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Doctor Morton: "One hundred and sixteen beds."

His Worship the Mayor: "But, the need, apparently, in the area is for general hospital beds. This is what the Doctors tell me. It is the only thing with authority I can quote. They are close to the situation and I think we must accept their report. They claim the need is for general hospital beds. The question is: Should the local authority, which, under the Hospital Act, is responsible for the building of hospitals anywhere in the Province, excluding the Victoria General; should we go out and build a second general hospital of say 300 beds, joining with the County and the Town of Dartmouth; or can we provide those same beds and care for the same patients in a cheaper fashion by adding to the V. G. Hospital? We've not been asked by the Province to contribute money for additional beds, which would fill the need because when you start a new hospital, you must have a post of administrator; you have more difficulty in staffing and so on. These facilities are presently, I understand, in the Victoria General Hospital; and the additional 125 beds will pose no greater strain on the other services which are necessary to run a hospital, X-rays, laboratory services, kitchens, and so on, which must be duplicated in a hospital built elsewhere."

Alderman Lloyd: "This submission tonight comes with the approval of the entire Medical Profession, or is it a sub-committee or a division?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I'll read the beginning of the letter which is addressed to me: 'We, the undersigned, a duly appointed Committee, representing all branches of the Medical Profession in the Halifax area; that is, the Dartmouth-Halifax Branch of General Practitioners' Association, the Faculty of Medicine of Dalhousie University, Medical Staff of the Victoria General Hospital, the Halifax Medical Society.....'."

Alderman Lloyd: "It includes the Medical Staff at the Victoria General Hospital. I think this matter, as I see it, that we have gone into by public comment, even though, as you say, we haven't been invited by the Province to take a look at this problem with them in the financial planning; yet, the public statements attributed to them, indicate they have not sufficient funds for the Halifax area. Does that mean that they feel there is a need for these additional hospital beds at the V. G. site, and that only financial

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planning and financial arrangements are concerning them? Or, does it mean that they disagree with the Medical Profession as for the need for those beds? I'm not clear on it."

Alderman Ferguson: "Let's write to them and get an opinion."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that if there is a need for additional hospital beds to the proposal for the V. G., then I think it would be proper for us to undertake some action, either through the Committee which you have established now on the matter of hospital grants, or some other Committee, and open up the subject with the Province and go into it objectively; not being committed in any direction but say: 'Look, this is a problem; we seem to be involved'. So often we get criticized for only asking for assistance. This might be an occasion when we could explore the matter in a co-operative venture with the Province of Nova Scotia and try to set down just what is the main objection on their part; is it financial or disagreement as to the need? If there is a need, in the case of hospital services, then it is one of those things, I think, that has extreme priority and you do overlook some of the technicalities of procedure and responsibility. I think we should show that we are willing to take a look at this problem immediately if the Province feels we may be helpful. I think we should so indicate."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think it would be well to have Doctor Morton explain what happened when we entered the Public Health field on a large scale in 1943, the discussions which were held with the then Minister of Health. I have always been led to believe it was in the form of an agreement; not a formal agreement on record anywhere, but, at least, it was a question of division of responsibility and my understanding was the Province agreed to provide the V. G. Hospital if the City of Halifax, in turn, would carry on preventative medicine practice and the T. B. and health programs. If this is so, and it is a question of responsibility, then I think that the Province might be living up to its part of the bargain by providing hospital service; or, it's something else."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think that when these alleged historical agreements, traditional agreements or prior agreements, were made, they were made in the light of the circumstances which are entirely different today."

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"You can stop at the method of financing, the sources of funds, who pays the tax bill in the operation of hospitals. I think the Province would readily agree that there is always room for improvement. I think it is timely for us to invite the Province, or at least to indicate to the Province, that we are most happy to sit down with them and take a look at this problem from an overall point of view. For example, we maintain, as you say, preventative medicine to carry on in the City with the Public Health Service. Does any other Municipality in Nova Scotia conduct a Public Health Service?"

His Worship the Mayor: "At least, not to the full scale that we do."

Alderman Lloyd: "No, but in the light of the new financing of hospital care, what is the City's relationship in this total picture, now? And, maybe, we may find ourselves more properly in the same position as other Municipalities with respect to general public health services which we provide as Municipalities, and which others do not provide. It is provided by the Province. We might say: 'In light of this, maybe we are off base; maybe we should shift back to the same position as other Municipalities'. Maybe public health is of a concern to the Province on a Provincial basis and we should take on more responsibility directly in the capital costs of hospitals. That is something we would have to examine with them. Certainly, I think it is timely for us to indicate that we are most willing to meet the Province on this matter for an informal discussion on it to see if there is a general responsibility on our part which may be holding up this proposal."

Alderman Lane: "Whereas this has been brought to us by a responsible body, I think Alderman Lloyd has well expressed the position the Council finds itself in. I think the history of our position in the health field is one which should be well known to the present Minister of Health; and he has expressed himself rather firmly on this problem. He should be almost as aware of it as we are."

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that a Committee composed of the Mayor, Commissioner of Health and members of Council to be named by the Mayor, be appointed to approach the Minister of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia without delay to review in detail the position of the

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City of Halifax in the Public Health field, with the direct object of increasing by 120 beds, the plans for the addition to the Victoria General Hospital, as recommended by the Members of the Medical Profession in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

Alderman Wyman: "I think it is extremely obvious that if the estimate of the medical profession is correct, the cheapest way in which the required additional beds can be obtained, no matter who pays the bill, is by including it in the plans for the addition to the hospital. I think the matter should be looked into."

