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City Property - City Hall

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that consideration of the Budget be deferred until a report containing information on the costs of contracting outside janitorial service and cleaning contractors is submitted. Motion passed.

General Government - Sundries

Account No. 1-9-502 - delete the sum of \$1,300.00.

Alderman Lane, referring to Account No. 1-9-504, Conventions and Receptions, advocated that it is not necessary for the City of Halifax to host receptions for various conventions meeting in Halifax. She said that Halifax is the only City she knows of which give parties.

Alderman Moir felt that it is necessary for the City to do something in an effort to induce national conventions to our City.

Account No. 1-9-504 - delete the sum of \$1,000.00.

Alderman Lane wished to be recorded against as she felt that a larger sum should be deleted from this account.

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that Account No. 1-9-505, \$7,000.00, be deleted. Motion passed with Aldermen Black, Connolly and Matheson being recorded against.

Account No. 1-9-505 - delete the sum of \$7,000.00.

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black, that the Account No. 1-9-514, Consultants' Services, be approved with the understanding that the City Manager inform Council before he hires consultants, and presents the qualifications of such consultants. Motion passed.

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The City Manager referred to Account No. 1-9-561, City's Share New Superannuation Plan, and gave a breakdown of the Account. He said that the sum of \$6,683.60 represents the City's share of the employer's contribution for the employees of the City Prison. He advised that the County Clerk indicated the County may go along with its share of the contributions of superannuations from the City Prison members as a joint expenditure.

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

General Government - Grants

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

General Government - Superannuations

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Magistrates Court

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Protection to Persons and Property - Sundries

Account No. 2-54-522 - delete the sum of \$500.00.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

5:35 p.m. - Alderman H. W. Butler retired from the meeting.

Police Department

Account No. 2-50-1 - delete the sum of \$20,000.00.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the County of Halifax be approached to share in the cost of the Arm Patrol.

Account No. 2-50-452 - delete the sum of \$5,000.00

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City Property 5:45 p.m. - Alderman H. W. Butler returned.

Alderman Trainor suggested that two motorcycles be purchased this year to replace the two 1960 vehicles and that they be purchased by straight sale and the two used cycles be sold by auction or second-hand sale; the 1961 models to be kept for another year.

Account No. 2-50-453 - delete the sum of \$3,500.00.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

7:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened, the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Connolly, Doyle, Richard and H. W. Butler.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Richard, that Council adjourn no later than 9:30 p.m. Motion passed.

7:10 p.m. Alderman Trainor arrived.

#### Fire Department

Account No. 2-52-1 - delete sum of \$1,000.00.

The position of Captain Secretary was deleted.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

#### Fire Alarm

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

#### City Property - Fire Alarm

MOVED by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Matheson, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

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City Property - Police Station

Alderman Trainor suggested the position of Boiler Operator should be dispensed with as an operator for a low pressure steam boiler is not required under the Act.

6:25 p.m. - Aldermen LeBlanc and Meagher arrived.

Alderman Trainor pointed out that there are two janitors, plus a boiler operator at the Police Station which costs the City \$10,366.00 and he advocated that this is an area where the City Manager should aggressively follow up some form of independent cleaning if it is prudent and economical.

The City Manager said that these positions fall under Police operations and he has not interfered with the Police Operations as they are not under him and the requirements for cleaning are known to the Chief and are handled by him.

The City Manager further stated that he would hold discussions which will lead to action being taken.

The Commissioner of Works pointed out that one of the men is entirely engaged in cleaning the cells which is a most undesirable job and the other janitor works only from 5 p.m. to 11:30 at night. The man in charge of the Market is there every day and looks after the Market two days of the week. He further stated that the reason for the cleaning staff is to meet the standards of the Chief of Police and the man appointed by him to act as his Superintendent.

He said that he had received a price for cleaning of the City Hall by a contractor and the figure was a more costly one than the cost of the present method of cleaning.

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The City Manager was directed to submit a report in connection with the foregoing matters.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved, pending the requested report on salaries. Motion passed.

Wiring Inspection

and Power Company Limited  
MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Building Inspection

MOVED by Alderman Richard suggested that all typewriters which are being purchased should be purchased from one company, the successful bidder in a tender call.

Account No. 2-61-1 - delete the sum of \$2,000.00.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Doyle, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

Plumbing Inspection

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Street Lighting

Alderman Trainor referred to the figure of \$128,000.00 for the operation of Street Lighting and he asked if a portion of this cost should not be charged to the Capital Program of installing the fixtures.

