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Provision to be made for payment of contributions where an employee is on leave of absence, such person to pay both the employee's and employer's contributions, effective January 1, 1969.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Retirement Committee, legislation be sought to enact the following change in the Superannuation Plan:

Provision for optional contributions to be made by employees, effective January 1, 1969.

Motion passed.

In making their proposed recommendations for modification to the Plan, the Retirement Committee also recommended as follows:

THAT implementation of the proposed changes in the Pension Plan outlined above, be financed entirely through tax revenue in the current budget, without additional cost to the employees, part of which costs will end in 1992, and the balance increase as the City's total payroll expands, and that top priority be given to the implementation of Items 1 and 4.

Mr. Burnell in his January, 1969 report estimated the costs of implementing the foregoing modifications to the Plan as follows:

Total Cost .....	\$1,302,000
Capital Items .....	690,476
Non-Capital & Combined Items ...	611,524
Suggested Method Funding .....	\$14,600 p.a. from 1969 to 1992

The Chairman asked Mr. Burnell if he had given any thought to a possible splitting of the expense for implementation, between employees and the City. Mr. Burnell said that a split on the basis presently in force between the employees and the City would cost the employees approximately one-half of one percent. He said roughly speaking the total

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cost of the proposed changes was something like 1.3% of salary, and at the present the split between the employees and the City was of the order of 3 to 4.

The Chairman asked Mr. Burnell what effect this would have on the City's current budget, as compared with his earlier estimate, and Mr. Burnell said that the figures in his report were based on 1967 payroll, for which reason they were already out of date, but based on the 1967 payroll the saving to the City would be from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Council then agreed to defer a decision on the question of who would pay the costs of implementing the approved changes, until the Council meeting to be held the following Tuesday, so that the employee's position in the matter of cost-sharing could be determined in the afternoon meetings of the Advisory and Retirement Committees.

The Chairman asked to have available at the Tuesday meetings, figures showing percentages now paid by the employees and the City, and Mr. Burnell requested that he be supplied an estimate of the 1969 payroll.

Widow's Pension - Administrative Order No. 3

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Retirement Committee, Section 472 of the 1963 City Charter which provided for pensions to widows of policemen and firemen who died as a direct result of injury sustained while on duty, be reestablished, if the consent of the Legislature is available, retroactive to the date it was repealed, at which time its scope should be enlarged to encompass not

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only Police and Fire Department employees, but all civic employees not completely insured under the Workmen's Compensation Act of Nova Scotia. Motion passed.

City Health Department Employees Who May be Transferred to the Province

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Retirement Committee, legislation be sought to enact the following: THAT any employee who leaves the service of the City through no decision of his own, because he is taken over by another Government body, shall be required to leave his contributions in the pension plan and retain all rights and benefits as though he remained a contributing member, and that he be allowed to withdraw his contributions in the normal course of events at such time as he leaves the Government body which takes him over, and that if he completes twenty years of combined service with the City and the Government body to which he transfers, he shall be given the option of leaving his contributions in the Plan and thereby receive the pension to which he is entitled at 65 years of age. Motion passed.

It was agreed that in his drafting of the above resolution, the City Solicitor would eliminate the words "twenty years", and in its place make reference to the applicable section in the Superannuation Plan, in order to cover future amendments to the time requirement before an employee is entitled to vesting rights.

New City Employees from County as a Result of Annexation

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Retirement Committee

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legislation be sought to enact the following:

Short Term  
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Committee,  
move as quickly as possible in leveling the land at the  
Central Victualling Depot, and that it be made available on a  
short-term basis for off-street parking. Motion passed.  
Increase Meter Rates - 25¢ per hour  
The report of the Committee reads as follows:  
\*It is recommended that meter rates be based on a 25¢ per  
hour rate in the Central Business District.  
Alderman Hogan did not think that the Spadina  
merchants had considered this matter. He referred to all  
the businesses that have either moved from Spadina Street  
and relocated or gone out of business and he questioned whether  
or not this was due to lack of parking or to something else.  
It was then MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman  
Meagher that the matter be deferred for a period of 7 days  
to the first regular Council meeting in March. Motion  
passed.  
Building Committee - Lane Memorial Hospital.  
MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman  
Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive  
Committee:  
1. The Board of the Mental Hospital should be required  
to maintain a watching brief over the general pro-  
gramme of development during the construction period.  
In this process, it would be assisting on behalf of  
Council, but it would not assume Council's ultimate  
responsibility.

Motion passed.

