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for the Metropolitan Area than a bridge across the North End. It may cost a few more million dollars but it would do a lot more for Downtown Halifax, for Spring Garden Road, for Quinpool Road and for Gottingen Street Shopping Areas than the by-pass which the Bridge Commission is proposing over the North End. The bridge in the North End will be a fast route from Rockingham, Bedford and Fairview by-passing the City completely into Dartmouth. He did not feel the time had gone by when some serious thought could be put to considering a feasibility study on the positive crossing of the Harbour. He referred to the Pratley Report and other Traffic Engineering Experts which stated that the North End is not the proper site for the bridge. He contended that if the Narrows Bridge is constructed, the Council will be subject to millions of dollars of cost to the taxpayers of the City of Halifax to construct unnecessary highways through the City which would not have to be done if other crossings were employed. He said he could not support the motion and he would not support it until such time as somebody positively advises him that the Narrows is the best site for the crossing in the interest of the City of Halifax first and the other municipalities second. If somebody of recognized authority comes forward on that basis, then he would yield and give his support to such a crossing. He stated he would take every opportunity and means available to him to oppose the construction of the bridge in the North End of Halifax. He felt there must be some other Court that Council could appeal to from the decision of the Governor-in-Council. He asked (1) if the Bridge Commission could proceed without the support of Council; (2) who is going to pay for the additional highways and street improvements other than in the package deal presented to Council by His Worship the Mayor; and

(3) could His Worship the Mayor advise him if any elected representatives in the Municipal or Provincial Governments' own or did recently own land in the Burnside Area in the North End of Dartmouth where the bridge is going to be located.

Alderman Black contended that Aldermen LeBlanc and Trainor were doing the citizens of Halifax a disservice in the attitude they were taking with respect to the bridge site. Unfortunately, the views of Council have not been accepted by those who have control of the purse strings which is the authority that is capable of building a bridge. Nobody could have any doubt about it that, at the present time, there is no further Court of Appeal on this matter. He referred to a recent survey carried out by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and those who cast their ballots, voted in favour of the Narrows Crossing. Another question in the matter of the Narrows Bridge is the prospect of amalgamation and whatever Council may think of it as of now, it could envisage a city including places out as far as Rockingham and that particular location would not look nearly so far away from the core of what would then be the City. He said he did anticipate what would happen in the final analysis with respect to the Narrows Bridge and it has now happened. He urged Council to do the only service left for the citizens and taxpayers and that is to try and get the Arm Bridge, the assistance on the approaches to the Narrows Bridge and make the best of what the majority of Council seems to consider is a bad decision made by those who have the ultimate responsibility for it. He said that Council has to make its views known with respect to the question of guaranteeing the bonds. He felt that Council should not refuse to cooperate with other levels of Government and should try to secure as much assistance as is good for the citizens of Halifax. In reply to a question from

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Alderman A. M. Butler as to what Council should do at this meeting, Alderman Black stated that Council should be big enough to accept the decision that has been made and try to get those things which Council has advocated as part of the overall package.

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to the bridge approaches on the Halifax side to which Alderman Black replied that the Commission has gone along with the City Planners alterations to the original plan.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that there are five million dollars worth of changes at the Commission's expense. He pointed out that it was more or less a suggestion of the Premier that changes were made after representations were made to him by His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Black pointed out that the Premier envisaged a third Harbour Crossing within 15 years or so and if so, Council has a opportunity to make a thorough investigation of all possible methods and locations.

Alderman Richard stated that he shared Aldermen LeBlanc and Trainor's feelings of despair and disappointment that Council is having forced upon it a project that the majority of Council does not wish. He felt that Council should start out on one premise and that is that the Narrows Bridge will be built and it has been decided by powers higher than Council but he did not like the decision and it would have to be accepted reluctantly. He suggested that Council secure the best possible deal under very unsatisfactory circumstances. He felt that the resolution proposed by Alderman O'Brien and the one proposed by His Worship the Mayor, are matters which must be negotiated as quickly and to the best advantage of the City as possible. Insofar as the people of the North End are

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concerned, he felt that the Narrows Crossing will be detrimental and will increase the traffic but the Premier and Bridge Commission have said, "It shall be". He felt it would be his duty and responsibility to do his best to alleviate the financial and traffic burden that will accompany the Narrows Bridge.

