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Professor Waite said that the National Monuments Board took a broad approach to the problem at hand, and were looking ahead to restorations on Brunswick and Granville Streets. It was his view that a restoration of the waterfront buildings would add immensely to a revitalization of the downtown area. He said the group of buildings were unique in Canada, and although some of them did not look much from the outside, their structural designs were of great interest. He made reference to the suggestion that had been made to move the buildings, and then said that the rule of the Federal Department was to contribute to the restoration of buildings only on their original sites. He felt in this case the proximity of the buildings to the sea was a very integral part of their interest, as it defined the relationship of the sea with business. On the other hand, he said, he did not know whether just moving the buildings a little to the north on the present site, would invalidate them for financial assistance, insofar as Ottawa was concerned. He could not say whether there was any flexibility in applying the rule of the Department.

Council then agreed to hear from Mr. C.A. Fowler, the Architect for the new Court House building. Mr. Fowler said the foundation of the building was nearly completed, and it was expected to have tenders called within the next few weeks. He said because of the market situation, construction should not be delayed much longer. The plan called for two vehicular entrances to the podium, and a pedestrian overpass. If the elevation of Harbour Drive were changed, he said, it would affect the pedestrian overpass, making it

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impractical, and thus alter one aspect of the Court House design. He said that possibly a one-foot change, up or down, could be tolerated in the vehicular entrance off Harbour Drive. Furthermore, he stated, there was a second vehicular entrance and parking podium at the foot of Duke Street, which had been designed to the 110 ft. grade of Harbour Drive. He said, although the architects would prefer to see no changes made in the grade at this time, if necessary, a minor adjustment could be made, but in that event, the architects would have to be advised fairly soon, as a contract would be awarded in the near future. As far as the historical buildings themselves, he said, the architects saw no reason why the project would not be compatible with the Court House. In reply to a question from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Fowler said that, unfortunately, he could think of no simple solution to the grade problem which would be caused by the retention of the historic buildings.

Mr. Fowler suggested that possibly Ottawa would have some solution to the problem, and in view of their offer of assistance, he felt a meeting with them should be set up. He said it was obvious there was a real problem with regard to the grade of Harbour Drive as it affected the historic buildings site, but he was not convinced in his own mind that the building of the Interchange would necessarily prohibit retention of the buildings, although it might involve some compromises in their restoration.

Mr. Dodge referred to Mr. Fowler's comment that, if necessary, the grade of the Court House entrance could be changed one foot, up or down, and said this would be of no

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use. In order to achieve the necessary results, he said, the Court House grade would have to be reduced by 4.2 feet.

Alderman McGuire said that while in the end, it might prove impossible to retain the buildings, he did not feel the point had been reached where that decision should be made, especially in view of the letter from Ottawa. He therefore said he wanted to proceed with his motion as set forth in the recommendation from the Finance and Executive Committee, and suggested that a reply be sent to the Department in Ottawa accepting their offer of assistance. With regard to the physical problems raised, he said there had to be some weighing of them against what would be achieved if the buildings were retained.

The question then arose that if the Call for Proposals is proceeded with, there should be a time limitation set, and His Worship the Mayor suggested one month.

With regard to the Committee envisioned by Alderman Ivany's suggestion, His Worship the Mayor asked if possibly the Civic Advisory Committee on the Preservation of Historic Sites, out of their funds, could retain a Civil Engineer to sit on the Committee, and try to find a solution to the physical problems involved. Mr. Dodge, he said, would have to comment on any suggested course of action which the Committee came up with, and Council make the final decision. He also suggested that the Chief Planner who had submitted a minority report in favour of retaining the buildings, serve on the Committee.

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The City Manager said he would definitely

recommend that outside consultants be brought in, as he felt an independent opinion would be helpful. With regard to any member of the Planning Department serving on the Committee, this, he said, was fine as long as the Planner felt he could spare the time without it affecting his work on the many wher urgent problems which were piling up. He said that staff had already spent considerable time on the historic sites buildings.