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and relocated or gone out of business and he questioned whether  
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Council, but it would not assume Council's ultimate  
responsibility.

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Short Term Off-street Parking - Central Business District

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Staff ask the Department of National Defence to move as quickly as possible in levelling the land at the Central Victualling Depot, and that it be made available on a short-term basis for off-street parking. Motion passed.

Increase Meter Rates - 25¢ per hour

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that meter rates be based on a 25¢ per hour rate in the Central Business District."

Alderman Hogan did not think that the downtown merchants had considered this matter. He referred to all the businesses that have either moved from Barrington Street and relocated or gone out of business and he questioned whether or not this was due to lack of parking or to something else. It was then MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the matter be deferred for a period of 27 days to the first regular Council meeting in March. Motion passed.

Building Committee - Lane Memorial Hospital

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

1. The Board of the Mental Hospital should be required to maintain a watching brief over the general programme of development during the construction period. In this process, it would be assisting on behalf of Council, but it would not assume Council's ultimate responsibility.

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2. The Building Committee of the Board would remain in existence and, would during the course of construction, meet periodically to consider any important items in relationship to the actual construction of the building.

3. A sub-committee of the Building Committee would be set up to process progress claims for payment by the City, to deal with the Architect on questions which might arise, and to process through the City Manager, requests for change orders, extras to the contract. This sub-committee shall consist of not more than three persons and one of the members will be Mr. G. B. Jefferson, the Building Inspector, who has been a member of the Building Committee and responsible for liaison with the City staff.

Motion passed.

Expropriation Settlement - #2089 Upper Water Street - Karlsten  
Shipping Limited

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman

Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

1. Council approve the expropriation of part only of Civic Number 2089 Upper Water Street, the property of Karlsten Shipping Limited, for an amount to be increased to \$48,500, as settlement in full for all claims.
2. Council authorize the immediate release to Karlsten Shipping Limited of 75% of authorized compensation or the sum of \$36,375, in accordance with the provisions of Section 422 of the Halifax City Charter, 1963.

Motion passed.

Compensation to Tenants for Repairs to City-owned Housing

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that there be no departure from the City's present program with regard to compensation for repairs and redecoration by tenants of City-owned properties."

The City Manager advised that a letter had been received by the City from Central Mortgage and Housing Cor-

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poration with respect to the matter. The letter reads as follows:

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Mr. S. J. Langmaid,  
Supervisor,  
Real Estate Department,  
City of Halifax,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Re: Claim for Redecoration  
2369 Maitland Street  
Mr. M. G. Warrington

Dear Mr. Langmaid:

Further to our telephone conversation Friday, February 7, I am attaching a copy of a letter received from Mr. Murray G. Warrington in which he requests us to assist him in obtaining a free month's rent as compensation for re-decoration of the unit which he rents from the City.

As you know, the Corporation has always taken the position that it is difficult to justify substantial maintenance costs on urban properties slated for demolition. For this reason, we fully support the recommendation of City Staff, in its submission dated January 30, that encouragement to tenants to undertake interior decoration be limited to the supply of reasonable amounts of paint.

When Mr. Warrington visited our office last week, he insisted that he had proceeded with the interior decoration of the unit which he occupies on the clear understanding he would receive compensation. We are not, of course, in a position to assess the validity of Mr. Warrington's claim. However, we would not object to the waiver of one month's rent in this instance if the City feels such action is justified and is satisfied that it would not create a precedent.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) G. A. Miller  
Assistant Manager

Alderman Meagher felt that the City had made a commitment to Mr. Warrington and should relax the rent for one or two months. He did not consider that a precedent would be set.

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Alderman Ahern considered that it would be very unfair not to compensate Mr. Warrington for his work.

Alderman Hogan was not in favour of compensating Mr. Warrington for his work, he said that he had known many landlords who supply paint or glass to tenants but he did not know of any who paid the tenant for painting or repairing windows.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the present policy of the City be relaxed in the case of Mr. Murray G. Warrington and that he be compensated for the total amount of his bill by living rent free for the period of time it would take to cover the bill.

Alderman Sullivan considered that in this particular case there were extenuating circumstances and he would go along with the motion.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the letter received from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Supervisor of Real Estate explained the position of the Corporation in the matter.

Alderman Allen was firmly convinced that by adopting the motion, Council would create a very bad precedent and he would vote against it.

After hearing from the City Solicitor with respect to the legal implications of adopting the motion, it was MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Allen that the matter be deferred to a Special Meeting of City Council



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to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 1969. Motion passed.