Alderman O'Brien again read the resolution which was seconded by Alderman Abbott.

Alderman Matheson stated that no one should question the integrity of the members of Council and the sincerity with which they opposed so vigorously the Narrows Bridge. He said that Council felt it was right but he hoped that time would prove Council was wrong. He said he was in favour of all the proposed crossings at one time or another for different reasons but he did not think that any of the Aldermen who have wavered and jumped back and forth from one crossing to another have ever lost sight of the fact that the South End Bridge was the one that was in the interest of the entire community and that Council was justified in trying to find some other crossing rather than the Narrows Bridge which everyone has agreed was the worse one.

He referred to the motion as proposed by Alderman O'Brien and suggested that Council does not have to take a formal stand with respect to the Narrows Bridge until it is asked to underwrite 22% of any deficits that might result from its operation. He felt that it might be premature to pass a resolution which says, "We recognize and respect the decision of the Bridge Commission". He suggested that Council make a deal with the body who made the decision for the Narrows Bridge to tie in the Arm Bridge which is essential and he was not so sure that Council should agree to underwrite the Harbour Crossing until it had a firm commitment for the

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Arm Bridge. He said that Council must now cooperate and expect other people to cooperate with it and that could only be done by agreeing to go along with the resolution if the Arm Bridge is made a part of the package and built simultaneously with the Narrows Bridge. He felt that Council should negotiate the Arm Bridge and traffic improvements in the area of the bridge leading from the bridge downtown and across the peninsula that will not create traffic hazards or heavy traffic pressure on the narrow streets in Halifax North.

Alderman Black MOVED the following amendments to the resolution:

- (1) second last paragraph, after the word "resolved", insert the words "as a condition of approval of the foregoing";
- (2) second last paragraph, last line, after the words, "Narrows Bridge", add the following sentence:
"and that the necessary traffic improvements for all bridge approaches, be constructed".

The amendments were seconded by Alderman Matheson.

Alderman A. M. Butler suggested that the resolution include the roads leading to the bridgehead on the North West Arm side. He asked who would assume the cost of building those roads.

Alderman Black stated that he would include in the resolution wording that would cover traffic improvements for both bridges.

Alderman Connolly stated that he had been against the Narrows Bridge but the deal referred to at this meeting is that the bridge will be constructed at the Narrows. He said that if Council voted against the Narrows Bridge it would only be doing what it did a few weeks ago. There is one point he suggested that Council was forgetting and it is if the Narrows Bridge is constructed, there

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will be no industrial land left in the City as the only industrial land left is in that area. The bridge will sap Halifax of any industrial uses or growth unless amalgamation takes place but nothing has been done about that matter as yet and proper direction has not been given as to what is taking place. He felt that if the bridge is constructed, that growth in Halifax will be stifled and Council must make immediate arrangements for the annexation of communities to the west of the City such as Fairview, Rockingham, Herring Cove, etc., and a larger area for future expansion. He contended that if annexation does not take place by the time the Narrows Bridge is built, as a City, there would be no progress.

His Worship the Mayor replied that amalgamation is proceeding quite well and Council has provided funds for assistance to the City Manager. A date has been set when the hearing will be held. The areas mentioned by Alderman Connolly are the areas that will be considered by the Municipal Board.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the Order-in-Council issued by the Governor-in-Council did not select the site for the bridge. He said that the suggestion contained in the DeLeuw Cather Report that the present bridge be twinned, Mr. MacKay, Chairman of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, received a copy of such a report which was then sent to Mr. Pratley who said that to construct the bridge across the Harbour would cost in the vicinity of eleven to twelve million dollars without approach roads, but to make the proper approach roads in Halifax and Dartmouth, it would bring the cost up to twenty million dollars. He further stated that the suggested twinned bridge would only have a Life from six to ten years by reason of the road pattern across the present Harbour Bridge. In his opinion, the twinning did not move as one

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step forward to an ultimate design which is three bridges across the Harbour. It would do nothing for this whatsoever. For that reason, the Bridge Commission did not accept the twinning.

Alderman Moir stated that Alderman Connolly was getting very much to the point of what must happen in the future. With a Narrows Bridge and Arm Bridge, the growth of this City is going to depend very much on amalgamation therefore, if the bridge is built, Council must move on the matter as soon as possible. He said he had asked for an economic feasibility survey in the past and he was disappointed that the bridge is going to be built without it.