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Alderman LeBlanc objected to the expense of outside consultants, and there was some discussion on whether the Civic Advisory Committee had the authority to engage them.

The City Manager said that if it was within their budget, he believed it was within their power to engage Consultants.

Mr. Collins spoke again, cautioning against any decision in this matter which would affect future aid from Ottawa on Brunswick and Granville Streets

Alderman LeBlanc said that any further study would definitely have to have a time limit set on it, after which a decision must be made. In view of the many hours Council had already spent on the subject, he did not see why the City should be penalized in regard to other restoration projects if the final decision in this case is that the buildings must be demolished.

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MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council affirm its intention to retain and preserve the Waterfront Historic Buildings specified in the Keith Graham Report with the intention that they be restored and re-used on their existing site; and that notice be given to all interested in these buildings that implementation of this policy is dependent upon major financial participation by private enterprise, and that, on the basis of Sections 1 to 5 of the Keith Graham report, in consultation with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, National and Historic Parks Branch, staff prepare a Call for Proposals for the use of these buildings; and that if after

six months from the issue of the Call for Proposals no

satisfactory response is received, uses of the land other

than preservation of the historic buildings be considered.

MOVED in amendment by Alderman Ivany, seconded

by Alderman McGuire, that a Co-ordinating Committee be formed

consisting of representatives from the (a) Civic Advisory

Committee on the Preservation of Historic Buildings, (b) Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, (c) City Staff, and (d)

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development - National

and Historic Parks Branch, and that it be charged with the responsibility of going on with the Call for Proposals for restoration of the Historic Buildings and report to Council in four (4) weeks. The City Engineer advised that there would be nothing gained by his serving on the Committee, as he had had

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many previous discussions with Mr. Collins' Committee.

City Manager stated that "consultants" would replace the "City Engineer", and that there would be no objection to any of the City Planners being on the Committee if they have no more urgent work.

The motion to amend was put and passed with Alderman Connolly against.

The main motion was then put and passed with

With respect to Item (c) "City Staff", the

Alderman Connolly against.

TENDERS - BOND ISSUE

The following report was submitted from Staff:

"Tenders for the City of Halifax debenture issue of \$1,500,000 of serial debentures with a coupon rate of eight and onequarter per cent (8¼%) were opened at 5:00 P.M., April 30, 1969. Quotations were requested on two alternate bases, repayable over ten (10) years and repayable over twenty (20) years.

"The tenders were as follows:

"<u>10 year basis</u> Burns Bros. & Denton Limited on behalf of a syndicate named in the tender\$ 96.822

"It is recommended that the tender of \$96.63 per \$100, plus accrued interest, by Gairdner & Company Limited, giving a net cost of money of 8.79% be accepted."

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the recommendation of staff, as set out above, be approved. Motion passed.

Bond Resolution

A Formal Bond Resolution was submitted authorizing the City of Halifax to create, issue and sell Serial Debentures of the City of Halifax in the aggregate principal amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) payable in lawful money of Canada.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany, that the Bond Resolution, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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ALLAN O'BRIEN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

R. H. STODDARD, CITY CLERK CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING M I N U T E S

> Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S., May 1, 1969, 5:10 p.m.

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An Adjourned meeting of City Council was held on the above date.

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

Also Present: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk, City Engineer, Chief Planner, Development Officer and other Staff members.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the meeting is being held to deal with the business remaining on the Order of Business for last night's Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND HEARINGS

wblic Hearing Re: Amendments to Zoning By-law #24 (Annexed Areas)

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

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing had been duly advertised and no letters of objection or non-objection had been received.

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone present wished to speak on the proposed Amendments.

