

how the members could vote on such a motion without a report from the City Manager regarding some of the questions raised by Alderman Stapells at today's meeting.

Alderman Connolly said that the Development Department concerned him, and he felt if there were any vacancies at the moment, they should not be filled.

Following further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stapells, that the matter be deferred until the following Monday's meeting, and that in the meantime Alderman Stapells supply the City Manager with a list of the questions he wished answered and a staff report would be submitted with these answers at the Monday meeting. Motion passed.

6:20 P.M. - Committee of the Whole adjourned and Council reconvened, the following members being present:

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen, Meagher, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell.

6:21 P.M. - Council adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
CURRENT BUDGET
M I N U T E S

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.,
February 28, 1972
2:50 p.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.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan and Wentzell.

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

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

1. Total Amount of Estimates for 1972
2. School Board Estimates
3. Tax Rates - Ratio Between Residential and Business Realty Property
4. Tax Rate for 1972 - Business Realty and Residential Realty
5. Fire Protection Rate for 1972
6. Interest on Taxes for 1972

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

2:52 p.m. Committee of the Whole Council convened.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that there are some items to be discussed before the Tax Rate is struck and suggested that they be dealt with in the following order:

1. Alderman Stapells Motion Re: Development Department
2. Y.M.C.A. Grant
3. Senior Citizens
4. Neighbourhood Centre
5. George Dixon Centre
6. Natal Day
7. City Manager's Report

The Committee agreed to the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Stapells Motion Re: Development Department

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the City Clerk read the motion which is presently on the floor for discussion as follows:

PERSONNEL MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the 1972 Budget for the Development Department be fixed at the 1971 Actual figure of \$224,509.

Alderman Stapells spoke to his motion and made a comparison of the numbers of employees in the Development and Planning Departments of the City of Halifax and those in similar Departments of the City of Dartmouth. He contended that the City of Dartmouth has a much higher amount of building construction than the City of Halifax but has less staff.

The City Manager said that it is extremely difficult to make comparisons since the Development and Planning Departments of the City have been involved in a number of reorganizational changes over the past few years. He said that if the projects that are proposed such as Cowie Hill, City Prison Lands, One or two major hotels and office buildings go ahead this year, the building permit revenue will be up considerably and the building construction starts in the City will increase significantly. He was of the opinion that the City of Halifax should take a leadership role in this field and should not be in a position of reacting or responding to the ideas of others.

At this time, the Director of Finance advised that included in the increase for the Development Department this year is an item of \$20,000.00 which is also included in Revenue. Any reduction in the Budget would also reduce the Revenue, he said.

Alderman Stapells again listed the developments which are taking place in Dartmouth and could not see any reason for a \$65,000 increase this year in the Budget for the Development Department.

Alderman Sullivan spoke to the motion and explained that his main concern is for the taxpayers of this City and he could not see any reason for such a large increase.

His Worship the Mayor explained that there could be a great many more housing starts in the City of Halifax if the City could afford to put in the sewer facilities to permit the Roy Street and Hilden Heights projects to proceed.

Alderman Moir spoke against the motion.

After some discussion, the City Manager pointed out that if the Development Department Budget is reduced by \$65,000.00 the Revenue must be reduced by \$20,000.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed, six voting for the same and four against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Bell, MacKeen, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan and Wentzell	6
Against:	Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, Meagher, Moir	4

Personnel Department

Alderman Stapells spoke of the work of this Department of the City and said that he had been advised that approximately 300 persons had been interviewed and hired by the City during the past year. He said that he had held discussions with a number of highly qualified personnel people in the City of Halifax who were of the opinion that the proposed budget for this Department is much too high and represents a cost of approximately \$240.00 to fill each position.

The City Manager explained that this Department is also involved in Training Programmes, Collective Bargaining and Grievance Procedures, etc. He agreed that the turnover of City employees is quite high. He read from a report submitted with respect to an analysis of appointments for 1971 as follows:

Non-Union Classifications	43
Local 143 Classifications	67
Local 108 Classifications	<u>146</u>
TOTAL	<u>256</u>

Recruitment activity relating to the Local Initiatives Projects commenced during December and has, up to the present, resulted in the hiring of 135 employees.

