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Commissioner of Works as a candidate for attendance at an Advanced Management Training Program at the Harvard School of Business Administration, authorize payment of the cost of the program estimated at \$3,225.00 and grant Mr. West leave of absence with pay for the period he will be required to be in attendance at the course (approximately 13 weeks from September 15, 1966) on condition that Mr. West contract to remain in the employ of the City of Halifax for a period of at least two years after completion of the course. Motion passed.

Amendment - Architect's Agreement - Centennial Aquarium

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Agreement entered into with Aza Avramovitch and Associates for architectural fees relating to the construction of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium be amended to provide that the fees to be paid to the said architectural firm be set at \$49,000 instead of \$35,000 because of the increased cost estimate of the Aquarium. Motion passed.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium had met to consider preliminary plans for the Aquarium and that, at that meeting, it was suggested that the cost of the Aquarium could exceed \$600,000.00.

Several Aldermen indicated that they would not be prepared to agree to any further borrowings for this purpose.

Renewal of Lease - Fisherman's Market Limited

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

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under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter, the purpose of continuing the operation of the Court of Tax Appeals, the lease of a water lot, located at the eastern end of George Street, to Fisherman's Market Limited be renewed on the following terms:

1. The lease is for a period of one year, commencing on June 1st, at a rental of \$100.00 per annum.
2. The Lessee, at its own expense, maintains and keeps in good repair, the existing sea wall on the west side of such water lot.
3. The City reserves the right to dump snow on such water lot.
4. The Lessee must permit the public to dock and land on such lot.
5. The City may terminate the lease on one month's notice.

and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute same on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31, 1965

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 1965 for the Board of School Commissioners and the City of Halifax be tabled and referred to the City Manager for examination and subsequent report on any recommendations which he deems necessary to make to Council. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - Court of Tax Appeals - \$4175.00 -  
316C

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a supplementary appropriation in the amount of \$4,175 be approved



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under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter for the purpose of continuing the operation of the Court of Tax Appeals.

Motion passed.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee, held on May 25, 1966, Staff was directed to report to Council the following information relating to the operation of the Court of Tax Appeals:

(1)	Original number of appeals	894
(2)	Number of withdrawals	159
(3)	Number of cases heard	575
(4)	Number of dismissals	300
(5)	Cases to be heard	160
(6)	Appeals granted	212
(7)	Loss of Assessment	

The City Assessor on January 28, 1966, sent a letter for information to the City Manager giving an estimate of possible loss of \$100,000 which is an estimated 5% loss of \$20,000,000 of property assessments. The City Assessor estimated approximately \$40,000,000 of property on file with the appeal court. In his estimate he calculated a 50% reduction of the \$40,000,000 due to withdrawals and dismissals leaving \$20,000,000 assessment or \$100,000 loss due to re-assessment.

Time does not allow for a detail amount of the loss to date but on a check it appears that we are maintaining 5% loss on the appeals heard to date. Many of the large assessments included in the \$20,000,000 estimate have been withdrawn or dismissed thus at the present time and if the remaining appeals hold the same average, we will not have a loss of \$100,000 as estimated but could be below the said amount.

Proclamation Section 489A of City Charter, 1963

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Governor in Council be requested to proclaim section 489A of the City Charter, 1963, which section was enacted at the 1965 Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature and provides that the City Council may by resolution change the name of the Halifax Civic Hospital or Basinview Home or any hospital, home or health centre established under the provisions of the City Charter. Motion passed.

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Capital Borrowing - \$5,066.00 - Purchase of 100-ft. Aerial  
Ladder Truck - Fire Department

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional capital funds be provided in the amount of \$5,066 to supplement the original borrowing of \$65,000 to cover the purchase price of a 100-ft. aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department. Motion passed.

Architects Fees - Centennial Aquarium

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

- (1) An account from Aza Avramovitch & Associates amounting to \$9,800.00 for architects fees in connection with preliminary drawings of the proposed Centennial Aquarium be approved for payment and charged to Capital Account;
- (2) A member of City Staff be designated by the City Manager to liaise with the Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium during the construction of the building;
- (3) The City Council give consideration to the tenders received and make the award;
- (4) A Building Committee, composed of representatives of the City Council and Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium be appointed to act during the design and construction of the Aquarium.