Salary Adjustment - Welfare Officers and Social Workers

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the salaries of Welfare Officers and Social Workers be adjusted as follows to conform with recently authorized adjustments implemented by the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
<u>Welfare Worker</u>		
April 1, 1967	\$3960	\$4680
April 1, 1968	4080	4800
<u>Welfare Officer I</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$4860	\$6300
May 1, 1968	5220	6720
<u>Welfare Officer II</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$5400	\$6900
May 1, 1968	5820	7380
<u>Welfare Officer III</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$6300	\$8025
May 1, 1968	6720	8580
<u>Social Worker I</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$5700	\$7275
May 1, 1968	6120	7740
<u>Social Worker II</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$6660	\$8400
May 1, 1968	7020	9000
<u>Social Worker III</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$6900	\$8800
May 1, 1968	7380	9420
<u>Social Work Supvr. I</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$7650	\$9600
May 1, 1968	8160	10260
<u>Social Work Supvr. II</u>		
May 1, 1967	\$8025	10000
May 1, 1968	8580	10680

Motion passed.

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Agreement - Scotia Square

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement between the City of Halifax and the Federal Government respecting cost sharing on the Scotia Square development. Motion passed.

Cogswell Street Interchange - Contract #1, Phase #1

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

1. Council confirm the commitments made, and
2. the revised estimates for providing services for Scotia Square, including construction of the Cogswell Street Interchange, be established at \$4,775,000.00.

Motion passed.

Pedestrian Overpass - Sherwood Point

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to the construction of a pedestrian overpass over Canadian National Railways' property, and required fencing on each side of the tracks, to provide a safe access to the Sherwood Point Playground, at a cost of about \$31,000, subject to the City obtaining a satisfactory deed to the Playground property, funds to be provided from Accounts No. 53-43 and 54-5. Motion passed.

Committee for Study of Stipend - Mayor and Aldermen

The report of the Committee reads as follows:

Motion passed.

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"It is recommended that:

1. A Committee of three persons be appointed at once to study the Mayor's and Aldermen's stipend, and that the Committee's report be submitted to Council for consideration on or before February 27, 1969, and in the event that an increase is recommended, acceptance of such stipend or portion of same shall be optional to the Mayor or Alderman.
2. The following comprise the Committee to study the stipend of the Mayor and the Aldermen:

G. R. Matheson, Q.C.  
Hector McInnes, Barr.  
James H. Vaughan, M.L.A."

Alderman Hogan spoke emphatically against the recommendation of the Committee.

Alderman McGuire said that because a committee is appointed to study the matter, it did not necessarily mean that they would recommend an increase, it could be a decrease. He was concerned about the time factor in the recommendation and felt that February 27, 1969 was too soon to expect a report.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a committee of three persons be appointed at once to study the Mayor's and Aldermen's stipend. Motion passed with Alderman Hogan voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following comprise the Committee to study the stipend of the Mayor and the Aldermen:

G. R. Matheson, Q.C.  
Hector McInnes, Barr.  
James H. Vaughan, M.L.A.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on February 6, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Proposed Transfer of Air Pollution Control to Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the City of Halifax delegate its authority in the field of Air Pollution Control to the Halifax-Dartmouth Regional Authority at the same time requesting it to let the City know, without delay, whether it has other delegations which make the City's delegation effective. Motion passed.

Street Names - Annexed Area

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the renaming of Sunset Avenue in Spryfield should be left in the hands of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman McGuire and Alderman Hogan and a recommendation brought back to City Council. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on February 6, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Extension to a Non-conforming Building - #6495 Chebucto Road

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the application for an extension to a non-conforming building at 6495 Chebucto Road to permit the construction

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of an 11.5 foot by 8.5 foot, two-storey addition to the rear of the existing dwelling and store, be approved. Motion passed with Alderman McGuire voting against.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building - 6635 Norwood Street

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for an extension to a non-conforming building at 6635 Norwood Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2613, to permit the construction of a 14.8 foot by 26.2 foot, two-storey addition to the north side of the existing single family dwelling, be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Side Yard, Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 3663 Deal Street

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of side yard, lot frontage and lot area requirements at 3663 Deal Street, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2575, to permit the conversion of a single family dwelling to a duplex dwelling by the construction of a second unit in the basement, be refused. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

Subdivision Approval - Lot 84A, Scarlet Road, Clayton Park

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. Lot 84A, Scarlet Road, Clayton Park, being a non-conforming lot under Section 2(1) Amendment to Subdivision Regulations, 1966, be approved;
2. approval be given for the erection of a dwelling on the lot under Section 69(6) of the Zoning By-law.
3. that a public hearing be held.

