Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

WELLINGTON COURT EVICTIONS

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 16, 1962, a report was submitted from the City Manager recommending:

- 1. that authority be granted to evict those families at Wellington Court, who are eligible for housing in Mulgrave Park and who have refused such accommodation;
- 2. that these families be given a last opportunity to take advantage of their priority for Mulgrave Park and that this opportunity be given at the time of eviction from Wellington Court.

Your Committee concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

AMALGAMATION - TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 16, 1962, it was agreed to recommend that the functions of the Redevelopment Committee be assumed by the Town Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS - CENTRAL REDEVELOPMENT AREA

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 23, 1962, a report was submitted from the City Manager to which was attached the "Call for Proposals" documents which had been prepared by the Staff.

He makes the following recommendations:

- (a) THAT the "Call for Proposals" documents, as submitted, be approved;
- (b) THAT the revised scale of Betterment Charges, to be applied only to the Central Redevelopment Area at this time, as contained in his report, be approved;
- (c) THAT independent appraisers be employed to establish the value of the land; and
- (d) THAT approval of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation be sought with the request that they assist the City in the appointment of the independent appraisers.

The following amendments to the documents were made:

<u>PART II</u> - Page 6 - Clause B(v): Substitute the word "regarded" for the word "regarded" in line 2;

Page 8 - Clause C(c): Substitute the figure "9" for the figure "10" in line 6;

<u>INDENTURE OF LEASE</u> - Page 4, Clause 6: This clause is to be subject of further study by Staff as to the limits and report to Council.

Your Committee recommends that the "Call for Proposals" documents, as amended, and the recommendations of the City Manager be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the report

be approved. Motion passed.

FINAL PLANS - MOTOR HOTEL - BRUNSWICK STREET

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 23, 1962, a report was submitted from the City Manager advising that the final plans of the proposed Motor Hotel on the site of the former Pavilion Barracks had been received from the Developers, Citadel Properties Limited.

He reported that it is the opinion of the Staff that a better design could have been prepared by the developers commensurate with the strategic location of the proposed motel at the foot of Citadel Hill and adjacent to the Central Redevelopment Area and that the design could have been substantially improved without changing the basic structure completely, but in view of the reluctance of the developers to introduce any changes and because of the fact that approval has already been given by Council to somewhat similar preliminary drawings, Council may feel that the City is committed to accept the scheme as proposed.

After hearing submissions from Mr. Ralph Medjuck, solicitor for the developers and the objections of the Director of Planning, it was agreed to recommend to Council that the plans as submitted be approved with the understanding that Mr. Medjuck would confer with the Development Officer prior to the Council meeting in an effort to make such modifications to the plans as would be acceptable to both parties.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard, CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship, Mayor J. E. Lloyd and Members of City Council.

From: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager.

Date: January 25, 1962.

Subject: Proposed Motor Hotel - Pavilion Barracks.

The Development Officer and the Director of Planning met with Mr. Medjuck and his local architect, Mr. Avramovitch, today, to discuss modifications to the design of the proposed Motor Hotel at the Pavilion Barracks site.

Mr. Medjuck is prepared to remove the proposed sout-west wing of the building and to regain the lost rooms by extending the length of the building by approximately thirty feet and by adding one storey to the building. In addition, he has agreed to design the retaining wall at the front of the building and the parking screens to the satisfaction of the City.

The revisions which are illustrated on preliminary drawings constitute, in the opinion of staff, an improvement over the plans considered by the Redevelopment Committee on Tuesday; the proportion of the building is better, but there is still not a complete solution to the use of the site. The addition of a fourth storey is at variance with the agreement, but as it results in an improvement in design, it is our feeling that the agreement can be amended.

In view of all the circumstances, it is recommended that the revised proposals be accepted in principle. This will allow the developer to obtain his excavation permit, which will permit a start on construction. Preparation of the final plans and specifications for the revised project can proceed simultaneously with the actual work on the site. Approval of the final drawings will be given when the building permit is applied for.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. Byars, CITY MANAGER.

January 25, 1962.

Mr. R. Grant, Development Officer, City of Halifax, Halifax, N. S.

Re: Motor Hotel - Brunswick Street

Dear Mr. Grant:

After meeting with yourself and Mr. Munnich and taking into consideration the criticisms and recommendations made in connection with this project, we herewith commit ourselves to make the following modifications in the plans as submitted, which changes you have advised me are acceptable to the City staff in compromise as making the shceme more satisfactory:

1. To completely remove the south return bedroom wing;

- 2. To increase the heighth of the building to four floors and pick up the additional required bedrooms by adding to the south end of the building;
- 3. To use visual decorative screens in front of the parking areas at both ends of the building in order to make that aspect from the street more pleasant. This may by by decorative fencing, landscaping or flag-poles mounted on stone retaining wall;

The retaining wall on the Brunswick perimeter of the site and the visual screening will be designed by Mr. Aza Avramovitch, our associate Architect, and will have the effect of properly treating this front elevation, taking the vision of parked cars into consideration.