Motion passed.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium, held on May 24, 1966, plans for the Aquarium



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and a model of the same were submitted by Mr. Aza Avramovitch.

The Board wishes to advise Council that it has examined the plans and the Architect has been instructed to proceed with working drawings and tender call as quickly as possible.

(Information)

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works of its meeting held on May 17, 1966 with respect to the following matters:

Permission to Expend in Excess of \$1,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Matheson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the following expenditures be authorized:

- (a) The sum of \$3,600.00 for the year 1966 to hire a truck from the Nova Scotia Department of Highways to paint approximately 42 miles of center line markings on City Streets, funds for same being provided in 1966 Current Account No. 2-067-202 (B-8-1).
- (b) The sum of \$1,357.26 to supply storm sewer pipe for the Commons project, funds for same being provided in Capital Account 54-17A.

Motion passed.

Traffic Lines

Alderman Moir asked if something could be done to offset some of the distortion of the traffic lines caused by cars driving over them before they are dry. He mentioned St. Paul's

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Hill as an example. He asked if Staff could take this matter under advisement and possibly black out some of the white lines.

Alderman Trainor asked if the City had a policy on painting traffic lines and is some of this work done in the Fall.

The Commissioner of Works stated that this expenditure is for both Spring and Fall painting and that it is the policy to paint in the Fall as well.

Alderman Moir suggested painting over some of the distorted white lines with black paint. He specifically referred to Quinpool Road as another example.

Alderman Richard referred to the fact that at some intersections, the white lines have been painted over with glossy paint and it is most confusing to motorists. He referred to the intersection of Chebucto Road and Windsor Street where a lot of lines were painted over with a glossy black paint.

#### Tenders - Demolition of Buildings

MOVED by Alderman H. W. Butler, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, (1) the tender of M. F. Ettinger, the lower tender, be accepted for the demolition of the following buildings:

##### Group One

4-4½ Milton Dr., Jollimore - in the amount of \$500.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1000.00 is submitted by him to the City.

##### Group Two

2277 Maitland Street - in the amount of \$550.00, provided a Performance Bond in the amount of \$1100.00 is submitted by him to the City.



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Group One - Funds for this work have been provided in Capital Account 58-14.

Group Two - Funds for this work have been provided in Capital Account 59-24 - Uniacke Square.

- (2) The action of the Safety Committee be reaffirmed in recommending that the City Manager be authorized to accept the lowest tender for demolition jobs up to a value of \$1000.00 in order to prevent vandalism and also safeguard adjacent people's property, but that he be required to report to the Committee on Works the particulars of any tenders so accepted by him.

Alderman Richard asked if the City was still submitting its bid on building demolitions to which the City Manager replied that the City had put in about six bids.

Alderman Richard asked how the bids are at the present time compared to what they were before the City was submitting its own. The City Manager replied that there is quite a difference in the bids received in that there is a greater spread than before.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that he had asked the City Manager for a comparative report showing costs today with those of the last few years.

Alderman Richard stated he would be glad to receive such a report.

Alderman Moir referred to the recommendation that the City Manager be authorized to accept the lowest tender for demolitions up to an amount of \$1,000.00 and suggested that the amount be increased to \$2,000.00 and possibly \$3,000.00 as there are very few tenders under \$1,000.00

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The City Manager advised that under the provisions of the City Charter, he was limited to approve expenditures up to the amount of \$1,000.00 and anything over that amount would require the approval of the Finance and Executive Committee and City Council.

The motion was then put and passed.

City Clean-up and Beautification Policy

MOVED by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the Committee on Works adopt a policy that an annual inspection of the City be held on a date in May, to be designated by His Worship the Mayor, as to the state of civic housekeeping, with a view to taking any action necessary, at the time, to make the City clean and tidy. Motion passed.

The following report was submitted from the City Solicitor re: City Beautification and Clean-up Ordinance

As a result of Alderman O'Brien's question in Council concerning the above noted matter, I have consulted a number of reference books, and have been unable to find an Ordinance or the indication of an Ordinance exactly covering this subject. I have written the Institute of Municipal Law Officers, to determine if any other Cities have a similar type Ordinance and their experience in administering the same.

In the meantime, beautification and clean-up may be achieved by a proceeding under Section 363 of the City Charter, 1963. This is similar to the Provincial legislation, in which it is an offence for the owner to permit the premises to become unsightly or allow the premises to become littered with junk, rubbish, parts of automobiles, etc. It also provides for the cutting of grass and provides a penalty of up to \$100.00.

