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Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
June 17, 1965,
8:00 p.m.

Item 10(s) "Proposals - Management Consult
as the first item. Motion passed.

PROPOSALS - MANAGEMENT CONSULT

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

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

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

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

AMENDMENT - MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 1964

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 1964 be amended on page 596 by substituting the figures 1966 for the figures 1964. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

The following additions were submitted:

1. Uniacke Square Agreement
2. City Property - #1458-60 and #1462-68 Birmingham St.
3. Relocation - Dr. W. A. Curry's House - South Park St.
4. Liaison between members of City Council and Halifax Members of the Legislative Assembly

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the items listed be added to the Order of Business and that

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Item 10(s) "Proposals - Management Consultant Firms" be considered as the first item. Motion passed.

PROPOSALS - MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FIRMS

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, at a meeting held on June 17, 1965,

1. The firm of Urwick, Currie Limited be engaged to undertake a survey of the organization and administrative management at City Hall in accordance with the proposal submitted by them under date of May 13, 1965;
2. The particular attention of Council be directed to Part 6 of the report entitled, "Conclusion" with the view that the proposals therein be implemented in due course;
3. The necessary funds be provided under the authority of Section 316"C" of the City Charter; and
4. The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement between the Company and the City of Halifax.

Motion passed unanimously.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

The following matters were further deferred pending receipt of information to be submitted from the various Merchants' Associations:

Call for Tenders for 265 Parking Meters

Parking Meter Rate - Ten Cents per Hour & the Elimination of the Use of Pennies

Increase in Fine for Parking Meter Violation - \$2.00

Sale of Sewer System to Public Service Commission

The matter of Sale of Sewer System to Public Service Commission was further deferred pending receipt of a report from Staff setting forth the advantages and disadvantages of selling the sewer system to the Commission.

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Statement of Alderman Allan M. Butler Regarding Use of Words
"Surreptitious", "clandestine" and "stealthy"

Alderman A. M. Butler submitted and read the following statement:

"During the Council meeting of May 27th, the Mayor censured me for having used, at a previous meeting, the words "surreptitious", "clandestine" and "stealthy", when describing the action of the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital in relation to its recommendation to Council for the appointment of Leslie R. Fairn & Associates as architects for the proposed new hospital.

Paraphrasing the offending words, they mean, in the same order and in the more easily understood diction of the day "unauthorized", "not generally known" and "done without right or permission". The offending words are synonyms. The same three verile words could be used again in describing the Mayor's action in altering the Terms of Reference approved by Council on which the several firms of Management Consultants were required to submit estimates of cost.

The Mayor said that had he been in the Chair at the time he would have called me to order. This is only the hot breath of hindsight clouding the occasion and his observation signified nothing. Decision-makers have to be present when the issues are joined. The exploits of absentees do not get recorded in the history books.

From the beginning this has been a case where "evil communications corrupt good manners". The swift passage of the architect's letter to the Board of Management - the swift action at the meeting - the swift passage through Council - the size of the project - the \$300,000.00 potential fee - the heterogeneous qualities of the partners of the bidding architects - if this did not call for strong language and the use of words that would arrest attention, then I do not know my oath of Office.

The word "surreptitious" is defined as "secret and unauthorized; taken, obtained, used, done by stealth, secretly or on the sly". Webster defines the word as "executed, obtained, used, done or attended with often clever or deft circumvention of proper standards, sanction or authority". Inasmuch as it has been ruled that the action of the Board of Management was a usurpation of the right of Council, I do not have to dwell further on the appropriateness of the word to the actual situation.

The use of the word "clandestine" is likewise descriptive of the situation. Some person had given the inside track to one firm of architects - the firm recommended - and no other architect or architects knew it was on the agenda of the meeting. The time available to others, who certainly would have been interested, was short. The afternoon previous to the meeting of the Board, a short item appeared in the Press. The next morning at nine o'clock the meeting of the Board was held. In a few minutes it was over so far as the Board was concerned, despite

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the efforts of a member of the Board to have the matter deferred. The Chairman brings the matter to Council, stressing the urgency. He reports orally to Council, because the item is not on the agenda, nor has there been time for the secretary of the Board to write a letter! Here was a \$4,500,000.00 project - the biggest ever for this City! Here was a potential fee of nearly three hundred thousand dollars! How many persons in this community have earnings on so grand a scale in the whole of their lifetime of active work?