You are further assured that if, after site excavation, it is feasible to move the building further to the south, this will be effected.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph M.Medjuck.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that:

- (a) the agreement dated January 11, 1962, between the City of Halifax and R. E. Haskett, A. E.Steeves and Citadel Properties Limited, approved by Council on September 14, 1961, be amended to read "four storeys" instead_of "three storeys" in the second line of Clause 1; and that
- (b) the Commitment contained in the letter of Mr. R. M. Medjuck, Solicitor for Citadel Properties Limited, dated January 25, 1962, be accepted; and
- (c)

the recommendation contained in the City Manager's letter dated January 25, 1962, be approved.

The motion was passed with Alderman Trainor recorded "against".

REPORT - HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR RE: DESIGN COMMITTEE

To: The Members of the City Council

From: Mayor John E. Lloyd .

Date: January 25, 1962

Dear Aldermen:

The Building Inspector has the authority to refuse a building permit where the design of the proposed structure is considered to be unsuitable. The applicant has the right of appeal to the Committee on Works to over-rule the Inspector's decision. From time to time the Inspector has sought from applicants, modifications of the proposed design. This often results in protracted controversy, giving a sense of frustration to the builder and the staff. When an appeal is lodged from a decision of the Inspector the members of the Works Committee are placed in the unenviable position of deciding between the design opinions of professional people.

There is always the question as to whether the City should concern itself with the problem of design. Some hold the view that a property owner has the right to do as he pleases with his own property provided he complies with the City codes. By authorizing the Building Inspector to refuse permits because of design the City government has taken the stand that control of design is a function of the City.

It is generally agreed that reasonable control of design by a city government is necessary to the appropriate development of urban land. This is particularly true where a redevelopment program has been undertaken. The Federal Government is not likely to participate financially in the acquisition and clearance of properties unless the City exercises reasonable care in approving the design of redevelopment projects. On the other hand, it would seem to be an impractical policy to control design of buildings in redevelopment areas and leave new buildings outside such areas solely to the judgment of the developers. In some Canadian cities the problem is overcome in part by having all designs of structures of certain classes or in excess of a certain value the subject of an examination and report by an advisory committee of qualified persons in the architectural field. Such a committee was recommended in recent reports of the 1980 conference.

The City of Vancouver has established an advisory committee and I believe Edmonton has a similar arrangement.

I believe a study of the advantages to be gained by the establishment of an advisory committee should be immediately undertaken and I recommend that a committee of three aldermen from the Redevelopment Committee, consisting of Aldermen Wyman, O'Brien and Trainor, and myself, should confer with the Nova Scotia Association of Architects and examine with them the feasibility of such an advisory committee being established for the City of Halifax.

I have discussed this proposal with Mr. Grant and the members of the planning staff and they would welcome such an arrangement. I believe that an advisory committee would bring about a better understanding between developers and the City planning staff and produce better designed buildings.

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Yours very truly,

JOHN E. LLOYD MAYOR

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the

recommendation of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

REQUEST FOR EXTRAS - WESTWOOD PARK HOUSING PROJECT - PHASE I

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 23, 1962, a report was submitted from the City Manager advising that a request had been received from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, through the Department of Public Works for the Province of Nova Scotia, to increase the prime contract on Phase No. 1 of the Westwood Park Housing Project by \$6,196.64 to cover the cost of installing additional sewer Backwater Valves and Trap Seal primer valves, which were not included in the original specifications, but are required to meet the City's Plumbing Code.

He advised that since the original specifications indicated the type of plumbing installation to be provided, there does not appear to be any way in which the contractor can be held responsible for meeting the provisions of the Plumbing Code; and he therefore recommended that authority be granted to increase the Contract by the requested amounts.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendations of the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR DEMOLITIONS

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 23, 1962, a tabulation of tenders for the demolition of buildings was submitted from the City Manager, as follows:

Group One	Twin City Building & Wrecking Co. Ltd.	Geo. Redmond	
23/25/27/29 Starr St. 28 Starr St.	\$2,190.00	\$1,254.00	
Group Two			
7 Cunard Court	740.00	629.00	
Group Three			
160 Maynard Street	760.00	407.00	
Group Four			
l Cornwallis Lane	435.00	279.00	

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He recommended that the tenders of George Redmond, being the lower in each case, be accepted.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

REVISED PRELIMINARY PLANS - WESTWOOD PARK HOUSING PROJECT - PHASE II

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Redevelopment Committee held on January 23, 1962, Revised Preliminary Drawings of Phase No. 2 of the Westwood Park Housing Project were submitted showing the revisions to the design of the apartment building and the revised design of the apartment units, making a revised total cost estimate of \$623,000.00 and a revised unit cost of \$9,590.00 which is less than the original estimated unit cost of the row-housing design.