The report was referred to the Committee on Works for consideration.



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Citadel Hill Clean-up

His Worship the Mayor referred to a news item and photograph concerning work on Citadel Hill which indicated quite incorrectly that there was confusion as to who was responsible for the work in front of the Clock on Brunswick Street. He reported that he wrote to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources a few weeks ago enclosing photographs concerning:-

- (i) the work in front of the Clock;
- (ii) the granite blocks on the Sackville Street side of the Hill; and
- (iii) the dirt pile on Ahern Avenue.

He received a reply from the Minister who said these matters would receive consideration and attention, would be followed up and that early results would be in order.

Alderman Ivany referred to the last meeting of the Committee on Works when there was a motion approved that the members would make an inspection of the City before the end of May. He asked if such an inspection would be carried out.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the Committee had visited the dumps and the Golden Gates.

Street Cleaning Programme

Alderman Ivany advised that the Commissioner of Works said he had a sign being prepared for placing on the poles in order that street cleaning operations could be effective and not be hampered by parked cars. He felt that because of parked cars, cleaning operations are only 25% effective. He asked when these signs would be on the streets.

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The Commissioner of Works replied "tomorrow or the weekend."

Alderman Trainor asked if night parking would be banned when cleaning operations begin.

His Worship the Mayor said that temporary signs would be erected by the Police Department and the parking ban would be in effect for that period only. This operation would be similar to snow removal operations.

Alderman Trainor advised that in some cities parking is permitted on the east and north sides of the street on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and on the west and south sides on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He felt this system would result in a much cleaner city and would be in effect all the time from Spring to Fall.

His Worship the Mayor was of the opinion that the suggestion should be examined by the Committee on Works.

Alderman Trainor asked if the Committee would give some thought to having at least four clean-up weeks a year.

Alderman Black suggested one a month.

This matter was also referred to the Committee on Works for consideration.

#### Littering

Alderman A. M. Butler referred to an article appearing in the press about litterbugs. He felt that all the City is doing is becoming obedient to the law and should be reprimanded for what it has failed to do. He said the Police Department and



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school authorities had failed in this respect. He said that corner grocery stores are notorious for litter.

He suggested to the Chief of Police that the Department check on such stores and make them obedient to the law which requires them to clean their own premises. He referred to a section of the City in the vicinity of Linden and Vernon Streets and asked that the Chief of Police pay particular attention to that area.

#### Removal of the City Dump

Alderman Moir stated that in the clean-up programme there is one major item that he hoped the Commissioner of Works and Committee on Works will give very serious consideration to and that is the permanent removal of the City dump. If this means a complete addition to the incinerator, if it means chipping machines to chip large pieces of wood and increased incineration, then the City will have to lay down some plan of action.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Committee on Works had already given serious consideration to this matter and had visited the dump.

Alderman Moir stated that he saw no solution to dumping in the County, no other place in the City and garbage cannot be taken to sea. Therefore, fire is the only answer to the problem. He felt the large items should be reduced to a size so that they can be placed in the incinerator and burned. He hoped that the Committee on Works would give consideration to increased incineration and follow it to its ultimate conclusion.

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Trash Containers

Alderman Trainor said he was told by the Commissioner of Works that there was a trash container on every pole on Barrington Street, but he had only found one at every intersection. He felt a campaign should be launched to increase the number of trash containers throughout the City in a much more aggressive manner than in the past.

These matters were referred to the Committee on Works for consideration.

Closing of Streets - Central Redevelopment Area

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Doyle that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, under the authority of Section 350 of the City Charter, a date be set for a public hearing respecting the closing of the following streets:

Jacob Street - from the east side line of Brunswick Street to the west side line of Barrington Street;

Buckingham Street - from the east side of Market Street to the west side of Argyle Street;

Market Street - from the north side of Buckingham Street to the south side of Jacob Street;

Grafton Street - from the north side of Duke Street to the south side of Jacob Street;

Argyle Street - from the north side of Buckingham Street to the south side of Jacob Street.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Doyle that Council fix July 15, 1966 at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S. as the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. Motion passed.