The Oxford dictionary has the word "clandestine" as meaning secret, concealed, underhanded, surreptitious. Webster gives an additional meaning - "not openly avowed or generally known".

Now, the word "stealth" in modern usage, according to the Oxford dictionary, means "secretly and without right or permission". It also has some obsolete meanings having to do with speculation. You use it in describing the gait of the feline family. However, and amazing to be sure, it may be used in a good sense. Lamb wrote in 1870 in his Correspondence and Words, "The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth and have it found out by accident". Pope is the author of this fine piece of morality, "Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame". Perhaps this was the main purpose of the Mayor and Chairman of the Board.

It would almost seem that the reincarnated spirit of Mrs. Malaprop was present at the last meeting. She was a character in Sheridan's "The Rivals", renowned for her grotesque blunders in the use of words; and to be this way she would have to be ignorant of their meaning. Any similarity to any living person or persons is purely coincidental, of course.

May I conclude with this simple statement: Though I err and stray like a lost sheep, I have yet to take the Mayor or the Chairman of the Board as my shepherd and my crook, particularly in the field of semantics."

His Worship the Mayor stated that Alderman A. M. Butler had displayed a marvellous exhibition of his knowledge of the English language and that his presentation had tempered his (Mayor) feelings on the whole matter.

Alderman O'Brien stated that Alderman A. M. Butler should be congratulated for the meticulous and magnificent nature of his rationalizations. He also advised that he had listened to the tape recording of the meeting of the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital and he asked the Assistant City Solicitor, who attended the meeting, how he saw the Board's relationship to the

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City Council on the choice of architects and the making of the decision.

Mr. MacKenzie, who was attending, said, "this is strictly a recommendation; the choice is up to Council".

Alderman O'Brien then stated that the Board acted accordingly and the minutes of the Council meeting showed that the motion was passed without a dissenting vote.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

None.

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

The City Clerk advised that he had not received any petitions in writing to be heard at this meeting and no persons present wished to be heard affecting the good Government of the City of Halifax.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance and Executive Committee arising from meetings held on June 10 and 17, 1965:

Uniacke Square - Capital Borrowing - \$900,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional capital funds in the amount of \$900,000.00 be provided for the purpose of financing property acquisitions in the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

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A formal Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$900,000.00, to give effect to the foregoing motion of Council, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the Resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously, the following members of Council voting therefor:

Aldermen Abbott, Black, Moir, Lane, A. M. Butler, Matheson, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, Richard, Doyle, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

Alderman Richard asked if the tender award for the Uniacke Square Housing Project would be considered later on in the meeting and was advised by His Worship the Mayor that it would not. He then outlined the procedure to be followed by the Tender Opening Committee and all participating bodies involved.

Alderman Trainor asked how long it would be before the City heard anything official from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to which the City Manager estimated it would be about two weeks. The Alderman then asked if Council had to approve of the tender award to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the affirmative. The Alderman then suggested that if necessary, a special meeting of Council be held to consider the matter of the tender award.

Council agreed to the suggested special meeting.

Possible Acquisition - Building #14 - Africville

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

1. Mr. Percy Howe be considered the owner of Dwelling No.14, City Plan P500/46;
2. An application for Public Housing (Mulgrave Park) be completed for Mr. Howe;
3. Supplementation to Mr. Howe's Social Assistance payments of \$40.00 commence as soon as he is re-located at Mulgrave Park to assist rental payments;

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4. The City purchase Dwelling No.14 for the sum of \$1,010.65; \$500.00 of this amount to be paid to Mr. Howe for his property in Africville; \$100.00 for the purchase of necessary furniture and \$410.65 toward the outstanding Victoria General Hospital account;
5. A Quit Claim Deed be signed in favour of the City by Mr. Howe;
6. Dwelling No. 14 be demolished after all legal documents have been signed.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Property #20 - Africville