A report was also submitted from the City Manager, recommending that the plans as submitted be approved subject to the following modifications:

- (a) THAT provision be made in the shceme for 100% parking; and
- (b) THAT consideration be given to altering the design of the five-bedroom units to provide either a second w.c., or if this is not possible to separate thw w.c. from the bathroom.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the City Manager.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

SUPERANNUATION PLAN - CITY MANAGER

January 25, 1962.

CITY CLEAK,

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

The Retirement Committee, at a meeting held on January 23, 1962, considered a report from the City Manager advising that the Agreement with the City of Halifax relating to his Superannuation Plan was forwarded to Ottawa for registration under the Income Tax Act but the City has received advice that the Plan cannot be registered under such Act for various reasons.

It is now deemed advisable that the City Manager become a member of the City Superannuation Plan with the following exceptions:

- (1) That the Manager be entitled to enter the Plan immediately upon commencement of employment with the City, namely May 1, 1961;
- (2) Should the Manager leave the employ of the City prior to his retirement date, then he has the option of leaving his contributions in the fund and receiving a pension at the normal date of his retirement;
- (3) Should he leave the employ of the City prior to his retirement date, he also has the option of immediately withdrawing his own contributions in the fund, together with interest at $2\frac{1}{2}$ % compounded as provided in the present Superannuation Plan.

Your Committee recommends that the City Manager become a member of the Plan under the conditions listed above and that legislation be secured to amend the Plan accordingly.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

RE-EVALUATION - SUPERANNUATION PLAN

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Retirement Committee held on January 23, 1962, Mr. Cyril Woods of William Mercer & Company Limited was present when several suggested amendments were put forth concerning the present Superannuation Plan.

After hearing from Mr. Woods, your Committee recommends that the firm of William Mercer & Company Limited be engaged to carry out a re-examination of the provisions of the Plan at an approximate cost of \$2,500.00 and that a report be submitted to Council as to its findings.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL APPROVED OCTOBER 12, 1961 RESPECTING SUPERANNUATION PLAN, CITY MANAGER

Alderman Trainor gave notice that at the next regular meeting of City Council he would move that the Resolution of Council approved on October 12, 1961, respecting a Superannuation Plan for the City Manager, be rescinded.

PROHIBITION OF TRUCK TRAFFIC - MAYFIELD AVENUE, ABBOTT DRIVE AND HEMLOCK AND PENNINGTON STREETS

January 25, 1962.

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council.

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on January 16, 1962, it was agreed to recommend to Council that truck traffic be prohibited on Mayfield Avenue, Abbott Drive and Pennington and Hemlock Streets, and the appropriate signs erected, pending receipt of the report of the Traffic Authority of an overall study of traffic movement in the City.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

A formal resolution to give effect to the recommendation of the Safety Committee was submitted, as follows:

"<u>RESOLVED</u> that from and after the passage of this resolution no truck or other commercial vehicle shall be operated on Mayfield Avenue, Abbott Drive and Pennington and Hemlock Streets, except for deliveries to specific addresses on these streets.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Traffic Authority of the City of Halifax be requested to forthwith erect on such streets appropriate signs in accordance with this resolution."

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the report and resolution be approved. Motion passed.

BICENTENNIAL DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

Alderman Trainor stated that he had observed trucks dumping fill on Ralston Avenue and he asked if this operation was part of the original contract which he understood to cover construction on the County side only, or if another tender had been awarded.

The Commissioner of Works stated that another tender had not been awarded but that the depositing of the fill on Ralston Avenue was being done in anticipation of the further development on the City side.

Alderman O'Brien asked if the appropriate staff members have been directed to give close attention to the matter of traffic conditions and dust nuisance to see that the best possible control is maintained in the interests of the residents of the area.

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The City Manager was directed to take the necessary action in this regard.

TURNING ROADWAY - RAINNIE DRIVE, AHERN AVENUE, COGSWELL STREET INTERSECTION

Alderman Trainor referred to the traffic tie-up caused by vehicles making right-turns into Cogswell Street from Rainnie Drive on various occasions and he asked that the Traffic Authority be directed to consider the possibility of providing a fifty-foot turning roadway at the intersection to eliminate the problem.

The City Manager was directed to refer the matter to the Traffic Authority for study and report.