He said that the City is proposing to step up the training programmes in an attempt to reduce the high turnover of employees.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the 1972 Budget for the Personnel Department be fixed at the 1971 Actual figure of \$62,276.

Alderman Sullivan spoke to the motion and contended that if local employees are hired, there would be no need to pay out monies for moving expenses or travelling expenses for interviews. He stressed the need to hire any new employees from the local area where there are many good and qualified people.

Some discussion took place on the reasons why outside consultants have been hired to find senior management employees. Alderman MacKeen contended that the Personnel Department should be capable of handling all necessary aspects of hiring personnel with no need to hire outside consultants.

After further discussion, the motion was put and resulted in a tie vote, five voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For:	Aldermen Bell, Meagher, Stanbury, Stapells and Sullivan	5
Against:	Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Moir and Wentzell	5

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote against the motion and declared the same lost.

Y.M.C.A. Grant

MOVED by Alderman Stanbury, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the Motion granting the Y.M.C.A. an amount of \$50,000.00 for 1972 and \$50,000.00 for 1973 to construct a building to contain miscellaneous facilities in the Fairview/Clayton Park Area be Reconsidered. Motion passed.

Alderman Stanbury spoke against the granting of any monies to the Y.M.C.A. and referred to the Brief submitted from the Halifax Home Owners Association which requested that the line be held on taxation, and that no more grants be given by the City until it is in a better financial position.

Alderman Connolly said that he understands that by making this grant to the Y.M.C.A., the City is in effect saving some considerable amount of money by not spending some \$280,000.00 for the Bridgeview Playground which is included in the Capital Budget.

Some discussion took place at this time, and His Worship the Mayor ruled that the motion approved at the meeting held last Friday afternoon is presently on the floor.

Mr. Charles Campbell was permitted to address the Committee on behalf of the Halifax Home Owners Association and he urged members of Council to refuse the grant to the Y.M.C.A.

Considerable discussion ensued on the matter.

Mr. Peter Green was permitted to address the Committee on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. He spoke of the need for such facilities in the area proposed and said that the building would contain a swimming pool, meeting rooms and some outside playing areas. It is also proposed, he said to include some programmes for pre-schoolers and for school-age children as well as for adults. He explained that the Y.M.C.A. is prepared to raise the additional \$250,000.00 that is required and has in fact raised to this date an amount of \$150,000.00.

After further discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Bell that a sum of \$50,000.00 be granted to the Y.M.C.A. in 1972 and a further \$50,000.00 in 1973 to permit the construction of a facility in the Fairview/Clayton Park area of the City, as approved previously by the City Council.

Alderman Connolly questioned whether it is possible, at this time, to delete an amount of \$250,000 from the Capital Budget, which amount has been set aside for a Community Centre building at Bridgeview Playgrounds.

After some discussion, it was felt that this was

not the appropriate time to delete monies from the Capital Budget and that the necessary action could be taken later.

The motion was then put and passed, seven voting for the same and three against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen,
Moir, Stapells and Wentzell 7

Against: Aldermen Meagher, Stanbury and Sullivan 3

Senior Citizens

Alderman MacKeen pointed out that City Council has passed a resolution favouring reduced transit fares for Senior Citizens and it appointed a Committee to study the possibilities and to conduct a study of other cities throughout Canada in which such fares have been instituted. He said that many discussions have been held and as a result it is expected that the programme can be finalized by the middle of the year. It was MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Meagher that an amount of \$15,000.00 be included in the Current Budget to provide for the institution of reduced fares for Senior Citizens on Halifax Transit starting July 1st, 1972.

Alderman Meagher spoke to the motion and felt that it is about time that the City did something to assist the Senior Citizens.

Alderman Moir asked that the proposed programme when finalized be submitted to City Council for discussion before it is implemented.

Alderman MacKeen explained that that is the intention.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed unanimously.

Neighbourhood Centre

Alderman Connolly spoke on the above matter and referred to the fact that the City Council has proposed a grant of \$51,000.00 which is some \$20,000.00 more than the amount recommended by the City Manager. He felt that the City should know a little more about this organization and it was MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that the \$51,000.00 grant to the Neighbourhood Centre be paid only if the following conditions are complied with:

1. Two people from the Social Planning Department being appointed to the Board of Directors;
2. The City receiving an audited statement as to the amounts received last year and an indication of how the funds were dispersed;

3. The Centre submit a clearly defined list of their goals and objectives for the next twelve month period and that Council receive, through the Social Planning Department, a report every two months on the progress being made toward achieving the goals outlined.

