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It is recommended, therefore, that the Director of Development be appointed Rental Authority for the purpose of signing the necessary documents and letters and that this appointment remain effective to July 2, 1969."

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Director of Development be appointed Rental Authority for the purpose of signing the necessary documents and letters and that this appointment remain effective to July 2, 1969.

Motion passed.

Financial Statement - Board of School Commissioners -
December 31, 1968

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the Financial Statement for the Board of School Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1968 be received and tabled.

Motion passed.

Possible Purchase - Property, Civic Number 5568-80 Cunard Street

A confidential report was submitted from Staff relating to the possible acquisition of the Pentecostal Holiness Church Properties, Civic Nos. 5568-80 Cunard Street.

In reply to a question, the City Manager stated that the property is in the area of the proposed "Home for Special Care" and the Pentecostal Holiness Church have approached the City with an urgent request for a decision to be made to either (1) purchase the property; or (2) give a firm commitment to the Church that their property will not be required for at least five years.

After a short discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Connolly that City Council approve in principle the purchase of the properties owned by the

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Pentecostal Holiness Church, Civic Nos. 5568-80 Cunard Street,
as requested by agreement, provided that a reasonable settlement
can be reached. Motion passed.

Proclamation of Section 228A of the City Charter

The following report was submitted from staff:

"In order that consideration may be given to a proposed Ordinance, to provide for the postponed payment of all or a portion of taxes in any year for needy citizens of the City, at the earliest possible date, authority is requested to apply to the Governor in Council for proclamation of Section 228A of the City Charter. This Section was enacted at the 1969 session of the Legislature.

A proposed Ordinance has already been prepared, for consideration by Council."

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Abbott that City Council authorize a request to be sent to the Governor in Council for proclamation of Section 228A of the City Charter. Motion passed.

Camper Trailer Facilities - Gulf Service Centre - Willow Tree

Change in
City Council, at its meeting held on May 15, 1969, referred a proposal to permit camper trailers to park overnight on the roof of the Willow Tree Gulf Service Centre, 6017 Quinpool Road during the period May 15, 1969 to October 15, 1969 to the Fire Chief for a report.

The Fire Chief submitted the following:

"Following is a report on the above mentioned subject as requested by Council at its meeting of May 15, 1969.

There are certain inherent fire risks peculiar to camper trailers, these are: canvas treated with flammable, water repellent solutions, naphtha and propane cooking and illumination appliances and flammable liquid containers.

The possibility of fire is readily apparent and is a problem which must be guarded against at any of the usual camping grounds.

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Here the problem is compounded by a number of factors:

1. Elevation above ground level reached by way of ramps too low and narrow for fire apparatus to use. Fire-fighting operations would be delayed because hose lines would either have to be man handled up the ramps or over ladders.
2. Possible lack of spatial separation between trailers thereby increasing the possibility of rapid fire spread.
3. The possibility of fire occurring at or near the entrance to exits from the roof area.
4. The parapet surrounding the roof area is low and may prove to be a danger to children or adults.

In the light of all the above, it is considered that the area is less than ideal for this type of occupancy and is therefore not recommended."

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the request from the Willow Tree Gulf Service Centre to park overnight, camper trailers for the period May 15, 1969 to October 15, 1969 be refused. Motion passed.

Change in Dates for Regular Council Meetings - June 11 and 25

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the meetings of City Council for the month of June be scheduled for June 18 and July 2 instead of June 11 and 25. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman McGuire Re: Taxi Stands

Alderman McGuire asked if all taxi stands in the City are of an open nature and would permit any licensed taxi operator to use them.

The City Solicitor advised that in theory, all curbside taxi stands are open stands to any taxi drivers, but in practice they are closed by virtue of a "gentlemen's agreement"

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between the various taxi owners who assert claims by usage and recognition over a period of time. In the legal sense, he said, they are all open but in the practical sense they are all closed.

His Worship the Mayor reported that a questionnaire has recently been sent out by staff to ascertain the views of taxi drivers and operators on the matter of taxi stands and when the replies have been received, a report will be submitted to the Safety Committee.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Possibility of Decrease in
Defence Establishment

Alderman Sullivan asked if any approach has been made to the Federal Government in view of the recent proposal to decrease the Defence Establishment in the area.

His Worship the Mayor said that he knew of no approach made to the Federal Government in this regard. He said that he would not approach the Federal Government without a full discussion within City Council. He maintained that it is clearly a Federal Government responsibility and the City's concern would relate to the effect on the economics of the area.

Alderman Sullivan advised that he has written to the Prime Minister on the matter.

Question Alderman Ivany Re: Development on Spring Garden South Area

Alderman Ivany asked about plans which are said to be underway with respect to the use of some of the Spring Garden South lands by the Federal Government.