STREET LIGHTING FAILURE - NORTH END

Alderman Wyman referred to the fact that the street lights in a large section of the north end of the City were out for a considerable time during the period, January 19 to 21; and he expressed his amazement over the fact that the matter could have gone undetected for such a period and that corrective action was not taken immediately to restore the service.

In reply to a question by His Worship the Mayor, the City Electrician stated that he was not aware of the situation until after the repairs had been effected by the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company who advised that the temporary repairs made in the first instance had failed to correct the cause completely and a second breakdown had occurred.

The Chief of Police also stated that he was unaware of the incident but expressed doubt that the matter would not have been reported by members of the force on duty in the area.

He stated that he would investigate the matter and inform Alderman Wyman of the action taken by his Department in this regard.

APPOINTMENT - COURT OF TAX APPEALS

His Worship the Mayor reported that the sub-committee appointed in connection with the Court of Tax Appeals had met and recommend the appointment of Messrs. C. W. MacIntosh, Sr., and R. H. Craig for a term of three years, at the rate of \$50.00 per day while the Court is in session and that the City Clerk be directed to write to Mr. George Hazen expressing the appreciation of Council for the valuable service rendered by him while a Member of the Court.

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MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Trainor, that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved. Motion passed.

REQUEST TO STAGE VARIETY SHOW

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A letter was received from Mr. C. E. Pyke requesting permission to stage an amateur variety show at a local theatre on Sunday, February 26, 1962, admission to which would be by a silver collection.

It was agreed that since City Council has no jurisdiction in such matters, no action be taken on the request.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION - PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF HALIFAX NORTH

A letter was submitted and read from the President of the Progressive Club of Halifax North expressing appreciation of the Club for the establishment by the City of the Parking Lot on Maitland Street.

Filed.

Meeting adjourned.

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10:20 P. M.

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J. E. Lloyd, MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

R. H. Stoddard, CITY CLERK.

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Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., February 15, 1962, 8:00 P. M.

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

There were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman, and Aldermen DeWolf, Abbott, Lane, Macdonald, Butler, LeBlanc, Trainor, Healy, Wyman, Connolly and O'Brien.

Also present were Messrs. P. F. C. Byars, L. Mitchell, R. H. Stoddard, W. J. Clancey, L. M. Romkey, J. F. Thomson, R. B. Grant, V. W. Mitchell,

G. F. West, K. M. Munnich, A. R. Howard and Dr. A. R. Morton.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Council held on January 25, 1962, were approved on motion of Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Wyman.

ELECTION RETURNS - WARD FOUR

February 15, 1962.

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Halifax City Charter, Acts and Amendments thereto in respect to the election of an Alderman to fill the vacant seat in Ward Four, I submit the following returns for the election held on January 31, 1962, as well as the nomination papers of the candidates.

		Clifford <u>Armitage</u>	Allan Lloyd <u>Caldwell</u>	Samuel <u>Gordon</u>	Nicholas <u>Meagher</u>
Advance Poll	5	0	0	0	3
Multiple Poll	8	16	61	7 0	67
Section 4 - A	e.2	8	15	0	18
4 - B	-	43	28	1	64
4 - C - 1	-	20	47	2	76
4 - C-2		10	57	3	78
4 - 0-3		21	38	6	51
4 - D-1		11	55	0	111
4 - D-2	-	4	53	1	145
4 - D - 3	•	10	52	0	115
lusions of Sta 4 - D-4	-	6	62	2	88
Totals	-	149_	468	22	<u>816</u>

Majority fo	or NICHOLAS MEAGHER over A. L. Caldwell	8
Majority fo	or NICHOLAS MEAGHER over C. Armitage	7
Majority fo	or NICHOLAS MEAGHER over S. Gordon	4
Majority fo	or A. L. CALDWELL over C. Armitage	9
Majority fo	or A. L. CALDWELL over S. Gordon 44	6
Majority fo	or CLIFFORD ARMITAGE over S. Gordon 12	7

I hereby declare NICHOLAS MEAGHER duly elected Alderman of the City of Halifax for Ward No. 4 for a term expiring October 31, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Stoddard, CITY CLERK.

FILED

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE - ALDERMAN NICHOLAS MEAGHER

His Worship the Mayor administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office to Alderman Meagher and vested him with the Chain of Office of Alderman for Ward Four.