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REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report was submitted at this time.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

No report was submitted at this time.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No report was submitted at this time.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board at a meeting held on May 17, 1966 with respect to the following matters:-

Zoning - #2038-2042 Gottingen Street

The Board concurs with the conclusions of staff that the frontage on the west side of Gottingen Street (Civic Nos. 2038-2042) could be developed to permit the erection of a two or three storey building to be used for a hall, club room and offices with provision for a store at a later date, in accordance with the C-2 zone.

Received for information purposes.

Amendment to Part VI - Zoning By-law

MOVED by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, Part VI of the Zoning By-law be amended by deleting the word "Hotel" from the permitted R-3 uses and that a date be set for a public hearing. Motion passed.

Alderman Matheson requested permission of Council to consider a matter pertaining to a modification of side yards and extension to a non-conforming building.

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The Alderman was informed that the Staff report had not been prepared for submission to the Town Planning Board as yet and this procedure would be necessary before Council could deal with the same.

The matter was referred to the next regular meeting of the Town Planning Board for recommendation to Council.

Letter - His Worship the Mayor Re: Dalhousie Area - Rezoning

The following letter was referred to Council for information purposes only:-

To: The Members of the Town Planning Board  
From: Mayor Charles A. Vaughan  
Date: May 16, 1966

Dear Aldermen:

At a meeting of the Town Planning Board held on April 5th, 1966, it was suggested that a meeting of the Town Planning Board be held with Dalhousie University representatives to discuss a proposed R-2 rezoning.

I spoke to Dr. Henry D. Hicks, President of Dalhousie University, on May 6th, re the above, and he informed me that Dalhousie wishes to have the matter deferred for some time, in order to re-examine the total situation. In view of this, I see no point in holding a meeting such as that proposed by the Board until Dalhousie again approaches us on the matter of rezoning.

Charles A. Vaughan  
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with the request that Dalhousie University be permitted to withdraw its application for rezoning.

MOTIONS (NONE)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$1,000.00

An account was submitted from the City Manager recommending payment to the Public Service Commission for fire protection charges for 1966 in the amount of \$336,785.26.



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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher  
that the account be approved for payment. Motion passed.

Appointment - Two Aldermen to Retirement Committee

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Abbott and  
Alderman H. W. Butler to be members of the Retirement Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Matheson  
that the nominations be approved. Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permits

The following applications for Lord's Day Permits  
were submitted:-

Hugo Gutfreund	5465 Inglis Street
Cecil Billard	3445 Windsor Street
Joseph Savi	1069 Bland Street
Joseph Salah	2622 Agricola Street
Mrs. J. W. Ross	2160 Windsor Street
Samir Toulany	556 Tower Road
Hamid B. Greige	1826 Robie Street
Becher Habebe	2705 May Street

The applications were deferred pending a report from  
the Building Inspector on the matter of litter and condition  
of premises inside and out.

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It was agreed that Council would meet as scheduled on  
June 16, 1966.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman O'Brien Re: List of Questions

Alderman O'Brien asked whether there are any answers  
to the written questions he had submitted at a recent City  
Council meeting. One in particular - dealing with Windsor  
Street?

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The City Manager replied that he would like to look at the matter further and process it for a later meeting.

Question Alderman Trainor Re: Purchase of Property, 5190 Gerrish Street

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Alderman Trainor stated that on December 30, 1965, City Council authorized the purchase of a property at 5190 Gerrish Street for \$5,700.00, to date the owner has not received payment for same, nearly five months afterwards. He asked if the City Manager can state when the owner will be paid?

The City Manager replied he could not give a positive date.

Alderman Trainor asked, if the owner of 5190 Gerrish Street is not paid within three weeks, could he give a motion of lack of confidence in the City Manager and Staff in respect of the handling of this matter as five months have gone by?

His Worship the Mayor: "No, there certainly is a good and valid reason for it."

Alderman Black to Alderman Trainor: "Wouldn't you sooner have it explained why it is that payment has not been made to Mr. Luciano for his property?"

The City Manager replied that City Council, at its last meeting in December, approved the purchase of this property. On January 6th, the City Clerk forwarded the resolution of Council to the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs with a request for approval of the borrowing By-law. During the middle of February the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs replied to the City Clerk stating that he was unwilling to recommend to



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the Minister authority for this money to be borrowed because arrangements had been made by His Worship the Mayor and the City Manager sometime previously in the Office of the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs in respect to the utilization of the monies borrowed from the Land Sale Account and a basis by which the City could repay the money over a period of five years to the Land Sale Account with appropriate interest where necessary.