No person indicated their wish to speak.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the following amendment to the Zoning By-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, being Zoning By-law No. 24,

be approved:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax, as follows:

1. The Zoning By-law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, being Zoning By-law Number 24, as it applies to the Areas Annexed to the City of Halifax on the 1st day of January, A. D., 1969 only, is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Clause (a) of Section 20 is amended by adding thereto the following:

"except when a lot faces on the outer side of a curve in the street, in which case the minimum frontage may be reduced to 40 feet, provided that the width of the approved building line is 60 feet."

(2) Clause (a) of Section 25 is amended by adding thereto the following:

> "except when a lot faces on the outer side of a curve in the street, in which case the minimum frontage may be reduced to 40 feet, provided that the width at the approved building line is 60 feet."

Motion passed.

A Formal By-law was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the Formal By-law, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

Public Hearing Re: Amendments to Part V Zoning By-law

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

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing had been duly advertised and no letters of objection or non-objection had been received.

His Worship the Mayor asked if anyone present wished to speak on the proposed Amendments.

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No person indicated their wish to speak. Alderman Allen referred to a dwelling in the North End of the City which it is proposed to move and convert to a duplex on a new lot because the original lot is required by the Bridge Commission and he asked if the By-law Amendments would apply in this case.

The Chief Planner advised that it applies to a building in existence on any lot and he said that the purpose of the Amendment is to prevent overcrowding of a lot. He did not consider the situation referred to by Alderman Allen to be a problem and he said that the Amendment would still apply.

It was then MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the following amendments to Part V of the Zoning By-law be approved:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax under the authority of the Town Planning Act, being Chapter 308 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1967, as follows.

1. Section 4 of Part V of the Halifax Zoning By-law be repealed.

2. Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Part V of the Halifax Zoning By-law be renumbered 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

3. A new Section 7 be added to Part V of the Halifax Zoning By-law as follows:

(7) A building in existence on the date of coming into effect of this Section, may with the approval of the Inspector of Buildings be converted into a duplex dwelling provided that the building after conversion complies with the following:

 (a) A duplex dwelling containing not more than a total of 5 habitable rooms be permitted on a lot containing an area of not less than 3,300 square feet.

(b) A duplex dwelling containing not more than a total of 8 habitable rooms be permitted on a lot containing an area of not less than 4,000 square feet.

(c) Lot coverage - maximum lot coverage shall be 35 per cent.

(d) One separately accessible parking space at least 9 feet by 20 feet shall be provided on the lot for each of the two dwelling units, exclusive of the area of the front yard and the entrance or driveway leading to such building.

Motion passed.

A Formal By-law was submitted giving effect to the foregoing motion of Council.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the Formal By-law, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

No petitions were submitted or delegations heard at this time.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on April 23, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Proposal - Northern & Central Gas Corporation Limited Re: Gas Franchise

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the proposal from the Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited for a natural gas franchise in the City of Halifax be approved in principle and that staff be authorized to negotiate

the detailed terms of such agreement as may be required, these to be submitted to City Council for final approval.

Alderman Abbott referred to the following letter from Mr. A. R. Harrington, President and General Manager of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company and suggested that perhaps the matter should be deferred until the engineering staff have had a chance to study the problems outlined;

April 29, 1969

His Worship Mayor Allan O'Brien City of Halifax, City Hall, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:

On hearing that the City of Halifax is considering representations made to it by a company proposing the distribution of gas in the city I feel that I must bring an important matter to your attention.

At the time that Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. abandoned its gas operation it had a proposal for the distribution of Propane Gas in its mains but rejected it because of the great hazard that could occur if a leak developed. This would be a particular problem in Halifax for Propane or any gas heavier than air because of the very seamy rock structure underlying the city. Heavier than air gas could leak into pockets that would have a very high explosive hazard.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. R. Harrington President and General Manager

The City Solicitor felt that approval in principle by City Council would not preclude the City changing its mind at a later date, when the negotiated agreement was before it.

