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MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the report be approved and the necessary legislation obtained. Motion passed.

1961 - LEGISLATION

Draft legislation for the Civic year 1961 was submitted from the City Solicitor and same was considered item by item.

Item No.1

1. (1) Subsection (1) of Section 453 is amended by inserting immediately after the word "forthwith" in the second line thereof the words "by cash or certified cheque" and by inserting immediately after the word "payment" in the fifth line thereof, the words "by cash or certified cheque".

(2) Subsection (2) of said section 453 is amended by inserting immediately after the word "paid" in the first line thereof, the words "by cash or certified cheque".

Explanation: This Section deals with the payment of money in connection with tax sales, but leaves it uncertain as to the method of payment. This amendment ties it down to either cash or certified cheque.

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

Item No.2

2. Clause 3 of the Superannuation Plan is amended by striking out the words "on the date of his employment" in the eighth and ninth lines thereof, and substituting therefor the words "upon having completed six months of continuous employment with the City".

Explanation: In 1959 the Plan was amended to provide that a person employed on a full-time basis automatically became a member of the Plan upon commencement of his employment. However, due to the great number of change-overs, especially on hospital staff, the applications for refund of monies paid in are creating too much administrative work. It is therefore felt that employees should not be eligible to join the Plan until employed continuously for six months. However, if such person continues in the employ of the City to retirement age, he will then be given credit for the full term of his employment including the first six months.
Retirement Committee January 11, 1961.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Macdonald, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.3

3. Section 529C is amended by adding thereto immediately after the word "plan" in the last line thereof, the words "and upon the passage of such resolution, approved by the Minister, the street lines of such street or portion of street shall thereupon be deemed to have been removed."

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Explanation: At the present time when a street is closed steps, such as advertising, public hearing, etc. still have to be carried out to remove the official street lines. This amendment will have the effect of doing away with this procedure and as soon as a street is closed the street lines will automatically be removed.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Breen, that the legislation be redrafted to require a Public Hearing to close a street and that when the resolution is approved by Council to close the street, that the street lines would also be removed. Motion passed.

Item No.4

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act and any provision of the Charter, for the Civic year 1961 the tax (excepting charges for Fire Protection) payable by the Trustees of the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 269, in respect of the ownership and occupation by the said Trustees of civic number 59 Hollis Street, shall be the sum of three hundred dollars, and the City shall write off and cancel any taxes (excepting charges for Fire Protection) assessed in such year in excess of the said sum of three hundred dollars.

Explanation: This is the usual tax concession granted this Association in past years.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

REQUEST FOR GRANT JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY - \$1500.00

Mr. George C. Piercey, representing The John Howard Society addressed Council in support of the request.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the request be granted and the necessary legislation obtained. Motion passed.

Consideration of the Legislation resumed.

Item No.5

5. The business tax assessed for the Civic year 1961 against Murphy's Limited in respect of its occupation of real property on Howe Avenue for the purpose of manufacturing, shall be and the same is hereby reduced in the said Civic year by the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.

Explanation: This is the usual tax concession granted this Company in past years.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

8:15 p.m. Alderman Wyman arrived.

Item No.6

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act and any provision of the Charter, Moir's Limited shall not be liable to be assessed for the Civic year 1961, 1962 and 1963 in respect of its occupation of real property except that portion which is occupied by the said company for the purpose of its bakery business.

Explanation: This is a partial exemption for business tax only as approved by Council January 12, 1961.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.7

7. Section 375D is amended by inserting immediately after the word "Land" in the fourth line thereof, the words "or any portion thereof".

Explanation: At the present time vacant land is assessed at the residential rate unless it is used in connection with a business. Under the present Section it might be argued that the whole of the vacant land would have to be so used and therefore I feel it advisable to add these words so that if only a portion of such land is used in connection with business, then such portion can be assessed at the business rate and the remaining part at the residential rate.

The City Solicitor referred to a lot of land on Quinpool Road which is zoned Residential but which is used for Commercial purposes which constitutes a violation. He also stated that there is also a provision that any violation of any Ordinance or By-Law should be reported to the City Solicitor and he takes the necessary action but nobody reported anything to him with respect to the Quinpool Road violation of the Zoning By-Law.

The Commissioner of Works acknowledged the responsibility to see that the land in the City is used in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning By-Law but he intimated that he had not heard of the violation previous to this meeting.

The Acting City Manager was instructed to follow up this violation with the Building Inspector and City Solicitor.

After discussion it was MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that legislation be secured to provide that Commercial Zoned vacant land be assessed at the Commercial rate.

The motion was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Fox, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, O'Brien and Greenwood - 9 -

Against It: Aldermen DeWolf, Breen, Butler and Connolly - 4 -

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that Item No.7 of the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.8

8. Section 510C is amended by striking out the words "upon the streets of" in the ninth line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "within".

Explanation: At the present time under the ordinance re firecrackers and air-rifles, authorized under Section 510C, we can only control them "on the streets of the City". This amendment will enable the ordinance to be amended so as to control their use anywhere within the City.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.9

9. (1) Section 578A is amended by adding thereto immediately following subsection (2) thereof, the following subsection:

(2A) No person shall permit premises owned or occupied by him to be or to become unsightly or shall permit to remain on any part of such premises owned or occupied by him any ashes, junk, rubbish, refuse, bodies or parts of automobiles or other vehicles or machinery so as to cause the premises to be unsightly or offensive.

(2) Subsection (3) of Section 578A is amended by inserting immediately after the word "materials" in the third line thereof, the words "or any ashes, junk, rubbish, refuse, bodies or parts of automobiles or other vehicles or machinery".

(3) Subsection (4) of said Section 578A is amended by inserting immediately after the word "material" as it appears in the third and seventh lines thereof, the words "or any ashes, junk, rubbish, refuse, bodies or parts of automobiles or other vehicles or machinery".

Explanation: At the present time the City's power is confined to premises on which there are wood shavings, sawdust and other combustible materials. This amendment extends the power so as to authorize the City to take action against the owner or occupier of premises which are unsightly because of junk, old automobiles, machinery, etc.

Alderman Macdonald suggested that "boats" be included in the Section.

After discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the legislation be approved.

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The Commissioner of Works advised that only last year his Department had a problem with a boat being placed in an alley and no action could be taken to remove it under the City's law at the time. He also suggested that the word "boats" be inserted in the section.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the legislation be approved with the following addition immediately after the word "machinery", "dilapidated boats or any material of any nature whatsoever".

The motion as amended was put and passed unanimously the following Aldermen being present and voting therefor: Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Breen Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Item No.10

10. Section 792 is repealed.

Explanation: This Section provides that no garage shall be allowed in any building used for a school, place of assembly or detention, hotel, apartment, tenement or lodging house.... It was enacted many, many years ago and is now obsolete.

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

Item No.11

11. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act and any provision of the Charter, Halifax Shipyards Limited or its associate company Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation Limited (either hereinafter referred to as the said company) shall for the years 1961, 1962 and 1963 be assessed in respect of the real property now occupied by Halifax Shipyards Limited, as follows:

(a) the said company shall not be liable to be assessed in respect of its occupancy of real property in the City for the purpose of any trade, profession or other calling carried on for the purposes of gain;

(b) the said company shall for the said years pay a real property tax computed on the full assessment of the company's assessable property at the prevailing rates, provided, however, that the amount of tax payable in any of the said years shall not exceed five percent of the assessment in such year.

Explanation: Previously the Halifax Shipyards Limited were granted exemption from business tax only. This legislation not only exempts them from such business tax but puts a limit on real property tax.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.12

12. Section 21 of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1957, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1959, is further amended by striking out the words "commencing with the date in the year 1953 which corresponds with the date in the year 1956 or subsequent years upon which the retirement date of such member fell and ending with the retirement date of such member" in the sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth lines thereof, and substituting therefor the words "of five years immediately preceding the retirement of such member".

Explanation: At the present time this benefit is based upon a member's earnings from 1953 to the date of his retirement, so that if a member retired this year his benefit would be based on his earnings from 1953 to 1961. It has been proposed that this should be changed so that the benefit will be based on the member's earnings for the five years preceding his retirement.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.13

13. The City may borrow the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and pay the same as a grant to the Halifax Infirmary for the purpose of assisting in the erection of an addition to its hospital on Queen Street, such grant to be paid as follows: the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in the civic year 1961, and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars annually thereafter in each of the civic years 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966, and the sums required by the City for the foregoing purpose shall be deemed to be sums required by the City for a City purpose within the meaning of the Municipal Affairs Act and may be borrowed by the City under the provisions of and in the manner provided by the said Act.

Explanation: This is a grant to the Halifax Infirmary to assist in the erection of addition to the hospital, and is spread over a period of six years, with half the amount to be paid in 1961.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.14

14. The City may borrow the sum of seventy thousand dollars and pay the same as a grant to the Salvation Army for the purpose of assisting in the erection of an addition to its Grace Maternity Hospital on University Avenue, such grant to be paid as follows: the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars in the civic year 1961, and the sum of seven thousand dollars annually thereafter in each of the civic years 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966, and the sums required by the City for the foregoing purpose shall be deemed to be sums required by the City for a City purpose within the meaning of the Municipal Affairs Act and may be borrowed by the City under the provisions of and in the manner provided by the said Act.

Explanation: This is a grant to the Salvation Army to assist in the erection of an addition to the Grace Maternity Hospital, and is spread over a period of six years, with half the amount to be paid in 1961.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.15

15. Section 45 of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 1960 is amended by striking out the name "George H. Stairs" in the sixth line thereof and substituting therefore the name "Susie E. Stairs".

Explanation: This Section as enacted in 1960 legalized an apartment in the premises 24 Pinehill Drive (in an R-1 Zone), as long as the building is owned by George H. Stairs. However, the building was owned by his wife, Susie E. Stairs, and this legislation merely corrects an error.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.16

16. (1) Section 478 is amended by striking out the words "or second-hand bottles" in the second and third lines thereof.

(2) The Charter is amended by adding immediately after Section 486 thereof, the following Section:

486A. No person shall do business as a dealer in second-hand bottles without having first taken out a license therefor, and the fee payable for such license shall be such sum as the Council may from time to time by ordinance determine.

(3) Section 487 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

487. Council may by ordinance regulate the manner in which the business of a pawn broker or a junk dealer or a dealer in second-hand bottles may be carried on and may impose such terms and conditions as the Council deems fit.

(4) Section 488 is amended by inserting therein immediately after the word "dealers" in the third line thereof, the words "or a dealer in second-hand bottles".

Explanation: As the present sections now stand, dealers in second-hand bottles are lumped with junk dealers. This legislation would have the effect of placing second-hand bottle dealers in a separate category. COUNCIL July 28, 1960.

MOVED by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Fox, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.17

17. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of Section 312, the Council may in the year 1962, by resolution, extend the date of transmitting the estimates to the Commissioner of Finance and Accounts to the fifteenth day of April.

Explanation: This legislation was requested by His Worship the Mayor. It is purely permissive and is designed to fill a possible gap which may exist between the present Charter and the confirming of a new Charter.

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MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Breen, that the legislation be approved as well as a provision to extend the billing date an additional month. Motion passed.

Item No.18

18. The City may enter into an agreement with Helen S. Morton, the owner of certain lands adjoining lands over which the City now has a right-of-way or easement for the sewer laid along the shore of the North West Arm, for the purpose of enabling the said Helen S. Morton to use a portion of such right-of-way or easement for the construction of a portion of a dwelling thereon, subject to such terms and conditions as the City may prescribe therefor. (to include successors in title).

Explanation: Many years ago the City expropriated a right-of-way or easement over this land for the purpose of the North West Arm sewer. This legislation will enable the present owner to enter into an agreement with the City in respect of a building over this right-of-way. Similar legislation was secured in 1945 for the then owner.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the legislation be approved and that same include successors in title. Motion passed.

Item No.19

19. (1) Section 510D is repealed.

(2) This Section shall come into force on and not before a day to be fixed by proclamation of Governor-in-Council.

Explanation: This Section is being repealed because of decision that cigarettes may be vended by automatic machine. It is felt that the whole matter of automatic machines should be reviewed. However, I wish to point out that until a new ordinance is made under the following section, it is necessary to retain the present provisions in the Charter.

