

In reply to a question, the Director of Engineering and Works advised that Staff is satisfied that the recommended firm is able to do a good job and he said that adequate supervision would be given.

The motion was then put and passed.

#### QUESTIONS

##### Question Alderman Ivany Re: Hearings - Bedford Annexation

Alderman Ivany asked if the City has firmed up its position with respect to the annexation of the Bedford Area since he had noted that the hearings will begin on February 22, 1971.

His Worship the Mayor said that the City's position has been that it wanted time to negotiate with the Province and to that end had sought and secured a deferment of the hearing earlier. He advised that the new Provincial Government had been involved in so many matters that the negotiations have not been completed and he said that it is expected that a further deferment will be sought.

The City Solicitor advised that he is negotiating with the Department of Municipal Affairs of the Province and hopes to receive a statement from that Department within a couple of days. He said that it is expected that the Provincial Government will also seek a deferment of the hearing.

##### Question Alderman Ivany Re: Form of Lease - City-owned Rental Properties

Alderman Ivany asked if the Lease the City has with tenants in City-owned rental properties is in line with the Residential Tenancies Act.

The City Solicitor advised that the City's lease is in line with the Residential Tenancies Act and meets all the requirements of the law and represents a fair lease between Landlord and tenant and is consistent, in his view, with being a good landlord.

Alderman Ivany asked if he could receive a copy of the City's lease.

Alderman Ivany also asked how much notice is given a tenant if he falls behind in his rent.

The City Solicitor advised that the City is very lenient on this matter and very patient and has not acted in this respect.

##### Question Alderman Meagher Re: Official Street Line - Rear of Chebucto Road School

Alderman Meagher asked if there is an Official Street Line which goes through the back of the Chebucto School property.

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The City Engineer advised that the City does have an approved plan, approved by City Council. He further advised that Staff expects to have a report submitted to the Committee of the Whole very soon which sets out all street lines, etc. for the whole area of Chebucto Road, and the Chebucto and Oxford Schools.

Alderman Meagher urged that the matter be brought before the Committee of the Whole at an early date since he understands that some lines need to be eliminated.

Alderman McGuire asked if this matter will be discussed with the School Board before coming to Council and the City Engineer replied in the affirmative.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Billings for Betterment  
Charges Two Years' Old

Alderman Meagher referred to bills for betterment charges sent out at this time on which interest charges would commence thirty days after billing. He advised that he had raised this matter at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. He said that he was particularly concerned about the plight of some persons in his Ward abutting Oak Street. He understood that Staff had not yet had an opportunity to consider and report on this matter but he asked if it was possible for the City Solicitor to draft legislation which would provide that interest was not payable on these old bills for a period of six months.

Some discussion ensued on this matter and it was agreed that the question should again be considered at the time the Staff Report, requested at the last Committee of the Whole meeting, was submitted.

Question Alderman McGuire Re: Bills for Betterment Charges -  
Annexed Areas

Alderman McGuire felt that his question rightly followed on the one asked by Alderman Meagher. He asked the City Manager to report on a situation (of which there appear to be several) where no interim bills for betterment charges have been sent out during the past two years and now the property owners have received a notice of intention to sell the house for taxes and other unpaid monies within one month. He asked whether there should have been interim billing.

The City Manager asked the Alderman to furnish him with complete information and he would check into the matter further.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Blasting - Approaches to  
Narrows Bridge

Alderman Sullivan asked who citizens should contact with respect to damage to their homes from blasting for the approach roads to the Narrows Bridge. He said that problems have occurred in the Lady Hammond Road area.

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His Worship the Mayor advised that the citizens should contact the Bridge Commission direct.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Re-routing of Truck Traffic from Gottingen Street

Alderman Sullivan asked if some consideration could be given to the re-routing of trucks off Gottingen Street north of Young Street because the roadway is in extremely bad condition.

His Worship the Mayor said that perhaps it is now time to consider again the whole question of truck routes for the City, although he said it would be difficult while there is only one approach road to the Narrows Bridge.

Alderman Sullivan suggested that the trucks use Barrington Street.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that if the trucks travelled along Barrington Street they would have to go to Dartmouth, whether or not that was their intention.

It was agreed that Staff would look at the situation.

Question Alderman McGuire Re: Second Exit - Fairmount Subdivision

Alderman McGuire asked if it was possible to have a report within a short time on the status of the second exit to the Fairmount Subdivision.