Motion passed.

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Housing - Frog Pond

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the lands adjoining Frog Pond in Fleming Park continue to be used for park purposes, and no further consideration be given to using these lands for housing. Motion passed.

Subdivision Alteration - Amalgamation of Lot "X" and "Z"  
Andrew Street

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be given to the creation of Lot Z-2, Andrew Street, by the amalgamation of Lots "X" and "Z", to permit the applicant to erect an apartment building on the lot which is properly zoned for this use. Motion passed.

Closure - Buckingham Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, a date be set for a public hearing into the matter of the closing of Buckingham Street, between Market Street and Brunswick Street, to permit the construction of Stage 5 of the Scotia Square development. Motion passed.

Official Street Line - Robie Street

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, a date be set for a public hearing to lay down official street lines on the eastern side of Robie Street from the Ocean Terminal Right of Way to Bell Road that would reserve sufficient land for the proposed widening. Motion passed.

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Amendments to Town Planning Act

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

1. the City write to the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission indicating that if the Commission and other municipalities agreed, the City would approve an amendment which would remove the residential qualifications from the Provincial appointees to the Commission;
2. the City write to the Halifax-Dartmouth and County Regional Planning Commission indicating that the City approves the amendment to Section 57(7) of the Town Planning Act by substituting "twenty-two and one-half cents" for "fifteen cents".

Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Revision to Motor Vehicle Act -  
Mufflers

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, on behalf of Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council submit to the Nova Scotia Legislature a request that the Motor Vehicle Act be revised to enforce the application on all cars and other vehicles such as motorcycles, etc., mufflers capable of preventing excessive or unusual sounds. Special attention to be given to restricting the use of straight exhaust, gutted mufflers, muffler cut out, Hollywood mufflers or other devices hampering proper use of a muffler. Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Enactment of Legislation - Non-  
Returnable Bottles, etc.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, on behalf of Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council approve the following resolution:

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WHEREAS parcelling, wrapping and containers of non-returnable nature are increasing at an accelerating rate, making the cost and responsibility to all levels of Government especially Municipal Government for collecting and disposal a most difficult matter;

WHEREAS bottles and cans are contributing to injury and cuts due to careless disposal;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve submitting to the Nova Scotia Legislature a request that the necessary law be enacted eliminating the use of non-returnable bottles, and that other kinds of disposables be so marked, that the consumer is encouraged to deposit same in a proper disposal area.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following accounts over \$5,000.00:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Neptune Theatre	Advance on City share of accumulated deficit to December 31, 1968	\$25,000.00
Municipality of the County of Halifax	Part payment for work in progress for various school construction in annexed area.	300,000.00
		<u>\$325,000.00</u>

Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permit

The following application for a Lord's Day Permit was submitted:

Richard S. and Marjorie H. Pearce  
2637 Fuller Terrace                      Grocery Store

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ahern that a permit to operate a business on the Lord's Day be granted to the above named applicants. Motion passed.



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Sewer Study - Agreement - City of Halifax and MacLaren  
Atlantic Ltd.

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"City Council, on December 30, 1968 approved of the appointment of James F. MacLaren Limited to prepare a Master Plan for Sanitary and Storm Water Sewerage and to make certain recommendations to the City.

Staff negotiated a contract, which was approved by Council on January 30, 1969. At that time, it was not pointed out to Council that James F. MacLaren Limited had asked that their related company, MacLaren Atlantic Limited, be the contracting party.

To prevent legal difficulties from arising, it is recommended that Council authorize the City to enter into the agreement with MacLaren Atlantic Limited."

Question MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman

McGuire that the City of Halifax enter into an agreement with MacLaren Atlantic Limited for the preparation of a Master Plan for Sanitary and Storm Water Sewerage. Motion passed.

Amendment - Zoning By-law - Establishment of C-4 Zone

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"The Minister of Municipal Affairs, on February 3, 1969, approved of the amendment to the Zoning By-law, setting up the C-4 Professional Zone. When approving the By-law, he did so in a modified form, by deleting from the By-law two paragraphs:

(1) In the By-law submitted for approval, a building had to be designed "in the opinion of the Traffic Authority" so that it did not interfere with traffic safety. The Minister deleted the words "in the opinion of the Traffic Authority".