The amendments to the motion were then put and passed.

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to the following persons who he contended were right in supporting the Narrows Bridge:

Mr. A. M. MacKay,
Chairman, Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission;

Mr. Charles Clarke,
Manager, Halifax Shopping Centre;

Mr. H. R. Wyman,
Bridge Commission Member; also

Mayor Joseph Zatsman,
City of Dartmouth; and

Warden Ira Settle,
Municipality of the County of Halifax; who would

be supporting their own Municipality. Those who are wrong are the Council of the Board of Trade, Gottingen Street, Downtown and Spring Garden Merchants' Association, Mr. H. H. Pratley, DeLew Cather Company Of Canada Limited, the people of Halifax North and the Aldermen from Halifax North. He said it was illegally the exclusive right of the Bridge Commission to build a bridge.

In reply to a question from Alderman A. M. Butler, His Worship the Mayor replied that there is sufficient money in the

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estimates to complete the road from the bridgehead on the western side of the Arm to Spryfield.

Alderman A. M. Butler then asked if Council was in a position to know where the bridgehead on the western side of the Arm will be placed and would Council have a second desire as to its placement and will that be countermanded by the Bridge Commission and placed somewhere else.

His Worship the Mayor stated that Council has the advice of its own consultants which it engaged back in 1959.

Alderman A. M. Butler then stated that the Narrows Bridge will be built but not a single consultant has said a word in favour of it.

In answer to a question from Alderman LeBlanc, His Worship the Mayor advised that at the meeting of the Bridge Commission, a resolution was passed endorsing the Arm Bridge.

Again in answer to a question from Alderman LeBlanc, His Worship the Mayor advised that the purpose of the Bridge Commission meeting was to discuss a second harbour crossing but not a Narrows Bridge. He stated that, at the meeting, he would not support a harbour crossing without the Arm Bridge. He also indicated that the resolution endorsing the Arm Bridge was passed unanimously by the Commission.

Alderman LeBlanc then asked if any decision would be given to the bodies concerned by the Province as to its acceptance or rejection of an Arm Bridge prior to the commencement of the construction of the Narrows Bridge and was advised that the purpose of the resolution before Council today is to bring the matter to a head.

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Alderman Matheson suggested that the word "respect" in the fourth paragraph of the motion should be defined as it can have two meanings. He said that even though he was going to support the motion, that he did not mean to admit for a moment that the Bridge Commission made the right decision. He said he did not imply by supporting the motion that Council respects the decision of the Bridge Commission in the sense of agreeing that it was right. He contended that the Commission is wrong but Council respected the decision in the sense that there will be no rebellion against it. Council might question the wisdom of the Commission but Council must respect its power to make the decision. He felt that Council could maintain its position just as vigorously as it has ever done that the site is the wrong place to build a bridge.

Alderman Doyle felt that it was sad that Council had to go along with the Narrows Bridge. He stated that he was against it but it seems that no matter what goes on or is built, the North End of the City is always picked out as the site. He said he knew a lot of North End citizens were against it. He also stated that he was shocked at the decision of the Bridge Commission. He referred to the Council representatives on the Bridge Commission and stated that he was under the impression that they would be obliged to do as Council requested. He referred to the Council representative on the Commission, other than His Worship the Mayor, and stated that this person, because of his residence very close to the site, has known of several accidents and in particular one where a child was killed. The Alderman referred to the heavy traffic in the area at 5:00 p.m. and stated that he could not understand why the other representative voted as he did at the Commission meeting.

The motion as amended was put and resulted in a tie vote as follows:

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For the motion: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Matheson,
Richard and O'Brien - 6

Against: Aldermen A.M. Butler, LeBlanc, Trainor,
Connolly, Doyle and
H. W. Butler - 6

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favour of the
motion and declared it passed.