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott

that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald (Stella) Carvery be considered as being the alleged owners of Building No. 20;
2. The City purchase Building No. 20 for the sum of \$1,176.20; \$1,000.00 of this amount to be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Carvery and the remaining \$176.20 be applied against the outstanding tax account;
3. A Quit Claim Deed for Dwelling No. 20 be signed by Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Carvery in favour of the City;
4. Alternate accommodations be offered to Mr. Gordon Anderson and Miss Mansfield and their five children; Four children are of school age and one is of pre-school age;
5. Building No. 20 be demolished as soon as it becomes vacant.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Property #78, 87 and 88 - Africville

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman

Trainer that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. Mr. and Mrs. James Paris be considered the alleged owners of Property #78, 87 and 88. City Plan P500/46;
2. The City purchase Property #78, 87 and 88 for the sum of \$7,403.94; \$6,000.00 of this amount to be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Paris; \$1,264.91 applied against the outstanding taxes and \$139.03 against an outstanding Victoria General Hospital account;

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3. Mr. and Mrs. Paris complete an application for a three-bedroom apartment at Mulgrave Park with the understanding that they may move to a similar sized apartment at Uniacke Square as soon as one becomes available;
4. A Quit Claim Deed for Property #78, 87 and 88, City Plan P500/46 be signed by Mr. and Mrs. Paris in favour of the City;
5. Mrs. Dixon and her sons be offered Public Housing accommodation if they so desire;
6. Demolition of Building #78, 87 and 88 be undertaken as soon as vacated.

Motion passed.

Purchase - Property #104 - Africville

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman A.M. Butler

that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

1. under the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 6 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1964, the City pay to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for a quit claim interest in the property presently occupied by them at Africville known as Building #104; and
2. under the provisions of subsection (2) of Section 6 of said Chapter 74, the City pay to Mr. and Mrs. Steed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) as a grant toward the acquisition of furniture; and
3. that Mr. and Mrs. Steed and family be accommodated in suitable City-owned property under the terms of a monthly lease that would provide that the City is responsible for and will provide maintenance and heat with the rent to be charged on the same basis as would apply to a tenant in Mulgrave Park; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Steed to be responsible for and to provide electric power and water.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - #2522 Gottingen Street

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott that,

as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

The Staff be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of Civic Number 2522 Gottingen Street with the cost of acquisition to be provided from the Sale of Land Account; and that until such property is demolished for redevelopment purposes, it is to be leased to any person who

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requires such accommodation due to being displaced by any of the City's existing Redevelopment Schemes.

Motion passed.

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

The offer of the owner of the property at #2522 Gottingen Street to sell the said property to the City for the sum of \$12,600.00 be accepted as settlement in full for all claims arising from such acquisition.

Motion passed.

A formal Resolution to withdraw the sum of \$13,000.00 from the Sale of Land Account to give effect to the foregoing motion of Council, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the Resolution be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Household Furnishings - Mr. Clarence Brown and His Mother,
Hazel Cassidy - Africville

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

In accordance with the policy adopted by Council in February, 1965, to provide necessary household furnishings for needy families in Africville, the sum of \$500.00 be authorized for the purchase of necessary household items for Mr. Clarence Brown and his Mother, Hazel Cassidy, former residents of Africville, such authorization to be subject to the submission of invoices for the said furnishings for approval by the Africville Sub-Committee.

Motion passed.

Widow's Allowance - Mrs. Elizabeth Fripps

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee,

Under the authority of section 310H of the City Charter, 1931, an annual grant of \$458.44 be made to Mrs. Elizabeth Frips (widow of the late Thomas W. Fripps, former superintendent of Point Pleasant Park), such grant to be effective June 1, 1965 for as long as she lives or until she remarries.

Motion passed.

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Resolution - Board of Management - Halifax Mental Hospital

The following recommendation was submitted:

It is recommended that a formal resolution prepared by the City Solicitor and respecting the appointment of the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital to be a special Committee to enquire into and report upon the planning of the proposed new Mental Hospital, such special Committee to act in an advisory capacity only and to make recommendations to the Finance and Executive Committee as it deems advisable with respect to the relocation of the Halifax Mental Hospital, be approved.