(2) The proposed By-law, as submitted, permitted a modification of any proposed building if the amenity, convenience and value of the properties were not adversely affected and the conditions necessitating the modification were not created by the applicant. This subsection, subclause (d) of Clause (2) of Section 2 was deleted by the Minister. This means that the building must be at a height consistent with the standards set out in the By-law, with no power in Council to modify.

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Neither of the alterations should be considered serious to the operation of the By-law as anticipated. Therefore, under Section 146 of the City Charter, should Council approve of the amendments made by the Minister, the Ordinance will become law in its amended form.

It will then be possible to proceed with public hearings to provide for C-4 Zones in which Professional buildings can be constructed."

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hogan that City Council approve the two amendments made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs as set out in the Staff Report, dated February 11, 1969. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Ahern Re: Urban Transportation Conference

Alderman Ahern asked His Worship the Mayor if he had anything to report on his recent visit to Toronto to the Urban Transportation Conference.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Conference was for the purpose of developing the thinking of people in municipal, provincial and federal governments on the problem of urban transportation. He said that there were present city planners and research people from the Federal Department of Transport and Provincial Ministers of Highways and there was a good exchange of views. It appears that there is a general recognition that the senior levels of government have spent a lot of money on rural highways and that urban transportation cannot be financed by municipal governments but that the planning of transportation facilities, both highways and transit services has to be done on an urban or city basis. The basic planning was not considered to be a Federal Government responsibility but if adequate planning is done at the

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municipal level, in this area at the level of the Regional Planning Commission, then, with the help of the Province, there may be some Federal assistance in the financing of some of the development.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Unfavourable Publicity for Port

Alderman Sullivan asked if there is anything City Council can do to dispel the unfavourable publicity that the Port of Halifax received with respect to the shipment of cars for the Ford Motor Company. He said that he had heard that shipments of cars have increased through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick.

His Worship the Mayor said that when any member of Council has a question concerning the Port of Halifax, the first place to call for information is the Port of Halifax Commission. He suggested that Alderman Sullivan talk to Mr. Ray March or Mr. Peter Dorrington at the Commission to obtain the entire story.

Alderman Sullivan said he would contact the Commission in the morning.

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Used Cars around the City

Alderman Connolly said that while driving around the City he had noticed several old cars parked in different locations and he asked Staff to check particularly the corner of Maynard and Cornwallis Streets where there are three old cars parked and left.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman McGuire Re: Introduction of Ordinance No. 133 Respecting the Emergency Measures Civil Defence Organization

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Alderman McGuire gave notice that, at the next regular

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meeting of City Council, to be held on Wednesday, February 26, 1969, he would introduce for first reading, Ordinance No. 133, Respecting the Emergency Measures Civil Defence Organization. The Ordinance is made under the provisions of Section 583 of the City Charter, 1963, and the purpose is to define the responsibilities of the Organization in Halifax and the duties of the Director.

ADDED ITEMS

Appointment to Halco - Unit Train Corporation

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mr. Ian MacKeigan, Q.C. to be the City of Halifax representative on Halco, the Unit Train Corporation.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the nomination of His Worship the Mayor be approved.

Alderman McGuire said that the City is fortunate to have Mr. MacKeigan accept the appointment as his experience will be of particular benefit to the Corporation and the public will see that he is a man of great stature.

The motion was then put and passed.

Appointment - Board of Management Halifax Civic Hospital

His Worship the Mayor nominated Mr. F. B. Wickwire as a member of the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the nomination of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

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Rental By-law

Alderman Connolly referred to the By-law Respecting Rentals and to the Act Respecting Rentals which he maintained has not been used. He felt that Chapter 8 of the Act Respecting Rentals should be amended so that it can apply to properties constructed after 1957.

He then said that he would like to make the following motion:

I move that the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Act Respecting Rentals be amended by deleting therefrom, subsection E of Section 3, which provides that any housing created by original construction after the 30th day of April 1957 did not apply.

He explained that with the deletion of this section, it will mean that the City of Halifax, through its rental authority, will have the power under the Act, to fix, reduce, or increase the rental applicable to any housing in the City of Halifax, at a rate which is fair and reasonable.

His Worship the Mayor felt that Alderman Connolly should have brought this matter up as a Notice of Motion. If not, he thought that it should have been discussed at a meeting of the special committee to study Rent Control and a written report submitted to Council. He suggested that the matter should be referred to the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council to be held next Wednesday and possibly a meeting of the committee considering Rent Control could be called to discuss the matter before that time.