Alderman MacKeen agreed that the City should receive an Audited Financial Statement and agreed that it would be of benefit to know of the goals and objectives of the Centre, but he did not agree with the inclusion of two Social Planning Department people on the Board of Directors or the bi-monthly reports.

After some discussion, His Worship the Mayor ruled that the motion could be split into four parts quite easily.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Moir that the motion be split into four parts. Motion passed, Alderman Connolly voting against.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that the \$51,000.00 grant to the Neighbourhood Centre be paid only on condition that two members of the Social Planning Department be appointed to the Board of Directors. Motion lost.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that the \$51,000.00 grant to the Neighbourhood Centre be paid only on condition that the City receives an audited financial statement as to the funds received last year and an indication of how the funds were dispersed. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the \$51,000.00 grant to the Neighbourhood Centre be paid only on condition that the Centre submit to the City a clearly defined list of its goals and objectives for the next twelve month period. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Stapells that the \$51,000.00 grant to the Neighbourhood Centre be paid only on condition that the Centre submit, through the Social Planning Department, a report every two months on the progress being made toward achieving the goals outlined.

MOVED in Amendment by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the progress report be submitted every four months. Amendment passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

The Motion, as Amended, was then put and passed.

George Dixon Centre

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that in increasing the budget over that recommended by the City Manager for

the George Dixon Centre, an amount was included to cover the cost of the purchase of softballs and bats for use of the softball league in that area. He advised that he has received a request from softball leagues in other parts of the City requesting that they be treated on the same basis and that funds be made available to cover the necessary purchase of softballs and bats. He said that the total amount is approximately \$2,400.00 and that Mr. Marcasino of the Recreation Department did, at a recent meeting, list the amounts requested by the different leagues.

MOVED by Alderman MacKeen, seconded by Alderman Stapells that an amount of \$2,400.00 be included in the Current Budget for the purchase of softball bats and balls and that such amount is to be shared between all softball leagues in the City who submitted requests for funds to the Recreation Department. Motion passed.

Halifax Natal Day

Alderman Wentzell spoke of discussions which have taken place with respect to the celebration of Natal Day this year and he told of suggestions which have been made for a week long type of celebration in conjunction with a tourist promotion programme which might be tied in with the Atlantic Winter Fair and be held in the Fall.

Some members of Council were of the opinion that Natal Day should be celebrated during the summer time when children are on holiday from school and not during a time of year when they cannot participate.

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that an amount of \$5,000.00 be included in the Current Budget for Halifax Natal Day. Motion passed, with Alderman Connolly voting against.

City Manager's Report

At this time, the City Manager advised that it will be necessary to reduce the Revenue by \$20,000.00 to offset the reduction which has been made in the Development Department Budget, as pointed out previously in the meeting.

It was MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the Development Department Budget be reduced by \$45,441.00 rather than \$65,441.00. to eliminate any necessary reductions in Revenue. Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

The City Manager referred to some surplus funds which are available mainly as a result of the strike by Civic Workers in the Spring of last year. He recommended that of the surplus funds, \$100,000 should be included in the Budget for necessary repairs to streets and sidewalks, \$100,000.00 should be included for replacement of old and worn out equipment and \$60,000 should be included for consulting services for a Management Maintenance System and for an Overview Review of the Preventive Maintenance

Programme for City Vehicles, including those of the Police and Fire Departments, City Field and Transit. He said that some Departments have a preventive maintenance programme and he suggested that some cost savings could be effected if a combined programme is introduced.

Alderman Sullivan suggested that there are qualified persons presently on Staff who could undertake a review of the vehicle preventive maintenance programme and he saw no necessity to include funds for such a purpose.

The City Manager went on to recommend that an amount of approximately \$900,000.00 be taken out of surplus and added to revenue which would reduce the impact on the tax rate for this year and bring the increase to about 3½% only.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the recommendations of the City Manager be approved.

In reply to a question, the City Manager pointed out that by expending funds on repairs to sidewalks and streets this year together with funds for the replacement of some equipment, particularly that at City Field, which is in a deplorable state, some cost savings will be realized in subsequent years with respect to the maintenance programmes.