RESOLUTION RE: NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGE

The following resolution was submitted:

WHEREAS by letter dated the 6th day of August, 1965,
the Honourable R. L. Stanfield, Premier of Nova Scotia, wrote to
His Worship, Mayor Charles A. Vaughan, with respect to traffic
improvements and in such letter, inter alia, acknowledged that the
City of Halifax and the Municipality of the County of Halifax had
urged the immediate construction of an Arm Bridge with connecting
roads leading as far as the Herring Cove Road, and stated that if
the City of Halifax and the Municipality of the County of Halifax
so requested, he would take to the Government the proposal for
proceeding with an Arm Bridge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of
the City of Halifax hereby requests the Government of Nova Scotia
to proceed with the construction of a bridge over the North West
Arm at the same time that any bridge over Halifax Harbour may be
constructed by the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, and that
the construction of such a bridge over the North West Arm be on the
basis of the Province of Nova Scotia guaranteeing 60% of the cost
of such Arm Bridge and related approaches, and the City of Halifax,
the City of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax
sharing the remaining 40% of such guarantee.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this
resolution be sent to the Municipality of the County of Halifax
along with a request that the Municipality pass a similar resolution.

Alderman A. M. Butler stated that he still took the view
that when the time comes to build the Arm Crossing, it would be a
matter exclusively for the Bridge Commission.

At the suggestion of the City Manager, line No.3 of
paragraph No.2 was amended by inserting between the words "to" and
"proceed" the following: "instruct the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge
Commission to".
MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien,
that the amendment be approved. Motion passed.

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MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien,
that the resolution as amended by approved. Motion passed
unanimously.
4:00 p.m. Council reconvened the same members being
present.

RESOLUTION RE: NARROWS AND NORTH WEST ARM BRIDGES

The following resolution as recommended by the
Committee of the Whole Council was submitted:

WHEREAS the Governor-in-Council of Nova Scotia instructed the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission to choose a site for the second crossing of Halifax Harbour.

AND WHEREAS the Bridge Commission has made the decision in favour of a bridge at the Narrows.

AND WHEREAS previous proposals of the Premier and the Bridge Commission have included a North West Arm Bridge and Street Improvements related to the Narrows Crossing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Halifax City Council recognize and respect the decision of the Bridge Commission on the siting of the second Harbour Crossing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council formally approve the City share of the cost of the Narrows structure and approaches which it expects to be self-liquidating;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as a condition of approval of the foregoing, that the Council seek the formal approval of the Province and the Bridge Commission for a crossing of the North West Arm at the south end of Robie Street, to be constructed simultaneously with the Narrows Bridge and that the necessary traffic improvements for all bridge approaches be constructed;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager report to Council on the financial and traffic responsibilities devolving on the City as a result of the Narrows Bridge so that appropriate action may be taken.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Abbott,
that the resolution as submitted be approved.

The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote as follows:

For the motion: Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Matheson, Richard,
O'Brien and Black - 6

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Against: Aldermen A. M. Butler, LeBlanc, Trainor,
Connolly, Doyle and
H. W. Butler - 6

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote in favour of the motion and declared it passed.

Alderman Trainor gives Notice of Reconsideration.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Halifax hereby requests the Government of Nova Scotia to instruct the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission to proceed with the construction of a bridge over the North West Arm at the same time that any bridge over Halifax Harbour may be constructed by the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, and that the construction of such a bridge over the North West Arm be on the basis of the Province of Nova Scotia guaranteeing 60% of the cost of such Arm Bridge and related approaches, and the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax sharing the remaining 40% of such guarantee.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Municipality of the County of Halifax along with a request that the Municipality pass a similar resolution.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the resolution as submitted be approved.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

At this time, Alderman Trainor MOVED that Mr. Mervin D. Sullivan be permitted to address Council, seconded by Alderman Connolly and passed.

Mr. Sullivan addressed Council on the matter of the

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construction of the Narrows Bridge particularly because it effects his area where he was born and brought up. He said he knew the North End as well if not better than most members of Council present. He said the North End citizens are in a very dejected mood over the bridge discussion and determination. After the decision was made, he was in touch with a great number of people in the North End and had received their opinions. He had only heard of one person who was undecided about the bridge being constructed at the Narrows. He deemed it necessary to come to Council to express his opinions on the matter of the Bridge. He complimented the two members of Halifax North so far who have fought the issue. The people in the North End are very fearful about the resultant dislocation insofar as their homes are concerned. He referred to traffic conditions in the area and stated that he had seen three children killed in the last eight or nine years. There had been five or six people killed in the vicinity of Gottingen and Young Streets. If traffic conditions are as such today that there have been those fatalities, he asked what would be the result if more traffic is going to move through the North End of the City as the result of the new bridge. The traffic at North and Robie Streets is so congested at 5:00 p.m. that he is delayed twenty minutes. With more traffic, he could see that people living in the North End will be delayed a lot more. He felt that these two matters are the prime factors which should have been considered; traffic and dislocation of homes. If there is nothing that can be done about the construction of the Narrows Bridge, he suggested that the members of Council should never get tired of fighting the issue.

