

standards were resulting in extra costs to the project. Delays in completing negotiations with staff, thereby tying up funds also added to the cost.

Ecology Action Centre.

Miss Susan Mayo presented a written and oral brief supporting the development of community based non-profit housing corporations and continuing cooperatives. This organization also feels that the number of recycled buildings acquired by the city should be increased from 50 to 100 units per year.

Miss Mayo stressed the necessity for energy efficiency, and urged that life-cycle costing appraisals be carried out, rather than initial costing.

Halifax Cornwallis N.D.P. Constituency Association.

A written and oral brief was presented on behalf of the above Association. The Association urged the municipality to take the lead in providing housing for low income groups.

Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

Miss Edith Harvey spoke on behalf of the Senior Citizens in the community, asking that special efforts be directed to helping this group. Miss Young said older people in many cases are reluctant to come forward and make their plight known, and efforts must be made to acquaint them with the help that is available. In many cases with some assistance they could stay in their own homes, and not be forced into moving into senior citizens' homes. Miss Harvey suggested that an attempt be made to locate every person over the age of seventy and discover their needs and try to help them.

9:10 PM Alderman Meagher arrives at the meeting.

Alderman Shannon said there needs to be community based resources for the senior citizens and that the Provincial Government should be approached to provide rent supplements where necessary.

His Worship said this problem must be examined with

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a view to improving the situation for the older members of the community.

Halifax Residential Tenancies Board.

Mr. Frank Fillmore said he is a member of this Board. He urged that a City Housing Corporation be formed, and agreed that it should be the target of the City to acquire 100 houses per year for re-cycling. Mr. Fillmore said the Residential Tenancies Board is now able to accept reports of bad housing situations from the general public. They no longer have to originate with the tenant or landlord.

Mr. Fillmore spoke in support of the recommendations made in the Task Force Report.

His Worship then spoke briefly to those present stating that the situation regarding the provision of housing is complex, and difficult for a Municipal level of government to initiate. Replying to a question from the floor, His Worship said the initial draft of the proposal for the Brunswick Street area is finished and a meeting will take place this week with C.M.H.C. with a view to finalizing it.

10:10 Alderman Hanson arrives at the meeting.

Mr. Bryson spoke to the matter saying that 35% of the low income families receive less than \$10,000 per year, but what had been dealt with was the group above that income level. Mr. Bryson asked how people with incomes of less than \$10,000 could find housing.

Alderman Shannon spoke for the Housing Task Force saying it was set up by Council and the terms of reference drawn up by Council. Alderman Shannon asked that Council take an initiative role in finding a solution. Federal monies can be obtained, and costs incurred should be written off to the cost of the project. Alderman Shannon said sufficient use was not being made of Section 15 1 of the National Housing Act. Alderman Shannon asked for the support of Council in accepting and following through with the recommendations made by the Task Force.

His Worship thanked those present for attending and contributing and said this matter will be dealt with at the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 3, 1976, and then proceed to Council on March 11, 1976.

10:30 PM Council adjourned.

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
February 18, 1976
8:10 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, joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Connolly, and Aldermen Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore, and Sullivan.

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

The meeting was called as a public hearing to consider the following items:

1. Rezoning - Civic No. 9 Clovis Avenue
2. Rezoning - Lot "B", Lands Rear of
Civic No. 25 Dentith Road
3. Street Closures - Market & Grafton Streets

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning - Civic No. 9 Clovis Avenue

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter.

Mr. Boyd Algee of the Development Department, addressed Council and, with the aid of maps, outlined the rezoning application saying that the purpose was to extend the parking facilities of the Canadian Tire Store which is located next to the property in question. Mr. Algee said that if the rezoning is approved by Council, a lot consolidation will follow adding the property in question to the existing Lot "Z". Mr. Algee advised that staff are recommending in favour of the proposed rezoning.

A short questioning ensued and His Worship then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed rezoning.

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Mr. Ted Wickwire, representing the applicant, addressed Council and noted the staff report contains the reservations that there only be access off Clovis Avenue and that it be no further east than its present location. Mr. Wickwire advised that Mr. Derrick Hicks, the Manager of Real Estate Development for the Canadian Tire Corporation, is present this evening and said he has been instructed by Mr. Hicks to make such assurances to Council. Mr. Wickwire advised that Mr. Vernon Forrester, the licensed dealer, is also present.

Mr. Hicks and Mr. Forrester both addressed Council and responded to a brief questioning by Council.

His Worship then called for those persons wishing to speak against the proposed rezoning and there being none, declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: Rezoning - Lot "B", Lands Rear of
Civic No. 25 Dentith Road

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter.

Mr. Boyd Algee of the Development Department, addressed Council and, with the aid of maps, outlined the rezoning application.

As no persons wished to speak either in favour of, or against the proposed rezoning, His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hanson that the matter be forwarded to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation.

Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: Street Closures - Market & Grafton Streets

A public hearing was held at this time into the above noted matter.

Mr. C. L. Dodge of the Development Department, addressed Council and, with the aid of maps, outlined the Streets proposed to be closed.

In reply to a question as to why it is necessary to proceed with Street Closures at this time, Mr. Dodge advised there are underground utilities which have to be relocated as well sewer and water mains which have to be re-routed.

His Worship then called for those persons wishing to speak in favour of the proposed Street Closures.

Mr. Hardman, representing the Metro Centre, addressed Council in favour of the Street Closures. Mr. Hardman indicated he did not have a formal statement prepared but would be willing to answer questions regarding the Street Closures and the Metro Centre.

Mr. Hardman then responded to questions put forth by members of Council.

There being no further persons wishing to speak in favour of the street closures, His Worship called for those wishing to speak against.

Susan Mayo then addressed Council on behalf of the Transportation and Urban Development Committee of Ecology Action Centre saying that the Committee could not support the proposed street closures as no information has been made available to the Committee regarding the traffic implications.

Miss Mayo then put forth a number of questions which His Worship and members of staff responded to.

Miss Mayo concluded by saying she was opposed to the proposed closures due to a lack of information regarding the traffic implications.