Alderman Dunlop: "The problem, of course, as pointed out by the doctors, is not peculiar to Halifax City at all; it is the whole Metropolitan Area. It seems to me the problem could be solved if we ever got the new hospital in the Dartmouth area which has been talked about for so many years. In that connection, I would suggest that you invite, strengthen your hand, by having representatives from the County and from Dartmouth to also meet the Minister. I think we perhaps have just as serious a problem facing us at the Halifax Mental Hospital. I'm told that that hospital today is absolutely full. If there is no room for any more, we'll be sending some of our patients elsewhere. Of course, we're all hoping that mental health will come under the Hospital Plan before too long. We're just going to be faced with a big problem there, as, I think, the Doctor will verify."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think the resolution is strong enough to cover these considerations, suggested by Alderman Dunlop. The important thing is that time is very important to this question. I think we had a delay; for instance, the Warden is away at the moment."

His Worship the Mayor: "The delay can be rather disastrous because I understand that the Province is prepared to have tenders submitted, aren't they Doctor? Have they called for them yet?"

Dr. Morton: "No."

His Worship the Mayor: "They're going to call for them in a few days, I understand."

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Alderman Lloyd: "The Committee, in approaching the problem, will be quite conscious and we can assure Alderman Dunlop that there is this matter of City-Province relations in the hospital field as well as the Metropolitan Area relationships in the hospital field. There is also the matter of the Town of Dartmouth and the County in their field of relationships. These are matters which undoubtedly would be the subject of discussion."

Alderman Lane: "May I speak to my own motion once more. I would like to say that I think, to use your phrase in this instance, we might be a bit parochial and stick to our own particular problem. It will be speedier that way and speed is of the essence, as has been pointed out."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we owe it to the citizens that having had our attention called to this properly by the medical profession and by other responsible citizens, to eke out the Province and ask them just what their views are. They may have an entirely different story to tell us. It may be quite reasonable when it is explained to us. This, I think, we should get and report back again."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think if we show some indication to be interested, the Province in turn may come back again with some of its opinions on the matter."

His Worship the Mayor: "For instance, it was suggested that there was opposition to the Hospital Plan as it was suggested in 1958 to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, to keeping the Municipalities in the picture with respect to having local effort be responsible for the construction of hospitals. When we objected, it was explained to us that in every other hospital plan then in existence in the Dominion of Canada, the local responsibility always remained for the construction of hospitals. At the same time, there are only two Provinces in Canada where the question of maintaining chronic and mentally ill is the responsibility, jointly of the Province and the Municipality. When we consider the overall health picture, all the facts must be placed before us."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think we can proceed along on this course."

The motion was put and passed.

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HOSPITAL GRANTS

Alderman Lloyd: "On the question of hospitals, we did have this Committee to deal with the matter of grants to the Halifax Infirmary and Grace Hospital; we did ask for additional information at the last meeting some time ago. We have the information."

His Worship the Mayor: "We have secured the answers on the questionnaire which was prepared. The Halifax Infirmary have also agreed to meet with us at our pleasure. I think we should meet soon."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think in view of these other developments, we should meet within a reasonable amount of time."

POSITION OF CITY MANAGER

Alderman Lloyd: "I know that other City business took you and the Manager away from the City last week. If you recall, before you went, the Council asked that a Special Meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee be called to deal with the question of the new City Manager to fill the position vacated by Mr. DeBard. I'm a little bit concerned about the time factor there, too. Mr. DeBard leaves on August 16th, and I presume the only course open to us in the meantime is to appoint a member of our staff as Acting Manager, as we have done in the past, to preserve the separation of Council as an elected body from the administration. I think you have to under the Charter. I think that is desirable.

"We also have working for us one firm of personnel people---Payne-Ross Limited at the moment. I don't know whether they are available to do a screening job, call for applications or not, or whether it is even the desire of the Council; but certainly, such a matter has some merit. Once we agree on a policy with respect to this selection procedure, then there's the time lag for the consideration of the applicants. There is a further time lag which takes place possibly on the availability of the man that is selected. There are a number of time factors here which may delay this thing for some months, or conceivably we may be fortunate to find somebody available within a short space of time. But, I still think we have to proceed. I wonder if there are any new matters that you may have had."

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His Worship the Mayor: "Yes. I have here a copy of a booklet put out by the City Managers' Organization's Head Office in Chicago. This sets out quite clearly a desirable procedure for securing the services of a City Manager. It sets out the desirable qualifications, how to screen them, and so on. One point they make, in particular, is that the selection should be made by the Council. No other organization should interfere with the selection. In other words, there should be no need of interference by local bodies. I have sent for additional copies of this to be issued to the whole Council to read them over. It's a desirable booklet and it is laid out in orderly steps. It might be well for us to have it. Now, insofar as the time is concerned, certainly we want to get a replacement as soon as possible and have him working here. At the same time, I think inasmuch as it is a very important position, the top administrative post in the City of Halifax, we should take our time and make this selection and be well rewarded with the appointment of a very suitable person."

Alderman Lloyd: "When will we have the procedural copies?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We wired for them on Tuesday. We will get them tomorrow or the next day."

Alderman Lloyd: "We could expect a meeting to be set within a few days."

His Worship the Mayor: "As soon as we receive them, we will send them out to you."

Alderman Lloyd: "Yes, and then a meeting will be called."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes. You will need a day or two to read the booklet."

Alderman Lloyd: "The Committee, by majority wish, may decide to depart somewhat from that procedure. I think as soon as we make that decision, the better."

AGREEMENT - PURITAN CANNERS LIMITED

Alderman Fox: "About six or eight months ago, land was made available at the corner of West Young Street and Kempt Road for the purpose, I believe, of erecting a canning plant. I happened to be present at the turning of the first sod, and while driving by there the other day, I didn't see any

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evidence of a building being erected. I was just wondering what happened."