MOVED by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.20

20. The Charter is amended by adding immediately after Section 510D, the following Section:

510E. (1) The Council may, by ordinance, regulate, classify and license automatic machines, and in such ordinance may define the meaning of the words "automatic machines" and prescribe the conditions under which the same may be operated and upon which a license therefor may be issued, and may provide that such license shall permit the automatic machine in respect of which the license was issued to be operated only in such place as may be designated in such license and may also provide the terms and conditions under which a machine in respect of which a license was issued may be withdrawn from operation and the license of such machine transferred to another machine, and such terms and conditions may include the payment of a fee for such transfer.

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(2) Such ordinance may also provide the conditions upon which any such license may be suspended or cancelled and the penalty to be imposed upon any person for operating or causing or permitting to be operated any unlicensed automatic machine or for a violation of any of the provisions of such ordinance.

Explanation: This is to clarify the situation regarding automatic machines, especially in view of the decision that cigarettes can be so vended. It is a general provision and will be followed up by an ordinance in which Council will have the opportunity to classify these machines and to impose separate license fees on each classification as Council deems fit.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.21A

The Charter is amended by adding immediately after Section 492, the following Section:

493. (1) Every person, firm or company not residing or having its head office or chief place of business in the Province of Nova Scotia, who enters into any contract for the construction or alteration of any building within the City shall, except as hereinafter provided, be liable to pay the City a tax equal to one-half of one per cent of the total sum payable under such contract.

(2) Such tax shall be due and payable immediately after work under such contract has begun.

(3) Both the person, firm or company entering into such contract and the agent, foreman or other person in charge of the work under such contract, shall be liable for the payment of such tax, and the same may be enforced either by warrant or by action in the same way as other rates and taxes of the City, and service of process against such person, firm or company may be made upon any such agent, foreman, or person in charge of the work.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person, firm or company, who for the civic year next preceding that in which such contract was entered into was assessed as the owner of real property in the City of a value not less than five thousand dollars.

Explanation: This section was formerly enacted and became part of the Charter in 1923. It was repealed in 1958, but Council is of the opinion that it should be re-enacted.

The City Solicitor advised he would substitute the words "license fee" in place of the word "tax" wherever it appeared in the section.

Alderman Butler suggested that a minimum of \$100.00 or \$200.00 be placed in the legislation.

The Commissioner of Works suggested that possibly the legislation should include contracts covering sewer construction.

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The City Solicitor suggested including the words "or any other construction work".

His Worship the Mayor suggested that it include sewers, traffic devices, bridges and culverts.

The City Solicitor was requested to broaden the terms of reference to include "construction work generally".

Alderman Healy suggested that "architects and engineers" should be included and Alderman Wyman also mentioned the inclusion of "laboratory technicians".

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the proposed legislation be submitted for this year but that the suggestions concerning architects, engineers, laboratory technicians and sub-contractors be considered when the City Charter is being revised concerning the City's power to make ordinances with respect to same.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the legislation ~~as amended be approved and that the minimum license fee be the same as that in effect in the City of Moncton.~~ Motion passed.

Item No. 21B

21B. (1) Section 4 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1960 is repealed.

(2) Clause (a) of subsection (2) of Section 357 is amended by striking out the numeral "3" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the numeral "2".

Explanation: This merely corrects a typographical error in Section 357, which when we attempted to amend it in 1960 was repeated.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No. 22

22. Section 366A is amended by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, however, that if any person assessed for poll tax can prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Finance that he did not receive a bill for such poll tax prior to the thirtieth day of September in the current year, then such person shall not be liable to payment of penalty and interest unless such bill remains unpaid on the thirty-first day of October in such year.

Explanation:

The present section allows no time for persons who have not received a bill for poll tax prior to September 30th and they are consequently obliged to pay penalty and interest. This amendment gives the Commissioner of Finance discretion to withhold penalty and interest for one month or to October 31st. COUNCIL October 13, 1960.

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The Acting City Manager suggested that the legislation be amended to read "30 days after the date of billing".

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the legislation be drafted in accordance with the Council resolution of October 13, 1960. Motion passed.

Item No.23

23. Subsection (3) of Section 739A is amended by adding thereto immediately after clause (a) thereof, the following clause:

~~immediately after clause (a) thereof, the following clause:~~
(aa) such proposed occupancy is unsuitable for the locality in which the same is proposed or the locality in which such occupancy is proposed is unsuitable for such occupancy, or

Explanation: Previous to 1960 the Building Inspector had the right to refuse an occupancy permit, if the proposed occupancy was unsuitable for the locality or the locality was unsuitable for such occupancy. In re-enacting this Section last year apparently this power was taken away from him. The proposed legislation will restore to him this power.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.24

24. Subsection (1) of Section 3 of Chapter 66 of the Acts of 1960, is amended by striking out the numeral "739" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the numeral and letter "739A".

Explanation: This was an amendment to Section 739A made in 1960, in which the section was erroneously referred to as Section 739.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.25

25. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Bonus Act and any provision of the Charter, W. H. Schwartz and Sons Limited shall not be liable to be assessed for the Civic Year 1961, 1962 and 1963 in respect of its occupancy of real property at 814-826 Barrington Street and 109-111 Cornwallis Street so long as the same are used for manufacturing purposes of the Company.

Explanation: This provides exemption for business tax on both buildings now owned and occupied by the Company for a period of three years.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.26

26. Section 880 is amended by adding thereto immediately after subsection (i) the following subsection:

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1958, the City may by Ordinance prohibit, supervise, control and

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regulate nursing homes within the City, and may in such ordinance define the meaning of the words "nursing home" as used in such ordinance and may provide for the licensing of the same and attach to such license such terms, conditions or restrictions as Council deems advisable and may prescribe the penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of such ordinance.

Explanation: This will give the City power to make its own ordinance respecting nursing homes, if it so desires, and include in such ordinance matters which may presently not be covered by the Provincial Act and the regulations made thereunder.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Breen, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.27.