In response to a request by Alderman Stanbury, His Worship gave a detailed account of what has taken place with respect to the selection of the Metro Centre site since the report of the Provincial Site Selection Committee report was submitted in August, 1974.

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Professor Donald Chard addressed Council and said he did not automatically assume that the Downtown area was an inappropriate location for a sports convention centre but said he would like to state his opposition to the proposed street closures on the grounds that pertinent information on the ultimate use of the land involved has not been made available to Council. He referred particularly to the study carried out by General Urban Systems and questioned when this report will be made available to Council and the Downtown Committee.

His Worship advised that Council has received the report and said it would be made available to the Downtown Committee shortly.

Professor Chard suggested that what bothers a great many people about the ultimate use is the lack of information which has been made available to the general public.

Bernice Jones addressed Council on behalf of the Ward #2 Residents Council and read a letter from the Council which stated that it welcomed the opportunity to respond to the draft Municipal Development Plan policies of December, 1975 which it found to be progressive and equitable. Mrs. Jones said that in light of these policies, the Council is concerned about the proposed street closures to accommodate a sports complex. The letter further stated that the Residents' Council feels that short blocks in the Downtown encourage people to walk and allow free movement of traffic and contribute generally to a viable and lively central business district. The letter stated that the Residents Council is concerned that the closures proposed are in conflict with several policies of the Municipal Development Plan namely, 4., 4(1), 4(3), and 7(6) which the Ward #2 Council has supported on the basis that they would encourage and contribute to a lively downtown. Mrs. Jones questioned what the status of the policies are in light of the present proposal.

His Worship noted that the policies are in draft form and will be coming before Council shortly.

Mr. David Lachapelle addressed Council and questioned how the sale of land on which the Streets are presently located will be handled and whether the City will be receiving an amount for the land only or a larger amount for the air rights over the Streets, to which His Worship responded.

Mr. Lachapelle said his point in asking the question is that the City may have a chance to do some bargaining in this area suggesting that the complex and all its auxiliary facilities will not be realized for the price which is proposed.

Mr. Lachapelle referred to the proposed Proctor Street closing which was recently before Council which Council did not close, and suggested it may be wise not to close the Streets presently under consideration saying that Council may keep its options in this way. Mr. Lachapelle put forth other questions which His Worship responded to.

Mr. Lachapelle said he was concerned about George Street in relation to the design of the complex saying that George Street has been talked about as a pedestrian access linking the harbour and Citadel Hill. He also noted that the Waterfront Development contains a proposal for George Street which envisages upgrading of pedestrian movement, and questioned whether the proposed development will be able to re-enforce the concept of a pedestrian walk way to the Citadel.

His Worship suggested this is a matter that Mr. Hardman will bring to the attention of the Architects but noted that the Architects presently have a copy of the Waterfront Plan.

Mr. Lachapelle expressed the hope that the citizens will have a chance to view the complex prior to its construction, and His Worship advised that this will be done.

No further persons expressed a desire to speak in opposition to the proposed Street Closures.

Two written submissions were received opposing the proposed Street Closures, one from the Community Planning Association of Canada dated February 17, 1976, and the other from Mr. P. B. MacDougall which was received on February 16, 1976. Copies of the two submissions are in the official file of this meeting.

His Worship declared the matter to be before Council.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Moore that the item be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

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9:45 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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PUBLIC MEETING
M I N U T E S

Queen Elizabeth High School
Gymnasium
Halifax, N. S.
February 20th, 1976.
8:35 PM.

A public meeting was held on the above date to discuss the Intergovernmental Waterfront Committee Halifax-Dartmouth Waterfront Plan Design.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Aldermen Lawrence, Walker, Sullivan, Shannon, Downey, Stanbury and Deputy Mayor Connolly.

Also Present: City Manager, City Clerk, Mr. R. Wallace, M.L.A., Mr. R. Johnson, Provincial Co-Chairman to the Intergovernmental Waterfront Committee, Mr. H. Swain, Federal Co-Chairman to the Intergovernmental Waterfront Committee, Mr. R. Affleck, Architect, and Staff Members.

His Worship opened the meeting by introducing to those present, members of City Council, City staff and members of the Waterfront Committee. His Worship said that this matter would go to Committee of the Whole on March 3, 1976 and Council on 11 March, 1976. Mr. Ray Affleck was then invited to address the meeting.

Mr. Ray Affleck, Senior Consultant for the design of the proposed waterfront development plan, with the aid of a display comprising of conceptual designs and a model explained the plan, stating that it was the result of analysis and design work undertaken by a group of consultants. It was the hope of the Waterfront Committee that marine-oriented businesses would be maintained and revitalized. Urban Design Guidelines had been adopted, and development options were tested against the criteria laid down regarding preservation of significant buildings, integration with fixed building grain; scale, form materials, character, and respect of the View Planes which would ensure preservation of the open view of the harbour and water.

Mr. Affleck made general remarks on infrastructure and explained the two basic variables in the plan, stating that flexibility is of major importance. A boardwalk and the provision of activities together with a weather-protected

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pedestrian system is envisaged, which would encourage people to come to the Waterfront.

9:00 PM. Alderman Meagher arrives at the meeting.

A member of the public observed that he hoped the new activities would be in addition to those already taking place in other parts of the City, and said he thought too many street closures may be detrimental. Mr. Affleck said that the City Planning Department will be responsible for the overall pattern with respect to pedestrian malls, and invited Mr. R. Matthews, Director of Planning to address himself to this matter. Mr. Matthews said the Traffic Management Board is preparing a complete transportation study which will be ready in a few weeks.

In reply to a question regarding the preservation of historic sites, Mr. Ron Johnson said that the Committee appreciates the importance of preservation and every care will be taken to ensure that buildings of significant worth are preserved. DREE funds however, were for the expansion of the economy, therefore it will be necessary to maintain a careful balance between the two philosophies.

Mr. Donald Kerr, President of Atlantic Salvage & Dredging whose business is located on Water Street, complained that this organization had not been kept informed of developments, and said his office is situated on what is now shown as an open space. Mr. Kerr asked if the City is to be the expropriating authority. His Worship replied stating the City is entering into an agency agreement whereby it will act as a land purchasing agent for the government. Mr. Affleck said the preservation of local enterprises was an important factor in the conceptual plan.