In reply to a further question, the City Manager said that some surplus funds have been set aside as working capital which it is hoped will tend to reduce operating costs.

Alderman Connolly was of the opinion that the present Furniture and Equipment Budget is hefty enough without the addition of extra funds.

His Worship the Mayor explained that the amount for this Budget that was recommended by the City Manager is some \$300,000.00 less than the amount originally requested.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Connolly voting against.

5:55 p.m. Committee of the Whole adjourned to permit calculations to be made with respect to the proposed Tax Rates.

7:40 p.m. Committee of the Whole reconvened, the same members being present.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Committee of the Whole Council adjourn and reconvene as City Council. Motion passed.

7:41 p.m. City Council reconvened, the same members being present.

ESTIMATES CIVIC YEAR 1972

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the estimates for the Civic Year 1972 be fixed at \$51,888,111.00. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION - SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES 1972

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the gross expenditures for the Board of School Commissioners for the Civic Year 1972 be set at \$20,140,580.00. Motion passed.

RATIO TAX RATE 1972 - RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stapells that the Ratio be 45% between Residential and Business which is the minimum permitted under the City Charter. Motion passed.

TAX RATES 1972

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that the tax rate for the year 1972 be set at \$5.3680 per hundred dollars of assessment and that this rate be applied to the full assessed value of property of a business character and nature and 50% of the total assessed valuation for business occupancy tax purposes and 45% of the assessed value of real property of a residential character or nature. The latter calculation contained in the motion having an effect of \$2.4156 per hundred dollars for residential tax assessment. Motion passed.

FIRE PROTECTION RATE 1972

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the Fire Protection Rate be set at six cents (\$0.06) per hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation for the year 1972. Motion passed.

INTEREST ON TAXES 1972

The City Manager recommended that the amount of interest to be charged on overdue taxes remain at 9%, although he recognized that a previous Resolution of City Council suggested that the amount be set at the prime interest rate plus 2½%. He pointed out that it is the larger businesses who tend not to pay taxes on the due dates, not the residential property owner nor the small business owner.

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the interest rate to be charged on all overdue taxes shall be nine percent (09%) per annum.

Alderman Sullivan said that he is not convinced

that this interest rate does not apply to some residential property owners or small business owners and he was of the opinion that they should be given a break.

It was MOVED by Alderman Sullivan that the interest rate to be charged on all overdue taxes be set at six percent (06%) per annum.

There was no seconder to the motion.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Sullivan voting against.

At this time Alderman Stapells expressed the appreciation of all members of Council to the Director of Finance and his Staff for all the hard work that has been done over the past few weeks and he felt that they should be given unanimous applause.

His Worship the Mayor felt that appreciation should also be expressed to the City Manager, the City Clerk and his Staff and to Mr. Brennan who also worked diligently along with City Council on this very important matter. He also thanked the members of Council for all their hard work during this difficult time.

8:00 p.m. Council adjourned.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.
March 2, 1972
8:00 P.M.

A 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, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Bell, Hogan, MacKeen, Meagher, Moir, Stanbury, Stapells, Sullivan, and Wentzell.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of Council meetings held on January 27, 28, 31, February 1, 17, 23 & 25, 1972 were approved on motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Wentzell.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Council agreed to the City Clerk's request to:

- Transfer Item 10 (v) on the agenda to 17 (c)
- Transfer Item 15 (i) to 17 (d)

and add:

- 20 (a) - Capital Borrowing Resolutions

As requested by Alderman Wentzell, Council agreed to add:

- 20 (b) - Snow Removal on Sidewalks and Ticketing of Autos - Spryfield.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM H.D. SCULLY REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

Alderman Hogan read the following letter dated February 28, 1972 which had been directed to the Director of Public Works by Mr. Harry D. Scully:

"Please accept our sincere thanks for the very excellent job of snow removal in our area on Saturday, February 26. It was a very special day in our lives, the marriage of our eldest daughter. In spite of the inclement weather, your department made it possible for many of our friends to attend the ceremony. Please convey to those responsible our gratitude."