The Commissioner of Works said that the City pays for installation and replacement according to an agreement with the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited and it is not permissible to place operating costs in the Capital Budget.

Analyst  
Alderman Trainor asked the cost of a bulb for replacement for a fixture such as those on Barrington Street.

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Analyst I. The Commissioner of Works replied that a bulb would cost approximately \$24.00. He pointed out that in spite of the operational costs involved, the City receives the electrical current below the "going rate".

Alderman Matheson suggested that the agreement with Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited be closely reviewed before a new agreement is negotiated in 1967.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

#### Traffic Control

The Traffic Authority explained the Staff Establishment of the Department.

Alderman Trainor questioned what position the City would find itself in if traffic control had not been developed since 1961, but he could not see any reason why the staff should be increased.

The Traffic Authority stated that a great deal of work has not been done because of inadequate staff.

8:15 p.m. - Alderman Black arrived.

Alderman Trainor suggested that the present status quo in the Department be held as he was satisfied that the City has progressed satisfactorily in traffic control during the last three or four years.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the position of Traffic Analyst II be eliminated and the salary for same be deleted.

The Traffic Authority asked that the position of Traffic Analyst II remain in the establishment and the position of Traffic Analyst I be eliminated as the incumbent of the position, Traffic

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Analyst I, is on a lower establishment than he should be because of the work he is doing.

He was directed to discuss the matter with the City Manager.

The City Manager asked if it would be possible to help the Traffic Authority out by reducing one of the positions of Traffic Analyst I and letting him have the Traffic Analyst II.

The request of the City Manager was approved.

Account No. 2-64-1 - delete the sum of \$4,500.00.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that \$3,000.00 be deleted from Account No. 2-64-13. Motion passed.

Account No. 2-64-13 - delete the sum of \$3,000.00.

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

#### Traffic Lights

Account No. 2-65-1 - delete the sum of \$1,500.00.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

#### Protection to Persons and Property - Grants

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Black, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

#### Protection to Persons and Property - Superannuations

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

#### Public Works - General Administration

The City Manager said he would check to find out why all members of Council do not receive "Civic Administration" magazine as he was under the impression the City paid a set fee for subscriptions for all members of Council. Motion passed.

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Miscellaneous The City Manager said that it would be necessary to fill the position of Office Manager in the Department very shortly, especially since certain duties previously done by the Clerk of Works are being transferred to this position.

Account No. 3-100-1 - delete the sum of \$3,000.00.

The Council agreed to the changes in the establishment - as proposed in the Budget.

Alderman Connolly asked why the minimum salary for the Administrative Assistant for the Development Department was set at \$7,427.00, while the minimum salary for the Office Manager for the Works Department is \$5,651.00.

The City Manager said they were not the same positions, one being an Administrative Assistant and one being an Office Manager.

Alderman Connolly asked if the reason why the position of Office Manager has not been filled is that the salary is too low.

The City Manager said it was a case where the Commissioner of Works was not satisfied with any of the applications which were shown to him after three calls for applicants.

The Commissioner of Works said there were two or three applicants who would not consider the job because of the low salary.

It was suggested that the City Manager consider a new salary scale for the position if a successful applicant is not found after the next call for applications.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the Budget, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

City Property - City Field

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

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Miscellaneous - City Property

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

City Property - Quonset Hut

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Arm Wall Repairs

MOVED by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the Budget, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Surveying and Drafting

His Worship the Mayor asked if there has been any change in the staff establishment of the division in view of the fact that a great deal of the drafting has been transferred to Development Department and Traffic Control.

The Commissioner of Works said the Development Department and Traffic Control did not take over any of the surveying or drafting.

His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Trainor suggested there was a great deal of standing around street corners by survey crews.

Alderman Trainor asked what would happen if a motion were passed to delete 12 of the positions in this division.

The City Manager referred to the figure of \$33,434.00, the portion of the salary expense transferred to Capital, and he said he didn't feel that figure was very high for the amount of work to be done under Capital. He suggested some of the work could be done by outside people, which may afford a saving in superannuation. He said he had reviewed the staff establishment very carefully and made such adjustments as were considered necessary.

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Alderman Meagher asked if surveys of projects were done before the projects were approved by Council.

The City Manager said it was necessary to do survey work when designs were being created to be in a position to give information and descriptions to the Design Engineers, which is required to do the job they're doing.