Alderman O'Brien advised that the formal Resolution was submitted by the City Solicitor and not the Board of Management of the Hospital. He suggested that the Board report to Council through the Finance and Executive Committee.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Trainor,

That a formal Resolution prepared by the City Solicitor and respecting the appointment of the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital to be a special Committee to enquire into and report upon the planning of the proposed new Mental Hospital, such special Committee to act in an advisory capacity only and to make recommendations to the City Council through the Finance and Executive Committee as it deems advisable with respect to the relocation of the Halifax Mental Hospital, be approved.

Motion passed.

Pre-Retirement Leave

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

After ten years' continuous service with the City and upon retirement under any provisions of the Superannuation Plan of the City, all City Employees shall be entitled to pre-retirement leave with pay computed on the basis of three calendar days for each completed year of service from the date of employment with the City up to a maximum of three months' leave, such leave to be taken at the option of the employee, either by way of retirement leave or gratuity in lieu of leave; and that this measure become effective as of June 1, 1965.

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Alderman Connolly asked if this would affect Alderman Lane asked if the pre-retirement leave was to be effective as from January 1, 1965 and was advised in the negative.

The City Manager stated that the pre-retirement leave for members of Local Union #143 was to be effective as from March 1, 1965 as it was close to the date of the signing of the agreement. He pointed out that this provision was not to be retroactive.

Alderman Connolly asked if this proposed leave would have any affect on any person who has retired between January 1 and June 1 and would they receive such leave or not.

The City Manager replied in the negative if such persons retired before June 1st. If, on the other hand, they are members of Union #143, they would obtain the pre-retirement leave under the Union Agreement if they retired after March 1. There again, there was no retroactivity to the agreement with the Union.

Alderman Connolly then asked if this would affect a Non-Union employee if they retired before June 1 in that they would not benefit from this pre-retirement leave to which the City Manager replied in the affirmative. The Alderman then asked why not the same consideration for Non-Union employees as Union.

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone was affected by this proposal to which the City Manager replied that there may be one or two. He then advised that the Union Agreement was brought before Council and ratified with the date of March 1 and the present proposal was to take effect as soon as Council approved of it.

Course in Municipal Administration, University

MOVED by Alderman ... by Alderman

A. N. Butler that, as ... Finance and Executive

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Committee. Alderman Connolly asked if this proposal would affect Mr. J. R. Burbridge, retired Deputy City Collector, to which the City Manager again replied in the negative and stated that Mr. Burbridge was in a special category who received early retirement due to illness and was not due for normal retirement as yet.

Alderman Richard asked if the City Manager was anticipating any report on the vacation leave for regular employees. He understood some time ago that the idea of giving three weeks vacation from the start was going to receive consideration with possibly a revised plan to scale it over a five year period to reach the three week maximum.

The City Manager suggested that if Council wished to change the vacation schedules, he would welcome direction. He pointed out that every person who is a Non-Union employee was employed by the City on a basis of known vacation schedules which they were told were in effect and they have not bargained with the City as the Union did for improved vacations after 20 years. He felt that current employees who have been in the City employ, who are Non-Union, are still entitled to the three weeks vacation but all new employees coming in are being told upon hiring, that the new schedule for new employees is two weeks from the first year up to four years and then three weeks thereafter and that this system is in effect.

The motion was then put and passed.

Course in Municipal Administration - Dalhousie University

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

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Committee,

City Council be requested to establish a policy whereby, to encourage employees of the City to become more competent in the work of Municipal Administration, the City undertake to refund to any employee who completes the studies prescribed for any year of a four-year correspondence course in Municipal Administration being conducted by the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie University by writing the examination at the end of each term, the annual tuition of \$80.00 - \$85.00.

Motion passed.

Agreement with Architects - Halifax Mental Hospital

The following was submitted for information purposes:

The Committee considered the subject matter of the motion of Alderman Trainor made at the May 27th meeting of City Council respecting the engagement of an architectural hospital consultant by the general architects for the proposed new Mental Hospital and deferred action on the matter until the final details of the agreement with the general architects are known.

Establishment of a Regional Park

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

The request of the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority for power to continue negotiations with the Minister of Northern Affairs and the Department of National Defence for a long-term lease of Lawlor's Island and several sites on McNab's Island for eventual development as park areas, be approved.