The City Manager advised that discussions are presently going on in relation to such a matter but no conclusions have

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been reached. He said that Council would be informed as soon as any definite proposals are made.

His Worship the Mayor said that this matter should be discussed privately with members of Council and he suggested that Council gather in his office at the conclusion of this meeting when he would tell them what he knew about the matter.

Alderman Ivany was concerned that the City should retain planning controls over the area.

His Worship the Mayor said that public assurance has been given by the Minister of Public Works that the planning by-laws of city governments would be given very serious consideration in the location of public buildings and the City would require that policy to be implemented in spirit.

ADDED ITEMS

Funds - Point Pleasant Park Canteen Furniture

A report was submitted from Staff relating to a request from the Directors of Point Pleasant Park for approval of an expenditure of \$2,700.00 for the purchase of tables, chairs and equipment for the new canteen at Point Pleasant Park.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that an appropriation in the amount of \$2,700.00 be approved under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter for the purpose of purchasing tables, chairs and equipment for the new canteen at Point Pleasant Park. Motion passed.

Interest on Unpaid Taxes

The following report was submitted from Staff:

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"During the latter part of 1968 and in 1969 both the assessment records and the tax billing procedures of the City were converted from manual operations to processing on a computer. With a conversion to computerized operation there is a very substantial amount of detail work and accuracy required and this occasioned a slight delay beyond the usual date for mailing the tax bills to assessed property owners.

Under the City Charter (1963) taxes unpaid within one month of mailing or delivery of such taxes bear interest at that rate set by City Council. In view of the mailing of the 1969 property tax bills on May 1st or shortly thereafter, staff recommend that interest shall begin to accrue on unpaid 1969 property taxes on June 14th. This will affect only unpaid 1969 property taxes and not any arrears of taxes."

etc. to be MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by Staff, interest shall begin to accrue on unpaid 1969 property taxes on June 14th, 1969. Motion passed.

Taxation Collections

Alderman Connolly said that he has been trying to check recently to see how the collection of poll taxes is going and he has heard that over the last 10 years the City is about \$1,000,000.00 behind in its collections. He suggested that the City Collector's Office should be examined to see if it is able to handle the collection of poll taxes adequately.

The City Manager said that this matter is presently being looked at and it is expected that the use of a computer system will pick up the delinquent taxpayers more quickly. He said that there is a theoretical amount outstanding and it is recognized that the City cannot collect all of the money. He advised that there will be a report going to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

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Alderman Connolly asked if the \$1,000,000.00 figure to which he referred is correct.

The City Manager said that the figure is not as high as \$1,000,000.00 and he said he would find out the actual amount for the Alderman.

In reply to a question from Alderman LeBlanc, the City Manager said that the new procedures proposed and the use of a computer will make it easier to send out warning notices, etc. to delinquent taxpayers.

Armdale Rotary

Alderman Allen referred to the improvements that have been made to the Armdale Rotary which assist the flow of traffic using it in the mornings but stated that no improvements have been made to the Rotary which would assist the traffic flow in the evening and the congested situation persists. He felt that now any improvements to the Rotary are the responsibility of the City and not partly City and partly Provincial and something should be done to ease the situation.

His Worship the Mayor said that at one time City Staff and Department of Highways staff were in agreement with respect to a proposal to ease the traffic passing through the Rotary but City Council was not.

Alderman Allen referred to the simple improvements that were made at the Fairview Overpass to alleviate the situation there which had existed for a long time. He wondered whether Staff could look at the Rotary problem again and whether they could review a relatively minor change which has been suggested

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by Inspector Flinn of the Traffic Division. He said that he expected that everyone has their own solution to the problem and he hoped that there might be some minor changes made within the next few weeks.

The Traffic Engineer said that he too has ideas for improvements to the Rotary but the trouble is they cost. He said that an amount has been included in the Current Budget for this year for a trial signalization of the Rotary which should ease the situation somewhat. He said that this might be the time to bring forward a review of the eight or nine plans for Rotary Improvements varying in cost from \$400,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00.

Alderman Allen said that the suggestion has been that traffic travelling into the City down the Herring Cove Road should proceed along Quinpool Road and all other traffic proceed on Chebucto Road.

The Traffic Engineer said that a similar scheme was apparently tried some years ago and was given substantial publicity but people did not seem to take too much notice. He thought maybe now is the time to try such a method again with more publicity.

Alderman Ivany felt that more encouragement should be given to the use of the Bicentennial Highway which, in his opinion, is much quicker and easier.

Alderman Abbott said that what is needed most is a North West Arm Bridge and he suggested that some effort might be made to have the bridge constructed by private enterprise

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in conjunction with some land development, say for subdivisions, on the County side of the bridge.