It was agreed that a meeting of the committee to study rent control should be called as soon as possible to discuss the matter and it then be considered by the Committee

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of the Whole Council.

Tax Relief for Pensioners

Alderman Ahern referred to the great many pensioners on fixed incomes who this year will be faced with an increase in taxes and he asked that Staff get a move on and bring in a report with respect to the possibility of granting tax exemptions to people with fixed low incomes. He said that he wanted action as the matter is of great concern to many people.

The City Manager said that Staff has given the Committee of the Whole some information on this matter and Council approved in principle the thought that the City should consider granting up to the first \$2,500.00 of assessment free of taxes to persons whose income is \$1,500.00 per annum or less. Staff was asked to come back with the costs of implementing these limits and he expects that the Council will be given a report before the end of the budget sessions.

Alderman McGuire referred, at this time, to a programme shown this evening on television in which a member of the Halifax Home Owners Association took a strip, a mile wide, off the backs of the entire City Staff. He said that he was obviously devoid of any concrete information and for his own part, especially recalling Alderman Ivany's remarks of a week ago, it was his feeling that the Council is doing a great disservice by this type of criticism. He said that Council has to realize that public servants, the people who work behind the scenes, are an important part of the democratic pro-

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cess and every time anyone makes an unjustified criticism it lowers the morale of the whole City staff. He referred to the difficulty, as explained by Alderman Ivany at a previous meeting, he had in obtaining a copy of the Annexation Order from City Hall. He felt that Alderman Ivany should have gone straight to the offices of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for a copy of the Order, not to City Hall, and it was his understanding that copies were distributed to all Aldermen previously and perhaps Alderman Ivany had lost the one he had originally been given.

His Worship the Mayor concurred with the remarks of Alderman McGuire and said that the morale of the entire City staff can be affected by the way their "bosses" talk about them in public and this situation can also affect the services to the taxpayers of the City indirectly.

Expropriation Compensation - 171, 176 & 178 Creighton Street -  
Arnold Webber

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The following report was submitted from Staff:

"The City expropriated the above properties by resolution of Council passed in December of 1967, and filed in the Registry of Deeds on December 21, 1967. At the time, Mr. Webber filed Notice of Dissatisfaction with the compensation authorized in the Expropriation Resolution.

The matter proceeded to the Courts, and the Supreme Court allowed the sum of \$32,925.00 together with interest at 5% from December 21, 1967, to date of payment, together with costs to the expropriated owner. The costs were taxed in the amount of \$1881.55 by the Taxing Master.

It is therefore requested that Council authorize the payment to Arnold Webber of the award of the Courts - that is \$32,925.00 with interest at 5% from December 21, 1967 - and to his solicitors, Medjuck and Dickson, the sum of \$1881.55, being the taxed costs of the action."

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman

Ahern that City Council authorize the payment to Arnold Webber as outlined in the Staff Report, dated February 11, 1969, set out above. Motion passed.

10:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
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7:10 p.m.

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

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman and Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, Ahern, Meagher, Sullivan, Connolly, Allen, McGuire and Hogan.

Also present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other staff members.

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was called especially to consider:

1. Compensation for Pension loss due to changes made in Pension Plan of January 1, 1966, for Pre-51 employees who retired between January 1, 1966 and December 31, 1968.
2. Cost-sharing - Approved Modifications to Pension Plan.
3. Compensation to Tenants for Repairs to City-owned housing.
4. Capital Budget.

Council gave unanimous consent that the following items be added to the agenda, for discussion prior to the Capital Budget:

4. Legislation - 1969.
5. Property Tax Exemptions, Widows, Unmarried Women and Deserted Wives.
6. Limitation on Number of Taxes

The Capital Budget now became Item 7 for discussion.

His Worship the Mayor said that the matter of

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a limitation on the number of taxis operating in the City had come up before Council at its meeting of October 18, 1968 at which time a motion had been put recommending that Council support any application requesting the Legislature to change the Motor Vehicle Act to permit municipalities to limit the number of taxis in any given municipalities. This matter, however had been deferred for a period of one month, but through an oversight had not been brought up again. He stated the Solicitor for the taxi operators had recently written concerning the question, and the Chairman felt that possibly the matter should be dealt with at this time when other items requiring legislative approval were being considered.

It was moved by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Ivany that a further item entitled "Change in School Board Budget" be added to the agenda, but it did not receive the unanimous consent of Council.

His Worship the Mayor said a special meeting of Council would be called for Thursday, February 20 for 8:00 p.m. to deal with the Current Budget, at which time the School Board's budget could be discussed, along with any unfinished business from tonight on the 1969 Capital Budget.