His Worship the Mayor: "I officiated at the turning of the sod. I turned one sod; I think, perhaps, it was the first and last sod. We had a meeting with the local representative of the Company who came to us with the proposal that they be allowed to build a warehouse and defer the question of the construction of the plant for some time later on—a period of three to four years. Both Mr. DeBard and myself agreed that we would not recommend to Council the proposal. We felt it was a violation of an earlier agreement made with us; and there has been a change in the Company's plans. They have a plant in Vancouver; they were to build a second plant for the Company in Halifax. Since the time of negotiations with us, they have been able to secure another plant in the Province of Ontario. This, apparently, will fill their needs in the years to come. We will, if we do not hear within a short time, recommend to Council that we advise the Industrial Estates Limited that we no longer recognize their claim to the land. They were advised they could appeal to the Council. We told them 'No, so far as we are concerned we would not recommend it to Council'; but, of course, this does not close the door to their coming to Council and asking to have the Agreement changed. They left with the understanding they had the right; they have not."

Alderman Wyman: "Was not the original approach to the City Council from Industrial Estates Limited?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Alderman Wyman: "Has there not been a statement made, any approach or any modification in what they asked for in the first place?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No! Puritan still is the prime factor."

Alderman Wyman: "It seems strange that the people who negotiated with them in the first place, if there is a change, they haven't made the change known to us."

His Worship the Mayor: "They haven't been notified of the change in plans, either. It's out of their hands because they have no right under the legislation to assist in the construction of a warehouse."

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COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Alderman O'Brien: "When will the Finance and Executive Committee be giving consideration to the alleged weaknesses in the Charter with respect to our particular form of Council-Manager government? I am asking whether the Committee is now planning to give that consideration. I should like to see it given by some Committee of Council. I think that is the logical Committee. The matter has recently been drawn to our attention."

Alderman Lloyd: "I once said in this Council, perhaps not with the same words or the same background of thought; but I felt that we didn't have a pure City Manager system. We didn't have the British system of City Manager government where the Clerk is the Chief Executive Officer. As a member of this Council, I think there is room for improvement at any rate. Matters were raised in a letter from the City Manager, and the City Council, when Alderman O'Brien wasn't here, referred the matter to the Finance and Executive Committee. I think the correct answer is that the Committee will take the letter and out of it, will decide what recommendations they choose to make to Council on the matter."

His Worship the Mayor: "In March, 1952, when the City Manager, Mr. DeBard, appeared here the first time, I put to him a question: 'Do you have any objections to the Charter provisions relating to the City Manager Plan?' At that time, he did not raise any objections to the Charter provisions concerning the Manager plan. He was aware of them. He had a copy of the Charter relating to the City Manager plan."

"Also, in a recent copy of PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, which is the official magazine of the City Managers' Association, the editor, or some writer, referred to the fact that the City Manager plan could be varied from city to city. There's no reason now to hold to a 'pure' City Manager system. This, I will be happy to present to Council in a mimeographed form. I am gathering all this for your information. Another matter, too, in a recent article in a Saturday magazine, the qualifications of a City Manager are set out. They said that no longer are we fighting the fight of corruption in local governments, and the City Managers must change their views."

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Alderman Lloyd: "There are many matters, of course, which have to do with the origination and the need for the Manager system which have not been publicly mentioned as freely as they might have been. Should there be an occasion for a free discussion on it, I would welcome the opportunity. There are many reasons for us to adopt the kind of system we did, when we did. That has never been the subject of public discussion."

His Worship the Mayor: "Back in 1913, the idea of a City Manager form of government, which was just coming into being in the United States at that time, was suggested by Rudd Hattie's father in a series of articles published in the Halifax Mail. Those days they were grappling with the idea that there should be Board of Control meetings. We have moved through different stages."

Alderman Lloyd: "Following that, there was another facet to this. The War years came along and we had Doctor Britten come in with his report, and he had his professional views on the matter. He favoured something of the British Plan. The basic principle, I think, about the division of responsibility between the American and British practice, is that in the American practice, they like to set it down in a Charter saying what the responsibilities are, whereas in the Old Country, they have a tradition about delegating responsibility to the City Clerk, who grew in stature over the years with the demands for greater qualifications. He kept pace with the professional accountant, the professional engineer, and the professional solicitor. Very often, the Old Country solicitors come to the fore in that office. But, in addition to that, we have a unique situation in Halifax with respect to the term of Office of Mayor. I will repeat now what I've often said: I think we are doing the citizens of Halifax, and the Council, ourselves, a great disservice in having the one-year term of office. Unfortunately, it is tied to a tradition--a religious alternation; and, by qualification, it changes every three years. Whenever we consider the Manager system in Halifax, I think we also have to consider the position of the Mayor under our present Charter provisions. That does shed a different light on the matter than by making a general comparison from city to city. This particular tradition in Halifax is unique here. I

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don't know of any place that performs the way we do. The closest thing we can get to is what they have in Great Britain where they elect the Mayor from the Council, as they do with the pure City Manager system in the United States."

His Worship the Mayor: "They can elect a Mayor outside the Council, too."

Alderman Lloyd: "That is right, but what they usually do is: they bring him in under an appointed position. The Council is comprised of a certain number of Aldermen and they appoint a number of Councillors, and out of that combined body, they select a Mayor for one year. There again, you have a tradition. It's usually alternating him on the basis of the two strongest political parties and with some local colourations here and there.

"I think so much can be said on this to give perhaps a misunderstanding. We can, and I think we should, in the light of our progress with the system, examine the possible changes that may be made, do them and make any observations--not criticism--but in the sense that the Council hasn't done well with the system. I think it has. We have progressed very favourably with the system. There is always room for and timing to consider extensions of the system in the light of our particular circumstances, not necessarily a stereotyped form."