Sault Ste Marie which has a propane gas system to ask for a copy of its agreement and a description of any particular problems

The City Manager advised that he has written to

in connection with the gas system. He said that he would make available the results of his request to members of Council for their perusal.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the status of similar companies wishing to approach the City with a like request if a non-exclusive agreement is entered into by the City with the Northern & Central Gas Corporation Ltd.

The City Solicitor said that he anticipates that the final agreement with the Company, after negotiations, will not follow the form submitted by the Company. He said that the agreement submitted is Ontario experience oriented and based on the Ontario Municipalities Act and an entirely different set of conditions apply. He said that there is no reason why the City could not enter into an agreement with another firm requesting a similar opportunity.

Reference was made to a period of five years requested by the Company in which they would perform and the City Solicitor felt that in the negotiated agreement there might be no need to include such a period of time.

After further discussion, the motion was put and passed with Alderman Allen abstaining.

Settlement of Compensation to Mr. Percy Paris - 179-81 Creighton Street

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive, settlement with Mr. Percy Paris for his property at 179-181 Creighton Street be made on the following basis:

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3,875 square	feet at \$3.00 per sq, ft.	\$ 11,625
Moving costs	- loss on sale of equipment	500
	TOTAL	\$ 12,125

Motion passed.

Appointment of Delegates to Mayors' Conference

His Worship the Mayor reported that Aldermen Connolly, Hogan, LeBlanc, McGuire and Ivany have indicated that they wish to attend the forthcoming Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities Conference.

Alderman Sullivan asked if his name could be added to those wishing to attend.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that all Aldermen attending the Conference submit a statement of their expenditures, with receipts, and will be reimbursed from the amount included in the Current Budget for that purpose. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that all Aldermen attending the Conference purchase a Canada Games Blazer to publicize the Canada Games and he said that forms were available from his Office.

Alderman LeBlanc thought that a small tourist booth might be erected at the Conference in conjunction with the Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Confirmatory Deed - Civic No. 5740 Spring Garden Road

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Hogan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City of Halifax execute a Confirmatory Deed with respect to the property at 5740 Spring Garden Road, in order to remove a defect in title. Motion passed.

Funds - Special Election - 316C City Charter - \$9,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the sum of \$9,000.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter to cover the costs of the Special Election to be held on July 30, 1969, also to include an account from Brookfield Brothers Limited in the amount of \$1,512.00 for fifty-five (55) voting screens for the election last December. Motion passed.

Appointment of Returning Officer

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the City Clerk be appointed Returning Officer for the Special Election to be held on July 30, 1969. Motion passed with Alderman Ivany voting against.

Resolution - City of London Re: Railway Grade Crossing Fund

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the following resolution from the City of London, Ontario, be forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities Conference later this year:

WHEREAS existing legislation respecting railway grade separations provides for subsidy from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund of 80% of the cost up to a maximum of \$500,000.00;

AND WHEREAS Item 9 of General Order No. 848 of the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada reads:

"Except when otherwise ordered by the Board, where the costs of construction of a new grade separation do not exceed \$625,000.00, and where such grade separation is to be constructed within the limits of the existing road allowance, such costs are apportioned pursuant to the following formula adopted by the Board:

- (1) 80% payable from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund;
- (2) 15% payable by the highway authority; and
- (3) 5% payable by the Railway.";

AND WHEREAS the figure of \$625,000.00 for the construction of a new grade separation is not realistic in view of the increased construction costs over the past ten years;

AND WHEREAS the contribution from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund was revised approximately ten years ago to establish a maximum eligible cost of construction of all new grade separations at \$625,000.00, resulting in the present \$500,000.00 maximum grant;

AND WHEREAS in view of the increased construction costs the limits are out of date although the percentage share of 80% may be reasonable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government be asked to increase contributions from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund to 80% of all costs based on present-day prices;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, the Ontario Mayors and Reeves Association, and the major Canadian municipalities for endorsement; and further that copies also be forwarded to the Local Members of Parliament.

Motion passed.