Question Alderman McGuire Re: T. P. Calkin Matter

Alderman McGuire asked if the City Manager could report at his convenience on the difficulties encountered with respect to the T. P. Calkin situation.

Question Alderman Allen Re: Possible Elimination of Left Turns from Quinpool Road During Peak Hours

Alderman Allen asked the City Manager to report to Council as to whether or not there has been any study given to the possible elimination of left turns from Quinpool Road during peak hours to facilitate the movement of traffic.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion - Alderman Hogan Re: Introduction of Municipal Income Tax System

Alderman Hogan gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, to be held on February 25, 1971, he will move that legislation be sought to enable the City of Halifax to introduce a Municipal Income Tax System to lighten the ever increasing burden on the Property Tax Payer in so far as it affects Education, Welfare, Debt Charges, Tax Concessions and Grants, etc.

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Notice of Motion - Alderman Ivany Re: Study of Financial  
Implications of Annexation

Alderman Ivany gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council, to be held on February 25, 1971, he will move the following motion:

"WHEREAS with reference to Page 87 of the Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities which states "The Board has determined that in this Annexation, City of Halifax ratepayers will be required to assume a reasonable financial cost, but not a burdensome one";

AND WHEREAS it also states "That the Province be required to pay a Net Saving Grant";

BE IT RESOLVED that a study in depth be carried out to assess the long term financial implications of annexation and the City's position as a growth centre to provide accurate data on which to base a revised transition arrangement and financial assistance to the City which would be in the best interest of all parties involved."

Notice of Motion - Alderman Allen Re: Rescission of  
Resolution of City Council, February 3, 1971, Relating  
to Rezoning of the Herman Newman Property, Purcell's  
Cove Road

Alderman Allen gave notice that, at the next regular meeting of City Council, to be held on February 25, 1971, he will move that the motion approving the rezoning of the Herman Newman Property on Purcell's Cove Road to permit the construction of an extended care facility, adopted by City Council at a Special Meeting held on February 3, 1971, be rescinded.

ADDED ITEMS

1970-1971 Winter Works Programme

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the following works be approved for inclusion in the Winter Works Programme, announced by the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs recently, and the necessary applications processed:

(1) Police Station	Special Items (painting)	\$1,865.00
(2) Armdale Civic Centre	Special Items (painting)	600.00
(3) Pumping Stations	Special Items (painting)	5,000.00
(4) Sewers	Maintenance (clean mains)	5,000.00
(5) Recreation Maintenance	Special Items (paint interior of Fairview Drop-in)	600.00
		<u>\$13,065.00</u>

Motion passed.

Barrington Developments Limited - Agreement to Convey

A report was submitted from Staff relating to the above matter, to which was attached a copy of the proposed Agreement to Convey.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the matter be deferred until Wednesday, February 17, 1971. Motion passed.

City Prison Lands

Alderman Sullivan expressed some concern about the fact that nothing seems to be going on with respect to the development of the Prison Lands. He asked if Staff would report on the present situation and he warned that if nothing is done within the next few weeks he would make a motion that the lands be divided into building lots for sale to private citizens.

The Director of Development advised that a meeting was held with the Consultants earlier this week and the Call for Proposals was finalized. He said that at the meeting it had been agreed that the Call for Development Proposals would be submitted to Council at its first regular meeting in March for approval.

10:05 p.m. Council adjourned.

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The Committee would inform the Council of its recommendations with respect to the Budget at a later date.

It was generally agreed that no decisions should be made at this time with respect to any of the budgets considered, but that later decisions be referred to the Chairman of the various committees in due course.

ALLAN O'BRIEN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R.H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK.

Mr. R. P. Titus, Chairman of the Halifax Forum Commission, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
M I N U T E S

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 13, 1971  
9:11 a.m.

A Special 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.

Halifax Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Abbott, Hogan, McGuire, Allen and Sullivan.

Also Present: City Manager, City Clerk, Director of Finance and other Staff members.

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was called especially to consider the 1971 Current Budget.

Halifax MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Allen that Council adjourn, at this time, to meet as the Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Alderman Abbott, as senior Alderman, take the Chair.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that His Worship the Mayor should continue to Chair the meeting.

9:12 a.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole Council.