27. Subsection (1) of Section 4 of Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1959 is amended by inserting therein immediately after the word "person" in the last line thereof, the words "or Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada or in right of the Province of Nova Scotia or any Crown corporation or agency thereof or any town or municipality".

Explanation: This provides exemption for Provincial and Federal Governments and any Crown corporation or agency or any town or municipality which purchases property in the City.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

Item No.29

29. (1) Subsection (2) of Section 489B is amended by striking out the words "Province of Nova Scotia" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "City", and by striking out the word "Province" in the sixth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "City".

(2) Subsection (3) of said Section 489B is amended by inserting therein immediately following the symbol and figures "\$100.00" in the ninth line thereof, the words "per day", and by striking out the symbol and figures "\$200.00" in the eleventh line thereof and substituting therefor the symbol and figures "\$100.00".

(3) Section 489B is amended by adding thereto immediately following subsection (4) the following subsection:

(5) The Council may require such photographer to have a place of business in the City of Halifax other than his normal place of residence and also to be a member in good standing of the Halifax-Dartmouth Professional Photographers' Association.

Explanation: This legislation was requested by the Professional Photographers' Association and Mr. Maurice Crosby will appear in connection therewith.

Mr. Maurice Crosby addressed the Council in connection with the proposed legislation.

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After hearing Mr. Crosby, it was MOVED by Alderman Lane, that the figures listed in Section 2 as \$100.00 in line 3 be amended to read \$50.00; that the figures \$1,000.00 in line 6 be amended to read \$500.00 and that the last 3 lines of Section 3 concerning membership in the Association, be deleted.

Alderman Wyman indicated he would second the motion if all of Section 3 were deleted.

Alderman Butler felt that the only deletion in Section 3 should be the last 3 lines as suggested by Alderman Lane.

The motion was then seconded by Alderman Butler.

It was pointed out that a photographer could not operate in a residential zone and if he did he would be violating the provisions of the Zoning By-Law.

Alderman Wyman felt that the proposed Section 3-5 was not necessary as it is already covered in the Zoning By-Law.

It was then MOVED IN AMENDMENT by Alderman Wyman, that Section 3-5 be amended to read "that the Council may require such photographer to carry on business in such premises as will make him liable to pay business tax to the City of Halifax".

There was no seconder to this amendment.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that an Ordinance be drafted under the City's present law and that in the drafting of a new City Charter, the Ordinance could then be revised and suitably drafted.

Alderman Wyman suggested that legislation be secured in line with Section 1 whereby the "Province of Nova Scotia" would be deleted and the "City of Halifax" would be substituted therefore and that the remaining considerations be dealt with by Ordinance.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the matter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee to draft an Ordinance under the existing legislation and that the same be reviewed when the City Charter is revised in 1962.

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At the suggestion of Alderman Butler, the Commissioner of Works or Building Inspector was instructed (1) to make sure that the zoning regulations are enforced (2) that if there are any photographers within the City of Halifax operating their business in a residence that they be stopped at once and (3) if they are operating their business in a residence within a commercial area, that they be taxed at the commercial rate for business occupancy.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Solicitor for the Professional Photographers confer with the City Solicitor in an effort to arrive at a satisfactory solution for presentation to Council.

The motion to refer was then put and passed.

Item No.30

30. Subsection (2) of Section 31, as that subsection is amended by Section 3 of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1955, is further amended by striking out the words "and the seal of the company" in the fifth line thereof.

Explanation: This legislation was requested by His Worship the Mayor.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR

A report was submitted from His Worship the Mayor respecting the term of office and same was referred to the next meeting of Council.

LEGISLATION - PORT OF HALIFAX COMMISSION

Legislation was submitted respecting the Port of Halifax Commission and same was referred to the next meeting of Council.

LEGISLATION - LORD NELSON HOTEL LIMITED

A letter was submitted from Franklin & Herschorn Limited requesting the City to enter into negotiations to work out a formula respecting tax concessions as they will be the new owners of the Lord Nelson Hotel on March 31, 1961.

It was agreed (1) that copies of the letter, present agreement between the City and the Lord Nelson Hotel Company Limited and the Finance and Executive Committee minutes under date of March 10, 1960, be circulated to all members of Council and that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the meeting of March 2nd. (2) that the following be appointed as a special

Committee to discuss the matter with the Company Officials:

His Worship the Mayor
Alderman Breen
Alderman Wyman
Alderman Butler

(3) that the Committee draw to the attention of the new owners the importance of having adequate parking facilities for commercial development in the area.

GRANTS

The following grants were considered:

- 1. John Howard Society \$1,500.00 - APPROVED
- 2. Y. W. C. A. \$1,000.00 - APPROVED
- 3. Canadian Cancer Society \$1,000.00 - APPROVED
- 4. Canadian Mental Health Association \$2,000.00 - APPROVED
- 5. Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society \$ 250.00 - APPROVED
- 6. Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society \$ 16.00 - APPROVED

The City Manager was requested to hold a staff study with Dr. Morton, Dr. Fogo and Mr. H. B. Jones concerning grants to Welfare Agencies as to the costs the City might incur if some of these organizations failed to function. The staff to submit their recommendations to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

The City Manager was requested to hold a staff study in conjunction with the School Board on the matter of educational and cultural grants and make recommendations to the Finance and Executive Committee.

7. Nova Scotia College of Art:

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the grant to the Nova Scotia College of Art be increased to \$5,000.00.

The motion was put and passed 9 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen DeWolf, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Healy, Wyman, O'Brien and Greenwood - 9 -

Against It: Alderman Abbott, Breen, Trainor and Connolly - 4 -

- 8. Dalhousie Public Health Clinic \$20,000.00 - APPROVED FOR 1961 ONLY.

- 9. Dalhousie Institute of Public Affairs \$1,000.00 - APPROVED ..
- 10. Cornwallis Street United Baptist Church \$1,000.00 - APPROVED
- 11. Children's Aid Society \$2,500.00 - APPROVED
Extra
- 12. Canadian National Institute for the Blind \$1,200.00 - APPROVED
- 13. Family Service Bureau:

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the grant to the Family Service Bureau be increased to \$4,000.00. Motion passed with Aldermen Abbott, Breen and Lane wishing to be recorded against.