He suggested that the matter would have to wait the passing of the Legislation which the City Council had sought from the Legislature. The matter was processed by the Legislature sometime around April. The bill was passed by the House just before the Legislature adjourned and here is where it was felt that there had been approval given for the proclamation. The matter was processed through the May 12th Council meeting when it was found that we were required to go back and ask for proclamation of each of these items and the matter was waiting for the City Clerk to have a certified copy of the resolution forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking for the proclamation. *the Finance and Executive Committee*

Now what transpired after that was that he personally took the matter in hand and he obtained the resolution from the City Clerk and attached it to the legal communications which had been prepared by the City Solicitor and took them personally to the Department of Municipal Affairs and asked if he could get some special consideration. He was informed that the Provincial Cabinet was meeting in Shelburne that day and it would not be

*of the Building Inspection Department and the position has been*

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possible to process the matter at that meeting. He then asked if it would be possible that special consideration be given, that in consideration of the fact that the legislation would be proclaimed in due course, could the City have approval of the borrowing. He was told that that matter would have to be taken up with the Minister and he would be informed as quickly as possible.

His Worship the Mayor: "I think that indicates that you have carried out your responsibilities."

Question Alderman Black Re: Trustees City Sinking Fund

Alderman Black asked when the Trustees of the City of Halifax Sinking Fund last met?

The City Manager replied that it was during budget time - in February.

Alderman Black asked if they planned to meet and implement some of the recommendations made by Council with respect to the Superannuation Plan?

His Worship the Mayor replied that this matter was to be decided by the Finance and Executive Committee.

The City Clerk was directed to place this matter on the order of business of the next Finance and Executive Committee meeting.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Vacant Positions

Alderman Ivany asked if Mr. Abraham's position had been filled as yet?

The City Manager stated Mr. Abraham was the Supervisor of the Building Inspection Department and the position has been



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advertised, but Mr. West has not given a recommendation as yet, as to a successful applicant. He stated that there is a Deputy Building Inspector.

Alderman Ivany then asked, in view of the vacancies on the Staff of City Hall and the Urwick, Currie Report, if a report could be submitted on the success the City Manager is having filling the vacancies.

The City Manager stated that this matter and others would be the subject of the Special Council Conference to be held when this meeting adjourns.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman A. M. Butler Re: Rescission - Resolution of Council, June 17, 1965 Re: Pre-retirement Leave

Alderman A. M. Butler gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move that the resolution approved by Council on June 17, 1965 respecting pre-retirement leave, be rescinded.

Notice of Motion - Alderman Moir Re: Sidewalk Snow Removal

Alderman Moir gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would introduce a motion that will recommend the installation of sidewalk snow removal in the City of Halifax in 1966.

ADDED ITEMS

Amendment - Early Closing Ordinance

A letter had been received from the Vice President of the Retail Committee of the Board of Trade by the City Solicitor, dated the 24th May, 1966, requesting an amendment to Ordinance No. 111, the Early Closing of Shops. The matter is brought for-

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ward at this time, in order to deal with the matter as expeditiously as possible, although it will not be possible under the terms of Ordinance No. 102, respecting the passing of ordinances, to effect an amendment which would enable the merchants to remain open in the Dominion Day week.

The matter was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration.

9:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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CHARLES A. VAUGHAN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

On motion of Alderman Vaughan, seconded by Alderman  
LeBlanc, the following items were added to the Order of Business:

(20)a Letter - Bill Lynch Shows Limited - Re: Date of Shows  
on Central Common

(20)b Report - City Manager Re: Metal Stairs - Memorial Tower

**CITY COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S**

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
June 16, 1966  
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: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Abbott, Moir, Matheson, Ivany, A. M. Butler, Meagher, LeBlanc, Trainor, Connolly, Doyle, Richard, O'Brien and H. W. Butler.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of Council held on April 28, May 12, May 19, May 26, 1966, were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

On motion of Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, the following items were added to the Order of Business:

(20)a Letter - Bill Lynch Shows Limited - Re: Date of Shows on Central Common

(20)b Report - City Manager Re: Metal Stairs - Memorial Tower



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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman  
H. W. Butler that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved.  
Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS TO HOUSING AUTHORITY OF HALIFAX