Alderman Matheson contended that the ~~community should~~ understand the views of the Council and the intent of the resolution

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approved today. He felt it should be made clear from what Aldermen have said without exception that no one has supported the decision of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission selecting the Narrows site and a number have said that they still believe that it is the wrong site. The decision has been made but Council has no control over it. Council has to try to protect the City and in particular, the people of the North End, and this is the purpose of the resolution before Council today to permit it to continue negotiations with the Province of Nova Scotia, Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, and the other Municipalities where necessary to try to achieve the things Mr. Sullivan spoke about or at least to reduce the impact of the bridge on the North End to the extent that it is possible to do so. He said Council would lose its bargaining power if it turned its back on the other authorities and say, "We are not going to talk to you any more as we think you are wrong". He suggested that Council has to say, "We still think you are wrong but with the wrong decision, we want to have the approaches and traffic controlled in such a way that it will do the least possible harm to the City and do the most amount of good".

Alderman LeBlanc stated that he did not fully subscribe to the philosophy of Alderman Matheson and said he believes if something's wrong it is wrong. He again contended that the Narrows Bridge is wrong.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - LATE ALDERMAN LANE

His Worship the Mayor announced the funeral arrangements for the late Alderman Lane at 2:00 p.m., December 21, 1965, from All Saints Cathedral.

The City Manager was authorized to close the City Hall at 1:00 p.m. for the rest of the day.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 21, 1965

It was agreed that the regular Committee meetings scheduled for the above date be held on December 22, 1965, at the same time.

Meeting adjourned: 4:15 p.m.

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C. A. VAUGHAN,
MAYOR & CHAIRMAN.

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, Nova Scotia,
December 30, 1965,
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: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Matheson, A. M. Butler, Meagher, Trainor, Connolly, Richard, O'Brien Doyle and H. W. Butler.

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

MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval at this time.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Richard, that the Order of Business, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed

DEFERRED BUSINESS

Staff Report Re: Operation of Sewer System

Further deferred.

Condition of Buildings - Jib Lot, Fleming Park

Further deferred.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion - Alderman Trainor to Reconsider Resolution Re: Narrows Bridge

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the following resolution, passed by City Council at a meeting held on December 20, 1965, be reconsidered:

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AND WHEREAS the Bridge Commission has made the decision in favor of a bridge at the Narrows;

AND WHEREAS previous proposals of the Premier and the Bridge Commission have included a North West Arm Bridge and street improvements related to the Narrows crossing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Halifax City Council recognize and respect the decision of the Bridge Commission on the siting of the second Harbour crossing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council formally approve the City share of the cost of the Narrows structure and approaches which it expects to be self-liquidating;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as a condition of approval of the foregoing, that the Council seek the formal approval of the Province and the Bridge Commission for a crossing of the North West Arm at the south end of Robie Street, to be constructed simultaneously with the Narrows Bridge and that the necessary traffic improvements for all bridge approaches be constructed;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager report to Council on the financial and traffic responsibilities devolving on the City as a result of the Narrows Bridge so that appropriate action may be taken.

Alderman Trainor gave the following reasons for seeking reconsideration of the matter:

- (1) All the technical professional experts have concluded that the South Harbour Crossing is in the best interests of the region;
- (2) The large expenditures which would have to be borne by the City for street improvements and approach roads will require capital budget appropriations which require a two-thirds vote of Council, whereas the decision on the North End Crossing has been decided by a split vote of Council with the Mayor casting his vote in favour.
- (3) The North End of Halifax is now cluttered with heavy traffic and it is destined to suffer still more in this regard if the North End Bridge is built;
- (4) The proposed North End Bridge is not the short or the long-term solution for a Second Harbour Crossing and Council should still press for a tunnel crossing study which would be of more benefit to the merchants and citizens of the City of Halifax.