Staff Establishment - Long Range Planning Division

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council give approval to the following requested additions to the staff establishment of the Long Range Planning Division and that funds in the amount of \$19,100.00 be provided under the authority of Section 316C of the City Charter for this purpose:

Salary Range

Research Associate for research	
and control of statistical in-	
formation	\$8,400 - \$9,720

Research Assistant - related to above position 6,660 - 7,620

Planning Technician \$6,660 - \$7,620 Senior Clerk-Typist 3,570 - 4,230 Motion passed with Alderman Connolly voting against. Possible Expropriation Settlement - #5224 Gerrish Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the property of Mrs. Eva Bourgeois, known as Civic Number 5224 Gerrish Street, required immediately for the Barrington Street Housing Project, be purchased by the City of Halifax for \$18,747.35 as settlement in full for all claims arising out of the expropriation. Motion passed. Possible Expropriation Settlement - 223 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the former property of Mrs. Eva Bourgeois, known as Civic Number 223 Brunswick Street, be purchased by the City of Halifax for the sum of \$8,752.60 as settlement in full for all claims arising out of the expropriation and that the balance owing, being \$3,252.60, be paid to Mrs. Bourgeois. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on April 23, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Drainage Facilities - St. Stephen's School Grounds

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council

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approve the expenditure of \$5,000.00 for the construction of drainage facilities at St. Stephen's School grounds, funds to cover this amount being available from capital accounts overfunded in prior years, to minimize the possible flooding conditions on the west side of Leaman Street between Normandy Drive and Leeds Street which could be aggravated by the development of Canada Games facilities on St. Stephen's School Grounds. Motion passed.

Claim - Fire Damage "West House" - 2319-2323 Brunswick Street

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, City Council accept the amount of \$29,821.00 from the insurance companies with respect to the fire damage at the "West House" 2319-2323 Brunswick Street. Motion passed.

Account - Private Work - #5251 South Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman McGuire that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, an amount of \$775.00 be returned to Mr. Max Pascal, which amount represents an over billing against Mr. Pascal, in connection with work done by City forces in an attempt to determine and obviate the cause of an odor problem at his property, Hillside Hall, 5251 South Street. Motion passed.

REPORT - SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Safety Committee from its meeting held on April 23, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Fire Protection Agreements - Department of National Defence MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman

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Meagher that, as recommended by the Safety Committee, approval be given to the agreements negotiated by the Fire Chief with the Department of National Defence, relating to (a) fire protection to be provided by the City to the Department of National Defence N.B.C.D. School located a short distance outside the City boundary, on the road from Purcell's Cove to Herring Cove; and (b) assistance from the City, which may be required in time of emergency by the Canadian Forces Base Fire Department and (c) that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the documents on behalf of the City of Halifax. Motion passed. Request - Thirty-eight (38) Bicycles - Children's Aid Society

The Safety Committee recommended that approval be given to the sale of 38 unclaimed bicycles to the Children's Aid Society.

The City Clerk advised that the bicycles were sold last year for an amount of \$5.00 each plus tax.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that thirty-eight (38) unclaimed bicycles be sold to the Children's Aid Society at a cost of \$5.00 each plus tax. Motion passed.

REPORT - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

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Council considered the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee from its meeting held on April 23, 1969 with respect to the following matter:

Manual of Policy and Procedure - Halifax Social Services Dept.

The Committee recommended approval in principle of the Manual of Policy and Procedure for the Social Services Department and suggested that it be discussed in detail at this

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meeting of City Council.

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee, the Manual of Policy and Procedure for the Social Services Department be approved. Motion passed.

Alderman Allen said that he hoped that members of Council had read the manual carefully and would not be too hard on the Social Planner when the social assistance costs start to rise. He said that it is Council's responsibility now it has approved the formula to be used for assistance payments.

Alderman Sullivan asked if it would be possible for the Social Planner to prepare a one page brief resume of the formula for social assistance which would be easy to refer to during a telephone conversation.