Halifax Mental Hospital

Mr. S. D. Bryson, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Halifax Mental Hospital appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

After answering several questions, the Committee thanked Mr. Bryson for attending and advised him that the Committee would inform him of its decisions with respect to the Budget at a later date.

It was generally agreed that no decisions should be made at this time with respect to any of the Budgets considered, but that later decisions be communicated to the Chairmen of the various Boards and Commissions in due course.

Halifax Forum Commission

Mr. R. F. Titus, Chairman of the Halifax Forum Commission, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

Several questions were asked with respect to the renovations that have taken place at the Forum and the future of Professional Hockey in Halifax.

9:25 a.m. Alderman Ivany arrives.

Discussion also took place on the 10% Amusement Tax that is required to be paid to the Province.

Before passing to the next item, Mr. Titus advised that the Forum will be hosting the Anne Murray Show on April 27th and he hoped that all members of Council would be able to attend.

#### Halifax Civic Hospital

Mr. Ian Langlands, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Halifax Civic Hospital, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

He answered several questions relating to the function of the Civic Hospital.

#### Halifax City Regional Library

Judge Nathan Green, Chairman of the Halifax City Regional Library Board, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

He advised that the Board has again reviewed the Budget and makes the following suggestions:

\$3,800.00 could be deducted from Personnel Services because there is an unfilled position;

\$4,500.00 could be deducted from Contractual Services if the present Memorial Library building is not cleaned;

\$1,200.00 could be deducted if the binding programme is not completed.

With these reductions, an amount of \$9,500.00 could be shaved off the requested budget, he said.

One Alderman Suggested that another \$500.00 could be taken off, making a reduction of \$10,000.00.

Judge Green said that an amount of \$500.00 might be saved in the item covering heat.

Several questions were asked about the library service and reference was made to the possible duplication of material in the Memorial and North End Libraries and in the Civic Library.

Alderman McGuire referred to the proposal by the City Manager that the Civic Library be looked after



by members of the City Clerk's Staff and he asked if the Library Board had given this proposal any consideration.

Judge Green said that it had and that it was felt that a qualified librarian should look after the Civic Library, he did state that perhaps a Librarian hired by the Library Board might work part-time in the Civic Library.

Further discussion ensued with respect to the number of books borrowed and a possible charge levied for each book.

Judge Green advised that although the Library Board had considered this point, it was not looked upon favourably.

#### Directors of Point Pleasant Park

Mr. Gordon E. Smith, Chairman of the Directors of Point Pleasant Park, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

No discussion followed on this item.

#### Halifax Industrial Commission

Mr. Jack Tipler, Chairman of the Halifax Industrial Commission, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

Mr. Tipler reported on the difficulties that had arisen with respect to the development of a 9 acre site in the North End of the City which would have brought considerable revenue to the City. He also reported on the number of firms which had relocated their operations to Dartmouth from Halifax.

11:05 a.m. Alderman Meagher arrives.

It was suggested that the City Manager meet with Mr. Tipler and the Executive Secretary of the Halifax Industrial Commission to discuss the difficulties in developing the land referred to for industrial purposes and report back to Council on the implications such development might have on the City's budget position.

#### Landmarks Commission

Mr. L. W. Collins, Chairman of the Landmarks Commission, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

Several questions were asked of Mr. Collins relating to the Call for Proposals for the Waterfront Historic Buildings and the interest shown in the buildings by the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

11:25 a.m. Meeting adjourned for five minute recess.

11:30 a.m. Committee of the Whole reconvened, the same members being present.

#### Halifax Transit Corporation

Mr. Edwin C. Harris, Chairman of the Halifax Transit Corporation, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget. He asked Mr. T. R. G. McKim, General Manager of the Transit Corporation to explain further and answer any questions that might be asked.

Mr. McKim submitted and read a short statement setting out five particular points of importance in considering the 1971 budget.

A suggestion was made that service should be reduced considerably on Sundays.

Questions were asked about the increase in ridership and the possibility of increasing the Charter type business. Reference was also made to the possible increase in fare structure.

#### Visitors and Convention Bureau

Mr. Bernal Sawyer, Chairman of the Visitors and Convention Committee, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

Some questions were asked and discussion ensued with respect to the non-use of the Bell Road Bureau next summer.

Mr. Sawyer explained the benefit of increased Convention business and said that it is hoped that the Tourist Season can be stretched to attract more people.