His Worship the Mayor advised that as a result of information received from J. E. Lloyd, M.P., the Region will receive more land than first hoped for which would include all the publicly owned lands on McNab's Island as a park site.

The motion was then put and passed.

Letter - Children's Hospital Re: Appraisers

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

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As requested by the Board of Management of the Children's Hospital, the City Manager be authorized to appoint an appraiser to determine an evaluation of the present Halifax Mental Hospital property.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the Children's Hospital had given any indication to the City as to an approximate date upon it will need the land and does it expect it to be cleared of the building.

The City Manager advised that the matter had not proceeded thus far as to a date.

Alderman O'Brien suggested that a date within the nearest three months is important to the Halifax Mental Hospital for its planning. He also suggested that the Children's Hospital could not expect to have the Mental Hospital demolished on short notice.

The City Manager stated that he felt that the first consideration is to insure that the site is provided for the Mental Hospital and that all his efforts have been going towards that end. He also stated that once the City knows where the new Mental Hospital will be located, then it can decide what to do with the old building and get the new one underway.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the City has given a commitment to the Children's Hospital that the City will remove the present Mental Hospital to which His Worship the Mayor replied in the negative and stated that the City would make the site available.

The motion was then put and passed.

Request for Loan - Atlantic Winter Fair

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

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The request of the Atlantic Winter Fair, for a loan of \$31,750.00 to be used as working capital for the 1965 Winter Fair, be granted on the following conditions:

1. That the City be reimbursed out of the first \$31,750.00 in gate receipts of the 1965 Atlantic Winter Fair;
2. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum be charged on the said loan;
3. That the Atlantic Winter Fair enter into an agreement with the City of Halifax;
4. That the agreement contain a clause whereby the receipts of the Atlantic Winter Fair are hypothecated to the City of Halifax; and
5. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

Expropriation Compensation - Trider Property -
Barrington and Hurd Streets

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

The sum of \$19,000.00 be paid to the former owners of the property known as the Trider property at the corner of Barrington and Hurd Streets as settlement in full for all claims arising from the expropriation of the said property by the City.

Motion passed.

Printing of Brochures - Tourist Bureau

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to purchase 86,726 coloured brochures at a total cost of \$4,361.14 for use at the Tourist Bureau. Motion passed.

Psychiatric Hospital Study Group - Visiting

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

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Funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 be provided from the current budget to cover the travelling expenses of Dr. Tainsh and Dr. Brown, who have been authorized to visit a number of Canadian and United States cities as members of a psychiatric hospital study group to examine hospital installations in the various cities so as to be in a position to advise the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital in its consideration of the requirements of the proposed new Mental Hospital, such funds to be a charge against the capital cost of the new Mental Hospital when the capital borrowing for the new hospital has been approved.

Motion passed.

Salaries - Non-Union Personnel

Deferred in Committee.

Appointment of Auditors to Conduct Annual Audit of City Accounts

The following recommendation was submitted:

It is recommended that beginning with the year 1966, firms of chartered accountants be invited to submit their proposals for the annual audit of the City's accounts.

At the suggestion of Alderman A. M. Butler, Council amended the recommendation by substituting the figure 1965 for 1966. He further suggested that the matter be referred back to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration after the 1964 Report is received.

Alderman LeBlanc asked if it is good ethics for the City of Halifax to approach the various auditing firms and request a submission to which His Worship the Mayor replied that one member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants had indicated the suggested procedure is possible and quite ethical.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that the procedure to be adopted should be the same as was adopted when selecting the firm of Management Consultants.

It was suggested that the auditors should be changed periodically.

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MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman
Trainer, that the matter be referred back to the Finance and
Executive Committee for consideration after the 1964 Report is
received. Motion passed.