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DEFERRED ITEMS

REZONING FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE,
CIVIC NO. 6264 YALE STREET

A Public Hearing was held on February 23, 1972 into the subject matter, following which a decision was deferred to this meeting of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Sullivan, that the rezoning of Civic No. 6264 (Lot 128A) Yale Street from R-2 Residential to C-2 General Business, as shown in Case No. 2567 on Plan No. P200/4922, be approved. Motion passed.

A formal resolution, giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council, was submitted.

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

REZONING FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 COMMERCIAL ZONE, CIVIC
NUMBER 2021-2025 MAYNARD STREET

A Public Hearing was held into this matter on February 23, 1972, following which a decision was deferred until this meeting of Council.

Alderman MacKeen summarized his feelings for opposing the rezoning, as expressed by him at the Public Hearing, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Hogan, that the application for rezoning of the property at 2021-2025 Maynard Street from R-3 Residential to C-2 Commercial, as shown on Plans No. P200/4322 and 4275 of Case No. 2302, be refused.

The purpose for the rezoning application was to permit construction of a club house for the William Hall Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, and Alderman Sullivan said he would oppose the motion as he was not of the opinion it would have a detrimental effect on the neighbourhood.

8:20 P.M. - Alderman Connolly arrived.

In further support of granting the rezoning, Alderman Sullivan referred to the fact that the petition opposing it only contained 53 signatures whereas the one stating there was no objection contained a far larger number of signatures, the Alderman stating he had counted 143 names and there was still eight pages of signatures to go. He felt this overwhelming support indicated the feelings of the people in the area.

Alderman Connolly, however, stated that the list supporting the application was made up of less than 10% home-owners in the area, and he felt it was the home-owner rather than the tenant that had the most to lose.

After further discussion, the motion was

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put and passed, six voting for the same and three against, as follows, with Alderman Stanbury abstaining from the vote since she had not been present at the Public Hearing:

For - Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen,
Stapells, Wentzell 6
Against - Aldermen Meagher, Moir, and Sullivan..... 3

MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion - Alderman Sullivan to Reconsider Resolution Approved by City Council February 17, 1972 Re: Closing By-pass between Dartmouth and Devonshire Avenues

Alderman Sullivan said that the closure of the by-pass between Dartmouth and Devonshire Avenues would serve no useful purpose to the Police Boys Club or anyone else, and would present a hardship for at least one home-owner a Mr. MacDonald in gaining access to his home, and MOVED, seconded by Alderman Hogan that the resolution passed at the February 17, 1972 meeting of Council be reconsidered. Motion passed, Alderman Hogan against.

Mr. Dodge, City Engineer, displayed a map of the area in question and said that the proposal would be more of an advantage than disadvantage to the home-owner in question, since the small triangle of property freed would be transferred to Mr. MacDonald to be added to the front of his property for the sum of \$1.00.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stapells, that the matter be sent back to the City Planning Committee, and that in the meantime any home-owners effected be contacted and advised of the City's willingness to convey land to them for the charge of \$1.00. Motion passed.

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Petition - Taxpayers & Residents of Ward 5 RE: Lounge, Lady Hammond Road

The City Clerk read the following petition submitted by Mr. Robert J. Doucette, 5830 Hillside Avenue, containing 28 signatures:

"We, the undersigned, being residents and taxpayers of Ward 5 oppose the City's decision in permitting a Lounge to be operated on the corner of Lady Hammond Road and Robie Street. We also request representation at City Council."

There was some discussion as to whether or not to hear from the concerned parties to-night which led to a question being put as to what, if any, action Council could take in the matter.

The City Solicitor said that the occupancy

permit had been issued by the Building Inspector since the application complied with all the requirements of the law. He said there was provision for appeal should the Building Inspector refuse a permit, but there was no provision against the decision to grant a permit when an application complied with all the requirements of the law. Therefore, if in the present case, the Liquor Commission had already issued a Liquor License, he did not see what, if any, action Council could take. On the other hand, if the License had not yet been granted, the Council, like any individual, could make its objections known and he was sure they would have an effect on the decision of the Commission to grant a license.

It was agreed by the Council that rather than hear from one of the parties tonight, it would be better to have both the applicant for the Lounge and those protesting it present at the same meeting, so both views could be heard at the same time.

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Moir, that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next City Planning Committee meeting, and the applicant for the lounge and Mr. Doucette who submitted the petition against it, be advised to be present if they wish to make their views known to the Council.