He advised that information kiosks will be set up next season at the Bayers Road and Halifax Shopping Centres, manned by personnel of the Shopping Centres but literature being supplied by the Visitors and Convention Bureau. He said that any decrease in the requested budget would reduce the amount of literature available.

#### Recreation and Playgrounds Commission

Alderman Allen, as Chairman of the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission, addressed the meeting and outlined the requested budget. He reported on the programmes that would have to be curtailed if sufficient money is not allowed for 1971.

Many questions were asked about the number of persons involved in the various programmes and Alderman Allen advised that questions relating to Minor Sports and Minor Hockey in particular could be answered in more

detail by Mr. Jack Gray.

Mr. Gray explained the situation with respect to the Minor Hockey programme if sufficient funds are not made available and elaborated on a submission made to Alderman Allen, as Chairman of the Recreation Commission, outlining the complete picture on the Minor Sports budget if it is cut.

12:55 p.m. Alderman Meagher retires.

Considerable discussion ensued on the Recreation budget and that for Minor Sports in particular.

The Committee then thanked Mr. Gray for his detailed report.

1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH PORT COMMISSION

Mr. J. W. E. Mingo, Chairman of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget. Mr. Mingo pointed out that the Commission did not request the full amount of the budget when it was approved but called for it as it was needed. He said they underspent their budget by \$5,000 last year. He suggested that the studies contained in the Budget are carried out with the aim in view to bring in increased business for the Port. He also said that if the Port Commission does not continue, there is no other agency at this time that will do so.

CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
Halifax, N. S.  
February 16, 1971  
7:30 P.M.

A special Meeting of 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, recited the Lord's Prayer.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Abbott, Sullivan, MacKeen, Ivany, Hogan, and Meagher.

Also present: City Manager, Director of Finance, City Clerk, and other staff members.

The City Clerk advised that the meeting was called to consider the School Board Budget and other budgets.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Council adjourn to meet as Committee of the Whole. Motion passed.

7:35 p.m. Council adjourned to meet as Committee of the Whole with Deputy Mayor Ivany in the Chair.

Due to the large number of people present waiting to hear the Social Assistance item, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the Committee deal with that item first.

The City Manager reported that as this item had been scheduled for 9:15 p.m., there was not sufficient staff present to deal with it at this time.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the item be dealt with as soon as the appropriate staff have arrived. The motion as amended was put and passed.

7:40 p.m. - Alderman McGuire arrives

HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH PORT COMMISSION

Mr. J. W. E. Mingo, Chairman of the Halifax-Dartmouth Port Commission appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget. Mr. Mingo pointed out that the Commission did not request the full amount of the budget after it was approved, but called for it as it was needed. He said they underspent their budget by \$5,000 last year. He suggested that the Studies contained in the Budget are carried out with the aim in view to bring in increased business for the Port. He also said that if the Port Commission does not continue, there is no other agency at this time that will do so.

Alderman Hogan asked that if the City Manager's recommendation was favoured, could the Port Commission come back to Council for a supplementary allowance or a claim under 316"C".

Mr. Mingo replied that their past experience has been that it takes a great deal of time and that there is not that much time allowed in much of their program.

Mr. Mingo was further questioned on the operation of the Port Commission after which he was thanked for appearing before the Committee.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Alderman C. McGuire, Chairman of the Halifax School Board, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget. He referred to the section of the City Manager's recommendations in regard to discussions with School Board Officials which indicated that by combining a number of small classes in the fall, the estimates for teachers salaries and fringe benefits could be reduced by \$100,000. He said that discussions with the School Board Officials have not been formally submitted to the School Board but that a Committee of Board and Staff are prepared to give consideration to that item and would anticipate a saving of \$110,000.

Alderman McGuire introduced Dr. Maurice E. Keating, Superintendent of Halifax Schools, and members of the Board who were present to answer questions from the Committee. Dr. Keating said that in past years the amount spent has been very close to the budget and felt that much of the over expenditure last year was due to the extension of services in the annexed area.

His Worship the Mayor said that Provincial and Municipal Governments all over Canada have to get control of the cost of education because they are responsible to their electorate for their tax policy and for raising money to pay for these things. He said that City Council has had no control over the policy that reduces class size. He said it must be considered what the tax rate will be in future years in every decision that is made and that the maximum number of joining together of classrooms and the closing out of some of the older schools be made, if it works out with the projected number of pupils per class, to reduce the total number of teachers.