Alderman Meagher referred to the Chebucto Road street widening project which may not be completed and he asked if the survey work had been done before Council had given its approval.

The City Manager said the work had to be done so that the street lines could be laid down, as well as the installation of sewer and water lines.

The Commissioner of Works said that where the Public Service Commission put a water main in the same trench as the sewer, they are fortunate in that the survey work is already done by the City.

His Worship the Mayor: "Shouldn't there be a charge to them for this survey work?"

The Commissioner of Works said that the cost of digging the trench is shared between the Public Service Commission and the City.

Alderman Meagher suggested the time has come when survey costs should be split with them.

The Commissioner of Works said that the Public Service Commission use the City's surveying to a degree, but at the same time, before they would put a water main in the Street, they would carry out surveys to make sure.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor that \$25,000.00 be deleted from the salary account.

There was no seconder to the motion.

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The Commissioner of Works explained the work being done by the staff.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Surveying and Drafting Budget be deferred, that the Commissioner of Works submit a report on the matter and that he look into the use of the City's surveys and plotting by other bodies to see if a portion of the City's costs may be recovered. Motion passed.

Publicity Action Respecting Development Proposals

His Worship the Mayor said he would like to have an informal approval or disapproval on the matter of releasing a statement to the Press respecting the action of Council at a meeting held January 28, 1965, with respect to the development proposal.

Alderman Matheson said he felt the proposal was a confidential communication and the contents should not be revealed without the consent of the person submitting the proposal.

Alderman Black advocated that under the circumstances, what was proposed and the reasons for rejection are matters the public should know about.

Alderman Lane pointed out that the developer has been informed of the decision of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Black, that Council request His Worship the Mayor to make a statement to the Press in terms which will inform them clearly of the proposition made to this Council which was declined and the reasons for rejection.

Alderman LeBlanc reminded Council that the more "in camera" meetings which are held on these matters, the more justification will be necessary for doing so. He suggested that the Press should have been acquainted with the proposal and asked to keep the facts in confidence.

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Alderman Richard said he was in favor of either divulging the name of the developer involved or divulging the terms of the proposal. As a third suggestion, he said Council could agree this evening to request the developer's approval in divulging the complete information.

Alderman Matheson objected to the criticisms which were made by the Press Officials respecting the confidential consideration.

The motion was put and passed -- the following members of Council voting therefore:

For the Motion - Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Lane,  
LeBlanc, Connolly and H. W.  
Butler - 7 -

Against: Aldermen Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher,  
Trainor, Doyle and Richard - 6 -

9:35 p.m. Council reconvened.

The Committee of the Whole Council reported progress in its consideration of the 1965 Budget.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

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C. A. Vaughan,  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard,  
CITY CLERK.

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Minutes of the meeting of the City Council, held on February 1, 1965.

Present: Mayor C. A. Vaughan, Councilmen: [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

PUBLIC HEARING RE: MODIFICATION OF ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-FAMILY BUILDING AT #6155-57 LAUREL STREET, QUONSET HUT, CITY OF QUONSET, R.I.

A Public Hearing was held on February 1, 1965, in connection with an application to modify the zoning regulations and requirements of the City of Quonset for the reconstruction of a two-family building at #6155-57 Laurel Street, Quonset Hut, City of Quonset, Rhode Island. The existing two-family building is a duplex apartment building located on the east side of the property.

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

At the direction of the Chairman, the Director of Planning displayed a plan of the lot and explained the request as contained in the application which is for a modification of sideyard requirements to permit the addition of a second unit to an existing duplex

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dwelling to allow conversion to a 4-unit  
No stated the existing building  
building and that it has only a few inches  
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City Hall,  
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8:00 p.m.

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

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

There were present Deputy Mayor LeBlanc, Chairman; Aldermen Lane, Abbott, Black, Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Trainor, Connolly, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, L. Mitchell, Q. C., R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, G. F. West, R. B. Grant, V. W. Mitchell, K. Munnich and Dr. E. M. Fogo.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings held on January 16 and 18, 1965, were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: MODIFICATION OF FRONT AND SIDEYARD REQUIREMENTS #6155-6157 LAWRENCE STREET

A Public Hearing was held at this time in connection with an application to modify the front and sideyard requirements of the property at #6155-57 Lawrence Street to permit the conversion of the existing two-family dwelling into a 4-unit apartment building by an addition to the rear of the property.