A letter was submitted from His Worship the Mayor  
advising that the Federal and Provincial Governments have agreed  
to the following persons acting as members of the Housing  
Authority of Halifax for the terms indicated:

For one year, ending December 31, 1966

Mr. R. D. Mussett  
6306 South Street, Halifax

Mrs. John Phillips  
3255 Connaught Avenue, Halifax

For two years, ending December 31, 1967

Mr. R. B. Grant  
City Hall, Halifax

Mr. Peter Herschorn  
Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax

For three years, ending December 31, 1968

Mrs. W. P. Oliver  
2096 Maynard Street, Halifax

Mr. L. M. Romkey  
1777 Cambridge Street, Halifax

Mr. Gerald Tobin  
2566 Elm Street, Halifax

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany  
that the appointment of the above named persons to the Housing  
Authority of Halifax for the terms indicated be approved.

Motion passed.

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APPOINTMENTS TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Further deferred.

APPLICATIONS FOR LORD'S DAY PERMITS OF MAY 26, 1966

Deferred pending receipt of inspection reports.

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

No motions of reconsideration were presented.

MOTION ALDERMAN A. M. BUTLER RE: RESCISSION

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the resolution respecting pre-retirement leave passed by Council at its meeting held on June 17, 1965, be rescinded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

No hearings were scheduled for this time.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

No petitions were presented 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 June 2, 1966 with respect to the following matters:

Mulgrave Park Housing Project - Request for Additional Maintenance Funds

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



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the Housing Authority of Halifax be authorized to increase the 1966 operating budget for the Mulgrave Park Housing Project by \$819.49 to cover the cost of repairs to the water system.

Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - Appraisal Fees - #2014-2018  
Upper Water Street - 316C

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, funds in the amount of \$250.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter to cover the cost of appraisals by Mr. C. F. Whynacht and Mr. Arthur Speed of the properties at 2014-2018 Upper Water Street. Motion passed.

Supplementary Appropriation - Appraisal Fees - Re: Fleming  
Park Extension - 316C

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, funds in the amount of \$800.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter to cover the cost of appraisals of lands adjacent to Fleming Park required for the extension of the Park. Motion passed.

Rental #1471 Brenton Street (Vacant Land)

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the vacant lot at 1471 Brenton Street be leased to Foundation-Crory Company Limited on a month-to-month basis at a rental of \$15.00 per month, the tenant to be responsible for improving the lot as required for his use and to keep the land

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in a tidy condition during his term of occupancy. Motion passed.

Property Acquisition - #2059 Barrington Street;  
- #2063-2065 Barrington Street;  
- #176-178 Upper Water

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$18,000 be paid to B. A. Blakeney and Kenneth A. Blakeney for settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of their properties at 2059 Barrington Street, 2063-2065 Barrington Street and 176-178 Upper Water Street located in that portion of the Central Redevelopment Area required for the Cogswell Street overpass.

Alderman O'Brien said that he noticed from reading the reports and minutes of the Finance and Executive Committee that some of the appraisal figures are less than the 1966 assessments but that settlements are being negotiated on the basis of the assessments.

He questioned the need of appraisals if the policy of negotiating the assessed valuation is to be

The Development Officer stated that where settlements can be effected at the assessed valuations, appraisers are not engaged; but, he pointed out that the bulk of the settlements now being recommended have been under negotiation for many months. The motion was passed.

Property Acquisition - #2407 Barrington Street

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



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the sum of \$6,200.00 be paid to Armview Construction Company as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of the property at 2407 Barrington Street, located within the Uniacke Square Redevelopment Area approved by Council but not within the partnership-shared-cost area, funds to be provided by capital borrowing. Motion passed.

A formal borrowing resolution for the sum of \$7,000 was submitted to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Richard that the borrowing resolution as submitted be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Acquisition - #2409-2411 Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$11,200.00 be paid to Woodlawn Realty Limited as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition by the City of the property at 2409-2411 Barrington Street, located within the Uniack Square Redevelopment Area approved by Council but not within the partnership-shared-cost area, funds for this purpose to be provided by capital borrowing. Motion passed.

A formal borrowing resolution for the sum of \$12,000 was submitted to give effect to the foregoing resolution of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the borrowing resolution as submitted be approved. Motion

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passed unanimously.