Considerable questioning followed by members of the Committee in regard to the budget.

#### SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

The City Manager said that this was one of the Departments which had been greatly cut from the original request. He said additional Control Clerks had been provided for so that Social Assistance payments can be handled on a Clerical basis and would free highly trained people in this field to do more useful work. He also pointed out that the program has been computerized and a much higher lever of service should be available to Social Workers.

The City Manager advised that on page # 76 of the Social Assistance budget, that CASE WORKER in the second column of figures under STAFF ESTABLISHMENT, should read CASE A, and the figures should be 1 (one) in 1970, and 1 (one) in 1971, making the total figures correct.

Mr. H. Crowell, Social Planner, addressed the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

Mr. Crowell advised that there were 500 more families receiving assistance and the total number of people was in the vicinity of 5000-6000. He said there are about 100 able-bodied persons who are not employed and 95 people require assistance because of age; 599 because of limited health or permanent disability. He also said there are 575 one parent families and for such families, the department has tried to operate a program of help.

His Worship the Mayor asked about the appeal to the Provincial Government about taking over their own welfare cases which the City is subsidizing.

The Social Planner replied that the budget was prepared in September of last year, and at that time, information was received that the previous Government intended to lift the ceiling on social assistance cases which were above the \$175 level, but that they had not done so. In preparing the budget, he said they had hoped for relief of these cases by November of last year. He said that the last indication was that it would be in April of this year, and said he was not sure they had budgeted enough if this does not occur.

His Worship the Mayor requested information as to an increase in the amount provided for food to which Mr. Crowell replied that 381 people are receiving the Provincial ceiling of \$175 which the City is subsidizing. The major amount is for an increase in food.

Alderman Sullivan suggested a multipurpose Hospital for the convenience of patients in the Civic Hospital and Basinview Home.

Mr. Crowell replied that the Department hoped to submit a recommendation to utilize the land provided in the Maynard-Cornwallis-Cunard Street area.

Alderman MacKeen asked if an evaluation had been made of Veith House and the Neighbourhood Centre.

Mr. Crowell replied that a recent one had been conducted by the Welfare Council on Neighbourhood Centre and the recommendations of the Agency Review Board should be submitted to Council within the next few days as well as a report from the Social Assistance Staff

The Social Planner was further questioned on the Budget.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the meeting adjourn for five minutes. Motion passed.

10:10 p.m. - Meeting adjourned

10:15 p.m. - Meeting reconvened with same members being present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. G. O. Robinson, Chief of Police, appeared before the Committee and answered questions regarding the budget.

It was noted that five additional constables were required to service the new court facilities and the Chief was questioned as to whether this was shareable with other levels.

The Chief said that he felt it would have to come under the Attorney General's Office.

Alderman Meagher asked that the City Manager look at the possibility of sharing this expense.

The Chief was asked about the need for a boat in the Police Department. The Chief replied that there was a need for a boat in case of emergencies on lakes and in the event of drownings.

The City Manager replied that there was a boat in the Works Department but was not aware of the portability of it.

The Chief of Police was questioned on other items in the budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. G. H. Brundige, Fire Chief, appeared before the Committee to answer questions regarding the submitted budget.

The Fire Chief pointed out that of the 10.3% increase, 9% represented salary increases.

The Fire Chief was questioned on other items contained in the budget.

ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

The City Manager spoke and said that there was a reduction in the salaries account this year as they had been notified that there will no longer be a Poll Tax demand on the City after the next meeting of the Legislature. He said they were also advised in this process to consider the probability that any monies received to compensate for this source of revenue would be net monies and not gross.

The City Assessor appeared before the Committee and was questioned on various items in the budget.

SOLICITOR & MAGISTRATES COURT

Mr. D. F. Murphy, City Solicitor, appeared before the Committee and outlined the requested budget.

The City Manager pointed out that last year the position of Junior Solicitor had not been filled and as a result, a backlog of work has built up. He said this has resulted in increased expenditures which are justifiable.

The City Solicitor reported that the increase of 12.4% in the Magistrates Court was due to the annual step increases in salaries and the opening of the night court.

The City Solicitor was questioned on other items in the budget.

10:55 p.m. - Meeting adjourned

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advertised and that no letters of objection had been received.