7:20 p.m. - Alderman LeBlanc arrives.

REPORT - RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Retirement provision for Pre-1951 Employees who Retired in 1966, 1967, and 1968

The Chairman gave some of the background information which had prompted the Retirement Committee to recommend that the pre-1951 employees who retired during the years 1966, 1967, 1968 be afforded the same benefits

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as conferred on the pre-51 employees who retired subsequent to December 31, 1968.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Allen, that as recommended by the Retirement Committee legislation be sought to enact the following:

THAT the benefits to be conferred on the pre-1951 employees who retired between January 1, 1966 and December 31, 1968, be the same as are conferred upon the pre-1951 employees who retired subsequent to that date under the terms of the Superannuation Plan, and that the benefits be made retroactive to January 1, 1969 provided that in no case should the benefits received exceed 60% of the average of the final three years' salary, at an approximate cost of \$2,600.00 per annum until 1992.

Motion passed.

Cost of Implementing Modifications to the Superannuation Plan:

The recommendation of the Retirement Committee was that the entire cost of implementing approved changes to the Superannuation Plan be paid by the City of Halifax.

After a short discussion, in which Mr. Burnell answered questions put forward by the Aldermen, the City Manager was asked for his opinion on whether or not the City should bear the full expense for implementing changes to the Plan.

The City Manager stated that all the reading he had done on the matter, indicated that where changes to a Plan were necessary to protect employee pensions against the erosions of inflation, such changes should be paid for by the employer and the costs passed on to the general public, which, in the case of the City would be the tax-payers.

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Mr. Burnell was asked if he could state what portion of the costs for the presently approved changes to the Plan, were necessary to protect the employees against inflation, and he replied that it was anyone's guess what the future held in store with regard to inflation, but basing it on the picture for the last five to ten years, he felt it reasonable to assume that 70 to 80 percent of the costs could be attributed for that reason.

The City Manager said that in view of Mr. Burnell's statement, he could say that the entire costs of implementation should be paid by the City.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Retirement Committee:

1. An estimated \$17,200 per annum, representing Capital items, be paid by the City for the years 1969 to 1992, inclusive, to implement changes in the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan as approved by Council at meetings held on February 13 and 18, 1969; and
2. An estimated \$72,000 per annum, representing Non-Capital and combined items, be paid by the City from 1969 onwards, which amount will increase as the City's payroll increases, to implement changes in the City of Halifax Superannuation Plan as approved by Council at meetings held on February 13 and 18, 1969.

Motion passed.

7:45 p.m. - Council adjourned for a recess.

8:00 p.m. - Council reconvened, the same members being present with the exception of Alderman LeBlanc.

COMPENSATION TO TENANTS FOR REPAIRS TO CITY-OWNED HOUSING

The report of the Finance and Executive Committee reads as follows:

"It is recommended that there be no departure from the City's present program with regard to compensation for repairs and redecoration by tenants of City-owned properties."

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman

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Ahern that the present policy of the City be relaxed in the case of Mr. Murray G. Warrington and that he be compensated for the total amount of his bill by living rent-free for the period of time it would take to cover the bill.

His Worship the Mayor ruled the motion out of order in view of the report submitted by the City Solicitor.

Alderman Ivany asked if the City's present program in this regard involved supplying a tenant with paint, in cases where the tenant was willing to perform the labour without compensation, and the City Manager replied this was the case.

The recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Allen, and on being put was passed, 5 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:

For - Aldermen Abbott, Allen, Hogan, Ivany, McGuire.. 5  
Against- Aldermen Ahern, Connolly, Meagher, Sullivan ... 4

LEGISLATION - 1969

A report from the City Solicitor outlining legislation to be submitted to the Nova Scotia Legislature for enactment at the 1969 Session, was distributed to the members of Council, and is attached to the official copy of these minutes. The report was considered item by item as follows:

1. - Agreed
2. - Agreed
3. - Agreed
4. - Agreed
5. - Agreed
- 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10. - Agreed.
11. - Agreed
12. - Agreed
13. - Agreed
14. - Agreed