City Manager: "I would like to bring up two points that were mentioned earlier with regard to this person who would take over from me temporarily. If it were possible for the Council to determine who that is, it would be most helpful if somebody from the administration was sitting in with me because while I will write on a lot of these things, there are many things where there are just a few pencilled notes; and somebody working with me right now would be very helpful. If you knew who that person is, they could just come in and sit in with me with somebody from the administration, probably right here in the building. It will probably be Mr. Romkey or Doctor Morton, but I don't think Doctor Morton would be available right now. It is up to you in this case. The other matter I wanted to mention was the date. Alderman Lloyd mentioned August 16th and yet when you suggested my vacation time, you named the date of August 10th. I wish you would revert to August 16th because that would be the earliest date I could pick out."

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Alderman Lloyd: "You feel that you need that time before you leave?"

City Manager: "It is understood."

Alderman Lloyd: "If it is understood by Council this date has been established, it could be recorded in the minutes that Council accepts this date, if necessary, to be extended to August 16th."

It was agreed to set August 16, 1960, as the date of the retirement of the City Manager.

APPOINTMENT - ACTING CITY MANAGER

Alderman O'Brien: "Are you going to answer the Manager's request or can you do that without Council's concurrence in appointing the Acting Manager? There is only a short time left. Can we do this tonight?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think we should. He may have an opportunity to sit in with the Manager to breach the gap between Mr. DeBard and the new man."

MOVED by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that Mr. L. M. Romkey be appointed Acting City Manager effective August 17, 1960. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned:

9:40 P. M.

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Whelan, Lloyd, Ryan, Connolly, O'Brien and Stoddard.

Also present were Messrs. A. A. Richard, J. H. E. Gaultier, T. J. Gaultier, F. M. Gaultier, G. J. West, J. L. Fry, J. L. Leitch, J. H. Gaultier, G. M. Gaultier, G. P. Gaultier, A. H. Fegan.

C. A. VAUGHAN,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

PUBLIC HEARING INTO THE MATTER OF REZONING EAST SIDE BRUNSWICK COURT BETWEEN FAIKLAND STREET AND DEAD END FROM R-3 ZONE TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the east side of Brunswick Court between Faikland Street and Dead End, from R-3 zone to C-2 zone, was held at this time.

A formal by-law, as prepared by the City Solicitor, was submitted. The City Clerk advised that the proposal had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

No persons appeared for or against the proposed rezoning. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the by-law be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING INTO THE MATTER OF REZONING WEST SIDE OF BRUNSWICK STREET BETWEEN PORTLAND PLACE AND CORNELIUS STREET TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the west side of Brunswick Street between Portland Place and Cornelius Street to C-2 zone, was held at this time.

A formal by-law, as prepared by the City Solicitor, was submitted. The City Clerk advised that the proposal had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

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Persons appeared for or against the proposed zoning.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded  
by-law be approved. Motion passed.

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A meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Dunlop, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Lloyd, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. A. A. DeBard, Jr., R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, T. C. Doyle, G. F. West, K. M. Munnich, Arthur E. Fry, J. L. Leitch, J. F. Thomson, L. M. Romkey, A. P. Flynn, W. A. Gray and Dr. A. E. Fogo.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: REZONING EAST SIDE BRUNSWICK COURT BETWEEN FALKLAND STREET AND DEAD END FROM R-3 ZONE TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the east side of Brunswick Court between Falkland Street and Dead End, from R-3 zone to C-2 zone, was held at this time.

A formal by-law, as prepared by the City Solicitor, was submitted.

The City Clerk advised that the proposal had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

No persons appeared for or against the proposed rezoning.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the by-law be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: ZONING WEST SIDE OF BRUNSWICK STREET BETWEEN PORTLAND PLACE AND CORNWALLIS STREET TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of zoning the west side of Brunswick Street between Portland Place and Cornwallis Street to C-2 zone, was held at this time.

A formal by-law, as prepared by the City Solicitor, was submitted.

The City Clerk advised that the proposal had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

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No persons appeared for or against the proposed zoning.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the by-law be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: REZONING NORTH SIDE SEAFORTH STREET BETWEEN OXFORD AND CONNOLLY STREETS FROM R-2 ZONE TO R-3 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of rezoning the north side of Seaforth Street between Oxford and Connolly Streets, from R-2 zone to R-3 zone, was held at this time.

A formal By-Law, as prepared by the City Solicitor, was submitted.

The City Clerk advised that the proposal had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

No persons appeared for or against the proposed rezoning.

A plan showing the area proposed to be rezoned was displayed for the information of the Council.

His Worship the Mayor: "It is presently used as a wood yard?"

Mr. Munnich: "It is used as a warehouse."

Alderman Trainor: "Are there any buildings of any consequence on that property, Your Worship?"

Mr. Munnich: "Just a wooden shed."

Alderman Trainor: "It could be very easily torn down and the land is ready to go for the site. I am going to vote against it because I feel that the time has come when we've got to start these developers looking at the downtown, south end, and older areas of the City in which we have to get in and do some demolition, whether the demolition is done by the City or by private developers, rather than letting them get what I would call 'the easy pick'. It's high time that we must consider holding back some of this easily developed land for possibly single-family dwellings or something like that. There's little, if any, land available for that type of development in the City, particularly in that district which is characteristically all single-family units."

Alderman O'Brien: "What was the recommendation from the Director of Planning?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "He recommends that it be rezoned."

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the By-Law as submitted, be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Trainor wishing to be recorded against.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: CLOSING RECTOR STREET BETWEEN GOTTINGEN AND LEAMAN STREETS

A Public Hearing into the matter of closing Rector Street between Gottingen and Leaman Streets, was held at this time.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received.