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

At the direction of the Chairman, the Director of Planning displayed a plan of the lot and explained the request as contained in the application which is for a modification of sideyard requirements to permit an addition at the rear of an existing duplex

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dwelling to allow conversion to a 4-unit apartment building.

He stated the existing building is a non-conforming building and that it has only a few inches of a sideyard on the west side and has a reduced frontyard and that the proposed extension would have a sideyard of 6 feet in the rear.

He stated that ample parking would be provided, 2 cars at the rear and 2 at the side of the building where there is a 36-foot driveway.

He stated that the Planning Department has not opposed the application on planning grounds because of approval of similar applications by Council in the past, but he pointed out that the new by-law, which is still under consideration by Council, would not allow the construction of this type of extension in R-3 zones.

At the request of Alderman Lane, the City Clerk advised that the Town Planning Board had recommended in favour of the requested modification, subject to a Public Hearing, by a vote of 5 to 2.

No person wished to be heard in opposition to the application.

Alderman O'Brien referred to the Director of Planning's statement to the effect that Staff had not opposed it because of Council's previous decisions and he asked if the cases which Council had approved had been recommended for acceptance by Staff.

The City Manager said that the answer would be "no" and that the previous case was an application in 1959 for a building next door to the property under question.

Alderman Black asked if the Staff recommendation is against or do they say they are not opposed.

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The Director of Planning said: "There is a certain ambiguity in the by-law where this type of building is an apartment building and not a 4-unit building within the present by-law and therefore there is no limit on the size of the lot and there is no minimum."

Alderman Black: "There are occasions when you recommend against. In this case, you are not opposed."

Director of Planning: "Yes, I suppose that is correct."

Mr. Angus L. Macdonald, Solicitor for the applicant, stated that his client had interviewed the owners of the adjoining neighbourhood properties, both on Lawrence and Duncan Street, all of whom had expressed no objection or opposition to the extension of the building at 6155-6157 Lawrence Street, and he asked, in view of this expression of the neighbours and the fact that nobody had appeared at the Public Hearing to oppose the application, that Council approve same.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the request for a modification of front and sideyard requirements at 6155-57 Lawrence Street, to allow the conversion of the existing two-family dwelling into a 4-unit apartment building by an addition at the rear, as shown on Drawings Nos. P200/1657-60, be approved.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Richard voting against.

**PUBLIC HEARING RE: AMENDMENT TO SECTION #1 of PART XV OF THE ZONING BY-LAW - PROFESSIONAL OFFICES, R-2 ZONES**

The City Clerk stated that the matter had been duly advertised and that no written objections had been received. No persons appeared in opposition to the proposed amendment.

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The Town Planning Board, at a meeting held on December 8, 1964, approved the proposed amendment and requested that a date be set for a Public Hearing.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that section 1 of Part 15 of the Halifax Zoning By-law be amended by adding thereto the following clause:

- (m) Permit the office of a medical doctor or dentist to be located in a single family dwelling-house in an R-2 Zone where such single family dwelling-house is not used by such medical doctor or dentist as a private residence; provided, however, that only one such office of a medical doctor or dentist shall be permitted in any such single family dwelling-house.

Alderman A. M. Butler expressed opposition to the proposed amendment, contending that it is a bad principle to establish and because there is nothing to prevent a doctor moving out of a residence and still maintaining the office in that residence and he said that the fact that each individual application must be considered by Council would not be adequate control as he felt that approval of the first application would establish the precedent which would be hard to break.

Alderman A. M. Butler also expressed the fear that the traffic problem would be aggravated in residential areas if doctors and dentists were permitted to have their offices in private residences.

Alderman Lane stated that only 1 person had expressed opposition to the proposed amendment but same had been withdrawn when it was learned that only one doctor could be located in any one dwelling-house.

Alderman Trainor also expressed opposition on the basis of the extra traffic that would be generated and he contended that doctors should not be permitted to have offices in residences or in

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houses outside of their own residence and a relaxation of the by-law would result in a furtherance of the "creeping paralysis" that is going on in the City.

Mr. L. A. Kitz appeared in favour of the proposed amendment and said that he would offer no submission at this time as the matter had been pretty well reviewed but that he would be happy to answer any questions.

The motion was put and passed, with Alderman A. M. Butler and Alderman Trainor voting against. Alderman Matheson was permitted to refrain from voting.

A formal resolution, as prepared by the City Solicitor to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler, that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved.  
Motion passed.