9:50 PM. Alderman Connolly left the meeting.

Mr. H. Swain said the I.W.C. has recommended to the Provincial Government that a Crown Corporation be established, which agency would be the one to give a specific answer to Mr. Kerr's question. It may be that a system of lease-back, leasing or rental agreements will be evolved.

Mr. Paul Lyman presented a brief on behalf of the Transportation and Development Committee of the Ecology Action Centre.

Mr. Lyman spoke on various questions raised in the brief, to which Mr. Affleck replied. His Worship assured Mr. Lyman that it is the intention of the City to encourage citizen input.

Mr. George Rogers presented a brief on behalf of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, and addressed himself to the highlights of the brief, stating that Heritage Trust recommends all buildings in the Hollis and Prince Street block, without exception, be retained. Mr. Rogers asked on what basis it had been decided to replace certain buildings on that block with an office tower for the Provincial Government. His Worship said the plans under consideration were conceptual only, and opportunities would be afforded to consider suggestions being put forward.

Mr. Vaughan Munroe presented a brief on behalf of the Community Planning Association of Canada, Nova Scotia Division. His Worship said the model on display did not represent the final plan, that if the next step was to be taken, the I.W.C. needs to know that generally, the concept is acceptable. However, there is no compulsion for the City to embark on this development if it does not desire to do so.

A member of the public asked that some echoes of the City's Georgian heritage be incorporated in the design.

Ms. Johanna Ooesterweld asked if the Provincial Government would lend its support to public transport in Halifax.

Mr. Johnson said that Provincial Government may support transit on a regional basis incorporating all methods of moving people. This would not be until some future time.

Ms. Ooesterweld asked what the impact would be on the rest of the City if the waterfront is developed, and where was the money to come from.

His Worship replied that this would be cost-shared, 80% from the Federal Government, and 20% from the Provincial Government.

In reply to a question regarding the collecting sewer route, His Worship said this would be done in compliance with the best environmental standards. The study had been funded by, and with the assistance of the Federal Government.

Mr. Steven Strople spoke on behalf of Citizen Participation and Involvement, saying that the plan left many questions unanswered, such as employment which may be generated, the economic impact, what the demand is for the kind of space which will be made available for commercial ventures, and how it will affect the rest of the City. Mr. Strople said the technical plans had not been made available to the public or to members of City Council, and said this was very difficult to understand.

His Worship said this was incorrect; a copy of the technical plans could be made available in the Public Library for those who wish to peruse it. Mr. Swain confirmed this could be done.

Mr. William Jordan spoke, and asked, as a small business man, requiring economic rental accommodation for his business, if this will be available in the waterfront area. Mr. Affleck said this would appear unlikely as costs to renovate old buildings are fairly high.

His Worship summed up the meeting saying that tonight's meeting has demonstrated that there is considerable animated enthusiasm for this conceptual idea of waterfront development, but that a great deal more detail is required, and assurance needed that there will be ample opportunity in time and place for citizens' views to be expressed, as the plan unfolds.

11 PM. The meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS,
Chairman

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
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Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.
February 24, 1976
2:20 p.m.

A Special Meeting of City Council was held on the above date to consider a Resolution to seek an Order in Council extending the time within which the City of Halifax may establish a tax rate for the year 1976.

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; Deputy Mayor Connolly, Aldermen Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

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

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker, that:

WHEREAS negotiations have been commenced and are not yet concluded between the City and the Province concerning financing of certain activities of the City,

AND WHEREAS the complexity of these questions makes it unlikely that they will be resolved to mutual agreement in sufficient time for the City to establish a tax rate for the City prior to the 1st day of March 1976,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to seek on behalf of the City of Halifax an Order in Council extending the time within which the City of Halifax may establish a tax rate for the year 1976, to a date not later than the 1st day of April 1976.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned - 2:23 p.m.

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PUBLIC MEETING
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St. James Anglican
Church Hall
Dutch Village Road
Halifax, N. S.
February 25, 1976

A public meeting was held on the above noted date to give consideration to the matter of a policy for the acceptance by the City of private storm drainage systems.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Connolly, and Aldermen Meagher, Lawrence, Stanbury, Hanson, Walker, and Moore.

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

Proposed Policy Re: Acceptance of Private Storm Drainage Systems

His Worship advised that many representations have been made to members of City staff as well as members of Council concerning private storm drainage systems saying it seemed desirable to hold a public meeting in order to present to interested citizens a proposed policy on the matter which is contained in a staff report of December 12, 1975.

His Worship suggested that staff proceed to make their presentation at this time following which, questions could be responded to.

Mr. L. Dursi of the Engineering & Works Department, addressed the meeting and advised that the matter of private drains relate to the annexed portion of the City as the County of Halifax, prior to annexation, installed sanitary sewers in certain locations which were not accompanied by storm sewer systems. Mr. Dursi said that in the place of storm sewers, ditches and culverts, open streams, etc. were used throughout the annexed area.

Mr. Dursi advised that legislation existed under the County By-laws that where a system is deemed to be private, the homeowner is responsible to maintain the system. This, he said, was adopted by the City after annexation. He said that as part of the building permit application, the homeowner signed a guarantee that such would be the case.

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Mr. Dursi said situations now exist where people are unaware of the private systems and other cases where the systems are known to exist, the owners are unaware of their obligations. Mr. Dursi said that what staff is attempting to do is to devise a policy with respect to the acceptance of such systems which is outlined in a staff report which he had at the meeting for the purpose of distribution.

Mr. Dursi said that what the policy is attempting to do is to afford to the residents the option of giving up the requirement of maintaining the systems provided that it meets certain standards. He said that if the system met the standards, the City would be prepared to take it over saying that if the standards were not met, the homeowners would be required to make the necessary improvements. From that point on, he said, the homeowner would no longer be required to maintain the systems.

Mr. Dursi said that in the initial stage, there may be a capital cost to the homeowners but said that once a system is acceptable to the City, staff would recommend acceptance of the system and necessary easement to City Council.

Mrs. Wade of Flamingo Drive, made reference to the private system existing on Starling Street and Flamingo Drive and Alderman Lawrence questioned how this system could be defined as being private. Alderman Lawrence said the system drains water from one street to another and questioned how certain homeowners could be told they are responsible for it.