No persons appeared for or against the proposal.

His Worship the Mayor: "We are closing the whole street to traffic, that portion between Leaman Street and Gottingen Street."

Alderman Connolly: "Has there been any consideration given to those people who own houses on the sideyard on Rector Street, for getting their cars out?"

His Worship the Mayor: "There are only two."

His Worship the Mayor then asked Mr. Driscoll, owner of one of the adjoining properties, who was in the gallery, if he favored the closing.

Mr. Driscoll: "I thought this was going to come up later. I thought this was strictly the closing of the street. You say it is the closing of the street. Is it just closed to traffic or to everything?"

His Worship the Mayor: "You are using the sideyard now on Rector Street are you not, for the entrance to your property?"

Mr. Driscoll: "Yes."

Alderman Lloyd: "Are there any other accesses to the garage other than the street?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Mr. Driscoll has not because he has a very peculiar lot there."

Alderman Ferguson: "We had mentioned that we were going to circulate the residents and get them, if they had no objections, to confirm it in writing. Has that been done? Or, would this gentleman have objection to it?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "The only objection Mr. Driscoll has, as I understand it; he has no objection to the closing of the street on town planning principles, but he does want to have access to his property by some means, either by the sale of a strip of land to him, or by keeping the access to his property open on Rector Street."

Alderman Lloyd: "It closes a public street. We could leave the matter open for negotiation between those two owners on the matter of access to their properties. That is the best thing to do."

His Worship the Mayor: "We can make an agreement for a right-of-way with Mr. Driscoll and the other abutting owner so that there will be access to their properties."

Alderman Lloyd: "Can we pass a resolution tonight to close the street off, tie with it this right-of-way and reserve the right to these two abutting owners?"

City Solicitor: "Yes."

Alderman Lloyd: "And undertake on the part of Council to give reasonable right-of-way to their properties?"

City Solicitor: "Yes."

Alderman Lloyd: "To preserve a reasonable right-of-way in our resolution; I think that has to be included."

Alderman DeWolf: "Could we not offer Mr. Driscoll and the other property owner the privilege of purchasing half the street as we have done on the Gottingen Street end of it, at a similar price or less because of it being of a residential nature rather than commercial? It would be fair to do that if they are interested, rather than just giving them a right-of-way. I think it would be only fair to offer them on the same basis more or less that the Gottingen Street owners paid."

Alderman O'Brien: "Is the street now zoned?"

His Worship the Mayor: "No. The street has no zoning."

Alderman O'Brien: "Do we have to take action on the zoning, both on the residential part and the Gottingen Street frontage for commercial purposes?"

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His Worship the Mayor: "Once we close it, that's the end of the zoning."

Alderman O'Brien: "Can we refer that matter to the Town Planning Board here tonight, so that further time wouldn't be lost?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes, for that portion."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think what you have to do is pass the resolution containing a general understanding, I think, if we agree that we should go along with the closing the street. There is some urgency to the owners on Gottingen Street to proceed with their construction. I think we could pass a resolution agreeing to close the street, and that the Town Planning Board negotiate with the abutting owners, a right-of-way, or recommend a proposal for sale or some other City development, or, and concurrently deal with the question of rezoning. I think that all could be combined in the one resolution closing the street. Then, you leave the door open to negotiate with the abutting owners; but, you do, at least, reserve to them, no matter what happens on the negotiations, a right-of-way into their properties."

Alderman Dunlop: "How wide is Rector Street?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Sixteen feet."

Alderman Lloyd: "This was if he agreed to negotiate as long as he has good faith in the Council that negotiations will be undertaken to either provide a right-of-way, or negotiate for the sale of the land, or a proportion of the land, be attached to his own property. In other words, the Council closes this street with the understanding that the abutting owners are not going to be denied their right of access to their property."

His Worship the Mayor: "The only thing this does, though, if the right-of-way is granted to the two properties, then they have no need to buy it--if it's a condition of the closing."

Alderman Dunlop: "We are left with 30 or 40 feet."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is right, if we grant to them the right-of-way."

Alderman O'Brien: "There should be negotiations before it is settled."

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Alderman Lloyd: "You could do it this way: We could say that we will close the street providing that until such time as the City reaches a conclusion as to the ultimate disposal or utility of the land in question, that the abutting owners may use this strip of land for access to their properties. Then, at some future time, we could negotiate what we ultimately wish to do with the problem. A temporary right of access to the properties until the matter has been decided. In that way, we wouldn't get involved in rights-of-way or we aren't really interfering with what we may do with the land."

His Worship the Mayor: "There is no objection to closing the street as a thoroughfare. They only object to it on the basis that they would want a reservation made to the property to provide them with an access, which they now enjoy."

Alderman Dunlop: "I think we have to close the street first. I understand that Gottingen Street is urgent, isn't it?"

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that the announced good intention of the Council is sufficient. It will protect Mr. Driscoll and the other abutting owners without biting into any other tendons."

Alderman Dunlop: "If we can't come to some agreement, then we open this portion of the street."

His Worship the Mayor: "That is right. We can always do that."

Mr. Driscoll: "The street can be closed but I want a little allowance to get into the driveway."

A formal resolution as prepared by the City Solicitor was submitted.

Alderman O'Brien: "Refer the zoning to the Town Planning Board."

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the resolution be approved. Motion passed.

WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE - MRS. ELLICE MAY YOUNG - \$635.70

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

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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that an application has been received from Mrs. Ellice May Young, widow of the late John Percy Young of the Police Department, for assistance under Section 310-H-2 of the City Charter.