The Social Planner said that the formula for payments is set out on Pages 13, 14 and 15 of the Manual. He said it would not be easy to condense the formula which also has to take into account deductible income on one page, but he would try.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the right of applicants for social assistance to appeal the refusal of the Social Assistance Office to grant assistance and the Social Planner said that a person could appeal first to the Supervisor of the Assistance Office and if not satisfied to the Social Planner and if still not satisfied to the Administrator of Public Assistance for the Province of Nova Scotia who would investigate the particular case and then arrange a meeting.

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In reply to a question, he said that he knew of two instances where persons appealed to the Province but which cases were dropped by the Province after investigation and did not reach the meeting stage.

Alderman Ivany said that he read the document very carefully and considered it to be excellent.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Amendments to Ordinance #130 - Electric Wiring and Use of Electrical Energy

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council, the following amendments to Ordinance Number 130 respecting Electric Wiring and the Use of Electrical Energy be read and passed a Second Time:

1. Section 2 of Ordinance Number 130 is repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

"Definitions 2. In this Ordinance:

(a) "Alter" includes repair;

(b) "Consumer" means any person using electrical energy for heat, light, or power purposes;

> (c) "Elevator" means a hoisting and lowering mechanism equipped with a car or a platform which moves on guides in a substantially vertical direction, in which the motion of the car or platform is obtained through an electric motor directly applied to the elevator machinery;

(d) "Electric wiring" means the wiring used by a consumer for the receipt, distribution, or use of electrical energy, but excludes wiring connected to an elevator or to an elevator's control equipment;

(e) "Inspector" means the Chief Electrical Inspector of the City of Halifax."

2. (a) Subsection (1) of Section 12 of Ordinance Number 130 is amended by inserting the word "shall" between the words "thereto" and "apply" in the third line thereof.

(b) Section 12 of Ordinance Number 130 is further amended by adding the following subsection:

"(3) The Canadian Electrical Code referred to in subsection (1) of this Section is Schedule "B" of this Ordinance."

3. (a) Schedule "A" of Ordinance Number 130 is amended by deleting section L.

(b) Section P of Schedule "A" of Ordinance Number 130 is amended by deleting the words "per floor" in the first line thereof.

(c) Section P of said Schedule "A" of Ordinance No. 130 is further amended by adding the following paragraph:

> "Notwithstanding anything contained in this Schedule, the minimum Permit Fee shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00)."

Motion passed.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Council considered the report of the Town Planning Board from its meeting held on April 23, 1969 with respect to the following matters:

Modification of Lot Frontage and Lot Area Requirements -#30 Convoy Avenue

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of lot frontage and lot area requirements at No. 30 Convoy Avenue to permit the construction of a six-unit apartment building, be not approved. Motion passed.

Rezoning from R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential - Civic Nos. 59 to 61 Melville Cove, Purcell's Cove Road

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany

that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board:

- the application for rezoning of land from R-1 Residential to R-4 Residential of the property designated as Nos. 59 to 61 Melville Cove, Purcell's Cove Road, to permit the construction of a twostorey, three-unit apartment building, be recommended for approval;
- 2. a date be set for a public hearing into the matter;

3. the area outlined on the plan attached to the staff report dated April 23, 1969 be designated as the area within which people will be notified of the public hearing.

Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard and Lot Area Requirements - 12 Skeena Street

MOVED by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of front yard and lot area requirements at Civic No. 12 Skeena Street, Fairview, to permit construction of a semi-detached dwelling, be refused.

Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - Peacock Lot -MacIntosh Street

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of front yard requirement to permit the construction of a six-unit apartment building on Peacock Lot - MacIntosh Street, as shown on Drawing Nos. P200/2703 to P200/2705, be approved. Motion passed.