His Worship noted that when Council received the December 12, 1975 staff report, it was the Starling Street Flamingo Drive Drive question which deferred the matter. His Worship suggested that Council should deal with the staff report saying that if it were accepted, it would give staff a policy with which to deal with all such problems. His Worship said he is concerned that Council has deferred a general policy because of concern with one specific incident.

His Worship suggested a more logical way to proceed would be to deal the policy and then deal with specific problems such as the Starling Street and Flamingo Drive matter.

Deputy Mayor Connolly said he did not have any problem with the general overall policy saying the difficulty which he has deals with the matter of who determines what is a private system, and what is not. Deputy Mayor Connolly questioned how the City can say a private system is one which takes water from Flamingo Drive to Starling Street.

His Worship said that if the system were determined to be private, there would be a method of taking it over. His Worship advised that staff do feel that this particular system is private.

His Worship referred to Appendix "A" of the staff report relating to the Acceptance of Private Storm Systems, and noted that an application must consist of a petition, T.V. inspection report, "As Built" drawings, and Issuance of Easement Rights.

Discussion ensued and one speaker questioned whether it would be possible to prepare a list of the private drains that represent the major problems and how much it would cost to bring them up to standard.

With respect to the matter of cost, staff advised that the T.V. inspections represented about 20¢ per foot and the cleaning of obstructions from the system would be approximately \$250.00 per 8 hour day.

His Worship suggested the staff report will be considered at the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council and felt it would be useful for Mrs. Wade to take the report and determine whether her neighbours would be willing to make an application.

Mrs. Wade suggested the residents could not comply with the terms as outlined in the report as they had no way of carrying out a T.V. inspection.

Mr. Dursi advised that with respect to the Starling Street/Flamingo Drive system, staff will attempt to locate the yet unidentified bend in the pipe saying that once a Company has two points to work with, they will be able to move their equipment in and out. He said that when staff locate the bend, an opening will have to be made in the system saying that staff is confident that this is where the blockage is. Mr. Dursi said that either the City or a private firm could be hired to clean the system.

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Further discussion and questioning of staff ensued and Mr. Dursi advised that the City had offered to clean out, at cost, the Starling Street/Flamingo Drive system but said that certain of the residents were not willing to assume the cost.

Mr. Connell, the Acting Director of Engineering and Works, suggested that Mrs. Wade advise the affected residents that the City is willing to clean the system at cost, and attempt to make it operational.

His Worship questioned whether this offer could be made to each of the affected residents in writing, and Mr. Connell advised that it could.

Mrs. Wade then proceeded to supply members of staff with the names of those persons that should be contacted.

10:00 P. M. - Meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS
CHAIRMAN

CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

Council Chamber
City Hall
Halifax, N. S.
February 26, 1976
8:00 P. M.

A meeting of Halifax 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; Deputy Mayor Connolly, and Aldermen Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore, and Lawrence.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Commendation - Fire Department Personnel
- (2) Citizens Award from Fire Department - Mrs. Donald Crawley
- (3) Citizens Award from Fire Department - John Mahon

His Worship the Mayor read the following report of the Halifax Fire Department on the investigation of a fire on February 4, 1976 and events leading to the rescue of Matthew Lavers, aged 2½ years, and Mr. John Mahon, aged 37 years at 2360 Westmount Street:

"Mrs. John Lavers was located in the front of the flat and her son Matthew, Aged 2½, was asleep in his crib at the rear of the flat. Mrs. Lavers stated that she heard what she thought was an explosion at the rear of the flat. She attempted to proceed down the hallway to get her son when she was forced back by heat and smoke. She then ran out of the building and around the back where she threw a rock through the window of her child's bedroom.

Mrs. Lavers ran to the Street screeching for help and was heard by a Mr. John Mahon of 6858 Flinn Street and Mr. C. H. MacDonald 6862 Flinn Street who ran to the rear of the building, 2360 Westmount Street.

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Mr. Mahon found a neighbours ladder and broke the remaining glass in the window of the baby's room. He then climbed up the ladder and into the room where he found Matthew Lavers and he passed the baby out the window to the waiting Mother. Mrs. Crawley of 2431 Westmount Street began mouth to mouth resuscitation. At this time, both women saw Mr. Mahon fall back into the room. Mr. MacDonald noticed an arm appear over the window sill. He then climbed the ladder and held on to the arm.

In the meantime, motorist Mr. Harry Pike of 5546 Sebastian Place stopped and picked up Mrs. Lavers and the baby and drove them to the Isaak Walton Children's Hospital. During the above chain of events, Miss Betty Joynes of 2364 Westmount Street called to report the fire.

Upon arrival of the Department, Mrs. Mahon informed them that her husband was overcome by smoke and was still in the room. District Chief's Aide Ernie Boutilier climbed the ladder and entered the room where he attempted to lift Mr. Mahon out the window. Due to the heavy volume of heat and amoke, Aide Boutilier was overcome by smoke and left the room via the window. At this time, Acting District Chief Harold Conrad and Captain Mel White entered the room and removed Mr. Mahon out the window to waiting firefighters who applied manual resuscitation to the victim until he was removed via ambulance to the Victoria General Hospital.

On information received from both hospitals, Matthew Lavers received smoke inhalation and Mr. John Mahon received smoke inhalation and burns to his throat and lungs.

T. H. Abraham
Captain
Fire Prevention Division"

Fire Chief Ronald M. Horrocks presented Citizen's Awards to Mr. John Mahon for bravery and courage displayed at the fire and to Mrs. Donald Crawley for her prompt actions in applying mouth to mouth resuscitation to Matthew Lavers after his rescue. Fire Chief Ronald M. Horrocks also presented Firefighter Ernest V. Boutilier with the Department's Commendation award for bravery in the line of duty for being instrumental in the successful rescue of Mr. John Mahon who was overcome by heavy smoke after his rescue of a 2 year old child.

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Mrs. Donald Crawley, Mr. John Mahon, and Firefighter Ernest V. Boutilier received standing ovations from all those present.