Approval of Centennial Grant - Aquarium

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman A. M. Butler that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the letter from the Centennial Liaison Officer for the Province of Nova Scotia advising that a Centennial Grant in the amount of \$184,000.00 towards the cost of the Halifax Centennial Aquarium had been approved in Ottawa be accepted for information purposes.

Alderman O'Brien referred to the letter which had been circulated to the members of Council by Alderman Ivany, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium, which letter seemed to be asking for some decisiveness on the part of the Council and a unanimous declaration either in favour or against the construction of an aquarium; and he asked: "Can he give us his advice as to whether or not we should be proceeding with this idea?"

Alderman Ivany said that at the last meeting of City Council, certain statements were made which concerned him respecting the fact that if the estimates for the Aquarium were to exceed \$600,000, there would be the possibility of the project being abandoned.

Alderman Ivany referred to the statement in the press which quoted him as saying he would move a motion to rescind the resolution of Council respecting the Aquarium; and he said that since the last meeting and publication of his statements,



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there had been some good reaction from the public and some good arguments had been advanced in favour of the Aquarium; and he said, "I am in favour of an Aquarium but within the limits of our pocket." He contended, also, that the possibility of having the Federal Government, Provincial Government and private industry contribute to the cost of the Aquarium should be investigated.

His Worship the Mayor said that he has already taken action to seek additional assistance from the Federal Government and has written the appropriate officials in Ottawa.

Alderman Ivany said that the Board is working closely with the architects in an endeavour to keep the cost of the Aquarium within the authorized amount of \$600,000.00, and he said that the answer to many questions should be available to Council within the next two weeks.

His Worship the Mayor said that the matter will be placed on the Order of Business for the next meeting of Council at which time the Board of Directors of the Centennial Aquarium will be submitting their report.

Legislation Re: Assessment - St. George's Church Rectory

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, legislation be sought at the next session of the Legislature to authorize the City Assessor to assess the old St. George's Rectory at the corner of Cornwallis and Maitland Streets as residential realty, rather than as business realty. Motion passed.

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Request for Annexation - Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Richard, seconded by Alderman Trainor that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee and notwithstanding the fact that a valid petition requesting annexation of the Spryfield area to the City of Halifax is to be considered when the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities resumes annexation hearings on June 23, 1966, no additions or alterations be made to the resolution passed by City Council on March 17, 1966, respecting annexation of the following suburban areas: Districts Nos. 1, 4, 12 and the watershed lands owned by the Public Service Commission.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Matheson, seconded by Alderman O'Brien that the motion be amended to include direction to the City Clerk to advise the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities that the City Council has considered the petition from Spryfield and for the reasons stated in the resolution of City Council passed on March 17, 1966, that Council reaffirms its stand taken at that time. The amendment was put and passed.

The Motion as amended was then put and passed.

Trustees - City of Halifax Superannuation Fund

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Richard, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, and pursuant to Section 39 of the Halifax Superannuation Act, the Trustees of the Trust and Sinking Funds of the City of Halifax be appointed Trustees of the Superannuation Trust Fund. Motion passed.



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Request for Rent Reduction - Operator - Fleming Park Canteen

The following recommendation was submitted from the  
Finance and Executive Committee:

It is recommended that the request of the operator of the Fleming Park Canteen for a reduction in rent in the amount of \$700.00 because of loss of business suffered as a result of sewer construction work on the road leading to Fleming Park be referred to the Halifax County Council with the advice that the City feels that the claim of \$700.00 is reasonable and justifiable as it represents two months rent of a seven-month season, and the City invites the County Council to make compensation to the claimant.

After discussion, it was moved by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman H. W. Butler that the operator of the canteen at Fleming Park be advised that City Council cannot accept his claim for compensation as the City has no responsibility for any loss of business that he may have suffered. Motion passed.

Additional Grant - Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation Limited

MOVED by Alderman A. M. Butler, seconded by Alderman Richard that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the approval of an additional grant of \$25,000 to the Halifax Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation Limited be confirmed and that the necessary borrowing resolution be approved, advice having been received from the City Solicitor that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of the Municipal Supplementary Powers Act, the City has the authority to make grants for housing to corporate bodies such as the Halifax Senior Citizens' Housing Corporation Limited. Motion passed.

A formal borrowing resolution for the sum of \$25,000