Extension to a Non-conforming Building and Modification of Lot Frontage Requirements - 5278 Tobin Street

MOVED by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the

application for:

1. an extension to a non-conforming building, and

 modification of lot frontage requirement, at No. 5278 Tobin Street, to permit construction of a two-storey addition to the rear of a four-unit apartment building, as shown on Drawing Nos. P200/2736 to P200/2739;

be approved. Motion passed.

Modification of Front Yard Requirement - Lots #626A and #626B Simcoe Place

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Allen that, as recommended by the Town Planning Board, the application for modification of front yard requirement at Lots 626A and 626B Simcoe Place, to permit the construction of a duplex dwelling, as shown on Drawing No. P200/2796, be approved. Motion passed.

MOTIONS

Motion - Alderman Meagher - Amendments to Ordinance #105 -First Reading

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the following amendment to Ordinance No. 105 Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, be read and passed a First Time:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Halifax as follows:

1. Subsection (1) of Section 15 of Ordinance Number 105, Respecting the Establishment of Standing Committees of Council, as that Ordinance was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the 7th day of June, 1965, and subsequently amended and approved, is further amended by striking out the words and figure "four (4) members" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the words and figure "five (5) members".

Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Connolly - Prohibition of Trucks over 1/2-Ton -Hood Street

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Meagher that signs be erected on Hood Street prohibiting trucks over ½-ton from using the street except for local deliveries. Motion passed.

Motion - Alderman Ivany - Council Adjournment - 11:00 p.m.

MOVED by Alderman Ivany, seconded by Alderman Hogan that City Council meetings be adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Alderman Ivany spoke to his motion and suggested that perhaps some thought might be given to starting the Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. He felt that members of Council and Staff could not work properly the following day after a meeting continuing long after midnight. He thought that such a deadline might obviate some of the discussion in Council which is irrelevant.

Alderman Meagher considered that there should be some flexibility and if Council is in the middle of an item at 11:00 p.m. it should conclude that item.

His Worship the Mayor felt that a time should be set for the continuation of the Council meeting if an adjournment becomes necessary, so that members of Council and Staff can plan their schedule accordingly.

Alderman Ivany thought that the ll:00 p.m. adjournment time could be given a trial run.

Alderman Sullivan suggested a time period of two months for such a trial period.

Alderman Meagher said that a Council meeting should be able to continue if a 2/3 vote is in agreement.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the possibility of starting Council meetings at 7:00 p.m., but Alderman McGuire said that he was definitely against that time.

Alderman Connolly was opposed to the imposition of a deadline on Council meetings, he favoured the continuation of the meeting until all business had been dealt with.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that an adjournment time should be set and an automatic continuation time, say 5:00 p.m. the next day.

After further discussion, Alderman Ivany, with the approval of his seconder, changed his motion to read as follows:

"THAT City Council meetings be adjourned at 11:00 p.m., unless by a 2/3 vote it is agreed to continue, and such meeting be reconvened at 5:00 p.m. the next day."

It was decided that no change be made in the starting time for regular Council meetings.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accounts Over \$5,000.00

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the City Manager be authorized to pay the following accounts:

VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing of Canada Ltd.	Traffic Marking Paint	\$7,803.47
Canadian British En- gineering Consultants Ltd.	Services re Melville Cove and Whimsical Lake Pumpin Stations	
K. W. Robb Association Ltd.	Surveying Expenses Spryfield High School	1,682.00
Robert Morse Corp.Ltd. Singer Sewing Machine	(Furniture & Equipment Clayton Park Junior High	2,044.43
Co.	School)	678.30
Ven-Rez Products	Foodwhop	3,308.09
Arthur Thomas Ltd.		360.95
Maritime Wallpaper Ltd.		57.50
		\$16,500.41

Motion passed.