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Minutes of City Council meetings held on February 12 and 18, 1976, were approved on Motion of Alderman Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Connolly.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to delete:

5(b) - Rezoning - Lot "B", Lands Rear of Civic Number 25 Dentith Road

AND, to add:

20(a) - Request re Plebiscite - City Fire Fighters Benevolent & Protective Association, Local #268

At the request of the City Manager, Council agreed that 15(f) "Application for Rezoning R-2 to C-2 Civic No. 6205 Pepperell Street", be deleted from the agenda and placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council in order that the applicant may have an opportunity to address Council.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Rezoning - Civic Number 9 Clovis Avenue

A public hearing was held on the above noted matter on February 18, 1976.

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council approve the application for rezoning of Block V (Civic No. 9) Clovis Avenue, lands of Canadian Tire Corporation Ltd., from R-2 Residential Two Family Dwelling Zone to C-1 Commercial Local Business Zone as well as the Formal Resolution.

Motion passed.

Alderman Lawrence did not vote on the above noted matter as he was not present at the public hearing.

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Rezoning - Lot "B", Lands Rear of Civic Number 25 Dentith Road

The above noted item was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the Order of Business.

Street Closures - Market and Grafton Streets

A public hearing was held on the above noted matter on February 18, 1976.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson that City Council approve the closure of a portion of Market Street between George Street and Duke Street, and a portion of Grafton Street between George Street and Duke Street as shown on Plan No. TT-21-21664, as well as the Formal Resolution.

The Motion was put and passed with Deputy Mayor Connolly, and Aldermen Shannon and Stanbury against.

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

Petition Re: Taxi Fare Increase - Ordinance No. 116

A petition and letter dated February 18, 1976 was submitted from Mr. Bruce H. Wildsmith of Stewart MacKeen & Covert with respect to the above noted matter.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the petition be referred to staff for a report.

Deputy Mayor Connolly suggested that staff should deal with the subject on the basis of whether an application should be made to the Public Utilities Board to take over the setting of rates for taxis. Deputy Mayor Connolly said that taxis are a form of public transportation and felt the rates should be set by the Public Utilities Board.

Motion passed.

Petition Re: Possible Limitation of the Number of Taxicabs
in the City of Halifax

A petition dated February 23, 1976 was submitted from Juan Sprague, President of the Taxi Union of Nova Scotia relating to the above noted matter.

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MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Moore that the petition be referred to City staff for a report.

Alderman Stanbury said that Halifax impresses her as being a City where one cannot judge the required number of taxis per population in the same manner as other Cities, and expressed the feeling that she would not want to see too much of a limitation due to the present difficulties in obtaining a taxicab when the need arises.

The Motion was put and passed.

REPORT - FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on February 18, 1976, as follows:

Partial Land Acquisition - Parcel No. 357 - Dunbrack Street
Manufacturers Life Insurance Company

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Parcel No. 357 as shown on City Plan No. TT-19-21008, be expropriated from the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company and compensation in the amount of \$150.00 be withheld pending clarification of all claims against the property.

Motion passed.

Possible Acquisition - Sewer Easement - 381 Bedford Highway

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the easement shown on Plan TT-20-21386 as Parcel 61, be purchased from China Town Company Limited for \$3,000.00.

Motion passed.

Local Improvement Interest Rates for New Charges

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the rate of interest to be charged on new local improvements be set at 10% per annum.

Motion passed.

Interest Rates on Outstanding Sewer Development Charges
(Ordinance No. 153)

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council establish the rate of interest on all outstanding Sewer Development Charges to 12% per annum effective March 1, 1976. Motion passed.

Interest on Past Due Taxes

MOVED by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Walker that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, under the powers of Section 120 (3) of the Assessment Act, Council set the rate of interest on past due taxes to be 12% effective April 1, 1976.

Deputy Mayor Connolly said he believed there are innocent people that will be hurt by the interest rate being set at 12% saying he did not feel the City should be charging its residents more money for past due taxes than it actually cost to acquire the money. Deputy Mayor Connolly said he realized the rate is set because of offenders who do not pay taxes promptly but felt that if the cost to the City is only 10% to 10½%, then this is the amount the residents should be charged. Deputy Mayor Connolly felt the rate should be kept at the 1975 level of 10½%.

His Worship noted that Council passed a Resolution in 1971 that a 2½% differential would be maintained between the bank rate and the tax interest rate struck each year.

A further short discussion ensued, and the Motion was put and resulted in a tie vote, five voting for the same and five voting against.

The Chairman then cast his vote in favour of the Motion and declared the same to be passed.

Possible Acquisition of Pipeline Privilege - Bedford Highway
Near Fairview Overpass

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a license relating to a Pipeline Privilege, Bedford Highway near Fairview Overpass, on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

Award of Tender - Upgrading of Streets

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, Contract 75-203 and 75-204 for the Streets Upgrading Program, be awarded to Municipal Spraying & Contracting Ltd., for the unit prices quoted. Motion passed.

Authority of Over-expenditure - Repayment of City's Share
of Road Improvements & Resurfacing of St. Margaret's Bay
Road, Project Code CEA 48

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance & Executive Committee, the amount of \$173,647.46 be remitted to the Province of Nova Scotia in accordance with the Agreement 13B from Account No. 057 in repayment of the City's share of the Road Improvements and resurfacing of the St. Margaret's Bay Road, Project Code CEA 48. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on February 18, 1976, as follows:

Petition - Drainage Improvements Sussex Street

The following is the recommendation from the Committee on Works:

"That staff include the Sussex Street drainage improvement project in the 1977 Capital Budget submission as outlined in the staff report of February 2, 1976."

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that the Petition relating to drainage improvements on Sussex Street, be tabled.

Alderman Walker said there are many immediate problems existing on the Street and questioned whether there was anything that could be done at this time on a temporary basis.

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Mr. W. A. Sullivan of the Engineering and Works Department, addressed Council and advised there is no temporary solution. He said that what is required is the installation of curb and gutters on Sussex Street which has not been budgeted for this year.

His Worship said it was his understanding that staff will present the project in the 1977 Capital Budget.

Alderman Walker asked if the project could be considered in 1976 if funds should become available, and Mr. Sullivan advised that the item would be brought before Council if this should happen.