PETITION - PROPERTY OWNERS - BICENTENNIAL DRIVE AREA

A petition was submitted from nine property owners on Abbott Drive in the area of the Bicentennial Drive Entrance, claiming compensation by reason of depreciated value of their properties and for the nuisance factor in general as a result of the presence of the Bicentennial Highway near their properties. That petition was endorsed by Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien referred to the recent action of Council in approving legislation to obtain compensation for three property owners on Elliott Street and he said that the principle that was adopted at that time by Council was that where the City had, from its appraisals, an indication of a drop in value, legislation would be sought to cover that.

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He pointed out that in the cases of the properties involved in the petition, the Staff should indicate whether or not appraisal figures are available to indicate whether a similar or any drop in values had been determined by the appraisals.

The City Solicitor explained that the legislation respecting the Elliott Street properties has been prepared and now forms part of the City Bill which is in the hands of the Legislative Counsel and will be submitted to the Private and Local Bills Committee of the House before it is considered by the Legislature, and he said that there is still the possibility that the Private and Local Bills Committee will accept additions or amendments to the City Bill.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to hear anybody present who might wish to speak in connection with the petition. Nobody wished to be heard.

Moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Black, that the matter be deferred for consideration at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, scheduled for Monday, February 15, 1965, and that the Staff be directed to present at that meeting, any information available respecting properties on Abbott Drive. Motion passed.

PETITION RESPECTING TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON PETER LOWE AVENUE

Alderman O'Brien tabled a petition from the Westmount Home and School Association respecting a traffic problem on Peter Lowe Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the petition be referred to the Traffic Department for processing and presentation of a report to the appropriate Committee. Motion passed.



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London Rubber Stamp Company Limited, in the amount of \$877.25, the only tender submitted, for the supply of license plates and badges, be accepted as follows:

1,850	dog tags	\$ 88.25
12	bill poster badges	18.00
3,200	bicycle license plates	396.00
125	automatic machine plates	32.00
375	taxi plates in triplicate	150.00
30	magazine salesman badges	30.00
30	pedlars license plates	16.00
30	pedlars badges	30.00
50	truck license plates	17.00
10	chimney sweep badges	25.00
250	beverage dispenser stickers	75.00

At the request of Alderman Trainor, the City Manager was directed to make no purchases of dog tags or bicycle license plates until after the consideration of the 1965 Budget has been completed. Motion passed.

#### Salary - City Solicitor

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following salary scale be established for the position of City Solicitor:

12,600.00 - 13,200.00

13,800.00 - 14,400.00

15,000.00, effective as of January 1, 1965 and that the present incumbent be paid the third step viz: \$13,800.00 as of January 1, 1965, and that the anniversary date remain at June 1st.

After discussion, the motion was put and passed, with Aldermen Connolly, Doyle and O'Brien voting against.

#### Salary - Assistant Planner #2

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. the position of Assistant Planner II be reclassified to Senior Planner with a salary range of \$8,073 - \$8,487 - \$8,901 - \$9,315 - \$9,832;

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2. that the present incumbent be paid at the rate of \$8,487 per annum with effect from November 1, 1964.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - #2336 Maitland Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property at #2336 Maitland Street be purchased for the sum of \$9,000.00, such sum to be settlement in full for all claims resulting from the acquisition of the said property by the City. Motion passed.

Widow's Pension - Mrs. Alice Curran

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following amounts be paid, under the authority of Section 310H of the City Charter, to Mrs. Alice Curran, widow of the late Edward G. Curran, former fireman:

- (a) the sum of \$630.71 annually for as long as she lives or until she remarries, payment to be deferred until December 24, 1969;
- (b) \$150.00 per annum for her dependant daughter, Mary Jane Curran, until she reaches the age of 16 years (November 25, 1965)

Motion passed.

The Halifax Forum Commission - Advance

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare draft legislation for presentation at the present session of the Nova Scotia Legislature to enable the City to lend to the Halifax Forum Commission a sum of \$50,000.00, such sum to be repaid to the City in annual instalments of \$5,000.00, plus interest over 10 years.

The motion was put and passed.

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The Halifax Forum Commission - Financial Statement

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Report and Financial Statements of the Forum Commission for the year ended December 31, 1964, be approved. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Request for Permission for use of Quinpool Road Landing -  
Bluenose Water Tours

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, permission be granted to the Bluenose Water Tours to use the docking facilities at the Quinpool Road landing from June 1st to October 31st, 1965. Motion passed.