The motion was put and lost as follows:

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For the Motion: Aldermen A. M. Butler, Meagher, Trainor,
Doyle and H. W. Butler - 5 -

Against it: Aldermen Black, Abbott, Moir, Matheson,
LeBlanc, Connolly, Richard,
and O'Brien - 8 -

MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning Land, Block Bounded by Spring Garden
Road, Brenton Street, Brenton Place and South Park Street From
R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone

A Public Hearing was held at this time in connection with an application to rezone the land in the block bounded by Spring Garden Road, Brenton Street, Brenton Place and South Park Street from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone.

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

The Director of Planning displayed a map of the block bounded by Spring Garden Road, Brenton Street, Brenton Place and South Park Street and explained that the properties facing on Spring Garden Road are now zoned C-2 Zone and the applicant has applied for the rezoning of the remaining seventeen lots which are now zoned R-3 Zone, all of which are not owned by the applicant.

He stated further that in the application for rezoning, the applicant had indicated that it is proposed to build a hotel on the land they control but they have not given the details of the proposal.

Mr. Ian MacKeigan, Solicitor for the applicant, stated that his clients hold options on several of the properties in the block not owned by them. He stated further that the application is for a rezoning to C-2 Zone of that portion of the block which is now R-3 Zone and that the houses, with one or two exceptions, are

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used as rooming houses or converted apartment houses and that the only owner-occupier in the block resides in an apartment of one of the converted houses.

He said that his clients propose to build a modern type 300-room motor hotel to include all the amenities of such a complex which will require commercial zoning, but that they are unable to submit details of the proposal until they know whether or not the rezoning is to be accomplished.

No other person wished to be heard for or against the proposed rezoning.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that a decision on the matter be deferred in order to give the applicant an opportunity to submit a specific detailed proposal as to the development of the area.

Motion passed with Alderman H. W. Butler voting against.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

No petitions were submitted and no delegations wished to be heard at this time.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on December 23, 1965, with respect to the following matters:

Property Acquisition - #5190 Gerrish Street

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$5,700.00 be paid to Mr. Maurice R. Luciano as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of his property, by the City, at #5190 Gerrish Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area as defined by the City of Halifax but not within the agreed partnership area. Motion passed.

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Property Acquisition - #2540-2544 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$12,800.00 be paid to Mr. L. Arleigh Canning as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of his property at #2540-2544 Brunswick Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #2067-2071 Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$10,800.00 be paid to the owner of the property at #2067-2071 Barrington Street (Ann Novak), located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area, as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition of her property by the City. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #2236 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$6,000.00 be paid to Mr. Douglas Rogers as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of his property at #2236 Brunswick Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #2326 Maitland Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$4,500.00 be paid to Mr. Henry Grouse as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of his property at #2326 Maitland Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area. Motion passed.

1966 Operating Budget - Housing Authority of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott

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that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the operating budget for 1966, covering the following Housing Projects: Bayers Road, Mulgrave Park, Westwood Park and Uniacke Square, as submitted by the Housing Authority of Halifax, be approved. Motion passed.

Uncollectible Rent Accounts - Housing Authority of Halifax

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Housing Authority of Halifax be authorized to write off uncollectible rent accounts totalling \$2,597.00 as per the schedule submitted by the Authority. Motion passed.

1966 Budget - Halifax-Dartmouth & County Regional Planning Commission

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the proposed Budget for the year 1966, submitted from the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission, be approved. Motion passed.

Site for Halifax Centennial Aquarium

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

- (1) The question of a site for the Nova Scotia Museum of Science and the relocation of the City Field be deferred, pending the results of negotiations between the Premier and His Worship the Mayor;
- (2) The land owned by the Province of Nova Scotia at the corner of Bell Road and Ahern Avenue be selected as the site for the Halifax Centennial Aquarium;
- (3) His Worship the Mayor be authorized to make the necessary overtures to the Province of Nova Scotia to ascertain whether or not the said land can be made available for this purpose;
- (4) The City Staff be instructed to start whatever procedures are necessary to acquire title to the said land.

Motion passed.

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Permission to Over-expend 1965 Budget Appropriations:

(1) Development Department

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to the Development Department to overdraw the 1965 appropriations for the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

Advertising Account	-	\$250.00
Office Supplies	-	\$400.00

funds to be provided from within the overall budget of the Department. Motion passed.