The Motion was put and passed.

Provincial/City Construction Cost Sharing Agreement #20

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. Council approve the Construction Cost/Sharing Agreement No. 20 as outlined in the staff report of February 6, 1976, and
2. Council authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the proposed Agreement #20 so the Minister of Highways may finalize legal documentation.

Motion passed.

Civic No. 3275 Kempt Road

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that a building permit not be issued for Civic No. 3275 Kempt Road until such time as the applicant locates all of their development on their own land and that the item be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Mr. C. L. Dodge, of the Development Department, addressed Council and advised that staff have contacted the Company but have not received any final commitment with respect to the sale of the land. Mr. Dodge said that staff would recommend they be permitted to bring in a report on the matter of the sale of land.

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Mr. Dodge suggested that if staff does not have any recommendation on the matter by the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting, Council may wish to revert back to the old proposal relating to demolition.

Discussion ensued on the matter and His Worship questioned whether the Motion gives the applicant sufficient time and the City Manager pointed out that one week has already passed since the Committee of the Whole meeting, and that the Motion grants another weeks delay.

The Motion was put and passed.

Construction Time Schedule for the Proposed New Fire
Station Complex and Related Street Improvements

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. City Council postpone the proposed street construction improvement portion of the project (at \$31,000) from 1976 to 1977; and
2. City Council postpone the proposed funding (at \$31,000) for the street improvement portion of the project from 1976 to 1977.

Motion passed.

Coronet Avenue

Moved by Alderman Hanson, seconded by Alderman Lawrence that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council, under Section 391 of the City Charter, approve the installation of sanitary sewer and water on Coronet Avenue as petitioned for by 60% of the affected property owners, and that staff send out the local improvement notices by Registered Mail in this particular case.

Motion passed.

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REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on February 18, 1976, as follows:

Case No. 3262 - Subdivision of Lands of D. Little (19 Aldegrove Drive and 16 Levis St.) to form Lots C and D

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the subdivision of the lands of Dorothy Little (Civic No. 19 Aldegrove and 16 Levis Street) to form Lot C and Lot D, as shown on Plan No. P200/7246 of Case No. 3262 be approved. Motion passed.

Case No. 3255 - Application for Resubdivision to Create Lots 4A-BX and 4A-BY - Lands of John R. Crowe, Crest Rd.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the application to resubdivide Lot 4A-b Sherwood Park Subdivision (lands of John R. Crowe) into Lots 4A-BY and 4A-BX, Crest Road, as shown on Plan No. P200/7257 of Case No. 3255 be approved by City Council. Motion passed.

Case No. 3266 - Application for Rezoning - Lands of S. Cunard and Company, Northwest Corner of Windsor and Young Streets

The City Manager advised that this matter should have been recommended for a date for a public hearing rather than the motion passed at the City Planning Committee.

It was agreed that a public hearing be held re the above subject on March 25, 1976, at 7:00 p.m.

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Case No. 3257 - Application for Lot Consolidation and
Subdivision - Lands of the Roman Catholic
Episcopal Corporation, Bedford Highway and Sale
of Surplus City Land - Wren Street

Alderman Lawrence stated that, as a result of additional information received, he did not feel that it was necessary to hold a public hearing in this regard.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that the application for (a) consolidation of Lots A, B, and Parcel C to create Lot R and, subsequently (b) subdivision of Lot R to create Lots R-X and R-Y, as shown on Plans Nos. P200/7260-7261 respectively of Case No. 3257 be granted by City Council subject to Parcel C being purchased by the applicant. Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that the portion of City owned land fronting Wren Street, abutting lands of the R. C. Episcopal Corporation be sold to the R. C. Episcopal Corporation at a price of \$1,000. and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the appropriate title deed, proceeds of sale to be deposited in the sale of land account. Motion passed.

Zoning - Halifax Golf & Country Club (Ashburn) - Dutch
Village Road

Alderman Moore advised that a modified proposal has been submitted by the Ashburn Golf & Country Club which staff have not had an opportunity to review.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hanson, that this matter be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council and, in the meantime, that staff submit a report.

It was suggested that if staff were prepared to submit a report to the next City Planning Committee, the matter could be placed on the agenda at that time.

The motion was put and passed.

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Application for Rezoning R-2 to C-2, Civic No. 6205
Pepperell Street

This matter was deleted from the Order of Business
at the request of the City Manager.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Administrative Order #10 - SECOND READING

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by
Alderman Walker, that the following amendment to Administrative
Order Number 10, respecting The Functions, Duties and Respon-
sibilities of the Finance Department and City Treasurer,
be now read and passed a second time:

1 Subsection (1) of Section 6 of said Administrative
Order Number 10 is amended by striking out the words "Chief
Accountant" in the second line and substituting therefor the
words "Assistant Treasurer".

Motion passed.

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QUESTIONS

Questions Alderman Shannon Re: Halifax Metro Centre Limited

Alderman Shannon asked for the composition of the members of the Halifax Metro Centre Limited. His Worship advised that the eleven members were composed in conformity with a recommendation from Halifax City Council of March 25, 1975, that being three appointed by the Province, three appointed by the City, the original members of the Site Selection Committee, Messrs. Hustins, Titus and Patterson, a nominee by the City of Dartmouth and a nominee from the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Alderman Shannon, referring to the possibility of an overrun of costs, asked if at any time the Halifax City representatives can be outvoted. His Worship responded that the Province has agreed to pay over \$9 million for the project, the City shall pay \$3 million of which \$2.55 million shall be in the form of cash and the balance shall be considered to be the value of City lands acquired within the bounds of the project. Any excess required over the \$11.55 million cash plus the City land, to the extent of an additional \$3 million, shall be paid by the Province. His Worship further explained that W. Hardman & Associates have been hired as project co-ordinators with a mandate to bring the project in at the specific amount, and further noted that Council must approve the tender call as well as the award of contract.

Alderman Shannon asked what the costs of land acquisition for the site are and what amount would be left over for the building construction. Alderman Moore replied that expropriation proceedings have already been commenced and suggested that, as negotiations have not yet been completed, it might not be prudent to discuss same at this time.