Lord's Day Permits

The following applications for permits to operate

businesses on the Lord's Day were submitted:

Hyman Wagner 6105 Charles Street Grocery Store

E. M. Kocon 5487 Inglis Street

Grocery Store

Delmar Mestdagh 2215 Barrington Street Grocery Store

Mrs. S. Hayden 6980 Chebucto Road Grocery Store

Frederick J. Stacey 3248 Isleville Street

Wm. Crocker 5528 Kaye Street Confectionery

Grocery Store

C. Zwerling 6884 Chebucto Road

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Helen Catherine Gerrior 1797 Brunswick Street Grocery Store

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Patrick E. Pottie 5667 Almon Street

Gladys Drewett 2347 Agricola Street

Wm. J. Pelrine 2103 Maitland Street

M. Baker-Mosher 1550 Queen Street

George F. Shortt Cor. South & Henry Streets

Leo Francis 3619 Gottingen Street Foodshop

Mike Mansour 2257 Barrington Street Grocery Store

Ronald Sabiston Lower Plaza, Bayers Road Shopping Centre

> Marion B. Yetman 5640 Duffus Street

Eileen M. Hachey 556 Tower Road

Laundromat

Grocery Store

Grocery Store

Grocery Store

Coin Laundry

Laundromat & Cleanamation Centre

Grocery Store

Grocery Store

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Ivany that the applications for permits to operate businesses on the Lord's Day, as submitted, be approved. Motion passed. Tenders - Two and One-half Ton Stake Body Dump Truck -Recreation and Playgrounds Commission

A tabulation of tenders was submitted for a $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton stake body dump truck for the Recreation Commission.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the tender of Trainor G. M. C. in the amount of \$5,800.00, being the lowest tender meeting specifications, be accepted for the supply of one $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton stake body dump truck for the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission.

Alderman LeBlanc referred to the number of trucks he has noticed at City Field and he questioned whether or not the Works Department could have made a truck available to the Recreation Commission as required.

It was pointed out that City Council had approved the purchase of such a truck at budget time.

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

Tenders for Playground Equipment - Recreation and Playgrounds Commission

A tabulation of tenders was submitted for the supply of playground equipment for the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission.

MOVED by Alderman Abbott, seconded by Alderman McGuire that the tender of Purves O'Hara Ltd., in the amount of \$16,954.00, being the lowest tender submitted, be accepted for the supply of playground equipment for the Recreation and Playgrounds Commission. Motion passed.

Tenders - Asphalt Paving

A tabulation of tenders was submitted for Asphalt Paving, Contract Patching and Seal Coating of Paved Streets.

MOVED by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Abbott that the tender of Standard Paving Maritime Limited, in the following amounts, be accepted for asphalt paving in the City of Halifax in accordance with the 1969 Capital Budget:

Excavation	\$2.95	cu. yd.	
l" Gravel	3.65	ton	
2" Gravel	3.55	ton	
Prime	0.45	gallon	
Mix #4	12.35	ton	

Asphalt Patching \$19.50 ton Seal Coating 0.25 sq.yd. funds being provided in the 1969 Current Budget Account No. 3-108-072 for Contract Patching, and 3-108-118 for Seal Coating of Paved Streets. Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Connolly Re: Truck Signs on Hood Street

Alderman Connolly asked the City Manager if he would have Staff erect the signs restricting trucks over ½-ton on Hood Street as quickly as possible and he asked that they be as large as those erected on Cambridge and Beech Streets. He referred to the fact that Council had approved the erection of such signs earlier at this meeting.

Question Alderman LeBlanc Re: Denial of Accusations in Newspaper by a Developer

Alderman LeBlanc asked if any thought has been given to a public denial of the accusations and allegations directed to the City Engineer from a Mr. Jackson respecting his proposed development.

The City Manager said that he would like to preface his explanation with a few general remarks. One of the drawbacks of working for municipal government is exposure to the public and it is fairly safe to say that in this organization you face more stress and pressure in public and Staff is often put in the position of a sitting duck. In this particular case, he said that he had read the newspaper on April 26 and was quite shocked because normally anyone who has problems with Staff comes to his office to see whether there is anything

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