Authority to Expend in Excess of \$500.00

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MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Black
that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the
following expenditures be approved:

(1)	2 Rubber Chain Conveyor Belts; and	\$1,224.00	
	2 Sprocket Assemblies	<u>292.00</u>	
	Parts required for 1955 Wayne Sweeper		\$1,516.00
(2)	Street Lighting Equipment		
	Devonshire Avenue		12,500.00
(3)	Revitalization & Development - North Commons		
	Lighting - Purchase of Standards, & c.	25,000.00	
	Drainage -	<u>15,000.00</u>	
			<u>40,000.00</u>
	Total -		<u>\$54,016.00</u>

Alderman O'Brien referred to the account of Canadian
Urban Economics Limited in payment of Phase #1 of the Economic
Study in the amount of \$5,750.00 and asked if the report had
been received as yet and was advised in the negative and also
that this is just a progress payment under the agreement with
the Company. He asked when the Council would receive the report.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Company would
complete Phase #1 and it would be turned over to the City Staff
to apply the information to the Development Plan. His Worship
the Mayor and the City Manager had a meeting with Mr. Houston
of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on the matter and
the Corporation is providing at least two planners to work with
City Staff on the Plan. It was his feeling that the report

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should go to the planners and not be distributed to the public. authority Alderman O'Brien suggested that it be distributed to the members of Council.

His Worship the Mayor continued by saying that there was fear of misconceptions arising out of the report until such time as it was applied because once that report has been finalized by City and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Planning Staffs, Larry Smith and Company move in again.

Alderman O'Brien asked who the report would be submitted to and was advised that it would be submitted to the partnership of which the City of Halifax is a partner and the City Manager acts for the City.

Alderman O'Brien then suggested that the report could be withheld from the members of Council even after the third Phase is completed to which His Worship the Mayor felt that all the reports could be distributed to the Council at that time.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the Council could be assured that as soon as the report is received, the City Manager will submit a report to Council which gives his views as to whether the report should be withheld and kept as a tentative document for study with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Mr. Houston and the City Manager felt that there should be a special Committee of Council to work on this matter and there could be a member of the Town Planning Board, Finance and Executive Committee and His Worship the Mayor to sit down with the City Manager and Mr. Houston at the stage when the Planning Staffs are working on it.

Alderman O'Brien then stated that he could conceive

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of circumstances in such a report where it is wise for the public authority to control the timing of its release in relation to whatever its program of development may be but he could not be sure that that could be judged until somebody has seen the report.

His Worship the Mayor then stated he would do what Council directed.

Alderman LeBlanc arose to state that it has not been established that such a Committee will be appointed. He asked if this Committee were appointed, would Council first see the report in its entirety, a digest or excerpts of it.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it was a matter for the Council to decide. There are three definite stages involved in connection with the finalization and submission of the report.

Alderman O'Brien suggested that for the next meeting of Council, a report be prepared by the City Manager, His Worship the Mayor or combined which presents to Council the alternative for handling this matter so that if there is to be a Committee set up, it can be set up at the next Council meeting so that it can go into action at the moment the report is received.

Alderman LeBlanc felt very strongly that Council should first receive the report or reports before a Committee is established so that it could peruse it as the contents may dictate the course of action which would follow.

His Worship the Mayor suggested discussing the report at a closed session and then return all the documents.

Alderman LeBlanc wanted ample opportunity to study the report. He felt it would be confined to four or five people all of whom might be agreeable to certain things but which would not be acceptable to the Council.

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Alderman Richard contended that when the Larry Smith Study was undertaken, Council was to receive the final report and he did not think that was changed. The only thing under discussion now is the interim report which the Council had not planned on receiving anyway to which His Worship the Mayor agreed. Council would receive the final report when it is ready.

Alderman Matheson asked where the interim report is and was advised that there is no interim report as such.

The City Manager advised that the Company was pretty well on schedule and they would be reporting to the Council around the end of June.

Alderman Matheson was of the opinion that the report would be of benefit to the Planning Staff and potential developers because it is an economic feasibility study as well as a guide as to the disposal of the land in the Redevelopment Area. He felt that the report should be handed to the members of Council for study rather than being expected to read and digest the report, and decide what action will be taken on the matter at an informal meeting and then pass the document back to the principals.

At this time, the terms of the agreement with Larry Smith and Associates were read for the information of the members of Council.

Alderman Lane referred to the remarks of His Worship the Mayor and asked if he meant that the report would by-pass Council entirely, go to the Planning Departments and they would make their own analyses and changes, pass it back to the firm and that Council has absolutely no contact with it at all, to which

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His Worship the Mayor replied in the affirmative.