At the request of the Council, staff outlined the application which rezoning is requested. DEPUTY MAYOR IVANY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Andy Mitrakos, the applicant, in response to a request from His Worship the Mayor for persons who wished to speak at the rezoning.

Mr. Mitrakos explained his need to expand the store and urged Council to give favourable consideration to his application.

At this time, some discussion ensued on the matter of whether or not, should the matter be deferred, the Aldermen not present at the Public Hearing would be allowed to vote on the rezoning at a later meeting.

The City Solicitor advised during the discussion that he is presently doing some research on the matter raised and cited two cases, one in Vancouver and one in Manitoba, which resulted in conflicting decisions. He said that he had anticipated the question would be asked at the meeting of Council to be held tomorrow and would have an opinion and ruling at that time.

After further discussion on the rezoning application, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the rezoning of land Civic 1000x



CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
M I N U T E S

Special Council  
February 17, 1971

Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
February 17, 1971,  
8:15 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on the above date.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Hogan, LeBlanc, Meagher, Allen and Sullivan.

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other Staff members.

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

Public Hearing: Rezoning of Land  
Civic Number 3559 Robie Street from  
C-1 Zone to C-2 Zone.

He also advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that no letters of objection had been received.

At the request of City Council, a member of Staff outlined the application and indicated the area for which rezoning is requested on a plan displayed.

Mr. Andy Mitrakos, the applicant, came forward in response to a request from His Worship the Mayor for persons who wished to speak on the rezoning.

Mr. Mitrakos explained his need to expand the store and urged Council to give favourable consideration to his application.

At this time, some discussion ensued on the matter of whether or not, should the matter be deferred, the Aldermen not present at the Public Hearing would be allowed to vote on the rezoning at a later meeting.

The City Solicitor advised during the discussion that he is presently doing some research on the matter raised and cited two cases, one in Vancouver and one in Manitoba, which resulted in conflicting decisions. He said that he had anticipated the question would be asked at the meeting of Council to be held tomorrow and would have an opinion and ruling at that time.

After further discussion on the rezoning application, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the rezoning of land Civic Number

3559 Robie Street from C-1 Local Business to C-2 General Business be approved.

Discussion followed with respect to the fact that Staff recommended against the rezoning and the fact that the rezoning would permit 100% lot coverage.

Reference was also made during the discussion to the filing of a caveat in the Registry of Deeds and the City Manager expressed his opinion on that matter.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that a decision on the matter be deferred for a period of eight days, to the next Regular meeting of City Council.

Alderman Sullivan rose to speak to the motion to defer and after being advised by His Worship the Mayor that the motion was debatable as to time only, it was MOVED in Amendment by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the time period be one day, instead of eight days.

The Amendment was then put and passed with Alderman Hogan voting against.

The Motion to Defer, as amended, was put and passed with Alderman Hogan voting against.

8:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

ALLAN O'BRIEN  
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD  
CITY CLERK

RULING CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING ON PERSONS CONCERNED  
AT PREVIOUS PUBLIC HEARINGS

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

Council  
February 18, 1971  
Council Chamber,  
City Hall,  
Halifax, N.S.  
February 18, 1971  
7:30 P.M.

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

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Ivany, LeBlanc, McGuire, and Sullivan.

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

The City Clerk advised that the meeting had been called to consider the following matters:

1. Rezoning of Civic Nos. 5740-5746 Spring Garden Road and Civic Nos. 1462-1488 Tower Road from R-3 to C-2.
2. Review of the 1971 Current Budget.
3. Rezoning - No. 3559 Robie Street from C-1 Local Business to C-2 General Business.

Alderman MacKeen MOVED, seconded by Alderman Abbott that Council hear a delegation from St. Patrick's Junior High who wished to express their thanks to Council for its action in connection with the St. Patrick's School complex. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Council hear the spokesman for the St. Patrick's school as the first item on the agenda.

The young man who addressed the Council said he was speaking on behalf of the students, teachers, and all others concerned with the school, who were very thankful for Council's action which would result in construction of the new complex.

His Worship the Mayor congratulated the spokesman for the excellent manner in which he presented his expression of thanks, and noted the part the Provincial and Federal Governments also played in bringing about the finalization of the plans for the project.

7:40 P.M. - Alderman Hogan arrived.