He then congratulated Alderman Meagher on his election and welcomed him to the Council expressing the wish that he would enjoy his tenure of office, and stated that he was confident that Alderman Meagher would make a valuable contribution to the deliberations of Council.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Meagher to fill vacancies of the Committee on Works, Public Health and Welfare Committee and Finance and Executive Committee and Alderman LeBlanc to fill the vacancy on the Natal Day Committee.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the nominations of His Worship the Mayor be approved. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING - REZONING MAJOR PORTION NOS. 3515, 3531 DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD AND PORTION OF MURPHY'S LIMITED LAND (APPROXIMATELY 700 SQUARE FEET) FROM R-3 ZONE TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of the rezoning of the major portion of the land known as 3515-3531 Dutch Village Road and a portion of land owned by J. & M. Murphy Limited, from R-3 Zone to C-2 Zone was held at this time.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and that one written objection had been received from Mr. E. K. Clarke of No. 3541 Dutch Village Road.

A plan of the area showing the lands referred to in the application for rezoning was displayed by the Director of Planning.

At the request of Alderman Lane, His Worship the Mayor reviewed the conclusions of Staff as contained in the report of the City Manager, dated January 2, 1962, as follows:

There appear to be only two logical courses of action. These are:

- (a) To refuse to rezone the properties;
- (b) To permit this rezoning which would imply permission to convert the present building to retail reuse. We are told that this conversion can be efficiently accomplished for about \$50,000.00.

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The reasons for rezoning are economic and sentimental due largely to the time for which this firm was established in the City. There are at the same time very strong planning reasons why rezoning and accompanying reuse should not be approved.

It is the opinion of Staff after weighing all the circumstances that . the rezoning and reuse should not be approved. If, however, it is the opinion of Council after the required Public Hearing that rezoning and reuse is proper, the rezoning and the subsequent reuse should be conditional upon:

- (a) immediate discontinuance of the Tax Concession;
- (b) immediate discontinuance of the right-of-vehicular access from Howe Avenue across the C. N. R. right-of-way.

The City Clerk submitted and read a letter from Mr. E. K. Clarke of

3541 Dutch Village Road objecting to the proposed rezoning on the grounds that it would tend to depreciate the value of his property.

No person appeared in opposition to the proposed rezoning.

Mr. R. J. Downie, solicitor for the applicants, J. & M. Murphy Limited, addressed Council in support of the application and reviewed the proposal of his clients as contained in their letter dated January 5, 1962.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the application to rezone the major portion of the land known as Nos. 3515 to 3531 Dutch Village Road and a portion of the land owned by Murphy's Limited from R-2 Zone to C-2 Zone be approved. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the Deputy City Solicitor, to give effect to the previous motion was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the By-Law, as submitted, be approved and referred to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval.

The motion was passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING SMALL PORTION OF NO. 3515 DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD TO C-2 ZONE

A Public Hearing into the matter of the zoning of a small portion of land being part of the lot Civic No. 3515 Dutch Village Road to C-2 Zone, was held.

The City Clerk advised that the matter had been duly advertised and one written objection had been received from Mr. E. K. Clarke of 3541 Dutch Village Road. -43 -

The Director of Planning displayed a map of the area pointing out the parcel of land requested to be zoned.

No person appeared in opposition to the proposed zoning.

Mr. R. J. Downie, Solicitor for the applicant, addressed Council in support of the proposed zoning.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the application to zone a portion of the lot known as Civic No. 3515 Dutch Village Road to C-2 Zone be approved.

The motion was passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

A formal By-Law as prepared by the Deputy City Solicitor to give effect to the previous motion was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Healy, that the By-Law as submitted be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his approval.

The motion was passed with Alderman O'Brien wishing to be recorded against.

APPOINTMENT - ALDERMAN GREENWOOD TO BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL

His Worship the Mayor nominated Alderman Greenwood as the representative of City Council on the Council of the Board of Trade.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the nomination be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS OVER \$500,00

To: His Worship Mayor J. E. Lloyd and Members of City Council

From: P. F. C. Byars, City Manager

Date: February 13, 1962

Subject: Accounts over \$500.00

In accordance with Section 119-F of the City Charter, the following accounts are submitted for Council's approval. These accounts have been audited and certified.

DEPARTMEN	<u>vendor</u>	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Finance	Provincial Treasurer	City's share of cost of Metropolitan Housing Survey to December 31, 1961	\$ 859.32
	Halifax Forum Commission	Equipment, material and labour installing heating system Halifax Civic Arena	4,589.51
	National Cash Register	Accounting machines (3)	22,235.00
	Nova Scotia Housing Commission	Share of Expenditures on Federal Provincial Projects for quarter ending December 31, 1961	65,496.93
Assessor	Nat. Cash Register Company	Poll Tax Bills and Envelopes	814.50
Personnel	International Business Machine Company	Typewriter	590.00
Works	N. S. Power Commission	Moving Tower	1,193.78
	Public Service Comm.	Relocating Hydrant	570.61
Health	Georges Gourey & Sons	Sheets (Basinview)	<u>1,076,25</u> \$97,425,90

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. C. Byars, City Manager.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

FORUM COMMISSION REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 1961

The annual report of the Forum Commission for the year ending December 31, 1961, was submitted, copies of which were distributed to the Members of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the report be received and tabled for the information of Council. Motion passed.

