent. Many of these taxes have not been pursued intensively and it is considered that some such concession may result in a more prompt collection of these taxes.

(9) It is recommended that two additional temporary poll tax collectors be appointed and that suitable advertisements be inserted in the local newspapers regarding the dates for discounts and penalties.

(10) It is recommended in respect of the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes that unpaid taxes be revalued at the end of each civic year and any surplus in the reserve not required for that purpose be transferred to the proposed Surplus Account.

(11) It is recommended that in view of the proposed changes in the administration and organization of the Water Department that the recommendations of the Auditors be dealt with by the proposed water Commission.

(12) It is recommended that the accounts receivable in the Current Section of the Accounting System be revalued at the end of each civic year and reserves established on the basis of need. This of course, is contingent upon the creation of a Surplus Account or Accounts.

(13) It is recommended that the Uniform System of Classification of Accounts as set out in the Manual of Instructions prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, be adopted by the City as and from May 1st, 1944 in so far as it is practical so to do.

(14) It is recommended that the detailed duties of the officers of the Department of Finance and Accounts as set out in the Charter with the exception of certain specific matters, be replaced with a general clause and that these duties be specifically detailed by Ordinance.

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SINKING FUNDS

(15) It is recommended:

(1) That one account be carried in the General Ledger for all Sinking Funds, cash and investments. The said account to be designated "Consolidated Sinking Fund Investments".

(2) That the foregoing General Ledger Account be supported by a subsidiary ledger containing separate accounts for each type of investment. Each account to contain cost and other particulars essential to the proper administration of the various investments.

(3) That an account designated "Sinking Fund" be carried. Reserves in the General Ledger as a controlling account for a subsidiary ledger in which separate accounts detailing the particulars of each Sinking Fund are maintained.

(4) That in the future all Sinking Fund accounts be carried a cost. Any loss or gain on the sale or redemption of investments to be annually distributed to the Sinking Fund Reserves in proportion to the amounts in each Sinking Fund Reserve.

(5) That the annual increase from Sinking Fund investments be annually distributed to the Sinking Fund Reserves in proportion to the amount in each Sinking Fund Reserves.

(6) That in order to facilitate the establishment of the foregoing accounting system for Sinking Funds, the value of the existing Sinking Fund Investments and cash at May 1st, 1944 should be apportioned to each Sinking Fund Reserve by a qualified actuary.

(7) The actuary in making his calculations shall not prejudice the position of any class of bondholders by virtue of Sinking Fund requirements which were a condition of the authorization of such bond issues.

(8) That any legislation obtained by which to reorganize the accounting for Sinking Funds, shall not compel the City to establish Sinking Fund Reserves in respect of Bond Issues for which no such fund was required by Statute.

- (9) It is further recommended that the General Sinking Fund be placed upon an actuarial basis and adequate annual payments made thereto from the estimates.
- (10) It is further recommended that the payment of miscellaneous sums into the General Sinking Fund be discontinued and that legislative authority to carry the foregoing recommendations into effect be obtained.
- (11) It is recommended that for the above purpose that an actuary be engaged for the foregoing purpose.
- (16) It is recommended that no change be made in the present Board of Trustees of General Sinking Funds or in the officials participating in the management of such funds.
- (17) It is recommended that the Government be requested to amend the Municipal Affairs Act to give power to the Minister to permit the City to borrow on capital account without the necessity of the City securing special legislative authority for each case as at present. The present right of the City to apply to the Legislature is not to be removed.
- (18) It is recommended that:
- (a) All unexpended balances and surplus revenue and deficits on Current Account be carried into a proposed Surplus Account to be created.
 - (b) The total of the annual estimates of the City shall not be exceeded by expenditures.
 - (c) That the appropriations for each service be divided into monthly appropriations based on seasonal need and that the Commissioner of Finance may permit the use of a portion or all of the sub-appropriation for another month or months if any unforeseen or unexpected event makes such course necessary.
 - (d) In the event that the appropriation for any particular service proves to be insufficient, the Commissioner of Finance with the approval of the Finance and Executive Committee and the Council may transfer funds from some other appropriation if there is a surplus in the same, but in no event, shall the total amount of the estimate approved by the Council be exceeded by expenditures.
- (19) Subject to the foregoing recommendation, it is recommended that no other change be made in the preparation of the annual estimates or the control of the annual appropriations.
- (20) It is recommended, insofar as the final administration of the tax levy and collections is concerned and the suggestion that the Council should have power by ordinance to specify the due date for taxes in any year and the amount of discounts and penalties (within limits) and the payment of taxes by instalments, that for the time being, no change be made.
- (21) It is recommended that the Tax Reserve Account for each year be maintained after an annual valuation of uncollected taxes by payment into it of any sums appropriated from the estimates for short collection of taxes and by payment of any additional sums required from the surplus revenue of the City. Any surplus appearing in such account shall annually be paid into such proposed Surplus Account.

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- (22) It is recommended that the Reserve Fund of \$150,000.00 be made available if necessary to supplement the requirements for Superannuation purposes, the balance remaining if any, to be transferred to the proposed Current Surplus Account.

END OF YEAR AND SURPLUS

It is recommended:

- (1) That the City seek legislation permitting it to close its next fiscal period on December 31, 1944.
- (2) That all taxes, license fees and other estimated income of the City that would normally be taken into account as revenue for the Civic Year 1944-45, be treated as revenue for the fiscal period ending December 31, 1944.
- (3) That all unexpended balances of appropriations at December 31, 1944, be transferred to an account designated "Working Capital Surplus".
- (4) That any surplus revenues over the estimated amounts be transferred to an account designated "Current Surplus Account".
- (5) That for the purposes of the foregoing, all Sinking Fund appropriations, interest charges, salaries and wages, School Board Estimates, Sundry Departmental Revenues and the like shall be deemed to accrue on a daily basis.
- (6) That the "Working Capital Surplus" may be employed to finance current outlays of the City, subsequent to December 31, 1944.
- (7) That no expenditure be made from the said Working Capital Surplus, except for Post War expenditures, such as Deferred Maintenance of Streets, Sewers and Public Buildings, or Debt Service charges on borrowings for post war Public Works, provided however, that no such expenditure shall be made until the City adopts a policy of installment payment of annual taxes commencing January 1st of any year.

February 8, 1944.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item 6 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 7 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Batson that item 8 be approved. Motion passed.

(a) Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item 8a be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 9 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item 10 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McDonald, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 11 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 12 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 13 be approved. Motion passed.

It was moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Batson that item 14 be amended to read as follows:

That the Solicitor insert in this paragraph that the Internal Auditor be not responsible to the Commissioner of Finance and that by ordinance he be required to report periodically and directly to the Finance and Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Batson that item 15 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item 16 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Doyle that item 17 be approved. Motion passed.

February 8, 1944.

(18a) Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this item be approved. Motion passed.

(b) Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Walker that this item be approved. Motion passed.

(c) Moved by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Ahern that this item be approved. Motion passed.

(d) Moved by Alderman Ahern, seconded by Alderman DeWolf that this item be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that item 19 be approved. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman McDonald that item 20 be approved. Motion passed.

It was agreed by Council that item 21 be deleted.

Item 22 was amended to read as follows:

It is recommended that the Reserve Fund of \$150,000.00 be made available if necessary to supplement the existing provisions of the Charter for the establishment of a Superannuation Fund the balance remaining if any, to be transferred to the proposed Current Surplus Account, providing that a Superannuation Fund satisfactory both to the Corporation and Employees is established.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Batson that item 22 as amended be approved. Motion passed.

END OF YEAR AND SURPLUS

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Ahern that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION

February 4, 1944.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive
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