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15. - Agreed  
16. - Agreed  
17. - Agreed  
18. - Agreed  
19. - Agreed  
20. - Agreed  
21. - Agreed  
22. - Agreed  
23. - Agreed  
24. - Agreed  
25. - Agreed  
26, 27, & 28. - Agreed  
29. - Agreed  
30, & 31. - Agreed  
32. - Agreed  
33. - Agreed  
34. - Agreed  
35. - Agreed (Moved by Alderman Meagher, seconded by  
Alderman McGuire)  
36. - Agreed  
37. - Agreed  
38. - Agreed (Aldermen Ahern and Connolly against  
Section (5).)  
39. - Agreed (Moved by Alderman Meagher, seconded by  
Alderman Ivany - Alderman Ahern against.  
40. - Agreed  
41, & 42 - Agreed  
43. - Agreed (Moved by Alderman Ivany, seconded by  
Alderman McGuire)  
44. - Agreed  
45. - Agreed  
46. - Agreed

In connection with Item 46, Alderman Abbott said he was sorry the City was not also seeking at this time legislation changing the qualifications to run for office of Mayor or Alderman, as he felt the restriction of being a property owner disqualified persons of high caliber who might run for office. He said it was his intention to give a Notice of Motion in this regard at a future meeting. Alderman McGuire stated he had been thinking along the same lines for the past three weeks.

47. - Agreed.  
48. - Agreed  
49, 50, 51, & 52 - Agreed.

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MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that legislation be sought to amend Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1963, The Directors of Point Pleasant Park Act, as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1. (1) Subsection (1) of Section 4 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1963, The Directors of Point Pleasant Park Act, is amended by striking out the word "eleven" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the word "nine".

(2) Clause (c) of subsection (1) of said Section 4, is amended by striking out the words "three members" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "one member".

2. Subsection (3) of Section 5 of said Chapter 58 is amended by striking out the word "five" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word "four".

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that legislation be sought for an Act Respecting a Commission for the Port of Halifax as per copy attached to the official minutes. Motion passed.

The City Solicitor submitted for illustration purposes a draft of Ordinance No. 134 which would be put forward after the legislation Respecting a Commission for the Port of Halifax is obtained.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, WIDOWS, UNMARRIED WOMEN  
AND DESERTED WIVES

A report was submitted from staff concerning different levels of property tax exemptions for Widows, Unmarried Women and Deserted Wives.

Alderman McGuire asked if this matter could be deferred to a future meeting, since the members had just



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received the staff report and some of the material in it was also covered in the Sandford report on property tax exemptions, and he felt they should be given an opportunity to study it more thoroughly before making a decision.

The City Manager advised that consideration should also be given to restricting such exemption to specific persons, since if it were applied to all persons whose income were below a certain level, this could encourage conveyance of real property between husband and wife, if the income of the wife were below the exempt figure. In this regard he felt it should be consistent with the Provincial Assessment Act, which confined the exemption to widows, deserted wives and unmarried women.

The matter was deferred for discussion by the Committee of the Whole at a meeting to be held 7:00 p.m. February 20.

AMENDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACT - LIMITATION ON NUMBER  
OF TAXIS IN ANY GIVEN MUNICIPALITY

The Chairman stated that the following motion had been moved at a Council meeting of October 18, 1968:

THAT, as recommended by the Safety Committee, Council support any application to request the Legislature to change the Motor Vehicle Act to permit municipalities to limit the number of taxis in any given municipality.

but the motion had been deferred at that time for a period of one month. He stated that through an oversight the matter was only coming up at this meeting, when Council should decide whether they wanted to adopt the motion, or possibly make a formal request themselves directly to the Legislature, or on the other hand, take no action at all.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the City Council of the City of Halifax inform the Minister of Highways that it supports the idea of an amendment of the City for the period 1962 to 1974, using what is known as the Motor Vehicle Act to give Municipalities the power to limit the number of taxis on a permissive basis. Motion passed.

9:05 p.m. - Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole, the following members being present: Deputy Mayor Allen, Chairman; His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen Abbott, Ivany, Ahern, Meagher Sullivan, Connolly, Allen, LeBlanc, McGuire, Hogan.

CAPITAL BUDGET - 1969

In addition to the report entitled "Proposed Capital Expenditures Budget - 1969 - Forecast 1970 to 1974" which members of the Committee had received in advance of the meeting, a report dated February 18 from the City Manager entitled "Capital Budget" was distributed to the Committee and they were given five minutes to read its contents.

Due to the hour, and because this item was an involved one, the Committee felt they would not be able to deal efficiently with it as this time, and it was therefore agreed that decisions on it would be deferred until the special meeting of Council which had been called for February 20, which meeting would convene at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. It was also agreed that this evening's meeting would not extend beyond 10 p.m., and that in the remaining time left the Director of Finance would be asked to give an overall description of the main report.