The motion was passed, seven voting for the same, and two against it, as follows:

- For - Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Moir, Stapells, and Wentzell..... 7
- Against - Aldermen Stanbury and Sullivan 2

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee with respect to the following matters:

Possible Acquisition - 3 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #91B on Plan No. TT-14-18978 be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the sum of \$54.00 be paid to the owners, Mr. Wallace N. and Mary J. Rose, 3 Marriott Street, Kline Heights, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 6 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive

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Committee, the land designated as Lot #112B on Plan No. TT-14-19134 and containing 235 square feet be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the owners, Esau H. and Alfreda Cluett, 6 Marriott Street, of the designated property be paid the sum of \$78.75 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 8 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax purchase the land designated as Lot #111B on Plan No. TT-14-19133, and containing 232 square feet and that the owner, Mrs. Rita E. Baker, 8 Marriott Street, be paid \$128.00 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 9 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax purchase the property designated as Lot 93B on Plan No. TT-14-19116 and containing 264 square feet and that the owners, Robert G. and Lorna M. Durant, 9 Marriott Street, be paid the sum of \$86.00 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 12 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #109B on Plan No. TT-14-19131 and containing 226 square feet be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the sum of \$76.00 be paid to the owners, Mrs. Joyce E. Lane of 17 Marriott Street, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 13 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #95B on Plan No. TT-14-19118 and containing 270 square feet, be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the owners of the property, Mr. Herbert and Dorothy Blackmore, be paid the sum of \$772.50 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

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Possible Acquisition - 14 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #108B on Plan No. TT-14-19130 and containing 222 square feet, be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the sum of \$300.50 be paid to the owners, Mr. William C. and Rita M. Innis of 14 Marriott Street, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 17 Marriott Street -Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #97B on Plan No. TT-14-19120 and containing 556 square feet, be purchased by the City of Halifax, and that the sum of \$599.00 be paid to the owners, Mrs. Joyce E. Lane of 17 Marriott Street, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 22 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #105B on Plan No. TT-14-19126 and containing 209 square feet be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the sum of \$212.25 be paid to the owners, Leo M. and Mary A.A. Creamer of 22 Marriott Street, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 24 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot 104B on Plan No. TT-14-19125 and containing 176 square feet be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the owners of the property, Carmen J. and Marguerite Jamieson of 24 Marriott Street, be paid the sum of \$64.00 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 25 Marriott Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #99B on Plan No. TT-14-19122 be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the owners, Harold B. and Edith Gardiner, be paid the sum of \$114.00 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

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Possible Acquisition - 14 Osborne Street - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #100B on Plan No. TT-14-19123 and containing 688 square feet be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the sum of \$1,264.50 be paid to the owner, Mrs. Edna M. Topples of 14 Osborne Street, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 21-23 Idlwyld Road- Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #139B on Plan No. TT-14-19457 and containing 1,343 square feet be purchased by the City of Halifax and that the sum of \$581.00 be paid to the owner, Mr. Patrick O'Neill of 21 Idlwyld Road, as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 31 Idlwyld Road - Kline Heights (Part Taking)

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the land designated as Lot #135B on Plan No. TT-14-19153 and that the owner, Mr. Delore Goyetche, be paid the sum of \$433.25 as compensation in full for all claims arising from this acquisition; funds to be made available from Account No. 54-33. Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - 5424 Gerrish Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property known as 5424 Gerrish St. required for the future development of Uniacke Square, be purchased by the City of Halifax from the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers for the sum of \$40,000.00 as settlement in full for all claims arising from the acquisition. Motion passed with Aldermen Connolly, Meagher, Stanbury, and Stapells against.

Request - Inter-Supply Limited - Exchange of Land

The recommendation of the Finance and Executive Committee was that the staff report and letters from Inter-Supply regarding the subject matter be tabled.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee the staff report and Letters from Inter-Supply

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Limited dated January 24, 1972 and February 11, 1972 be tabled.

Alderman MacKeen said he hoped that by tabling these letters staff would still remember that the City has an obligation to at least investigate the matter. He said that in taking action to preserve Kearney Lake it might be necessary to acquire land in the area to make the site attractive and consequently this might be ^{the} time to take steps in that direction.

Alderman Stanbury felt there was the possibility of setting a dangerous precedent if the City took it upon themselves to re-establish Inter-Supply.