It was agreed that when the staff discusses welfare grants that this organization be requested to supply information as to its affiliation with another organization which is extremely well endowed and that the Bureau explore the possibility of additional funds from the affiliated organization before coming to the City Council.

14. Maritime Museum:

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the grant to the Maritime Museum be increased to \$6,000.00. Motion passed with Aldermen Abbott, Breen, Macdonald, Fox and Healy wishing to be recorded against.

The Staff Committee on grants was requested to give consideration to the thought of making a lump sum grant for distribution to the various organizations in the welfare and educational fields which would eliminate Council decision as to how much each organization should receive.

The Staff Committee was also requested to give some indication to Council which of the various organizations render a service which applies to the people of the Town of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax as well as the City of Halifax and if they secure grants from the other Municipalities.

- 15. Salvation Army Red Shield \$2,000.00 - APPROVED
- 16. Halifax Symphony Society \$2,500.00 - APPROVED
- 17. Maritime Conservatory of Music \$5,000.00 - APPROVED
- 18. Halifax Musical Festival \$ 750.00 - APPROVED
- 19. Y. M. C. A. \$1,000.00 - APPROVED

20. Halifax Dispensary:

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the grant to the Halifax Dispensary be increased to \$2,200.00. Motion passed.

21. Maritime School of Social Work \$500.00 - APPROVED

RESOLUTION RE: GRANTS

W H E R E A S by subsection (7) of Section 310 of the Halifax City Charter, as that subsection is enacted by Section 14 of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1953, the Council is authorized to include in the annual estimates of expenditures of the City a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars;

AND WHEREAS said subsection (7) of Section 310 further provides that such sum shall not be so included until the Council has passed a resolution to submit to the session of the General Assembly next to be held at Halifax following the passing of such resolution, a Bill authorizing the City to expend such sum for the purpose or purposes set out in the said resolution.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council submit to the session of the General Assembly next to be held following the passing of this resolution a Bill granting to the City authority to expend the sums set out in Schedule "A" of this resolution for the respective purposes therein set out.

SCHEDULE "A"

To pay as a grant to the Family Service Bureau of Halifax the sum of	\$2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Salvation Army (Girls' Home, 202 Tower Road, Halifax, N. S.) the sum of	500.00
To pay as a grant to the Salvation Army (Red Shield Campaign) the sum of	2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Cancer Society the sum of	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal the sum of	14,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Red Cross Society (N. S. Division) the sum of	2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the St. John Ambulance Association the sum of	750.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Maritime Museum (Citadel Hill) the sum of	6,000.00

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To pay as a grant to the Maritime School for Social Work the sum of	\$ 500.00
To pay as a grant to the John Howard Society the sum of	1,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Board of the Army Museum (Citadel Hill) the sum of	4,250.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Symphony Society the sum of	2,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Maritime Division) the sum of	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Nova Scotia Talent Trust the sum of	500.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers the sum of	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Musical Festival the sum of	750.00
To pay as a grant to the Walter Callow Wheelchair Coach Fund the sum of	500.00
To pay as a grant to the Maritime Conservatory of Music the sum of	5,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Children's Aid Society the sum of	2,500.00
To pay as a grant to the Young Men's Christian Association the sum of	1,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society the sum of	250.00
To pay as a grant to the Nova Scotia College of Art the sum of	2,000.00
To pay as a grant to the Halifax Dispensary the sum of	1,000.00
Total -	<hr/> \$ 51,750.00 <hr/>

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the resolution be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION RE: GRANTS

The City may expend the respective sums set out in Schedule "A" hereto for the purposes set out opposite each item. The sums so expended shall be shown as an expenditure made by the City in the civic year in which the same were expended.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the legislation be approved. Motion passed.

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LEGISLATION RE: PROPOSED GRANT TO SALVATION
ARMY HOSTEL - NO.663-673 BARRINGTON STREET

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that permissive legislation be obtained enabling the City of Halifax to make a special grant to the Salvation Army Hostel, No.663-673 Barrington Street, in such an amount as the City Council may by resolution determine, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Motion passed.

ARM PATROL OPERATION

The following report was submitted:

His Worship the Mayor,
Members of City Council.

Re: Arm Patrol Operation

At the last Budget meeting of City Council the undersigned was directed to submit a report showing the breakdown of the operation of the Arm Patrol in respect to assistance rendered to occupants of craft on the North West Arm.

Our Arm Patrol was in operation starting May 21, 1960, on a week-end basis for a short time and subsequently on a day-to-day basis to September 14th for a total of 98 days, during which period assistance was rendered to occupants of yachts, motor boats, etc., on the North West Arm as follows:

Becalmed yachts towed to landings	115
Motor launches towed to landings due to lack of gas	28
Motor launches towed to landings due to engine trouble	64
Boats towed to landings due to broken equipment	38
Boats found, returned to owners	32
Boats towed off beach after being driven ashore by high winds, or accidentally run aground by operator	6
Persons rescued from capsized craft	109
Emergency towing of sail boats out of control	3
Rescued children from craft - unable to handle same	3
Canoes towed to landings due to high winds	7
Overloaded boats towed to landings	2
Boats filled with water; pumped out	21
Boats towed by request	3
Capsized craft towed to landings	40
Boat operators warned about speeding	9
Boats dragging anchors, taken to landings	5

Trusting this is the information desired, I am

Yours very truly,

V. W. MITCHELL,
CHIEF OF POLICE.

Alderman Lane said she counted 360 items on the list of services rendered by the Patrol which would have no bearing on the true purpose of its operation. She referred to towing becalmed yachts and motor launches. She

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suggested that if this service is to be rendered in future, it should be charged for.

The matter was referred to the Chief of Police and Acting City Manager to consider the matter of charging a scale of fees or some other form of compensation for these services to private boat owners beyond the service the City intends to provide.