(11) Police Department

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Chief of Police be authorized to over-expend the following appropriations, funds to be provided from within the overall appropriations of the 1965 Budget of the Police Department:

Telephone & Telegrams	2 - 50 - 50	\$1,905.89
Advertising	2 - 50 - 54	242.05
Repairs Mounted Squad	2 - 50 - 64	30.00
Veterinary Services	2 - 50 - 65	380.00
Postage	2 - 50 - 200	245.00
Sundries	2 - 50 - 202	330.00
Mounted Squad Feed	2 - 50 - 219	105.00
Witness Fees	2 - 50 - 404	3,200.00 (Approximately)

Motion passed.

(iii) Point Pleasant Park Commission

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Point Pleasant Park Commission be authorized to over-expend the following accounts in the amounts indicated, funds to be provided from within the overall appropriations in the 1965 Budget of the said Commission:

0090401-50	Telephones	\$20.00
009-401-51	Electricity	60.00
009-401-52	Water Rates	25.00
009-401-55	Fuel	80.00

Motion passed.

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(iv) Health Department

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted for the Health Department to over-expend the following accounts in the amounts indicated, funds to be provided from within the overall budget appropriations of the Health Department:

Public Health: 5-200-017	Unemployment Insurance	\$225.00
-051	Electricity	75.00
-201	Office Supplies	250.00
-207	Gas, Oil, Repairs	480.00
-209	Sanitary Supplies	85.00
Welfare Department: -202	Sundry expenses	30.00
Basinview Home: 6-251-201	Office Supplies	25.00
210	Food	2,500.00
272	Plumbing repairs & Supplies	200.00
City Prison: 14-490-17	Unemployment Insurance	10.00
-52	Water Service	65.00

Motion passed.

Request for Additional Appropriations - 316"C", City Charter

(1) Victoria General & Local Hospital Account - \$8,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional funds in the amount of \$8,000.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316"C" of the City Charter to provide additional funds for the balance of 1965 for the Victoria General and Local Hospitals account. Motion passed.

(ii) Welfare & Poor Relief Account - \$25,000.00

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316"C" of the City Charter for Welfare Poor Relief. Motion passed.

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(iii) Street Lighting - \$33,700.00

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional funds in the amount of \$33,700.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316"C" of the City Charter to cover the increased cost of current supplied for street lighting purposes for the balance of 1965. Motion passed.

Refund - Gasoline Tax - Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City support and consent to the application of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited to the Honourable the Minister of Highways for the Province of Nova Scotia for a rebate of tax paid by the said Company in respect of fuels used in vehicles for the carriage of passengers during the year 1965. Motion passed.

Legislation - Re: Refund of Business Occupancy Tax

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following legislation be sought which, in effect, authorizes the City to abate taxes for the months of November and December, 1964, charged against Mr. E. M. Campbell of Campbell's Esso Service Station, Granville Street, Mr. Campbell having vacated the premises on Granville Street in October of 1964:

"The business tax assessed for the civic year 1964 against Edward M. Campbell in respect of his occupancy of civic number 1326 Lower Water Street for the operation of a service station, shall be the sum of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty cents, and the City shall write off and cancel any business tax assessed against Edward M. Campbell for such occupancy in such year in excess of such sum of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty cents, together with accrued interest on such taxes to be written off and cancelled."

Motion passed.

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Legislation Re: Supplementary Grants

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following amending legislation respecting supplementary grants for members of the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan with postponed retirement dates as at March 30, 1965, be sought:

1. (1) Subsection (1) of Section 21 of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1957, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1959 and Section 25 of Chapter 65 of the Acts of 1961 and Section 9 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1965, is further amended by adding thereto immediately following the word "earlier" in the last line thereof, the words,

"Provided, however, that any member of such Plan who, prior to March 30, 1965, had reached his normal retirement date and had been granted a postponed retirement date by the Retirement Committee, shall have his service benefits, upon retirement, based upon the average of the yearly earnings in the period of five years immediately preceding the last postponed retirement date that the Retirement Committee had, prior to March 30, 1965, granted such member."

(2) Subsection (2) of Section 21 of Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1957, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1965, is further amended by adding thereto immediately following the word "earlier" in the last line thereof, the words,

"And further provided that such three year period immediately preceding the date of retirement or the normal retirement date, whichever is earlier, shall not apply to any member of such Plan who, prior to March 30, 1965, had reached his normal retirement date and had been granted a postponed retirement date by the Retirement Committee, but for such member the three year period shall be determined as the period of three years immediately preceding the last postponed retirement date that the Retirement Committee had, prior to March 30, 1965, granted such member."