Mr. Young's estate has been investigated and it has been found that he left assets valued at approximately \$8,000.00. He was in receipt of a pension amounting to \$1,271.40 from the City; and Mrs. Young may receive one-half of this amount which is \$635.70, effective as of July 1, 1960.

Your Committee recommends that Mrs. Young be granted an annual pension in the amount of \$635.70, effective as of July 1, 1960; funds for same to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE - MRS. GERTRUDE M. McISAAC - \$678.52

August 11, 1960

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that an application has been received from Mrs. Gertrude M. McIsaac, widow of the late Daniel J. McIsaac of the Police Department, for assistance under Section 310-H-2 of the City Charter.

Mr. McIsaac's estate has been investigated and it has been found that he left assets valued at approximately \$10,000.00. He was in receipt of a pension amounting to \$1,357.04 from the City; and Mrs. McIsaac may receive one-half of this amount which is \$678.52, effective as of July 1, 1960.

Your Committee recommends that Mrs. McIsaac be granted an annual pension in the amount of \$678.52, effective as of July 1, 1960; funds for same to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Greenwood, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE - MRS. MARGARET SLAUNWHITE - \$442.43

August 11, 1960

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

Council,  
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At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that an application has been received from Mrs. Margaret Slaunwhite, widow of the late William Slaunwhite of the Works Department, for assistance under Section 310-H-1 of the City Charter.

Mr. Slaunwhite's estate has been investigated and it has been found that he left assets valued at approximately \$4,000.00. She may receive one-half of the amount of her late husband's accumulated service benefits which would give her an allowance of \$442.43, effective as of June 1, 1960.

Mr. Slaunwhite's estate has been refunded the amount of his contributions amounting to \$1,475.61; therefore, Mrs. Slaunwhite's pension will not be payable until October 1, 1963, under the provisions of Section 310-H-6 of the City Charter.

Your Committee recommends that Mrs. Slaunwhite be granted an annual pension in the amount of \$442.43 beginning October 1, 1963; funds for same to be included in the current estimates for 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Dunlop, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE - MRS. ETHEL MAE LOWNDS - \$534.00

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that an application has been received from Mrs. Ethel Mae Lownds, widow of the late William M. Lownds of the Fire Department, for assistance under Section 310-H-2 of the City Charter.

Mr. Lownds' estate has been investigated and it has been found that he left assets valued at approximately \$8,000.00. He was in receipt of a pension amounting to \$1,068.00 from the City; and Mrs. Lownds may receive one-half of this amount which is \$534.00, effective as of April 1, 1960.

Your Committee recommends that Mrs. Lownds be granted an annual pension in the amount of \$534.00, effective as of April 1, 1960; funds to be provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500.00

To: His Worship, C. A. Vaughan, and Members of the City Council.

From: A. A. DeBard, Jr., City Manager

Council,  
August 11, 1960

Date: August 9, 1960

Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

In accordance with Section 119-F of the City Charter, the following accounts are submitted for Council's approval. These accounts have been certified and audited.

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Finance	Hillis & Sons	Manhole covers & frames	\$ 3,840.00
	L. E. Shaw Ltd.	Concrete Blocks	982.00
Works	Acme Electric	Rentals of sander, etc.	538.30
	N. S. Tractors	Equipment	4,529.54
	T. S. Simms	Parts for mechanical sweeper	550.18
	Public Service Commission	Chlorination	845.99
Health	Workmen's Compensation Board	Payment of Assessment	2,657.23
	Province of N. S.	Payment of Hospital Contribution	46,400.50
			<u>\$ 60,343.74</u>

A. A. DEBARD, JR.,  
CITY MANAGER.

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

EMERGENCY SHELTER OPERATION -- 1959 COMPARED TO 1958

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the City Manager submitting figures for the operation of the Emergency Shelters for 1959 as compared with 1958, as follows:

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
Net Receipts	\$68,297.40	\$89,774.73
Expenses	\$75,329.32	\$92,392.23
Loss	\$ 7,031.92	\$ 2,617.50

Council approval is necessary to charge the loss of \$7,031.92 to the Prefabricated Housing Surplus.

Your Committee recommends that the loss in the amount of \$7,031.92 be charged to the Prefabricated Housing Surplus.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

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MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

INTERCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM - MOBILE RADIO EQUIPMENT

This item was deferred in Committee.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT

August 11, 1960

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

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Health advising that at the last session of the Legislature, all Hospitals, Welfare and Nursing Homes came under the Workmen's Compensation Act, effective as of July 1, 1960.

He received the assessments for the four City Institutions, as follows:

Basinview Home	\$ 589.83
Halifax Health Centre (T. B. Unit)	\$ 268.21
Halifax Convalescent Hospital	\$ 766.79
Halifax Mental Hospital	\$1,032.41

These amounts are payable for September 1, 1960, and no provision was made in the 1960 estimates. All personnel in these Institutions are now covered for accident or injury during the time they are on duty, for both medical attention and hospitalization, if necessary, as well as for a percentage of their pay if they are off work.

He requested authority to pay these amounts.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the funds provided under the authority of Section 316 "C" of the City Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

MULGRAVE PARK PROJECT - LIGHTING

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: Committee on Works  
Date: August 2, 1960  
Subject: Mulgrave Park Project - Lighting

The Committee on Works at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the City Manager recommending an additional \$1,100.00 for the Mulgrave Park Project - Lighting.