RULING CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING ON REZONINGS CONSIDERED AT PREVIOUS PUBLIC HEARINGS

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that

all the Aldermen present tonight had not attended the two Public Hearings into the rezonings before Council this evening, and that the City Manager had advised him of an opinion expressed by the City Solicitor that, although the Solicitor had not completed his examination of the question, he felt it would be in the best interests of the Council, if only the Aldermen who attended the respective Public Hearings voted on them tonight.

At this point the City Solicitor arrived and requested that Council adjourn for a few minutes to discuss the question in private.

7:50 P.M. - Council adjourned for a private discussion.

8:00 P.M. - Council reconvened, the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Ivany, LeBlanc, Hogan, McGuire, Meagher, Allen, and Sullivan.

The City Solicitor stated that in his opinion it would be in the best interest of Council if only those Aldermen who attended the respective Public Hearings took part in the debates or voted on the motions in connection with them.

REZONING OF CIVIC NOS. 5740-5746 SPRING GARDEN ROAD AND CIVIC NOS. 1462-1488 TOWER ROAD FROM R-3 TO C-2

A Public Hearing was held into the above noted matter on February 3, 1971. Following conclusion of the Public Hearing, Council deferred the matter for decision until tonight's meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that Mrs. Margaret Stanbury be permitted to address Council on behalf of the Halifax Home-Owners Association.

Several Aldermen expressed the view that since the Aldermen not present at the Public Hearings would not be heard from tonight on this matter, the ruling should also apply to others. The motion to hear Mrs. Stanbury was put and lost.

A staff report dated February 18, 1971 was submitted which contained a recommendation that the rezoning should not be granted. The City Manager stated that this new report had been issued to clarify some of the issues, rather than present new arguments for or against the rezoning.

There followed a lengthy questioning of the City Manager on some of the points raised in the staff report, followed by statements from several Aldermen as to why they were in favour of the rezoning for the purposes outlined in the application.

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Alderman Abbott said he was not against the building of an hotel on the proposed site, but he had reservations about the rezoning on the grounds that should the developer not follow through with his present plans, it would leave the land open for other commercial development which might not be appropriate; he added that he had no reason to believe, however, that the developer would not build the hotel as proposed.

This brought up the use of a caveat which would restrict the use of the land for a specific purpose, but the City Manager stated that this practice could lead to difficulties.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the rezoning of Civic Nos. 5740-46 Spring Garden Road and Civic Nos. 1462-88 Tower Road, as shown on Plan Nos. P200/4242-48 and P200/4239 from R-3 to C-2, be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Abbott against. (Aldermen MacKeen and Ivany did not take part in the vote, not having attended the Public Hearing into the rezoning).

A formal resolution giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council was submitted. MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed, Alderman Abbott against.

REZONING - NO. 3559 ROBIE STREET FROM C-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS

A Public Hearing into this matter was held on February 17, following completion of which Council deferred a decision until tonight's meeting.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the rezoning of Civic No. 3559 Robie Street from C-1 Local Business to C-2 General Business, as shown on Plan No. P200/3915, be approved. Motion passed with Alderman Hogan against. (Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Ivany, and McGuire did not take part in the vote, not having attended the Public Hearing).

A formal resolution, giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council, was submitted. MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the formal resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed, Alderman Hogan against.

9:10 P.M. - Council adjourned for a recess.

9:15 P.M. - Council reconvened, the following members being present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Abbott, MacKeen, Ivany, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher, Allen, and Sullivan.

Council agreed to the City Solicitor's request to add the following item to the agenda:

Annexation Hearings

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire, that the following item be added to the agenda:

Sewer Situation in the Fairview Area

Motion passed.

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ANNEXATION HEARINGS

A staff report dated February 18, 1971 was submitted entitled "Annexation Hearings".

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the recommendation contained in the staff report dated February 18, 1971 entitled "Annexation Hearings" be approved. Motion passed.

SEWER SITUATION IN THE FAIRVIEW AREA

Alderman McGuire referred to the recent flooding which had occurred in the Fairview area and asked for an outline of where the problem lay and what the solution was. He also asked where the matter stood in the DREE program and if there was any possibility of moving it up on the list of priorities.

The Director of Engineering and Works displayed a map of the area which indicated the existing sewer system and the proposed system. He said the basic problem was that there were no storm sewers in the area and the present sewer which had been built up over a number of years, the location of portions of which was not even known, simply was not adequate in times of heavy rain or melting snow. Phase I of the new sewer system had been included in the 1970/1971 program but on advice from Consultants it was later determined this work would not be necessary. The second phase, he said, was in the submission for the 1971/1975 program, and it had a high priority, at least from staff.