1961 GRANTS

The following grants were considered at this time:

- 1. Halifax-Dartmouth United Appeal \$14,000.00 - APPROVED
- 2. Salvation Army, Tower Road \$500.00 - APPROVED
- 3. Canadian Red Cross Society \$2,000.00 - APPROVED
- 4. St. John Ambulance \$750.00 - APPROVED
- 5. Army Museum \$3,500.00 - APPROVED
- 6. Canadian Paraplegic Association \$1,000.00 - APPROVED
- 7. Nova Scotia Talent Trust \$500.00 - APPROVED
- 8. Bengal Lancers \$1,000.00 - APPROVED
- 9. Walter Callow Wheelchair \$500.00 - APPROVED

Meeting adjourned: 11:20 p.m.

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CITY CLERK.

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Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
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2:05 P. M.

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, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. L. M. Romkey, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, H. K. Randall, T. C. Doyle, G. F. West, J. L. Leitch, J. F. Thomson, A. P. Flynn, V. W. Mitchell and Doctor E. M. Fogo.

The meeting was called specially to consider the following items:

1. Resubdivision - Two Lots of Land - Kempt Road (City-owned).
2. 1961 Legislation.
3. 1961 Budget.
4. Fire Protection Rate.

ALTERATION TO A SUBDIVISION - KEMPT ROAD - CITY-OWNED LAND

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Town Planning Board
Date: February 21, 1961
Subject: Alteration to a Subdivision - Kempt Road - (City-owned Land).

The Town Planning Board at a meeting held on the above date, considered the matter of an alteration to a subdivision on Kempt Road, (City-owned land) as shown on drawing no. 00-9-15032.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, the Board approved an alteration to a subdivision on Kempt Road, (City-owned land), as shown on drawing no. 00-9-15032, and recommended the same to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

K. C. MANTIN,
CLERK OF WORKS.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR

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To the Members of the City Council.

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Dear Aldermen:

Prior to the 1959 Session of the Legislature Council agreed to make the term of office of the Mayor a three-year term to replace the one-year term provision in the Charter. In due course the Bill was submitted to the Legislature, under which a three-year term would become effective in 1960. This was not approved by the Assembly. I am not aware of the reasons for the rejection of the City's request.

It appears to me that there is general agreement that the one-year term of office for the Mayor is an extremely impractical measure. Under the requirement to stand for election every year the tendency might be to encourage petty political considerations to the detriment of effective leadership. It is the general practice in Canadian cities to elect a mayor for a two-year term of office, with no restrictions on his right to re-offer for election every two years. In addition to our one-year term of office we restrict a mayor to three consecutive one-year terms, which further impedes a program of constructive policy leadership of the Council. Whatever merit exists in restricting the number of terms of office, under no circumstances can we any longer justify the limitation of three one-year terms.

May I suggest your favourable consideration of the proposal that the one-year term be changed to a term of not less than two years, and if you favour limitation of the number of terms of office that the limitation be not less than three two-year terms of office.

Yours very truly,

JOHN E. LLOYD,
M A Y O R.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the change in the term could be made applicable from October, 1961 for two, two-year terms; the religious tradition could come into operation at that time and from then on, it would be three, two-year terms.

The following proposals were brought forward:

- 1) Alderman Wyman proposed that the Mayor should be permitted to serve for a period of at least five years and that if the Mayor's term is two years, the Aldermen's term might also be two years, and that the Mayor and Council might be elected at one election and that a recall provision be placed in the Charter respecting the Mayor's term.
- 2) Alderman DeWolf proposed that the Aldermen might be elected at large rather than by ward, or one Alderman from the ward and one from the City at large. He also felt that the Mayor's term should be for a period of three years and that he be permitted to be elected indefinitely.
- 3) Alderman Ferguson proposed that possibly the term of office for Mayor might be two years and then alternated.

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4) Alderman O'Brien proposed that the term of office for the Mayor, as of November 1, 1961, be for two years since there is no Aldermanic election in October of 1962; then the City would start with any revisions brought about by the Charter Committee the following year when there would be a change of Mayor. He suggested that a change of this kind should be set up for a time when there is to be a change of Mayor and not be open to the suggestion that it is designed to suit anyone who might be in the position by Council action.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that all the above proposals be referred to the City Charter Committee for consideration.

The motion was put and passed.

ACT TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE ACTS RELATING TO THE COURT
HOUSE AT HALIFAX

Proposed legislation was submitted and same was referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for consideration.

LEGISLATION - PORT OF HALIFAX COMMISSION

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the legislation as submitted be discussed at this time. Motion passed.

Alderman Breen arrives - 2:40 P. M.

The following amendments were considered:

1) MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Greenwood that Section 6 be amended to provide that a quorum be not less than five members including the Chairman. Motion passed.

Alderman Ferguson suggested that the new City Manager should have the administrative responsibility with respect to all Commissions.

The Acting City Manager was of the opinion that the City Council should have the control of setting salary scales for the employees of all Commissions, including those of the School Board, to which His Worship the Mayor agreed because the City Council provides the funds.

2) MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that Section 7 be amended by adding thereto the following words: "provided the scale of salaries is approved by the City Council." Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the legislation as amended above be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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REQUEST FOR TAX CONCESSIONS - FRANKLIN-HERSCHORN LIMITED
LORD NELSON HOTEL

A letter was submitted from the above firm requesting that the City enter into negotiations to work out a formula respecting tax concessions to cover a ten-year period.

It was agreed that the matter be placed on the Council Agenda for the meeting to be held on March 2nd.

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that Council adjourn and meet as a Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 3:00 P.M.

LEGISLATION RE: COURT HOUSE COMMISSION

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Court House at Halifax was submitted. During a discussion the following points on which clarification is required were brought out:

1. Direction as to the extent of the City sharing in the payment of Capital Funds for a new building.
2. Direction as to the application of funds received from the sale of the Spring Garden Road Property as to whether or not it is to be applied to the new land and building.
3. Direction as to whether the City or the Province should guarantee the debentures.
4. Alderman Ferguson pointed out that since the Court House operation is a subject of Joint Expenditures to which the City contributes 60%, it is important that Council has a clear understanding of its responsibilities and liabilities under the Act.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the matter be referred to the Acting City Manager to report to City Council on March 2nd, with a recommendation. Motion passed.

BUDGET - 1961

Works Dept.
Account No.12 Reduced to \$1,000.00

General Budget
Observation The Acting City Manager was requested to explore the possibility of having all departmental stationery standardized as to grade of paper in an effort to effect economy.