The City Manager stated that the report would be handed to the Planning Staff to make the necessary changes in the Development Plan to enable the Canadian Urban Company to proceed with the second Phase and then present the finished proposal to Council.

Alderman O'Brien asked what the date would be on which the Council would have information from the report to base policy decisions such as the location of the Court House and a Downtown Parking Garage.

His Worship the Mayor stated that from the agreement, it appears it would be 60 days after the Planning Staff is through with the adjustment to the Plan which has been recommended by the consultants.

The City Manager estimated if the first report, containing the information that has to be inserted into the Master Plan, is received by the end of June, it may take 3 to 6 weeks to complete it which would mean about the middle of August and from that they would have 60 days to complete the second Phase.

Alderman Moir felt that Council should meet confidentially with or without Planning Staff to look after the first Phase and come to some conclusion itself.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council may have to engage other specialists in the field to assist the Planning Staff to get the job done quickly.

Alderman Moir suggested that the members of Council be given the report on a confidential basis with two or three days to read it and that a meeting of Council be called to decide

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upon a course of action.

Council then agreed to the suggestion of Alderman Moir.

The original motion was then put and passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - 316"C" City Charter - Snow and Ice Control

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional funds in the amount of \$17,000.00, under the authority of section 316"C" of the City Charter, to cover the period January 1 to April 30, 1965, be provided for snow and ice control.

Alderman O'Brien referred to a motion approved by Council which requires authorization before funds in sub-appropriations could be transferred for other purposes. He asked if this motion was in effect anytime when this \$17,000.00 was spent, to which the City Manager thought it was in effect the last week.

Alderman O'Brien asked if this motion was given effect by action in relation to the departments, boards and commissions, to which the City Manager stated: "not to the detail that one would expect", because the actual production of the budget was just completed and he required it to send to all heads, boards and commissions.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the City Manager would be in a position to table a copy of that directive at the next Council meeting, to which the City Manager thought he could.

Alderman Matheson asked if the directive had gone out, to which the City Manager replied in the negative and stated that he had received his copy of the final estimates for 1965 on Tuesday for proof reading.

Alderman Matheson felt there was not much point in sending out a directive when almost half the budget was expended.

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The City Manager stated he had to send the directive out with the approved estimates and the various heads, boards and commissions, have not as yet received them.

Alderman Matheson suggested that the various heads, boards and commissions, should adhere to a line budget as approved, otherwise there was no point in Council spending fifty or sixty hours going over the various appropriations.

The City Manager stated that after the budget had been completed, and when he inquired to see whether it was finished, he found that certain changes had been made of which he was not aware and those changes changed the amount of the budget and he directed the Staff to correct the budget, and it has taken up to now to do it. He was of the opinion that if there was any change to be made in the budget, it should have come back to Council for approval in view of the resolution passed when the budget was finalized.

The motion was then put and passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

The following recommendations were submitted from the Committee on Works arising from a meeting held on June 10, 1965:

Tenders for Demolitions

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Black that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, tenders be awarded for the demolition of buildings as follows:

- (1) #2275 Gottingen Street - John Gray at \$380.00, subject to a Performance Bond in the amount of \$760.00 being deposited by him with the City.
- (2) #5461-5463 Gerrish Street - George A. Redmond at \$750.00, subject to a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,500.00 being deposited by him with the City.

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- (3) #5426 Uniacke Street - George A. Redmond at \$1,200.00, subject to a Performance Bond in the amount of \$2,400.00 being deposited by him with the City.

Motion passed.

Sewer Installations - Emscote and Belmont Subdivisions

The following recommendation was submitted from a meeting of the Committee on Works held on June 17, 1965:

1. That sanitary sewers only be installed in the Belmont and Emscote Subdivisions at an estimated cost of \$71,904.00 and that the installation of storm sewers be the responsibility of the developers;
2. That City Staff be directed to submit a report recommending revised sewer charges to abutters based on present-day installation costs.