Alderman Shannon asked how much the General Urban Systems Study cost. Alderman Moore advised that he would inform the Alderman privately as it would appear that there might be a legal contest re the calculation of the cost of the said study.

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Alderman Shannon asked whether local firms were interested in doing the study. His Worship advised that he did not know and the question would have to be conveyed back to the Halifax Metro Centre Limited.

Alderman Shannon asked what was the relationship of the Committee to Council and the Province. Alderman Moore advised that there are eleven directors and, in accordance with the manner in which the letter of the Premier is set out with respect to the ultimate distribution of shares, etc., the City of Halifax will indeed be in a position of control, and the City does indeed have a controlling element.

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Additional Dog Catchers for
the Summer Months

Alderman Lawrence referred to a staff report he requested last year re additional dog catchers for the summer months. He asked if staff would update that report and bring it back to Council with appropriate adjustments as to wages, etc. to include two dog catchers from May until September, and the leasing of two trucks or whatever, to be submitted to a budget meeting scheduled for March 8 so that it may be discussed and included in the operational budget before the tax rate is set.

Question Alderman Stanbury Re: Composition of the Halifax
Metro Centre Limited.

Alderman Stanbury asked why the entire Council are not members of the Halifax Metro Centre Limited so that input would be from every area of the City.

His Worship advised that the Implementation Committee, which is now becoming Halifax Metro Centre Limited, is exactly the style instructed of him to write to the Premier of Nova Scotia by City Council. He stated that a procedure of reportage from the Halifax Metro Centre Limited to City Council can be established.

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Question Deputy Mayor Connolly Re: Operation Identification
- Marking of Valuables to Inhibit Crime

Deputy Mayor Connolly referred to an article in Time Magazine's January 26th issue relating to operation identification in Burnaby, B.C. wherein the community houses bear decals and valuables in these homes are marked by an electric engraving pencil with the social insurance number of its owner. He asked that the Chief of Police submit a report, confidential or otherwise, to Council on the effects of such an operation, how it may pertain to the City of Halifax, and whether the Chief and his Department may be prepared to entertain a similar type program for this City.

His Worship suggested that the Chief of Police appear before the next meeting of the Safety Committee. His Worship further suggested that a discussion be held with the Chief in broad general terms re the new federal legislation re gun control, etc.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Report on Group Homes

Alderman Shannon referred to a report she requested last summer re group homes from the Social Planning Department which was not ready for a scheduled fall meeting. She advised that a spring meeting is scheduled with the same group and asked if the report could be submitted by that time.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Report on Police Boys' Club

Alderman Sullivan asked when the report could be expected re the Police Boys' Club. The City Manager advised that there is another group City staff would like to meet with before the report is issued. She suggested that the report would be issued shortly.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Commencement of Police Dept.
Foot Patrol in Spryfield

Alderman Walker asked that the Chief of Police be

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publicly thanked for the inauguration of the foot patrol in the Spryfield area on behalf of the businessmen and citizens of Spryfield.

Question Alderman Walker Re: Discussion with Chief of Police re Federal Legislation on Gun Control, etc.

Alderman Walker asked if it was premature to have the Chief of Police discuss gun control at the next Safety Committee because the House will not vote on it for another two weeks.

His Worship stated that it is not intended to take any hard and fast decisions.

Question Alderman Lawrence Re: Block Parent Program - Assistance to Children

Alderman Lawrence referred to an article in a recent magazine in which it is stated that in London, Ontario, there is a block parent program wherein a sign or decal, etc. is placed in the window of a home so that a child in trouble knows he can go to that particular house for assistance. He asked if the Chief of Police or Inspector Westall would review the article and bring back a report to City Council.

ADDED ITEMS

Request Re Plebiscite - City Fire Fighters Benevolent and Protective Association, Local No. 268

A private and confidential report dated February 24, 1976, was submitted by the City Solicitor.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Lawrence, that City Council not call a plebiscite on this issue at this time.

Alderman Meagher stated that in view of the information contained in the City Solicitor's report, he would support the motion.

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Alderman Stanbury stated that, in view of the City Solicitor's report, she gathered that Council has no alternative at this time other than to support the motion. She stated that she would strongly hope that in the future Council does not find itself in a similar unfortunate situation. She suggested that, as a Council, an apology is owed to those men who have fought so long and so hard in the Fire Department.

The motion was put and passed with Alderman Stanbury voting against.

Meeting adjourned - 10:05 p.m.

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Council Chamber
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A meeting of Halifax 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; Deputy Mayor Connolly, Aldermen Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Stanbury, Walker, Hanson, Moore and Lawrence.

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

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY - ALDERMAN J. ALBERT WALKER

His Worship, on behalf of the members of Council, extended to Alderman J. Albert Walker an expression of sympathy on the death of a member of his family.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY - S/Sgt. E. Moignard

His Worship, on behalf of the members of Council, extended to the family of the late S/Sgt. E. Moignard an expression of sympathy on their recent bereavement.

MINUTES

Minutes of the City Council meetings held on February 24 and February 26, 1976, were approved on Motion of Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Meagher.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, Council agreed to add:

20(a) Petition Re Request for Rezoning - 247 Herring Cove Road

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At the request of the City Manager, Council agreed
to add:

20(b) International Association of Firefighters, Local 268,
Hours of Work

Alderman Shannon entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Zoning - Halifax Golf & Country Club (Ashburn) - Dutch
Village Road

A public hearing was held re this matter on
February 4, 1976.

A confidential staff report dated March 4, 1976,
was submitted by the City Solicitor.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman
Hanson that the zoning of the Halifax Golf and Country Club
(Ashburn) property located on Dutch Village Road at the
Bicentennial Highway to P, Park and Institutional Zone, as
shown on Plan No. P200/7241 of Case No. 3260, be approved
by City Council, and that the Formal Resolution be approved.

Deputy Mayor Connolly advised that he is a member
of the Ashburn Golf and Country Club and requested a ruling
on whether he should vote on the motion.

His Worship quoted sections 31 and 32 of Ordinance
Number 103 Respecting The Rules of Order of Council and
ruled that Deputy Mayor Connolly be excused from voting on
the said motion, and it was so agreed.