Works Dept.
Account No.12-12-8 \$2,000.00 included for same.

General Budget
Observation The Acting City Manager was directed to submit a report

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listing the employees for whom membership dues are budgeted for but differentiating between professional fees and membership dues.

Works Dept.
General Budget
Observation.

The matter of adequate space for the various departments of City Hall was discussed and the staff was directed to survey all space available and space needed and submit a report to Council with recommendations.

Works Dept.
Account No.14-2

The Commissioner of Works was directed to check the operations of the comfort station for a period of one month after which he is to submit a report to the Committee on Works on the feasibility of its eventual elimination.

Works Dept.
Account No.14-5-7

The Commissioner of Works explained that the item covered the replacement of two (2) gasoline pumps and His Worship the Mayor felt these should be considered as Capital Budget Items.

Works Dept.
Account No.15-5-3

The amount of \$10,000.00 was deleted and same was to be considered as an item for Capital Budget. The Acting City Manager was instructed to confer with the Commissioner of Works, Planning Director, Superintendent of Parks and Garden, Vocational School Board and Halifax Harness Horse Club with a view to making a survey and preparing a long term plan of major improvement to the entire Commons area as well as Fort Needham Park, for submission to the Committee on Works.

Alderman Connolly requested that a Band Shell be included in the improvements planned for Fort Needham Park.

Works Dept.
Account No.19

It was suggested that consideration be given to capitalizing the Motor Equipment Account amounting to \$61,000.00.

Branch Library
Account No.20-233

Discussion took place as to the suitability of the Industrial Building on the Exhibition Grounds as a site for a Branch Library. The Commissioner of Works was directed to meet with the representative of the Library Board and the Forum Commission to see what areas of disagreement could be reconciled regarding the utility value of the building for Library purposes.

Recreation
Account No.21-47

Account increased to \$2,300.00 to provide for skating on the Commons and extra wading pool.

Canadian Track and Field Association increased to \$2,000.00.

Health Dept.
Account No.13-1

Alderman DeWolf referred to the vacant land on the north side of Chebucto Road between Connaught Avenue and William Hunt Avenue and suggested that it be developed as a recreation field making available for building lots the land known as the Larry O'Connell Field. Alderman Trainor pointed out that the land lies between two

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Health Dept.
Account No.13-4
Professional Fees

recreational areas now and was originally intended to be used for the widening of Chebucto Road.

The Acting City Manager was instructed to confer with the Planning Director and Commissioner of Works to make a recommendation to the Committee on Works as to the best use of this land.

Point Pleasant Park
Account No.22-1

Deleted the sum of \$3,488.00 for the position of Superintendent. Included the sum of \$3,000.00 for an additional employee.

Health Dept.
Account No.13-12
Long Distance
Phone Calls

Alderman Trainor suggested that curb and cutter be installed on both sides of Point Pleasant Drive from the Young Avenue entrance down to the Canteen and that same be included in the Capital Budget.

5:55 p.m. Committee adjourned.

6:45 p.m. Committee reconvened the following being present:

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen DeWolf, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Breen, Ferguson, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Tourist Committee
Account No.33-16

At the suggestion of Alderman Greenwood, it was agreed that the Director of the Tourist Bureau be requested to provide a suitable sign directing tourists to Point Pleasant Park.

New Taxation System
By Mayor Lloyd

A brief on Taxation as prepared by His Worship the Mayor was submitted and referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for study and report to Council.

Fence Wanderers
Grounds

Alderman DeWolf suggested that a chain-link fence be erected around the Wanderers Grounds. The City Manager was directed to consult with the appropriate members of the staff and representatives of any Commission or Board affected to study the matter and report to the Committee on Works a suggested programme to be considered as a Capital project.

T.B. Control
Programme
General Budget
Observation

Alderman Ferguson referred to the statement of Dr. Fogo that the net cost of the T.B. Control Programme carried on by the City amounted to approximately \$49,000.00. and he contended that the Province was being subsidized by the City. He felt that the City should be compensated for this service due to the fact that the City of Halifax is the only Municipality operating its own T.B. Control Programme.

Health Dept.
Account No.13-1

The Acting City Manager was directed to discuss with the Acting Commissioner of Health the amount provided in the Budget for unfilled positions in view of the number of existing vacancies.

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Health Dept.
Account No.13-4
Professional Fees

Alderman Ferguson said it was never the intention of Council to pay the Professional Fees for all nurses and the Acting City Manager was directed to refer to the Council Minutes and be ready to report at the next meeting.

Alderman Butler felt that the Council should be made aware of the impact on the Budget of the interpretation of the resolution respecting payment of Professional Fees and its application by staff.

Health Dept.
Account No.13-12
Long Distance
Phone Calls

Alderman Macdonald requested information as to whether or not Long Distance Phone Calls by staff are charged to the City. The Acting City Manager was directed to submit a report as to how the Account is maintained.

Health Dept.
General Budget
Observation

The Acting City Manager and Acting Commissioner of Health were directed to confer and submit to Council a comprehensive statement of the City's financial involvement in Public Health.

Welfare Dept.
Account No.14-66

Increased to \$9,000.00.

9:00 p.m. Alderman Greenwood retires from the meeting.

Welfare Dept.
Account No.14-67

Reduced to \$89,000.00

Settlements Under
Hospital Plan

The Acting City Manager was directed to report to the Public Health and Welfare Committee on the operation of charges against persons with Settlement in Halifax under the Hospital Plan and how they arise.

X-Ray Machine
Health Centre

The Acting City Manager was requested to report to the Public Health and Welfare Committee as to whether or not the Province contributes financially towards the use of the X-Ray Machine at the Halifax Health Centre.

Basinview Home
Account No.16-69

Increased to \$38,000.00.

Purchasing Procedure
Food for Civic
Institutions

A discussion ensued with respect to the procedure in purchasing food supplies for the various Institutions and the following observations were made:

- (1) Alderman Ferguson asked what portion of the food is purchased by tender.
- (2) Alderman O'Brien stated that tenders were called for only on dry groceries.

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(3) Alderman Trainor asked if a further check is made after the Purchasing Agent has called for the tenders. He said that the purchasing could be improved upon and referred specifically to the ordering of small quantities of certain commodities and questioned the need for buying the highest grade of certain canned goods.