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On motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lane, the Committee approved the report and recommended it to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

BOND ISSUE - OCTOBER 1, 1960

August 11, 1960

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

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on August 4, 1960, a report was submitted from the City Manager recommending a bond issue in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, dated October 1, 1960, to cover the following items:

Sidewalks	\$ 52,550.00
Pavements	93,500.00
Street Widening	60,550.00
Sewer Rehabilitation	135,400.00
Queen Elizabeth School	135,000.00
Street Lighting, New Subdivisions	7,000.00
New Incinerator	580,000.00
Skating and Recreation Facility - Halifax Forum	202,000.00
Rest Rooms - Public Gardens	4,000.00
Purchase Land, North Side of University Avenue	35,000.00
Redevelopment, Jacob Street Area	195,000.00
	<u>1,500,000.00</u>

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CITY HALL UNION AGREEMENT

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

The Finance and Executive Committee, at a meeting held on the above date, had for consideration a report from the City Manager advising that the

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following points had been discussed between himself and the Union Bargaining Committee but agreement had not been reached:

1. Four Weeks' Vacation after 20 or more years' service.
2. Longevity Pay.
3. Union Security.
4. Rand Formula.
5. Uniform Hours of Work.

Your Committee recommends that the Agreement be approved after inclusion of the Rand Formula.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Lloyd, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the report be approved.

Mr. Leo Rooney, Q. C., appeared on behalf of Local #143 and addressed Council as follows:

"I didn't realize (of course, I don't think it was an oversight deliberately) that you were going to have a meeting of the Finance Committee to consider this. However, the matter, I believe, has been before all members of Council. I just heard late this evening that you did consider it at the Finance and Executive Committee."

His Worship the Mayor: "We discussed it in only a sort of a briefing session. We took no formal action. We were in agreement in the Committee that we would accept Mr. DeBard's recommendations with the exception of Clause No. 4."

Mr. Rooney: "And that in substance means that you are approving of the Rand Formula being incorporated in the Agreement?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes."

Mr. Rooney: "And the other three matters?"

His Worship the Mayor: "The other matters, if I may speak for the Committee, tie into working conditions which also seem tied to salaries. Since we now have the Payne-Ross Company engaged, and they will shortly be completing their study of the salary scales for all Civic Employees, it seems reasonable then that we should not undertake in any way to change the conditions of work which they have as a part of the terms of reference of study of the conditions under which the employees work, and the conditions under which they are com-

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pensated for their services. It seems to be wrong on our part to change this at this stage."

Mr. Rooney: "In that respect, when could we reasonably expect a report forthcoming from that organization?"

His Worship the Mayor: "We expect to have it the middle of September."

Mr. Rooney: "That would be next month."

His Worship the Mayor: "However, I don't hold out to you or your Union that we would change this following the Payne-Ross report."

Mr. Rooney: "No, no. I well appreciate that, Your Worship. I can understand the position of Council because there were certain financial implications involved in the other three recommendations. We have made certain requests in that respect regarding four weeks' vacation for those with 20 years' service and over--longevity pay. Then, they are not necessarily gone at the moment. We will have an opportunity to bring them back possibly during the negotiations of another Agreement."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think so, yes."

Alderman Lloyd: "In the Committee, that observation was made with respect to the three matters: longevity pay, four weeks' vacation, hours of work. Those three things are now under consideration. The Committee did agree on the matter of the Rand Formula, and felt it is not the proper time to include the other matters."

His Worship the Mayor: "We can do this: We can, if Council so desires, make a change on the Union Agreement and advise Payne-Ross Limited that we have done so. I am sure this would push back now for many months, the study they have undertaken."

Mr. Rooney: "No, I don't think there is any rush. There's only one further matter I would like to bring to your attention and it is that our request for Union security has no financial implications as such. It's not involved in the Rand Formula. It is a benefit that was also granted by City Council to Local Union #108. I feel since Council has gone along and granted that to them, there is no reason why it should not also be granted to Local Union #143. There are no financial implications involved at all. It has no financial impact on the City."

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His Worship the Mayor: "It is up to the Council. Actually, it does tie in with No. 4."

Mr. Rooney: "There are two separate things there."

His Worship the Mayor: "I know but I mean that they are of a similar nature."

Alderman Lloyd: "You have the Rand Formula. The other one compels all future employees to join the Union. The Rand Formula only compels them to pay the Union dues."

Mr. Rooney: "That is right. That applies to existing employees."

His Worship the Mayor: "It could also apply to new employees."

Mr. Rooney: "Yes, new employees as well."

His Worship the Mayor: "If Council so desires."

Mr. Rooney: "In addition to new employees, it also applies to the existing employees. Union security is only for new employees."

His Worship the Mayor: "The Committee was of the opinion that they felt that those persons who belong to the Union, will enjoy the benefits the Union is able to get for them, and should pay for these benefits so secured."

Mr. Rooney: "That is the Rand Formula."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes. There is no objection to making all persons who then join the City forces, coming under the Rand Formula. This would naturally follow, would it not?"

Mr. Rooney: "No. There is a little difference. That is, that they must become members of the Union as a condition of employment."

His Worship the Mayor: "No."

Mr. Rooney: "That is #108. That is a condition or a privilege and benefit that you did grant to #108. They have it."

His Worship the Mayor: "Yes, but this was certainly a change from what went on before. We had a closed shop there. You moved from a closed shop to Union Security in the City Field. There, they went from something different than what you are seeking now. Their starting position was different than the position you stand in today."

Alderman Dunlop: "Some couldn't get in the Union."

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His Worship the Mayor: "No. They denied even permanent workers."

Mr. Rooney: "Then what is the difference between #108 and #143 insofar as that particular benefit is concerned?"

His Worship the Mayor: "Only this: That we did this because of the advantages to the City of Halifax in so doing. We moved from a closed shop, which they enjoyed, to the Union Security."

Alderman DeWolf: "How many people belong to the City Hall Union?"

Mr. Rooney: "One hundred and forty-four."

Alderman Dunlop: "How many are eligible?"

Mr. Rooney: "I believe it is over 200. That is subject to correction."

Alderman Dunlop: "I thought it was much higher."

Mr. Rooney: "Possibly it is higher. I know there are 144 members at the present time."

Alderman Lloyd: "I wonder if one of the advantages for the employees lies in having this Union Security as you described."

Mr. Rooney: "As I see it, people coming into the organization have an opportunity to benefit from an organization that can negotiate for them. Therefore, it is to their advantage to belong to that organization."

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that if people are paying in Union dues or amounts equal to the Union dues to the Union Treasury, surely they will join up and take part in the discussions."

Alderman Lloyd: "Are there not some other advantages, though, besides salary benefits? Are there not other rules and regulations with respect to employees which apply to them in their relationship with their employers under that contract which would not apply to persons who may be just merely paying under the Rand Formula?"

Mr. Rooney: "If you grant the Rand Formula, then everybody will be obliged to pay the Union dues. That may be an inducement."

His Worship the Mayor: "Let us try that for awhile."

Alderman Lloyd: "I think it is a 'step' thing. Let us try the Rand Formula to see what happens, to see if the membership is enhanced as a result of that action; then, perhaps the next step may be easy."

The motion was put and passed.

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FLEMING PARK - EXTINGUISHMENT OF EASEMENT

August 11, 1960

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

The Finance and Executive Committee, at a meeting held on August 4, 1960, had for consideration a report from the Committee on Works which dealt with a request to extinguish an easement at Fleming Park.

The City Manager recommended that the request be granted, provided the applicant paid the sum of \$1,072.64; and that Mr. George Piercey agreed that there would be no injury to his client.

Your Committee recommends that the report be approved and that Mr. J. A. Walker, Q. C., and Mr. George Piercey confer and agree that Mr. Piercey's client will have access to his property.

Alderman Dunlop abstained from voting.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD,  
CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Lloyd, that the report be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Dunlop abstaining from voting.

REPLOTTING - GEORGE AND UPPER WATER STREETS

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
From: Town Planning Board  
Date: August 2, 1960  
Subject: Replotting - Corner of George and Upper Water Streets

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered a report from the Director of Planning recommending against an application for a replotting at the corner of George and Upper Water Streets.

It was moved by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Board approve the request for a replotting at the corner of George and Upper Water Streets, and recommended the same to City Council.

The vote on the motion was a 3 - 3 tie.

FOR

Alderman Abbott  
Alderman Connolly  
Alderman Trainor

AGAINST

Alderman Lane  
Alderman Macdonald  
Alderman O'Brien

His Worship the Mayor voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,  
CLERK OF WORKS.

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The following letters were also submitted to Council:

L. E. SHAW LIMITED

P. O. Box 996,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
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Your Worship, The Mayor, and Members  
of Council, City of Halifax  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Gentlemen:

Since our office is located at 74 Bedford Row, almost directly opposite to the corner of Upper Water and George Streets, we have had many opportunities to consider the recommendation of Professor Stephenson for the development of this harbour-front area according to his attractive and imaginative plan. We understand that it is within the full authority of City Council to implement Professor Stephenson's recommendations for this area; therefore, we do urge that City Council do not permit a service station to be erected on this corner property and thus make impossible this aspect of the Stephenson Report which would add so significantly to the essential character of downtown Halifax and of the City as a whole.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) LLOYD R. SHAW,  
Vice-President.

THE FRANKLIN SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED

404 Barrington Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

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His Worship Mayor C. A. Vaughan and  
the Members of the Halifax City Council,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship and Members of  
Halifax City Council:

Re: Smilestone Subdivision Application -  
Property George and Upper Water Streets,  
Halifax

For some time the City has been dealing with matters concerning the proposed developments of the Smilestone property, which we understand will involve the ultimate construction of a service station on this site. Our Company is the owner of a considerable area of real estate fronting on Upper Water Street in the immediate area and is vitally interested in any developments which might take place there.

We respectfully submit that the Council should not approve a re-subdivision of this property, which we believe is preparatory to a further application for a service station permit. We oppose the application for various reasons, principally the following:

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(a) The construction of a service station in this area would adversely affect the value of the adjoining and nearby properties;

(b) A service station would be an access hindrance for pedestrians to and from the ferry;

(c) A service station would be a serious complication to the movement of motor vehicle traffic on Water Street and George Street. The present flow of traffic is very heavy and the intersection frequently congested;

(d) A service station would restrict, if not destroy, all prospects for the proper re-development of the waterfront area.

We feel that the situation now indicates that the City should take appropriate steps immediately to proceed with its proposed expropriation so as to create an atmosphere which will lead to the orderly re-development of the rest of the area.

Most respectfully submitted,

THE FRANKLIN SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED,

(Sgd.) Peter Herschorn, Director.

Director of Planning: "In my detail work on the planning of the area in which the subdivision is located, I am especially anxious to produce a plan which will allow for improvement of Water Street, between Prince Street and the foot of George Street, to ease access to the new Post Office Building which will be using Water Street for large vehicles, and also to take advantage of the setback of the other Federal Buildings on the Harbor side of Water Street, the Fisheries Laboratory and the R. C. M. P. Garage which allows for the improvement of the Street at that point. I also would look into the detailed planning of the area of the approach to the Ferry and see how that could be improved for municipal purposes. For that purpose, I feel that the immediate scheme should be slightly widened to use all the land between the Snow Wharf and the old tavern building, possibly including that building, to enable us to make an initial scheme which would be a workable solution."

His Worship the Mayor: "This redevelopment proposed at this stage, is one that we can immediately move on and which would be part of the overall scheme."

Mr. Munnich: "It would be the first part of an overall scheme and I could be able to report to the Redevelopment Committee, say in a week's time or ten days."