Final Certificates

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the following accounts be approved for payment, Final Certificates having been received from the contractors:

1. Certificate #2 (Final) - Harbour Construction Company -  
Construction of Chebucto Road Storm Sewer - 1964 \$ 1,900.30
2. Certificate #3 (Final) - Standard Paving Maritime Limited -  
Contract for Street Patching - 1964 \$ 2,386.93
3. Certificate #8 (Final) - Standard Paving Maritime Limited -  
Contract for Street Paving - 1964 \$28,111.62

Motion passed.

Aldermen O'Brien, Meagher and Matheson referred to the condition of the land between Chebucto Road and the Westmount subdivision and expressed fear that if something is not done to restore the land to its original condition by grading, levelling and seeding, the residents will be subject to extreme annoyances from both mud

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and dust.

The Commissioner of Works stated that the area had been left in its present condition because the contractors had been requested to stockpile some material in the area in the event that a further work program would be proceeded with and he said that if the work does not proceed, the City forces will restore the land to its original state, funds having been provided for this purpose. The motion was then passed.

Tenders - Demolitions

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the following tenders for demolitions be accepted:

5180 Gray St. - George A. Redmond - \$325.00, subject to the submission of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$650.00.

2243 Maitland St. - Ettinger & Beaver Ltd. - \$510.00, subject to the submission of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00.

694-700 Barrington St. - George A. Redmond - \$1,990.00, subject to the submission of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$4,000.00. Motion passed.

Tenders - Traffic Signal Control Equipment

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of Canadian General Electric Company Limited, in the amount of \$12,752.50, be accepted for the supply of traffic signal control equipment. Motion passed.

Snow Removal from Business Areas

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the report of the Commissioner of Works be adopted as a policy for the removal of snow as outlined on the map but that consideration be given to snow removal from one side only of certain streets in the business areas.

MOVED in amendment, by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler, that Jubilee Road, between Chestnut and Oxford Streets, be included in the snow removal programme.

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The motion, as amended, was put and passed with Aldermen Black and H. W. Butler voting against.

Specifications - Crushed Stone - New Tenders

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, new tenders be called for the supply of crushed stone in accordance with revised specifications Motion passed.

Request to Withdraw Tendered Quotations on Gasoline Products

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

- (1) that the Canadian Oil Company be permitted to withdraw its whole tender for (a) Gasoline - Grades 1 and 2  
(b) Marked Gasoline - Grades 1 and 2  
(c) Naptha Gasoline  
(d) Kerosene  
(e) H. S. Diesel Fuel
- (2) that Notice of Motion be given to rescind the resolution of Council respecting the acceptance of tenders for Gasoline and Diesel Fuels, passed at a meeting held on December 17, 1964.
- (3) in the event that the Motion is rescinded, that the tender be awarded to the next lowest tenderer, provided that the City is free to accept the next lowest tender.

Motion passed, with Aldermen Richard and O'Brien voting against.

Alderman Black gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council, he will move that the resolution passed by the City Council on December 17, 1964, respecting acceptance of tenders for gasoline products, be rescinded.

Gift of New Flag and Ceremony

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the City accept the donation of a new Canadian flag from the Men's Canadian Club and Women's Canadian Club and that the ceremony be carried out by the City on Monday, February 15, 1965, and that representatives of both groups be invited to the ceremony at which time formal thanks should be extended to them on behalf of the City.

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9:10 p.m. His Worship the Mayor arrives and assumes the Chair.

His Worship the Mayor explained to the Council that arrangements had been made for the formal acceptance of the new Canadian flag from Miss Eileen Burns on behalf of the Women's Canadian Club and the Men's Canadian Club and that all members of Council are invited to attend the ceremony which will be held on the Grand Pre at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, February 15th. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Town Planning Board held on February 2nd.

Property #46-52 Hollis Street: (a) Alteration to a Subdivision;  
(b) Erection of more than one building on one lot

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for (a) alteration to a subdivision, and (b) erection of more than one building on one lot, at 46-52 Hollis Street, be rejected because it is not acceptable on Planning grounds. Motion passed.

Emscote Subdivision - Francklyn Street - Alteration to a Subdivision

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board,

- (1) that the alteration to the "Emscote" Subdivision on Francklyn Street be approved with the proviso that "no dwelling be erected on Lot 7 until such time as the lot is provided with an appropriate street frontage in accordance with the Zoning By-law requirements";
- (2) that the hearing before the Board be waived.

Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

No reports were listed in the order of business from the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 4th respecting the following matters:

Volatile Fuel Delivery

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a resolution of Council requesting the Province to amend the Fire Prevention Act with respect to Volatile Fuels. Motion passed.

A report was submitted from the City Solicitor recommending adoption of the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the transportation of dangerous substances over the streets of the City of Halifax has shown a considerable increase in recent years;

AND WHEREAS such transportation of dangerous substances creates a danger to both life and property in the City;

AND WHEREAS the present provincial legislation is inadequate to effectively permit the establishment of safety regulations to control such a hazard;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax does hereby request the Province of Nova Scotia to amend Chapter 101, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, The Fire Prevention Act, by adding new clauses to subsection (1) of Section 53 of such Act, to provide that the Governor in Council may make regulations:

1. regulating the manufacture, transportation, handling, storage and disposal of explosive or flammable liquids, gases, chemicals and other flammable material, whether solid, liquid or gas; and
2. regulating the approval, sale, installation and maintenance of equipment or appliances using flammable liquids or gases as fuel."

After discussion, it was agreed to amend the resolution by inserting the words "other than motor vehicles" after the word "appliances" in the second last line thereof.

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After a discussion, the motion was  
follows: **MOVED** by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Doyle,  
that the resolution, as amended, be approved. Motion passed.

Purchase - "Scotchlite" Sign Sheeting

**MOVED** by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Meagher that,  
as recommended by the Safety Committee, the City Manager be author-  
ized, for the Traffic Department, to purchase six 150-foot rolls of  
"Scotchlite" sign sheeting at a unit cost of \$370.13 per roll.  
Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council considered the report of the meetings of the  
Committee of the Whole Council held on February 1 and 9, 1965,  
respecting the following matters:

Ordinance #103 "Rules of Order of Council" - Second Reading

**MOVED** by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Richard  
that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance #103  
"Rules of Order of Council", as amended by the Committee of the  
Whole, be read and passed a second time and forwarded to the  
Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. Motion passed unan-  
imously.

A copy of Ordinance #103, as approved by Council, is  
attached to the official copy of these minutes.

Release of Information Re: Development Proposal

**MOVED** by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Moir that,  
as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, that His  
Worship the Mayor be authorized to make a statement to the press  
on behalf of the Council in terms which will inform them clearly of  
the proposition which was made to Council recently by a developer  
but which was declined and the reasons for Council's rejection of such  
proposal.

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After a discussion, the motion was put and passed as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Lane,  
LeBlanc, Connolly, Doyle and H.W. Butler -8

Against it: Aldermen Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher,  
Trainor, Richard and O'Brien -6

Appointment - Architects Proposed New Building to Replace Basinview Home

A report was submitted from the City Clerk advising that the Board of Management of the Basinview Home has recommended that

"City Council be requested to appoint architects to work in conjunction with the Board to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a building on the present site of the Vincentian Home on Brunswick Street and adjacent land if required; such building to replace the present Basinview Home and provide for approximately 200 beds; the proposed building is estimated to cost between \$1,600,000. and \$2,000,000. with the Provincial and Federal Government sharing in the cost; that consideration be given to utilizing the provisions of Section #23 of the National Housing Act to acquire the land site and Section #16 of the same Act for the capital borrowing required".

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the Board of Management be directed to recommend to Council the name of a suitable firm of architects. Motion passed.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

A report was submitted from the Committee of the Whole advising that the following motion had been defeated in the Committee as indicated:

"That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare permissive legislation for submission to the 1965 Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature to enable the City of Halifax to levy a special fee for sidewalk snow removal upon the owners of property abutting upon such sidewalks, and that such fee be based on the lineal frontage of the property".

The motion was put and lost, six voting for the same and seven against it as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Lane,  
Matheson and A. M. Butler - 6

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Against: Aldermen Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly,  
Doyle, Richard and H. W. Butler -7-

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Matheson  
that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare permissive leg-  
islation for submission to the 1965 Session of the Nova Scotia  
Legislature to enable the City of Halifax to levy a special fee for  
sidewalk snow removal upon the owners of property abutting upon  
such sidewalks, and that such fee be based on the lineal frontage  
of the property.

Draft legislation, as prepared by the City Solicitor, to  
give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council was submitted, as  
follows:

LEGISLATION FOR LEVYING A TAX  
FOR SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1963 is further amended by  
inserting immediately following Section 253, the following Section:

TAX FOR SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

253A (1) The Council may, by ordinance, levy an annual  
tax upon the owners of all real property in the City,  
abutting upon a sidewalk, for the removal of snow from  
such sidewalk.