His Worship the Mayor agreed about the dangers of setting a precedent, but felt on the other hand the City should cooperate with the Company, and in so doing would only be acting as a good Council.

The motion was passed on the understanding that the tabling of the letters did not commit the City to any action which would involve an expense to the City.

Railway Association of Canada - Daylight Saving Time - 1972

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Bell that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax adopt Daylight Saving Time for 1972 to become effective at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, April 30, 1972 until 12:01 a.m. Sunday, October 29, 1972 and that the Railway Association of Canada be so informed. Motion passed.

Cost of Property Acquisitions - Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the staff report dated February 22, 1972 relating to the cost of property acquisitions - Barrington Street, be tabled.

Alderman Meagher felt by tabling the report the City might be making a commitment, and said he would violently oppose any action of Council to buy such properties until the matter has been studied in conjunction with the C.N.R. and its holdings.

The motion was put and passed, six voting for the same and four against it, as follows:

For	- Aldermen Bell, Connolly, Hogan, MacKeen, Moir, Stapells	6
Against-	Aldermen Meagher, Stanbury, Sullivan, and Wentzell	4

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Acquisition of Property - 2513 Barrington Street

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

1. City staff be authorized to undertake negotiations to acquire the property owned by the Nova Scotia Cold Storage Limited at 2513 Barrington Street and that they be instructed to report back to the Finance and Executive Committee the results of the negotiations;

-Aldermen Connolly, Meagher, Stanbury, and Sullivan against.
2. City staff proceed with some negotiations with the Canadian National Railway, as a matter of urgency, to see if it is possible to open up some land for light industrial development along the east side of Barrington Street and that staff report back to the Finance and Executive Committee on the status of the negotiations in two months' time.

Motion passed.

Acquisition of Property - 2573-75 Barrington Street

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property of the Estate of Mrs. Hilda Watson, known as Civic No. 2573-75 Barrington Street be purchased by the City of Halifax for the sum of \$10,000.00 as settlement in full for all claims; funds to be made available from Account No. 53-48.

The motion was passed, six voting for the same and four against, as follows:

For - Aldermen Bell, Hogan, MacKeen, Moir,
Stapells, Wentzell 6

Against - Aldermen Connolly, Meagher, Stanbury,
Sullivan 4

Proposed Amendments to Ordinance No. 141, Respecting "Tax Exemptions for Widows"

This matter was placed on the agenda at the request of Deputy Mayor Moir.

The Deputy Mayor referred to an attempt by Alderman Bell to see the Widows' Exemption Ordinance expanded to include pensioners, that is husband and wife, and moved an amendment which eventually the City Solicitor suggested could not properly be done within Ordinance No. 141. At the same time, he said, he was seriously considering the updating of No. 141. He referred to the change in the Lord Day's Ordinance which increased the percentage of stock which a store owner could have on hand to remain open and said, following this principle, Council

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should make a change which would increase exemptions in No. 141, and also the deferment in No. 137. He continued that while he had been considering this matter, His Worship the Mayor had written to Toronto in conjunction with Alderman Bell concerning an Ordinance which is a tax credit to old age pensioners, which he said was what Alderman Bell had attempted to do.

MOVED by Alderman Moir, seconded by Aldermen Bell, that:

1. Staff be requested to report to Council the financial ramifications of increasing Ordinance No. 141 by 30%, and also approximately 50% in the assessment reduction and in the gross income.
2. Staff also report the implications of Ordinance No. 137 and whether in fact Ordinance No. 137 is being used.
3. Staff investigate the Toronto ordinance regarding the tax credit to old age pensioners which His Worship the Mayor obtained, and report to Council the ramifications of implementing a similar Ordinance here.

The Deputy Mayor spoke of getting something ready for the Fall session of the Legislature, or failing that that the City include in its budget a figure for next year and that the request to the Province be for the change to be retroactive to January 1, 1973.

The motion was put and passed.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on February 23, 1972 with respect to the following matter:

Removal Unsightly Premises - Lot 10, Acorn Road

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council cause the unsightly condition of Lot 10, Acorn Road to be removed in accordance with Section 363 of the City Charter; the costs to be billed to the assessed owner. Motion passed.

At this time, Alderman Stapells asked if any of the demolition contractors, when awarded demolition contracts for the City, are requested to advise where they intend to place the waste material.