The motion was put and passed with Deputy Mayor
Connolly abstaining.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and
Executive Committee from its meeting held on March 3, 1976,
as follows:

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Tender Award - Upgrading of Streets - Contract #76-34

MOVED by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderman Hanson that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, contract 76-34 for the streets upgrading program as stated in the staff report dated February 23, 1976, be awarded to Standard Paving Mar. Ltd. for the unit prices as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TENDER PRICE</u>	<u>PROJECT COST INCL. 20% OH</u>	<u>CITY ESTIMATE INCL. 20% OH</u>
Standard Paving Mar. Ltd.	\$237,675.00	\$285,210.00	
Municipal Spraying Mar. Ltd.	\$238,167.50	\$285,801.00	\$246,380.00
Steed & Evans Mar. Ltd.	\$244,700.00	\$293,640.00	(Program will be carried out until approved funds are expended.)

Motion passed.

Proposed Bond Issue and Approval of Bond Issuing Resolution

Mr. B. G. Smith, Director of Finance, recommended that in light of recent interest rate increases the City should delay for a period to review the situation, and suggested that the matter be referred to the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council and, in the meantime, in the event that any decisions are required, members of Council could be polled by telephone and thereafter confirm the action.

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REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on March 3, 1976, as follows:

Underground Wiring - Downtown Business District

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

- (1) staff prepare a policy re underground wiring in the Central Business District;
- (2) Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the Province with a view to obtaining cost sharing from the Nova Scotia Power Corporation for the installation of underground electrical distribution for the Halifax Central Business District;
- (3) Council be not prepared to deal with pole applications until there is some agreement in writing re cost sharing with the Nova Scotia Power Corporation re underground wiring.

His Worship advised that a meeting has been held re this matter and a further meeting is scheduled and reported progress.

The motion was put and passed.

Petition Local Improvement Charges - Laurel Lane

MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Moore, that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Committee of the Whole Council. Motion passed.

Petition Local Improvement Charges - Gottingen Street

Alderman Sullivan stated that he felt there are points that should be discussed regarding local improvement charges, one being the hardship imposed upon residents to pay the costs which have escalated almost 100% in the past four years, and secondly, the liability of the City or property owner in cases where injuries have been suffered as a result of the condition of the sidewalk.

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MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Downey that the following sections of renewal along Gottingen Street be referred back to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council:

Gottingen Street - west side - Hennessey Place to Kane Street
Gottingen Street - west side - Stanley Street to Columbus Place
Gottingen Street - west side - Columbus Street to Merkel Place
Gottingen Street - west side - Cabot Place to Sebastian Place

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Downey, that the following sections of renewal along Gottingen Street be now approved:

Gottingen Street - east side - Portland Place to 200' south
Gottingen Street - east side - Russell Street to Kaye Street
Gottingen Street - west side - Young Street to Hennessey Place
Gottingen Street - Merkel Place - Boulevard

Motion passed.

Petition Local Improvement Charges - Bilby Street

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Stanbury, that this matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council pending receipt of a report from the City Solicitor. Motion passed.

Petition Local Improvement Charges - Bayview Road

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lawrence, that the installation of concrete sidewalk and the planting of trees be proceeded with and, further, that City Council authorize staff to notify the abutting north side property owners that existing sod disturbed during the installation of the sidewalk will be replaced. Properties which are not sodded out to the curb at the date of the sidewalk installation will be liable for a local improvement charge. Motion passed.

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Cancellation of Three Capital Works Sidewalk Projects and
Their Project Replacement

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman
Shannon that, as recommended by the Committee on Works:

1. Surplus funds as set out in the staff report dated February 13, 1976, be re-allocated to similar type projects within the new sidewalk and sidewalk renewal block allocation accounts;
2. The following projects be brought forward for installation during the 1976 construction year:

(a) New Sidewalk Account:

- (i) Main Avenue - Homeward Ave. to Willett Street
\$88,000.00

(North side) (Concrete sidewalk, sod and trees).
Funds to be provided from the cancelled Main
Avenue and Scarlet Road projects at \$71,000. +
\$17,000. This project is subject to local
improvement tax.

(b) Sidewalk Renewal Account:

- (i) Kencrest Avenue - Glebe St. to Newberry St.
\$11,000.00 East Side

Funds would be provided from the cancelled
George St. Project at \$11,000.00. This
project is not subject to a local improvement
tax as the existing sidewalk is not over 30
years old.

Motion passed.

Acceptance of Private Storm Drainage

A letter dated March 6, 1976, was received from
Mr. Cyril J. Landry, 50 Forest Hill Drive, re the above
subject, copies of which were circulated to members of
City Council.

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MOVED by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Hanson that:

1. Where a private drainage system forms an integral part of the street drainage system and is compatible to City standards, and upon the recommendation of the Director of Engineering and Works, the City accept the system.
2. Appendix "A" titled "Recommended Procedure for the Acceptance of Private Storm Drainage Systems", attached to the staff report dated December 12, 1975, be accepted as the basic procedure to be followed in dealing with requests for acceptance of private drainage systems.
3. Staff meet with Mr. Cyril J. Landry, 50 Forest Hill Drive, in response to his letter dated March 6, 1976, and submit a report to Council.

Motion passed.

Purchase of Property - Civic No. 3275 Kempt Road - Irving Oil Limited

A confidential staff report dated March 10, 1976, was submitted.

Mr. Dodge, Asst. Director of Development, advised that the plans submitted by the applicant indicate it is the intention to update the complete service station.

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Stanbury that the City sell to Irving Oil Limited the strip of land between Stanley and Columbus Streets, which fronts the land at 3275 Kempt Road, as shown on Plan TT-18-20354, containing 2,056.13 square feet for a price of \$10,000. Proceeds of sale are to be deposited in the Sale of Land Account. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on March 3, 1976, as follows:

City Council,
March 11, 1976

Special Duty Pay Rates - Non-City Employment - Fire
Department Personnel

An information report dated March 5, 1976, was submitted by Fire Chief Ronald M. Horrocks.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walker, that the hourly rates of \$3.50 and \$4.00 for Firefighter and Officer respectively be adjusted to \$9.00 and \$10.00. Motion passed.