(2) Any ordinance adopted under the provisions of  
this Section may

(a) determine the amount of such tax;

(b) provide for the method of calculating such  
tax;

(c) specify the date upon which such tax is due  
and payable; and

(d) provide for the rate of interest on all taxes  
for sidewalk snow removal remaining unpaid on  
a specified date.

(3) The provisions of Section 305 shall apply to  
any tax levied under the provisions of this Section.

At the request of Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Abbott, with

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the permission of his seconder, agreed to amend his motion to provide that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend the draft legislation to include a provision for local option, under Section 253A-2.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Black, that the question be now put. Motion passed.

The motion was then put and passed, as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Lane, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Doyle, Richard and O'Brien -9-

Against it: Aldermen Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, and H. W. Butler -5-

Alderman Trainor gave notice of reconsideration of the foregoing resolution of Council.

Legislation Re: Sewer Utility

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, that permissive legislation be sought at the present session of the Nova Scotia Legislature

- (1) to enable the City of Halifax to sell the sewer system to the Public Service Commission;
- (2) to amend the Public Service Commission Act to grant to the Commission the necessary authority to operate the sewer system.

Motion passed.

TO: Members of City Council  
FROM: Charles A. Vaughan, Mayor  
DATE: February 9, 1965  
SUBJECT: Permissive legislation to transfer Sewer System to the Public Service Commission

As previously instructed by City Council, members of staff have studied the operation of the sewer system of the City as a public utility and have compiled a report thereon. This report will be placed before City Council in due course.

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However, if such an operation were agreed to by the City, certain legislation would be required by both the City and the Public Service Commission. The City would have to have specific power to make such a turn-over, and the Commission would require certain powers, now granted to the City, for the operation of the sewer system.

In order to obviate any unnecessary delay until the Spring of 1966, if Council should wish to proceed with this matter during the next few months, the City Solicitor has drafted permissive legislation to enable the City to sell the sewer system to the Public Service Commission, and amending legislation to the Public Service Commission Act, granting to the Commission the necessary power to operate the sewer system. This latter legislation, it will be noted, would only come into effect when proclamation is requested of the Governor in Council.

If City Council agrees to this permissive legislation the matter could be placed before the forthcoming session of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly.

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN  
MAYOR

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman Black, that the necessary permissive legislation be sought to transfer the sewer system to the Public Service Commission. Motion passed.

#### QUESTIONS

##### Question - Alderman Doyle Re: Tax on Apartments

Alderman Doyle asked why the taxes paid by apartment building owners are practically the same as the small homeowner. He said that he has to pay a large tax as he is in business himself.

His Worship the Mayor stated that is the way the tax structure is presently set up in that the same rate applies to both classifications.

##### Question - Alderman Doyle Re: Appointments to Commissions & Boards

Alderman Doyle asked if any of the following persons would be appointed to any of the City's Boards and Commissions in view of their interest in civic affairs; Messrs. J. E. Ahern, Elmer MacDonald and R. Ian MacDonald.

His Worship the Mayor stated that this is a question which

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cannot be answered at this time but he did advise that Mr. Wyman was appointed by Council to fill a vacancy on the School Board, Mr. Frank Healy was named as Chairman of the Recreation Commission and Mr. Peter Power was appointed to the Recreation Commission previous to the last Civic Election.

Question - Alderman Connolly Re: Tax Rate on Apartments

Alderman Connolly asked what could be done to see that the owners of apartment buildings pay the business tax rate as he was of the opinion that the operation of apartments is a business.

He said that he had received calls from widows in different parts of the City who had very low income on which to live. One widow indicated that if taxes were increased any further, she would have to sell the house and it would be impossible for her to continue the home. In view of the fact that the City of Dartmouth has started the proposal to alleviate conditions of this sort, he felt that Council should give some consideration to people such as these with limited incomes.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City Charter would have to be amended to bring about a third tax rate on apartment buildings.

Question - Alderman Richard Re: Taxation on Apartment Buildings

Alderman Richard asked if a notice of motion were given at this meeting respecting the preparation of legislation for a different rate of taxation on apartment buildings, would the City Solicitor have time to draft it for presentation to the present sitting of the Nova Scotia Legislature.

His Worship the Mayor was of the opinion that the matter is too important for Council to take quick action upon as it has many sides to it. He said there might be a halt in the construction program of such apartment buildings and Council may be hampering