The City Manager replied that they are not, but that it was a good point and he would consider the inclusion of such a question in future demolition tenders.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on February 23, 1972 with respect to the following matters:

Extension of Transmission Line from Dunbrack Street to Spryfield

MOVED by Alderman Wentzell, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the original route of the transmission line be approved in principle on the condition that an agreement be entered into between the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Ltd. and the City of Halifax which would require the line to be relocated at no cost to the City of Halifax at such time as Dunbrack Street is constructed.

After a short discussion, the motion was put and passed.

Resubdivision and Modification of Height Requirements - 5250-5264 Morris Street

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Stapells that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the resubdivision and modification of the height requirements, which will

1. combine Civic Nos. 5250-64 Morris Street into Lot "A-1" and
2. permit construction of a portion of the proposed pad to exceed 5 feet above the natural ground level, as shown on Plans No. P200/4904-4909 and P200/4920 of Case No. 2580,

be approved and a public hearing into the matter waived.
Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of
the Lot Area Requirements - 123 School Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the extension to a non-conforming building and modification of the lot area requirement, permitting construction of a single car garage on the rear of the single family dwelling at Civic No. 123 School Avenue, as shown on Plan No. P200/4926 of Case No. 2588, be approved. Motion passed.

Final Approval of Lots X and Y, W. D. Havill Sub/ Edgehill
Road

MOVED by Alderman Stapells, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, final approval of Lots X and Y, as shown on Plan No. P200/4539 of Case No. 2392, be granted. Motion passed.

Resubdivision - Lands of Roman Catholic Episcopal Cor-
poration, St. Pius X, Coronation Avenue, Adelaide Avenue
and Willett Street

MOVED by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of Lots 646, 647, 648, 648A, 658, 659 and 660, to be combined to create one Lot, Lot X, as shown on Plan No. P200/4942 of Case No. 2583, lands owned by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, St. Pius X, Coronation Avenue, Adelaide Avenue and Willett Street, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Resubdivision of Lands Owned by Kathleen P. Stevens,
Bedford Highway

MOVED by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Wentzell that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for resubdivision of Lots A2 and G2 in order that they be combined to create a new Lot to be known as Lot S1, as shown on Plan No. P200/4923 of Case No. 2080, Lands owned by Kathleen P. Stevens, Bedford Highway, be approved and a public hearing waived. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of
the Lot Area Requirement - No. 6476 Seaforth Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Moir that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application for (1) Extension to a non-conforming building and (2) Modification of the Lot Area requirement, which will permit the construction of a 25 ft. x 5 ft. one-storey addition to the front of the single family dwelling at No. 6476 Seaforth Street, as shown on Plan No. P200/4881 of Case No. 2566, be approved. Motion passed.

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Refusal of Development Officer to Issue a Permit to
Permit Extension and Conversion of a Single Family
 Dwelling to a Duplex at 18 Flint Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman MacKeen that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the appeal against the decision of the Development Officer concerning Civic No. 18 Flint Street be upheld and approval given to the minor variance request for modification of the front yard and west side yard. Motion passed with Alderman Moir voting against.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Award of Tender - Harbour Interceptor

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

Alderman Connolly said that in light of the fact that the tenders received exceed the estimated costs and in view of the minor discrepancies in the tender documents he would MOVE that:

1. all tenders be rejected;
2. the City Manager be asked to meet with the engineers and consultants with a view to effecting a reduction in overall costs through changes in plans and specifications where feasible;
3. the two low bidders be asked to submit revised, correct, tenders based on the plans and specifications as revised.

Alderman Meagher seconded the motion.

The City Manager briefly explained his recommendations on the matter and talked a little on the discrepancies of each of the tenders received.

Considerable discussion ensued on the motion and Alderman Stapells contended that approval of such a motion would destroy the philosophy of tender calls.

Further discussion took place on matters relating to the Harbour Interceptor including funds available from DREE and C.M.H.C.

The motion was put and resulted in a tie vote, five voting for the same and five against it as follows:

For: Aldermen Bell, Connolly, MacKeen,
Sullivan Meagher and Sullivan 5

Against: Aldermen Hogan, Moir, Stanbury, Stapells
and Wentzell 5

His Worship the Mayor cast his vote against the motion and declared same lost.