At this time, Mr. Ralph M. Medjuck addressed Council and stated that the Belmont and Emscote Subdivisions were separate issues and both should not be considered together. After careful study and discussion with the Engineering Department, it was decided that, because of long-term interest of the lot owners and the City in connection with matters such as snow removal, garbage removal, fire protection, street lighting, etc., and the matter of who would pave the streets twelve years from now when Council may be faced with a situation where all lots have been sold and the owner of the subdivision has passed away, the entire subdivision was redesigned and a 50' street was designed in co-operation with the Engineering Department. Careful study was made as to the profile of the road so it would be acceptable to the Engineering Department to be taken over as a City street. As this would be a City Street, he was of the opinion that there is justification in asking that the City assume the responsibility for storm drainage. He pointed out that it has been the custom in the City since sometime in the 1950's for the City to assume the responsibility of

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draining storm water from the City streets. The mere fact that houses are erected on a City street will have a difference in their value as opposed to houses erected on a private street or lane and therefore will affect the ultimate assessment of the property. Several lots have been sold on the basis that this will be a City Street and with no implication that the owners will be faced with storm drainage charges.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the City has not accepted the streets. He then suggested that Council should consider the two subdivisions separately as different conditions are present.

Mr. Bernal Sawyer then addressed Council and stated that the purchasers of lots in the Belmont Subdivision are unable to obtain building permits because of the lack of decision on the part of Council in installing the sewer. He said there was one difference between the two subdivisions in that the developers are retaining the ownership of the street and will ultimately convey this in an undivided interest to the ultimate purchasers of the property in Belmont. This was done because the City was not prepared to take over the street because of one access to the property. He felt there would be no difference in the streets to be constructed in Belmont than in Emscote because the entire plans and specifications have been approved by the Staff of the City with respect to grades, profile, etc. In Belmont, the owners will be shovelling snow and paying for it rather than the City Staff which will save the City money. The assessment on the individual houses may be higher because of the exclusiveness of Belmont and because it is a private street. He also stated that storm sewers have been installed in Subdivisions by the City along with sanitary sewers at the rate of \$5.00 per foot frontage. He said this is a policy which has been

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established and he suggested that the City carry out past policy and install a storm sewer along with the sanitary sewer.

Safety Co. MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the installation of the sanitary sewer in the Belmont Subdivision be approved at an estimated cost of \$45,704.00 and that the matter of storm sewers for the Belmont Subdivision and storm and sanitary sewers for the Emscote Subdivision be referred back to the Committee on Works for further consideration. Motion passed.

Use of Public Gardens - Recreation Commission - Parrsboro Boys' Band

provided MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, permission be granted to the Recreation Commission to use the Public Gardens on Sunday afternoon, June 27, 1965 for a concert by the Parrsboro Boys' Band. Motion passed.

Use of Public Gardens and Fleming Park - Halifax-Dartmouth Council of Churches

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, due to the heavy demand for use of the Public Gardens, permission be granted to the Halifax-Dartmouth Council of Churches to use the Public Gardens on one Sunday only, namely July 18, 1965, and that one date be submitted to the City Manager for use of Fleming Park. Motion passed.

Sale of City-owned land - Rear of #5429-39 Victoria Road

Government MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Lane that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, two appraisals be obtained and that the sale of this property be negotiated subject to the purchaser entering into an agreement with the City regarding test borings and the location of the proposed building and subject to the retention by the City of a suitable sewer easement. Motion passed.

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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

The following recommendation was submitted from the Safety Committee at a meeting held on June 10, 1965:

Tenders for Fire Hose

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the tender of George Angus Limited for the supply of one and one-half inch hose with couplings (Classic Nyflex) to the Halifax Fire Department at a total price of \$2,200.00 be accepted, funds for same having been provided in the 1965 Budget. Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on June 8, 1965 respecting the following matters:

Letter Writing and Visiting Privileges - City Prison

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the following regulations respecting the privileges of prisoners at City Prison be adopted as the interim measure, pending receipt of a report from the City Manager containing information relating to the practices with respect to letter writing and visiting privileges, etc., in the penal institutions operated by the Federal Government:

1. That inmates be permitted to write one letter each week and that Sunday of each week be designated as the day for this purpose;
2. That visiting privileges remain as now authorized and that the length of time for each visit be specified;
3. That an Inmates' Canteen be authorized, with the proviso that it shall operate at no cost to the taxpayer. In other words, it shall be self-supporting.

Motion passed.