(4) Alderman O'Brien observed that fresh vegetables can not be purchased by tender but felt that the Purchasing Agent could check with the Provincial Government on prices of the produce to ensure that the best price is obtained in this difficult purchasing field.

(5) Alderman Macdonald asked if the Purchasing Agent specified products produced in Nova Scotia when calling for quotations for food stuffs.

It was agreed that the above matters should be referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee to review the general purchasing policy and to report to Council on the need for the formation of a Special Committee to investigate the whole procedure of food purchasing and processing.

Halifax Mental
Hospital
Account No.17-85

Alderman Ferguson requested information as to whether or not a Control System had been set up to check supplies in and out of the Stores at the Hospital. He asked if the accounts had been audited.

The Acting City Manager was directed to submit a report at the next meeting.

Halifax Mental
Hospital
Laundry

Alderman Wyman stated that he was assured that when the new Laundry Equipment was installed in the Halifax Mental Hospital, it would handle all the laundry and eliminate the necessity for outside firms doing some of the work.

The Acting Commissioner of Health was requested to report on the matter to the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Alderman Ferguson suggested that some of the laundry be done at the City Prison. Dr. Fogo advised that the suggestion had been given a trial but the prisoners refused to do this type of work.

Alderman Breen asked how many employees were involved in the work and if they were paid.

Dr. Fogo was requested to report to Public Health and Welfare Committee.

City Prison
Account No.32-81

Increased to \$6,750.00.

General Government
Account No.34-183

The Acting City Manager was requested to produce a list of the staff conventions for the next meeting.

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Natal Day
Account No.34-243 Increased to \$6,000.00.

Mayor's Office
Account No.1-7 Increased to \$500.00.

Job Evaluation
Account No.34-334 Appropriated the sum of \$800.00.

Housing Survey
Account No.26-292 Appropriated the sum of \$13,275.00.

Police Dept.
Account No.9-21 Appropriated the sum of \$288.00.

SCHOOL REBATE - \$2,000.00

The Commissioner of Finance requested that the sum of \$2,000.00 be included in the estimates to provide for a school rebate to widows whose incomes are not more than \$750.00 per annum.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the request be granted. Motion passed.

10:40 p.m. Council reconvened the following members being present:
His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Dewolf, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Breen, Ferguson, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, Connolly, O'Brien and Greenwood.

FIRE PROTECTION RATE

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman,
and Members of City Council.

Fire Protection Rate

Dear Sirs:

Based on the amount as calculated by the Public Service Commission for Fire Protection, and on the valuation of properties assessable for this taxation, I would recommend that the rate of Nine Cents (\$0.09) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the year 1961 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. WEST,
COMMISSIONER OF WORKS.

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

REQUEST ARMY MUSEUM FOR INCREASE IN GRANT

A letter was submitted from the Army Museum requesting an increase of \$1,500.00 in their grant.

MOVED by Alderman Ferguson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the grant be increased by the sum of \$750.00, that this sum be included in the

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estimates, that the Grant Resolution be amended to provide for same and that the necessary legislation be obtained. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN O'BRIEN

Alderman O'Brien gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move that the resolution passed October 13, 1960, respecting the payment of professional fees, be rescinded.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW TAXATION SYSTEM

MOVED by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report of His Worship the Mayor respecting a proposed tax system be referred to Finance and Executive Committee for study and report to Council. Motion passed.

10:47 p.m. Council adjourned.

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JOHN E. LLOYD,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. STODDARD,
CITY CLERK.

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
February 27, 1961,
2:30 p.m.

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, Macdonald, Butler, Fox, Ferguson, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, O'Brien and Greenwood.

Also present were Messrs. L. M. Romkey, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, H. K. Randall, L. Mitchell, J. L. Leitch, J. F. Thomson, G. F. West, V. W. Mitchell and Dr. E. M. Fogo.

The meeting was called to consider the following items:

1. 1961 Legislation.
2. Motion - Alderman O'Brien to Rescind Resolution of Council Under Date of October 13, 1960, Re: Payment of Professional Fees.
3. Payment of Professional Fees.
4. 1961 Budget.
5. Resolution Re: 1961 Estimates.
6. Resolution Re: School Board Estimates, 1961.
7. Resolution Re: Interest Rate.
8. Encroachment - Fence, East Side of Gottingen Street - R. C. N. Property.
9. Withholding Building Permit for Parking Lot - South Street and Beaufort Avenue.

1961 LEGISLATION

No legislation was submitted at this meeting by the City Solicitor.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RESCIND RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL DATED OCTOBER 13, 1960 RESPECTING THE PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the Resolution of Council under date of October 13, 1960, respecting the payment of Professional Fees, be rescinded. Motion passed.

Council,
February 27, 1961.

PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL FEES

A report was submitted from the Acting City Manager listing Association Dues amounting to \$1,051.00 and Professional Fees totalling \$2,632.00.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Payne-Ross Report respecting salaries, would be forth coming and also that Professional Fees are deductible from Income Tax by the Taxpayer. In view of these two factors, he suggested that perhaps the Council may not want to go back to any form of Professional Fee allowances.

He felt that Association Dues were in a different category in that information and research about many matters is valuable to the City staff in the operation of the various departments. He suggested that these amounts remain in the Budget but that the amounts for Professional Fees might very well be omitted.

MOVED by Alderman Greenwood, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, that the amounts for Association Dues as set forth in a schedule submitted by the Acting City Manager, be included in the 1961 Budget. Motion passed.

No further action was taken with respect to the payment of Professional Fees.

2:50 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider the 1961 Budget.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1961 BUDGET

2:55 p.m. Alderman Connolly arrived.

The following report was submitted:

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

From: L. M. Romkey, Acting City Manager.

Subject: Budget Revision No.3.

Revised Amount of Budget C.M.D.33-61 as follows:

REVISED TOTAL EXPENDITURE	ADD	DELETE	\$14,957,970.07
Works			
Zoning Book and Maps		\$2,000.00	
Town Planning Wages	\$2,000.00		
12- Improving North Common		10,000.00	