(3) This Section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on the 30th day of March, 1965.

Motion passed.

Legislation Re: Amendments - Halifax City Charter, 1963

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, draft legislation, as prepared by the City Solicitor, pertaining to

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amendments to the Halifax City Charter 1963, be approved. Motion passed.

Legislation Re: Halifax Senior Citizens Housing Project

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the request of the Halifax Senior Citizens Housing Corporation that the City continue the taxing and leasing arrangements (which expire in 1965) be approved and that legislation, as follows, to give effect to the request, be sought:

"Section 12 of Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1963 as that section as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1964 and further amended by Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1965 is further amended by striking out the figure "1965" in the first line thereof and substituting therefore the figures "1966".

Motion passed.

Negotiations Re: Site for New Halifax Mental Hospital

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following proposals in connection with the construction of a new Halifax Mental hospital be placed before the Department of Veterans Affairs for consideration:

- (1) That the Department of Veterans Affairs be asked to lease to the City 2.8 acres of land on the Camp Hill site on a 99-year lease, the said lease to be subject to an easement across part of the property to permit adequate access to the existing heating tunnel in case of need for repairs or re-construction and an undertaking to provide access by road to the frame buildings adjacent to the said land;
- (2) That the City of Halifax will undertake to build a hospital of two wings, separated by a party wall construction, consisting of:
 - (a) A Mental Hospital of 250 beds;
 - (b) A special Department of Veterans Affairs wing of 185 beds.
- (3) That the City agree to lease the 185 bed wing to the Department of Veterans Affairs (in accordance with the terms set forth in Paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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and 11 as contained in the report of the City Manager respecting negotiations, Mental Hospital Site, dated December 20, 1965) and that the Department of Veterans Affairs pay to the City of Halifax an annual rental for the said hospital wing, equal to the annual payment (amortized payment) required to pay off the City's capital debt to be incurred for the Department of Veterans Affairs portion of the hospital construction at the usual municipal rate of debts pertaining at this time at 6% per annum. After the first twenty years, if the Department of Veterans Affairs takes up the 10-year option, a nominal rental of \$1.00 per annum is to be charged.

Motion passed.

Purchase of Land - British American Oil Company Limited, North Street

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City purchase a strip of land fronting on North Street (approximately 12' x 38') from the British American Oil Company Limited for the sum of \$700.00. Motion passed.

Legislation Re: Transient Occupancy Tax

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- (1) A Public Hearing be held at the meeting of City Council scheduled for January 13, 1966, in connection with the proposal of the City to seek legislation which would give the City the authority to levy a transient occupancy tax in respect of the occupancy by transients in any hotel in the City;
- (2) The advertisement, calling the Public Hearing, instruct the public that any briefs which are to be presented at the Hearing, must be submitted to the City Clerk five days in advance of the meeting so that they can be circulated to the members of the Council for study prior to the meeting.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the meeting of the Committee on Works held on December 21, 1965, respecting the following matters:

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(a) Tenders - Demolition of Buildings

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the tender of George Redmond be accepted for the demolition of the following buildings:

1. #2380 Maitland Street - in the amount of \$300.00 provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$600.00 is submitted by him to the City.
2. #2416 Brunswick Street - in the amount of \$1,424.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$2,850.00 is submitted by him to the City.
3. #5417 Gerrish Street - in the amount of \$880.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1,800.00 is submitted by him to the City.
4. #2377-79-81-83
Gottingen Street - in the amount of \$1,660.00 provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$3,400.00 is submitted by him to the City.
5. #2504-2506
Barrington Street - in the amount of \$1,340.00 provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$2,700.00 is submitted by him to the City.

Motion passed.

(b) Final Certificates

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the following final certificates be approved:

1. Certificate #7 (Final) - Standard Paving Maritime Limited
Street Widening - \$76,743.53
2. Certificate #6 (Final) - Standard Paving Maritime Limited
Traffic Improvements \$ 576.65
3. Certificate #6 (Final) - Standard Paving Maritime Limited
Renewals & Resurfacing \$ 6,917.90
4. Certificate #2 (Final) - Standard Paving Maritime Limited
Seal Coating \$ 815.54

Motion passed.