RETIREMENT - CAPT. C. C. KEEFE - FIRE DEPARTMENT

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 8, 1962, a report was submitted from the Commissioner of Finance advising that Captain Carmen C. Keefe of the Fire Department has served the City for 43 years, 4 months, and is requesting retirement as of April 1, 1962.

Under the Superannuation Plan he is entitled to 30/50ths of his average annual salary for the last 3 years, which will give him a pension of \$2,825.89, effective as of April 1, 1962.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and Captain Keefe retire on an annual pension of \$2,825.89, effective as of April 1, 1962.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

PROPOSED LIMITATION OF NUMBER OF TAXIS AND INCREASE IN LICENSE FEE -\$25.00 to \$35.00

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 6, 1962, a report was submitted from the Taxi Sub-Committee consisting of the Deputy City Solicitor, Chairman; Chief of Police, Deputy Commissioner of Finance, a representative of the Taxi Association and a representative of the non-Association group.

The main recommendation of the report concerned the limitation of the number of taxis operating in the City, as well as a proposed increase in the license fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

Your Committee recommended that the report be forwarded to Council for discussion and that the Deputy City Solicitor be requested to submit the supporting arguments for the recommendations put forth.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. SOTDDARD, CITY CLERK.

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Leonard Mitchell, Deputy City Solicitor

Date: February 15, 1962

Subject: Report Taxi Sub-Committee

At the February 6, 1962 meeting of the Safety Committee the final report of the Taxi Sub-Committee was presented. This report made the specific recommendation that City Council request the Provincial Government to amend the Motor Vehicle Act so that (a) the City may by Ordinance limit the number of taxis operating in the City, and (b) the annual license fee for taxi operators be increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Trainor and seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the report be forwarded to Council for further discussion and that the Deputy City Solicitor be requested to submit to Council the supporting argument for such recommendations. This motion was passed.

The supporting argument for such recommendations is as follows:

(a)

Limiting the number of taxis operating in the City of Halifax -

This limitation has been recommended by the Taxi Association of Halifax and the reason for this recommendation is that the highly competitive taxi business tends to reduce the amount of dollars to be earned by each individual, to the point where they are required to work long hours to make a living, and are tempted to engage in illegal activities such as bootlegging and procuring in an effort to raise their dollar intake and their standard of living. Therefore, by limiting the number of taxis permitted to engage in the business they feel this would ultimately raise the income of the operators and would tend to eliminate illegal activities, not only because of the increased income in the legitimate taxi business, but also because of the increased value that could be attached to a taxi licence.

The disadvantage of this limitation, of course, is that the inevitable result of limitation would be this immediate enhancement of the value of a taxi licence and could create a black market trade in the buying and selling of taxi licences. However, this black market aspect could be eliminated by placing the following controls in the Ordinance:

1. That on and after a certain date the Inspector of Licences would issue no more taxi owner licences.

2. No taxi licence should be sold or transferred.

3. A taxi licence should lapse on the death of the owner.

4. A seniority list of applicants should be established.

5. In the event of a taxi owner's licence being voided by death, retiring from business, cancellation, etc., then the next person on the seniority list should be sold that taxi licence.

6. The number of taxi licences in force should be reviewed from time to time until, in the opinion of the Safety Committee, that number reaches a proper level.

(b)

Increase in the licence fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 -

This recommendation was quite naturally opposed by the taxi operators. However, this fee of \$25.00 was placed in the Motor Vehicle Act in 1932, at which time the City of Halifax had only one Constable carrying out the supervision, record keeping, control, etc. over taxis, at a cost of \$1,500.00 per year. Today the same supervision, record keeping, etc. has increased to the point where the City now has an Inspector and three Constables devoting approximately 80% of their time to the same operation at an approximate cost of \$15,500.00 (80% of \$19,200.00).

It might be pointed out that the \$10.00 increase is not sufficient to cover this increase in cost, but in 1958 when City Council was considering the general increases in its licence fees they reduced the recommendation of \$40.00 to \$35.00 in this case.

In view of the strong arguments put forth in favor of the control of the number of taxis operating in the City and the increasing of the taxi licence fee, it is recommended that legislation be sought to this effect.

Yours truly,

LEONARD MITCHELL DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the report be approved.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Meagher, that the two recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Solicitor be considered separately. The amended motion was passed.