Alderman McGuire said that although the costs involved for the sewer might seem shocking, they had to be weighed against the cost to residents of the area who suffered damage through the flooding without recourse to insurance claims. He said he would like consideration given to present priorities for projects with a view to including Phases 2 and 3 of the Fairview project in the 1971/1972 DREE program.

9:40 - Council adjourned and reconvened in Committee of the Whole, the following members being present: Deputy Mayor Ivany, Chairman; His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen MacKeen, LeBlanc, McGuire, Meagher, Allen, and Sullivan.

REVIEW OF THE 1971 CURRENT BUDGET

The Committee considered the Proposed Annual Estimates - 1971 as submitted by the City Manager with respect to the following Departments:

Development Department (Pages 16 and 17):

The City Manager stated that the figures in the report were submitted prior to the adoption of Administrative Orders Nos. 13 and 14 by Council which changed the set-ups in the Development and Planning Sections, but said that the adoption of those Administrative Orders would not affect the total establishment since it involved re-assigning of people.

Mr. Grant was questioned by the Aldermen concerning the staff establishment figures.

Alderman McGuire then referred to the Note on Page 16 that "Mothballing of historic buildings as requested by the Landmarks Commission has not been provided for in Manager's recommendations." He said the Landmarks Commission was planning to submit a new approach to its budget and that it was his understanding that not all of the \$10,000 figure was for mothballing of historic buildings but was to cover other things in connection with inventory and research. He also said the Commission was concerned about maintaining the waterfront buildings.

Alderman McGuire asked that before any decision is made concerning the \$10,000, the new submission from the Landmarks Commission be considered to determine just how much might be cut out of the budget.

Inspection Services (Pages 33/34):

With regard to the number of Inspectors on staff establishment, the City Manager said he had done a rough check of the number of Inspectors against number of permits, and he felt they indicated the staff figure to be reasonable.

Alderman MacKeen questioned the Building Inspector about the burden imposed on staff in enforcing Ordinance No. 135 and what was the total time between discovery of a violation of the Ordinance and the landlord being notified.

The Building Inspector said that at the moment Ordinance No. 135 inspections were being done on a complaint basis and he felt there was sufficient staff for that purpose. With regard to the timing involved, he said ordinarily an inspection would be made within 48 hours of a complaint and a landlord notified within a week. Further discussion centered on the need for a different Inspector to do electrical, plumbing, and building inspections and whether an economy could be gained by training one man to do all three. The City Manager asked that the matter be left with staff who would do some research and report back.

Planning Department: (Pages 22 and 23)

There was some discussion with regard to the amount provided in the budget for Downtown Planning and Land Capability Analysis in Mainland Halifax and adjacent areas. Alderman Meagher questioned the worth of doing this type of study too much in advance of actual development. The City Manager said he felt that such studies should be done as far in advance as possible. He said the amount involved was reasonable since inside staff would be utilized with advice from outside help. Apart from whatever MAPC might do in this regard, he said, it was a good idea to have some reserves to carry out a study from time to time which would reflect the City's standpoint only.

Mayor and Aldermen (Pages 2/3):

The Committee discussed the budget for the Mayor and Aldermen without any recommendation for a change in the figures.

City Manager's Office (Pages 4 and 5):

The Committee discussed the budget for the City Manager's Office without making any recommendation for a change in the figures.

City Clerk's Office: (Pages 6 and 7):

The Committee discussed the City Clerk's Office budget without making any recommendations for a change in the figures.

Alderman McGuire brought up the question of election expenses; however these costs are not included in the City Clerk's budget but listed under General Government Sundries. The City Clerk advised that the Committee formed to consider the City Manager's report on proposed cost-saving changes in the election procedure would be reporting to the next regular meeting of City Council.

Personnel Department (Pages 18 and 19):

The City Manager said that for the size of the City's operations, he did not consider the staff establishment for the Personnel Department to be excessive.

There was a short discussion concerning the hiring of a spokesman for the negotiations with the Unions. The City Manager said that the Training/Personnel Officer would still be involved in the research and preparation of material in connection with the negotiations.

There were no recommendations for changing the figures outlined in the budget.