In reply to a question, the Traffic Engineer said that trial signals at the Rotary could take between two and three months to install.

His Worship the Mayor said that the Bridge Commission, at the present time, has no plans to build an Arm Bridge unless they know where the money is coming from. The only source appears to be the Department of Regional Economic Expansion who have indicated that they would only consider the matter within the context of a complete package involving industrial parks, sewers, water, etc.

It was generally felt that the Armdale Rotary should be looked at again very soon and some improvements made either on a trial temporary basis or on a long term basis.

10:20 p. m. Meeting adjourned.

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(a) Amendments - City Charter - Sections 17 & 57 - Alderman Reeves

Motion of Reconsideration: NONE

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Motion of Rescission: NONE

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CITY CLERK

(a) Public Hearing: For Rezoning of Land at 514 1/2 Street from R-1 Residential Zone to C-3 General Business Zone

(b) Public Hearing: For Rezoning of Land at 99 to 101 Pictou & York St from R-1 Residential Zone to R-2 Residential Zone

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Report - Finance & Executive Committee:

- (a) Income Scale - Ordinance #117 - Deferred Payment of Taxes
- (b) Collection - Overdue Poll Tax Accounts
- (c) Appointment - Independent Auditors
- (d) Brickwork - School Repairs - \$30,000.00 - 1969
- (e) Salary Rates - Commissioners
- (f) Additional Clerical Help - Engineering Services Division
- (g) Possible Expansion - Halifax Forum Complex
- (h) General Policy - Collection of Rent - Leased City Property
- (i) Ordinance #121, "Early Closing" - Exemption Extension, Annual Act of City of Halifax - Board of Commissioners of Public

Report - Committee on Works:

- (a) Street Closures - Cogswell Street Interchange - 1969
- (b) Request for funds - Grand Parade Wall - \$8,000.00 - 1969

Report - Safety Committee:

- (a) Tenders - Cars - Police Department
- (b) Traffic Improvements - Willow Tree Intersection
- (c) Staff Establishment - Increase - Police Department

Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee: NONE

Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Single & Commissioners:

- (a) Ordinance #136, Sewer Taxes - 1969

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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JUNE 18, 1969

8:00 p.m.

1. Lord's Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes: May 28, 1969
4. Approval of Order of Business, Additions & Deletions
5. Deferred Items:
 - (a) Amendments - City Charter - Sections 17 & 500 - Alderman McGuire
6. Motion of Reconsideration: NONE
7. Motion of Rescission: NONE
8. Public Hearings & Hearings:
 - (a) Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land at 5514 Clyde Street from R-3 Residential Zone to C-2 General Business Zone
 - (b) Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land at 59 to 61 Purcell's Cove Rd. from R-1 Residential Zone to R-4 Residential Zone
9. Petitions & Delegations
10. Report - Finance & Executive Committee:
 - (a) Income Scale - Ordinance #137, "Deferred Payment of Taxes"
 - (b) Collection - Overdue Poll Tax Accounts
 - (c) Appointment - Independent Auditors
 - (d) Brickwork - School Repairs - \$30,000.00 - 316"C"
 - (e) Salary Rates - Commissionaires
 - (f) Additional Clerical Help - Engineering Service Division
 - (g) Possible Expansion - Halifax Forum Complex
 - (h) General Policy - Collection of Rent - Leased City Property
 - (i) Ordinance #121, "Early Closing" - Exemption Extension, Annexed Areas, City of Halifax - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
11. Report - Committee on Works:
 - (a) Street Closures - Cogswell Street Interchange - DATE FOR HEARING
 - (b) Request for Funds - Grand Parade Wall - \$8,000.00 - 316"C"
12. Report - Safety Committee:
 - (a) Tenders - Cars - Police Department
 - (b) Traffic Improvements - Willow Tree Intersection
 - (c) Staff Establishment - Increase - Police Department
13. Report - Public Health & Welfare Committee: NONE
14. Report - Committee of the Whole Council, Boards & Commissions:
 - (a) Ordinance #136, "Sewer Taxes" - SECOND READING

Report - Town Planning Board:

- (a) Nursing Home - Main Avenue & Dunbrack Street
- (b) Modification - Lot Frontage & Lot Area Requirements -
52 Adelaide Avenue
- (c) Modification - Front Yard Requirements -
124 Rosedale Avenue
- (d) Extension to Non-conforming Building & Modification of Front
& Side Yard Requirements - 3 Maple Street
- (e) Modification - Lot Frontage, Side Yard, Subdivision Lot "A" -
26 Sussex Street, Spryfield
- (f) Extension to Non-conforming Building & Modification of Front Yard,
Lot Frontage & Lot Area Requirements -
72 Adelaide Avenue
- (g) Alteration - Subdivision - McManus Road, Jollimore - John F. Fry
- (h) Alteration - Subdivision - Parkhill Road, Jollimore -
Stephen Innes, Jr. & Anne Innes
- (i) Alteration - Subdivision - Thornhill - Ardwell Avenue
- (j) Alteration - Subdivision - Layton Road & Penny Avenue
- (k) Call for Proposals - Barrington Street Housing
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Public Housing
- (m) Possible Town Housing Project - Undeveloped Land
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Drive, Armdale - Donald Keddy
- (o) Urban Renewal Plan - Kline Heights

Motions: NONE

Miscellaneous Business:

- (a) Accounts Over \$5000
- (b) Lord's Day Permits
- (c) Appointment - Revising Officer
- (d) Compensation - Expropriated Property - Conn & Martell Limited
- (e) Attornment Agreement - Partnership - Halifax Developments Limited -
F. W. Woolworth Company Limited
- (f) Appointments to Transit Commission
- (g) Agreement with Union Local 108 (City Field)

QUESTIONS

Notice of Motion

Added Items

Motion of Registration: NONE

Motion of Reconsolidation: NONE

Deferred Items:

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Roll Call

Roll, a Prayer

Record

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Council Chamber,
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DEFERRED ITEMS

Amendments - City Charter - Sections

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.

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

Also present: City Manager, Assistant City Solicitor, City Clerk, Committee Clerks and other Staff members.

MINUTES

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Minutes of Council of May 28, 1969, be approved. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

It was agreed to add the following items to the Order of Business:

- 20(a) Resignation - Director of Finance
- 20(b) Appointment - Director of Finance and Acting Director of Finance.

At the suggestion of Alderman Hogan it was also agreed to add the following item to the Order of Business:

- 20(c) General Clean-up in the City.

The Order of Business, as amended, was then approved.

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DEFERRED ITEMS

Amendments - City Charter - Sections 17 & 500 - Alderman McGuire

At the request of Alderman McGuire, it was then agreed by Council to defer the item for discussion at the next regular Council meeting in two weeks time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land at 5514 Clyde Street from R-3 Residential Zone to C-2 General Business Zone

A Public Hearing was held at this time with respect to the rezoning of land at 5514 Clyde Street from R-3 Residential Zone to C-2 General Business Zone, to permit a lunch counter to be located on the first floor of the dwelling now located on the lot, as shown on drawing No. P200/2790 on file in the office of the City Engineer.

Mr. G. S. Black, Barrister, spoke on behalf of the applicant and distributed a photograph to Members of Council showing the location of the dwelling in question which is situated next to a Kwik Wash Laundret. He urged favourable consideration be given, and stated that he did not feel a lunch counter would be out of place in this locality due to the modest nature of the proposal.

Alderman Abbott said he was in favour of the rezoning and that he had received no calls from residents of the area objecting to the rezoning.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the application for rezoning from R-3 Residential to C-2 General Business of the property at 5514 Clyde Street, as shown on drawing No. P200/2790, to permit a lunch counter to be located on the first floor of the dwelling now located on the

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lot, be approved.

The Chief Planner referred to Clyde Street as a division line between commercial and residential zones, and that approval of any commercial zoning applications on the residential side, however modest, were not favoured by staff.

Alderman McGuire referred to the fact that there was a liquor store outlet already located in the district and likely to remain there, and there was a commercial establishment located next door to the applicant.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the Urban Renewal Study carried out by Professor Stephenson, and that his recommendation was that the area located between Clyde and Morris Streets should be rezoned residential from a commercial zone, and this recommendation has been carried out.

Alderman LeBlanc felt it was ludicrous to consider rezoning this type of a building for an eating establishment. He commented on the general condition of the building and stated that, in his opinion, there was no other course than to agree with staff.

Alderman Ivany was concerned about the parking problem in the area and suggested this would be further aggravated should a commercial establishment be located in the building.

Alderman Connolly asked if the owner of the building was the applicant for the rezoning, and if he would be living on the second floor.

Mr. Black said the owner was the applicant and he presumed he would reside on the second floor.

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The motion was then put and lost as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Abbott, Connolly,
Meagher and Sullivan - 4 -

Against the motion: Aldermen Allen, Hogan, Ivany,
LeBlanc and McGuire - 5 -

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning of Land at 59 to 61 Purcell's Cove Road
from R-1 Residential Zone to R-4 Residential Zone

A Public Hearing was held at this time with respect to the rezoning of land from R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential at Numbers 59 - 61 Purcell's Cove Road to permit construction of a two-storey, three-unit apartment building.

His Worship the Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak against the rezoning of land as noted above, and there was no reply. He then asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in favour of the rezoning and again there was no response. The matter, he said, was therefore before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the rezoning of land from R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential at Numbers 59 - 61 Purcell's Cove Road, to permit construction of a two-storey, three-unit apartment building, be approved. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the formal resolution, as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Finance and Executive Committee was considered with respect to the following items:

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Income Scale - Ordinance #137 "Deferred Payment of Taxes"

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following income scale be applied to grant a property tax deferment to any home owner who has an income less than the following amounts, be approved:

- a) One adult property owner living alone with a gross income of less than \$1,800.00 per annum.
- b) One adult property owner, plus one dependent, with a total gross income of less than \$2,300.00.
- c) An additional \$300.00 be allowed for each dependent child to a maximum of \$3,300.00.

such scale to be established for a period of one year only.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that item (a) read as follows:

- a) One adult property owner living alone with a gross income of less than \$2,500.00 per annum.

Alderman Sullivan asked if the figures of \$2,300.00 and \$3,300.00 recommended in item (b) and (c) would be increased if the amendment were approved.

Alderman McGuire said it might be possible to increase each figure by \$700.00.

Alderman LeBlanc said he must reluctantly oppose the amendment to the motion as much as he was desirous of assisting the lower income property owner, because he was of the opinion that any subsequent amendments to items (b) and (c) should be considered in accordance with one another, and also within the financial capabilities of the City. He said it would appear that the 1970 tax rate is going to be considerably higher by

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30¢ to 35¢, and will be a critical year financially, and this should be taken into account when considering any increases to the scales. He felt that the recommendation should be accepted, as submitted by the Finance and Executive Committee, for one year and then hopefully it can be subsequently raised.

Alderman McGuire was of the opinion that it is not as necessary to incorporate changes in the latter two clauses as in item (a) at this time.

The Social Planner was then asked to comment on the amendment to the motion, and stated that it would be beneficial to a person who has up to three children, but a family with more children has increased expenses and would require a higher deduction. He said the problem is trying to forecast what will be the cost to the City, and this is almost impossible to determine.

Alderman Hogan was also of the opinion that the original recommendation should be implemented for one year to see what the implications might be financially or otherwise.

The Amendment was then put and passed as follows:

For the Amendment: Aldermen Allen, Connolly, McGuire,
Meagher and Sullivan - 5 -

Against the Amendment: Aldermen Abbott, Hogan, Ivany
and LeBlanc - 4 -

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, item (b) read as follows:

b) One adult property owner, plus one dependent, with a total gross income of less than \$3,000.00.

Alderman LeBlanc said he was opposed to this amendment as it would result in a snowballing effect immediately as far

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as costs are involved. He said if this amendment was passed Council is getting on "thin ice" and is not related entirely to the overall dependency and the requirements of many people in the City. He said he was concerned and sympathetic as any Alderman, but this is arbitrarily making concessions to people who obviously deserve some help, but taking "too big a bite initially which will have repercussions. He cautioned the Aldermen to take a long hard look because of the overall effect it will have on the finances of the City.

Alderman Ivany suggested that the matter be referred to staff for a further report on the matter, as he did not approve of the approach being taken at this time on the amendment.

Alderman LeBlanc said to pass this amendment without even knowing the financial implications would be like signing a blank cheque at this stage.

Alderman Sullivan asked if the City Manager could predict the costs involved if this amendment was approved.

The City Manager said that when staff was trying to estimate the cost if an outright exemption was given at the rate of approximately \$60.00 per individual, it was estimated it would cost the City \$80,000 per year. Deferment of 50% of the taxes, if \$80,000 was a reasonably correct figure would mean more than this, as the average taxes would be about \$200. or more on a home, so it could mean \$100,000 in deferred taxes. The cost to the City of this deferment is the cost of carrying this at the bank at the interest rate of 8% resulting in \$8,000 per year. This has an accumulative effect because many of these deferments will carry on for perhaps 15 or 20 years, so that

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it will not be until the fifteenth or twentieth year that the City is likely to see the full cost of carrying the deferred taxes, and that is why, although staff is willing and anxious to be as generous as possible, there was the thought that the City should be cautious initially until it was seen what the cost would be at a certain level, and then carry on from there if Council decided there was a good reason to do so.

Alderman Meagher suggested that \$2,500 be the basic amount and \$300.00 for each dependent up to a maximum number of dependents to be established.

Alderman McGuire said that it is not necessary that the full amount of taxes be deferred, it could be less than 50%.

At this time Alderman Allen stated that he would be prepared, with the concurrence of his seconder to change his amendment with respect to clause (b) to \$2,800 and at the same time MOVE that clause (c) be changed from \$3,300.00 to \$4,000.00. Alderman Sullivan, as seconder, agreed to the change.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that he objected to the amendment being changed on the basis that the actuarial implications have not been explained, and Council should be advised of the costs involved before a vote is taken.

Alderman Connolly said he was in favour of a \$2,500 basic exemption but could see no reason to increase the amount by \$300.00 or \$400.00 for each dependent.

In answer to a question from Alderman McGuire, Alderman Allen said his calculation of \$4,000 applicable to clause (c) was based on a basic exemption of \$2,500. with a

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maximum of five dependents at \$300.00 each.

The Amendment was then put and lost as follows:

For the Amendment: Aldermen Allen, McGuire and Sullivan - 3 -

Against the Amendment: Aldermen Abbott, Connolly, Hogan,
Ivany, LeBlanc and Meagher - 6 -

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the whole matter be deferred and staff submit a report with figures for a straight exemption of \$2,500.00.

Alderman McGuire suggested that clause (b) and (c) be referred to staff along with a further study of the possibility of an exemption.

A short discussion ensued on the difference of tax exemptions and tax deferments.

The City Manager then stated that it was his understanding that the City Solicitor had advised that the Legislature had not approved legislation the City submitted respecting exemption of taxes because they did not agree with that principle, and that is why they allowed the legislation for deferment of taxes. A further point which should be taken into consideration, is that June 14th was the date from which interest on taxes is calculated and a number of people may have deferred payment of some of their taxes expecting to have a confirmed decision at this meeting, and it may involve some individuals in interest charges if any particular provisions are not implemented.

His Worship the Mayor advised that it is possible to defer the matter pending a study of the exemption question or to adopt the basic exemption of \$2,500.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the whole matter be deferred for a staff report to be

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and Executive Committee are also public knowledge, if submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee, along with an appreciation for deferred payment as opposed to a complete exemption of \$2,500.00; what it will cost the City; plus deferred payment for five dependents.

The City Manager replied that such figures could not be provided and it would not be possible for staff to estimate any possible costs of one method versus the other.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the fact that publicity had been given which would invite people to defer payment of their taxes who might be covered by the matter under consideration, and to defer it further may involve them in extra interest payments and leaves the Council open to some question if a reverse decision is made.

Alderman Meagher asked if a decision was deferred for another week, would it be possible for the City to write-off the interest for one week.

The City Manager said that the City does not have the power to write-off taxes and he felt the same would apply to the write-off of interest.

Alderman McGuire suggested that the amendment with respect to clause (a) be accepted, and refer the other two clauses along with the tax exemption under the new legislation, to staff for their report.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that one modification for consideration could be that, since the figures contained in clauses (b) and (c) from the recommendation of the Finance

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and Executive Committee are also public knowledge, if clause (b) was eliminated, and clause (c) was changed to \$300.00 for any dependent to a maximum of \$3,400.00, that allows for a maximum of three dependents whether adult or otherwise.

With the permission of his seconder, Alderman Ivany withdrew his motion to defer.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that clause (b) be deleted, and clause (c) changed to read as follows:

(c) An additional \$300.00 allowed for each dependent to a maximum of \$3,400.00.

Amendment passed.

The motion as amended was then put and passed.

Alderman McGuire was of the opinion that a study should still be carried out with respect to clause (b) and (c), and a brief report submitted from the City Solicitor with respect to the implementation of the tax exemption aspect.

His Worship the Mayor said he would entertain a motion that asks for further consideration, either of other aspects of the deferred payment or of the exemption matter.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a report be submitted from the City Solicitor with respect to the implementation of the latest legislation on tax exemptions.

The motion was put and passed as follows:

For the Motion: Aldermen Abbott, Allen, Connolly,
McGuire, Meagher and Sullivan - 6 -

Against the Motion: Aldermen Hogan, Ivany and LeBlanc - 3 -

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Collection of Overdue Poll Tax Accounts

The Finance and Executive Committee, at its meeting held on June 11, 1969, referred the matter of the collection of overdue poll tax accounts to City Council without recommendation.

A report was submitted from staff relating to the poll tax collections for the past ten years, and listed outstanding poll tax balances as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance outstanding December 31, 1968</u>
1958	\$105,000
1959	117,000
1960	93,000
1961	95,000
1962	92,000
1963	88,000
1964	90,000
1965	89,000
1966	100,000
1967	136,000
1968	<u>193,000</u>
	<u>\$1,198,000</u>

The report concluded with the following paragraph:

"The use of data processing techniques instituted by the City, should significantly improve both the assessing and collection of poll taxes in the future. With the procedures available and the inherent difficulties in assessing poll taxes, it is not possible at this time to state with certainty what portion of the amounts noted above as being outstanding at December 31, 1968, are really amounts due to the City, and what proportion thereof constitute duplicate or invalid billings to residents of the City. It would appear that based on past experience approximately 20% of poll taxes which remain outstanding over two years are in fact ultimately collected. The balance of approximately \$1 million which is shown as outstanding at December 31, 1968, is basically a memo account, as non-collection would not result in a charge against current revenues. In other words, no revenues have been anticipated that are not going to be received."

The report from the City Manager submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee on June 11, 1969, recommends

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that outstanding poll tax accounts for the years 1963, 1964 and 1965 be placed with Collection Control (Atlantic) Limited for collection.

Alderman Sullivan was concerned that if an outside agency was used for the collection of overdue poll tax accounts the public would resent the pressure tactics they might use, as they did in the past, and he suggested that the City Manager come up with another idea for collecting the accounts.

Alderman Allen suggested that the outstanding poll tax accounts for the year 1966 should be placed for collection with the agency.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that outstanding poll tax accounts for the years 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966 be placed with Collection Control (Atlantic) Limited for collection.

Alderman Connolly suggested that, in his opinion, it would be more appropriate to have two staff members working full time on the telephone attempting to collect these accounts rather than an outside agency.

The City Manager advised that there was not the staff available at the present time to do this work full time. He said it would be difficult for staff to locate the transients who owe poll tax, and that an agency does have various methods of locating people which the City does not have.

Alderman Meagher asked if it would be possible to obtain legislation to commit all firms to deduct the tax off the employees' salaries.

The City Manager advised that this was already in

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effect but there was some problem insofar as federal employees are concerned.

Alderman LeBlanc suggested that Council appoint a Committee comprising of representatives of staff and the Finance and Executive Committee to investigate and see if the taxes are collectible, and if so, a warning should be served on the delinquents that the City intends to collect their overdue poll tax accounts, and it should also study whether the poll tax is desirable at all.

The motion was then put and passed with Aldermen Ivany, Connolly, and Sullivan voting against.

Appointment - Independent Auditors

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, H. R. Doane & Company, Chartered Accountants be re-appointed to make an independent audit of the books and finances of the City for the year 1969. Motion passed.

Brickwork - School Repairs - \$30,000.00 - 316C

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, approval be given to the expenditure of \$30,000.00 under the authority of 316C of the City Charter, for brickwork on certain schools in the annexed areas, as requested by the Board of School Commissioners, but that the School Board be advised that such approval is contingent upon the Board reviewing its 1969 building maintenance programme with a view to reducing or deferring some scheduled work to offset this unbudgetted

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additional expenditure for brickwork repairs. Motion passed with Alderman Ivany voting against.

Salary Rates - Commissionaires

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following adjustments in wage rates of Canadian Corps of Commissionaires personnel, be approved:

Existing Basic charge:

To be adjusted to:

Sergeants

\$165 per hour, plus 14% administrative fee - \$1.88 per hour

\$1.80 per hour, plus 14% administrative fee - \$2.05 per hour.

Commissionaires

\$1.55 per hour, plus 14% administrative fee - \$1.77 per hour

\$1.60 per hour, plus 14% administrative fee - \$1.82 per hour,

to be effective as of January 1st, 1969, and that Staff Sergeant Moignard be paid overtime for all the time he works over a forty hour week. Motion passed.

Additional Clerical Help - Engineering Services Division

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, additional funds be provided to cover two additional clerical positions in the Engineering Services Division, of Clerk 1 and Clerk 2 level with salary ranges of \$3,120 - \$3,600 and \$3,720 - \$4,320, respectively, sufficient funds for which are available in the approved salary account of the Division. Motion passed.

Possible Expansion - Halifax Forum Complex

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council request the Halifax Forum Commission, in co-operation

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with the Directors of the Atlantic Winter Fair, to formulate and undertake a suitable approach to the Maritime Stock Breeders Association in respect of a grant for improvement of facilities at the Halifax Forum complex in such manner as would promote the continued successful operation of the Atlantic Winter Fair at that location. Motion passed.

General Policy - Collection of Rent - Leased City Property

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, a general policy where City property is leased on the same basis as in the case of Metropolitan Developments Ltd., at any time the rental is not paid by the due date, City staff be authorized to serve the appropriate notices of default and to terminate the lease and repossess the premises if the default continues for thirty (30) days after the notice is served.

Motion passed.

Ordinance #121, "Early Closing" - Exemption Extension, Annexed Areas, City of Halifax - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities

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

1. Council request the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to extend the period of exemption to the provisions of Ordinance #121 in the annexed areas in the City of Halifax for a further twelve months from July 1, 1969; and
2. legislation be sought at the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature to amend the City Charter to permit "General Stores" to remain open in the City of Halifax.

Motion passed.

The Assistant City Solicitor stated that the recommendation of the Law Department is that the period of exemption be for one year or until the necessary legislation is obtained and the Ordinance amended, whichever occurs first.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on June 11, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Street Closures - Cogswell Street Interchange - Date for Hearing

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, a date be set for a Public Hearing to effect the closure of the following streets as indicated on Plan #TT-9-17510:

1. Barrington Street - Buckingham Street to Proctor Street.
2. Upper Water St. - J.E. Morse & Co. Ltd. building to Proctor Street.
3. Buckingham Street - Upper Water Street to Granville St.
4. Bell Street - Upper Water Street to Barrington St.
5. Jacob Street - Upper Water Street to Barrington St.
6. Hurd Street - Upper Water Street to Barrington St.
7. Proctor Street - Upper Water Street to Barrington St.
8. Proctor Street - Barrington Street to 1' westwardly.

Motion passed.

Request for Funds - Grand Parade Wall - \$8,000.00 - 316 "C"

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, an additional \$8,000 be granted under authority of Section 316-C of the City Charter, in order to finalize payment to the contractor for repair work to the Grand Parade Wall. Motion passed.

Alderman Ivany commented on the appearance of the metal fence on Barrington Street, stating he felt it looked cheap. He asked if it was meant only as a temporary structure.

The City Manager replied that staff had been examining all types of materials and design, and the present fencing was installed in a nature of an emergency, and also to give Council an opportunity to express its views. If, he said,

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the members did not like it, a new fence would have to be designed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tenders - Cars - Police Department:

Ordinance No. 1 MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the lowest tender, that of Halifax Chrysler Dodge Limited in amount of \$19,895.03 for the supply of eleven 1969 Dodge Model Automobiles for the Police Department, be approved. Motion passed.

Willow Tree Intersection - Traffic Improvements:

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, the following items be proceeded with respecting traffic flow improvements at the Willow Tree Intersection:

- (a) Construct double sidewalks around Queen Elizabeth High School, from the entrances to the "Willow Tree".
- (b) Install a pedestrian barrier in the median of Robie Street from Shirley Street to the Willow Tree on a trial basis.
- (c) Widen the crosswalk on the south side of the Willow Tree to 12 feet,

and that the staff report submitted, be tabled for the present time until further information is presented to the Committee on the Willow Tree intersection. Motion passed.

Increase - Staff Establishment - Police Department:

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that, as recommended by the Safety Committee:

- (i) The staff establishment of the Halifax Police Department be increased by fifteen Constables and that the Chief of Police carry out the necessary recruitment for these men.
- (ii) An appropriation in the amount of \$35,000.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter to cover the salaries of the fifteen Constables for the balance of the current year.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Adelaide Avenue
MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, Ordinance No. 136, Respecting Special Sewer Taxes in the Areas Annexed to the City of Halifax - January 1, 1969, be read and passed a Second Time. Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Nursing Home - Main Avenue & Dunbrack Street

Alderman Sullivan said he felt there was insufficient information available regarding the construction of the proposed nursing home, and suggested that the matter be deferred until some answers to the questions he had in mind were given.

His Worship the Mayor said that the matter was before them on planning grounds only, so that any questions affecting a decision in the matter would have to relate to the planning aspects.

Alderman Sullivan said he would have no objection to the nursing home, if he could be assured there would also be a Home for Special Care.

Alderman Abbott said he did not think the construction of such a nursing home, for which there was a great demand, would interfere with the operation of a new Home.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval in principle be given to the construction of a 200-bed nursing home on property located at the corner of Main Avenue and Dunbrack Street. Motion passed with Alderman Sullivan against.

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Modification - Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements - 52
Adelaide Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be given to the application for modification of (1) lot frontage requirement and (2) lot area requirement at 52 Adelaide Avenue, to permit construction of a 26-foot by 12-foot one-storey addition to the rear of a single family dwelling to provide for two additional bedrooms. Motion passed.

Modification - Front Yard Requirements - 124 Rosedale Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, approval be given to the application for modification of front yard requirements at No. 124 Rosedale Avenue, to permit construction of a second-storey addition to provide for three additional bedrooms, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2888. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-Conforming Building and Modification of Front
and Side Yard Requirements - 3 Maple Street

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board approval be given to the application for (1) extension to a non-conforming building, (2) modification of front-yard requirement, and (3) modification of side-yard requirement, at No. 3 Maple Street, to permit construction of a 31-ft. 10 inch by 20-foot one-storey addition to the left side of an existing single family dwelling, as shown on Plan No. P200/2915. Motion passed.