(a) <u>Limiting the number of taxis operating in the City of Halifax</u> -MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the recommendation be approved.

Alderman Healy expressed opposition to the proposal on the grounds that the taxi business should not be limited any more than any other business.

Alderman LeBlanc stated that he was opposed to the limiting of the number of taxis when the matter was discussed at the Safety Committee Meeting, but he had since received a report from the Halifax Association of Taxi Operators which indicated that 75% of the owners are in favor of it; and he said that while he was opposed to the principle of restricting free enterprise, the proposal is not so much a limiting of free enterprise but a limiting of the number of taxis and operators so that they can best serve the public.

The Deputy City Solicitor stated that the report of the Taxi Association referred to by Alderman LeBlanc had not been submitted to the Taxi Sub-Committee and he had not received a copy.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the whole matter be referred back to the Taxi Sub-Committee to consider the report of the Halifax Association of Taxi Operators and submit a full report to the Safety Committee.

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

> FOR: - Aldermen Abbott, Macdonald, Butler, Meagher, Trainor, Healy, Wyman and Connolly.

AGAINST: - Aldermen DeWolf, Lane, LeBlanc and O'Brien

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RETIREMENT LEAVE - CITY COLLECTOR

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council,

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 8. 1962, a report was submitted from the City Manager advising that the City Collector's normal retirement date has been deferred until May 1, 1962, and that he has requested retirement leave after having completed thirty years' service with the City,

He recommended that the City Collector be granted retirement leave until June 15th and retire as of June 16th,

After discussion, your Committee recommends that in general appreciation of Mr. Hagell's work and length of service to the City, his retirement leave be extended to August 1, 1962, on the understanding that his services be available in an advisory capacity during the period of his retirement leave.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

I. B. M. COURSE - CHIEF OF POLICE - ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 6, 1962, a report was submitted from the Chief of Police recommending that he be authorized to take a course in the use of International Business Machines at Endicott, New York, March 17 to 20 inclusive, at an approximate cost of \$325.00 to be charged to the 1962 current estimates. The course includes record and electronic data processing techniques to:

- 1. Vehicle Accident Records
- 2. Moving Violation Records
 - 3. Patrol Activity Records
 - 4. Parking Violation Records

5. Warnings, Arrests and Convictions Records 6. Modus Operandi Records

- 7. Criminal Identification
- 8. Finger Print Records
- 9. Fire Records and Statistics 10. Payroll and Personnel Records
- Appropriation Accounting
 Related Applications.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

REPORT RE: SUPPLY OF SPARE TRAFFIC LIGHTS

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 6, 1962, a report was submitted from the City Manager concerning the advisability of installing portable traffic lights at the intersection of Bayers Road and Connaught Avenue and the proposed system which would be a centrally located standard with four signal heads operated by a power source and controller in the standard base.

He reported that such an arrangement is not legal in Nova Scotia, nor is it desirable except in an emergency for the following reasons:

- 1. For visibility reasons, a signal lens is required to have a visual diameter of at least 8 inches. The commercially available portable signal had lenses with a diameter of only 7 inches.
- 2. Although it would have been possible to make up a portable signal from regular parts, the law requires that at least two signal faces be displayed for every intersection approach. This is to provide convenience and safety in the event of lamp failure or signal head obstruction (by trucks, buses, etc.).

He felt that the time required for the supply of traffic light equipment is excessive and that the City should, in future, keep in reserve a reasonable supply of spare equipment to avoid delay when such equipment is ordered.

Your Committee recommends that the report be forwarded to Council with the advice that if it is feasible, from an engineering point of view, to carry an extra set of traffic lights, the City Manager be requested to make provision for the same in the 1962 Budget and that the need for traffic lights in the City for 1962 would originate with the Traffic Authority who would then confer with the City Electrician. Such a report would be considered during the 1962 Budget discussions.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH TRUCK ROUTES

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Safety Committee held on February 6, 1962, Mr. A. R. Howard, Traffic Authority, requested that legislation be secured at the next session of the Legislature enabling the City of Halifax to establish truck routes within the City.

Your Committee recommends that City Council request the Province of Nova Scotia to amend the Motor Vehicle Act empowering the City of Halifax to establish truck routes within the City.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Wyman, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

COLLECTION OF SWILL - BASINVIEW HOME

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Public Health and Welfare Committee held on February 8, 1962, it was agreed to recommend that Mr. Fougere be granted the privilege of collecting swill from Basinview Home for which he will pay the City the sum of \$7.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Healy, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - ORDINANCE NO. 3 "STREETS" - DELETION SECTION 39 - SECOND READING

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance and ExecutiveCommittee held on February 8, 1962, a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 3, respecting "Streets", to delete Section 39 thereof to permit the washing of windows at any time, which was read and passed a first time at the last regular meeting of the City Council was again submitted.

Your Committee recommends that the amendment be read and passed a second time and referred to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Halifax

as follows:

1.

Section 39 of Ordinance Number 3, Streets, is repealed.

MOVED by Alderman Wyman, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT - DEED TRANSFER TAX ACT - LEGISLATION

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 8, 1962, the following proposed legislation was submitted by the Deputy City Solicitor:

Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1959 is amended by inserting therein immediately following Section 4, the following section:

> *4A. The tax shall not be payable on the value of real property which is conveyed or transferred by deed where such property is conveyed by a wholly owned subsidiary company to the parent company or by the parent company to such wholly owned subsidiary company[®].

Your Committee recommends that the legislation as submitted be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION TO SELL LAND AFTER STREET CLOSING

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 8, 1962, a report was submitted from the Committee on Works recommending the following proposed legislation:

That Section 529 "C" of the City Charter be amended by adding the following clause:

"Upon the passage of such resolution approved by the Minister, the legal title to the land comprising the portion or portions of streets so closed, shall vest in the City and the City may, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 618E and 618F, sell and convey such land for such sum or sums as it may determine and give a good and sufficient deed therefor".

Your Committee recommends that the legislation be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Macdonald, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the

report be approved. Motion passed.

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TAX EXEMPTION - HALIFAX LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, 59 HOLLIS STREET, LEGISLATION

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 8, 1962, a letter was submitted from the Halifax Longshoremen's Association requesting tax exemption on premises occupied by it at 59 Hollis Street for the year 1962.

Your Committee recommends that the request be granted and the necessary legislation sought.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman DeWolf, that the report

be approved. Motion passed.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS - EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDED IN UNION SALARY AGREEMENTS

To: Members of City Council

From: Mayor J. E. Lloyd

Date: February 9, 1962

Subject: Salary Adjustments - Employees not included in Union Salary Agreements

At the December 28th, 1961 meeting of the City Council, the City Manager's Report dated December 20th, 1961, respecting salary adjustments for employees not included in Union Salary Agreements, was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for further study and recommended action. At the same time, Council decided that those employees seeking higher salary scales than those proposed by the City Manager, set forth their claim for revision in writing, through their Department Head, to the City Manager, who would place same before the Finance and Executive Committee for its consideration and recommendation to Council, if the employee so requested.

Your Finance and Executive Committee has held a series of five meetings, at which the salary ranges for each position and the proposed salary for the incumbent of each position enumerated in the City Manager's report of December 20th, 1961 have been reviewed and considered in complete detail. The Committee has also carefully reviewed and considered all letters received by the City Manager, through Department Heads, from employees requesting revision of salary scales proposed for the positions they occupy.

The Committee has also received and considered all explanations and reasons given by the City Manager and the Personnel Officer, setting forth the bases upon which the proposed salary stages were premised.

Such adjustments as the Committee considered necessary and advisable in the light of all the circumstances have been made during the course of these meetings.

Your Finance and Executive Committee now recommend that City Council 11 approve and adopt the Schedule of Standard Salary Ranges and Schedule of Salaries and Classifications for Employees not covered by any Union (Revised February 8th, 1962) attached to and forming part of this report.

Your Committee further recommends that City Council authorize payment of the salaries and step increases shown in the Schedule, effective as of the dates listed opposite thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of your Finance and Executive Committee.

J. E. LLOYD, MAYOR Chairman Finance and Executive Committee

Alderman Trainor stated that he had not received the Salary Report in sufficient time to give it any study and he moved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

There was no seconder to the motion.

The City Clerk advised that a copy of the report was mailed to each member of Council on Tuesday afternoon (February 13, 1962), and Alderman Trainor explained that he had not received his copy until the afternoon of February 15, which gave him no opportunity to study it.

MOVED by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Abbott, that the report be approved.

Alderman Wyman stated that he would have seconded the motion to defer but had awaited the explanation respecting delivery of Alderman Trainor's copy of the report, and he expressed the opinion that a report should not be considered unless all members of Council have had an opportunity to read it.

MOVED by Alderman Trainor, seconded by Alderman Wyman that the matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of City Council.

The motion to defer was passed with Aldermen Lane and Abbott wishing to be recorded against.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING GIVIC EMPLOYEES WITH SERVICE OF 30 YEARS OR MORE To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on February 8, 1962, it was felt that as a matter of policy, a suitable expression of appreciation should be made by Council to recognize long and faithful service by Civic Employees upon retirement.

Your Committee recommends that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to make a suitable presentation in the presence of the Members of Council to retiring employees with service of 30 years or more.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK.