SPECIAL COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS M I N U T E S

Council Chamber City Hall Halifax, Nova Scotia December 5,1979 7:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting of Halifax City Council was held at this time.

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

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Morris, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Hanson, Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden Moore and Hamshaw.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other staff members.

It was unanimously agreed that the following additional item be considered:

Cunard Street School Renovation - NIP I Implementation Project

CUNARD STREET SCHOOL RENOVATION - NIP I Implementation Project

This item was referred to this Special Meeting from the Finance and Executive Committee meeting this date.

MOVED by Alderman Downey, seconded by Alderman Shannon that as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council award the tender to Blunden Construction Limited to renovate the Cunard Street School for an amount not to exceed \$300,717 with all terms and conditions of the original tender call to apply; funds available in Account Nos. Z0500 EH003 and Z0500 EH007.

Motion Passed.

CASE NO. 3784 - CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT - 1521 LEMARCHANT STREET

A public hearing regarding this matter was held at this time.

Mr. W.D. Campbell, Development Department, with the aid of sketches and maps, explained that this application is to permit a dental laboratory to occupy space at LeMarchant Towers, presently not permitted in an R-3 Zone.

Mr. Campbell stated that LeMarchant Towers was a 63-unit apartment building with access to parking from LeMarchant Street and Coburg Road. As well, there are 40 surface parking

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and 35 underground spaces. The land use is mostly residential, with some stores, a university, and a church along Coburg Road. Mr. Campbell pointed out that this is a hard area as per Map 2 of the MDP policies and should be retained as such. Presently, the dental laboratory is located in a commercial area on Gottingen Street and staff recommend it would be more appropriate in a commercial area.

Mr. Campbell responded to questions from members of Council.

Dr. Charle: er, D.D.S., on behalf of the applicant, addressed members of Council in support of this application. Dr. Oler stated that he felt the M.D.P. policies are not to be rigid and failed to find the justification of only neighborhood uses permitted in the area. He also stated that this report was not unanimous in recommending refusal; as this proposal has merits both in favour and against. Dr. Oler told Council that this proposed laboratory would serve as a support system for the dentist presently located in this building.

Dr. Oler referred to the patients being treated at the dentist's office as senior citizens; persons who could not sometimes manage to get to the office, unless as this ground floor level and this was one of the reasons for moving from the previous commercial area of the City. Dr. Oler responded to questions from members of Council.

There were no other persons present wishing to speak in support of or in opposition to this proposal.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Sullivan this matter be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Case No. 3785 - CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT - 1521 LEMARCHANT STREET

Correspondence dated December 4,1979 from the applicant requesting postponement of this public hearing is on file. It was agreed that this item be deferred to some later date.

CASE NO. 3745 -Contract Development - Civic Nos. 2617-2629 Windsor Street and 6155 - 6161 North Street

A public hearing regarding this matter was held at this time.

Mr. W.D. Campbell, Development Department, with the aid of sketches and maps, explained this application under Section 83 of the Zoning Bylaw and stated that the floor area space exceeds the 5,000 foot limit. As well, the applicant also wishes to consolidate Lots 1 - 16 to Form Block S. Mr. Campbell stated that this area was zoned Cl, R-3 and C-3. All buildings on the block, with the exception of the Heisler property, would be demolished, as well as four residential dwellings on North Street.

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The lot size is 150 x 200 feet with 250 parking spaces; access from Windsor and Gladstone Street.

Mr. Campbell stated that this proposal met the Municipal Development Plan policies and should contain a number of conditions in the contract agreement, such as barracading entrances in the evening, fencing along the perimeter, location of exhaust fans away from Summit Street, screening of garbage disposal, reduction of parking spaces to 150 cars and access width acceptable to the Cicy's specifications. As well, lot consolidation should be reduced so that houses and businesses along North and Windsor Street be retained.

Alderman Meagher expressed the concern of area residents regarding the traffic flow northerly from Gladstone, and asked staff for a report before the next regular meeting of City Council. The residents also requested that a crosswalk light at Windsor and Summit Street, and consideration be given to the noise factor caused by the air-conditioning and ventilating system.

Mr. Jim Youden, representing Food City Limited, addressed members of Council in support of this application, stating that this proposal would serve a full line of grocery items, and would include a deli and bakery. As well, Mr. Youden stated that concerns of the area residents and city staff were discussed at length and he felt all requirements were satisfied. He felt that the only objections to staffs' stand were to the parking spaces allotted, the future of the buildings at the site and the applicants would prefer two exits and one entrance. Mr. Youden felt that the entire property should be zoned C-2.

His Worship Mayor Morris asked Mr. Youden for a report from his client regarding the ratio of parking spaces to square footage per location within the City.

There were no other persons present wishing to address members of Council in support of or in opposition to the application.

An unsigned letter dated November 10,1979 from Beatrice F. Murphy, 6129-6131 North Street in opposition to the application was submitted, copies of which have been distributed to members of Council. A letter dated November 23,1979 from Boris J. Bocheff, for the Estate of Vasil Bochoff, in opposition to the application, was also received and distributed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan this matter be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation. Motion passed.

Alderman Meagher asked that staff supply the amount of tax revenue received from this present block, and also the anticipated tax revenue receivable if the proposal were completed and the houses removed.

Alderman Maley asked that a report be submitted from the Chief of Police regarding the number of times staff accompany store managers to their locations after regular store hours.

Case No. 3799 - Contract Development & Lot Consolidation BRUNSWICK & GEORGE STREETS

A public hearing regarding this matter was held at this time.

Mr. W.D. Campbell, Development Department, with the aid of sketches and maps, explained that this application exceeds the 40 foot height limit of Schedule "F", Section 84 of the Zoning Bylaw. Presently, there is one building on the site and will be demolished if the proposal is approved. Mr. Campbell pointed out the lot size was approximately one-half acre; with the proposed building rising eight stories above Brunswick Street, nine stories above George, ten stories above Market Street and nine stories above the south elevation. It is 10 feet above the Town Clock and six feet below the ramparts of the Citadel.

Mr. Campbell stated the proposal does not protrude through View Plans 2 and 5. The building would be finished in light coloured concrete, with vegetation on the roof decks, street frontage stepped back from Brunswick & George Street with a covered arcade. Mr. Campbell pointed out that retail uses would occupy the lower three floors and offices would be located on the upper seven floors, containing a gross rentable area of approximately 80,000 square feet.

Mr. Campbell explained the proposal met favourably with the M.D.P. policies in that development of the Central Business District is encouraged; with the concentration of this occurring on Barrington Street as the activity-oriented area. The proposal provides more office and retail floor space, but will not compete with Barrington Street. The Floor Space Index for this proposal would be 3.7, which is much less than recently constructed buildings having a F.S.I. of 6.5. The proposed development provides at-grade retail activities, weather-protected and sheltered by arcades.

Mr. Campbell pointed out that servicing access would be located at Market Street, with 26 parking spaces. There would be roof decks with vegetation and a planter at the corner of Brunswick and George Streets which would complement another located at the Metro Centre. Mr. Campbell stated that wind and shadow effect would be minimal, due to design. The proposal does not protrude into the view planes and the view from the east and west sides would be preserved.

In conclusion, Mr. Campbell stated that services could be accomodated and all policies of the Municipal Development Plan met, and no problem should be experienced with the consolidation of the lots. Approval is recommended with a stipulation regarding the design as shown.

Mr. F.W. Wickwire, representing Canterbury Investments Limited, addressed members of the Council in support of this application. Mr. Wickwire explained with the aid of maps and sketches the proposed application. As well, information relating to this case was distributed to members of Council. The proposed development ranks 13th to ther buildings in net rentable square footage within the City. Mr. Wickwire stated the proposed building will contain 79,700 square feet of net rentable space. Since the previous application, the applicant has purchased an additional 3,000 square feet for this development and redesigned the project keeping in mind the sensitivity of the area; its proximity to the Town Clock, Citadel Hill and the Metro Centre. He said the proposed building will be functional, as well as appealing to the eye, both externally and internally, and that it does not comply with view planes legislation.

Before introducing Mr. Andrew Lynch, the architect, Mr. Wickwire pointed out two areas of urban design, which lend to the proposal, that of massing and scale. Mr. Wickwire told members of Council of the two common forms of office design; slab tower and point tower. He felt that neither design fitted this development in that it was an inovative configuration in itself. The scale relationship was designed with four types of people in mind; i.e., people on Brunswick, George and Market Streets; people on the roadway or at the ramparts of Citadel Hill; people working or living below the development; and the people working within the building.

Mr. A.B. Lynch, the architect, addressed members of Council and described the project in detail with drawings showing all areas of view from the design. Mr. Lynch submitted the drawings to be quite accurate and outlined the points previously mentioned with regard to design.

In conclusion, Mr. Wickwire told members of Council that this application meets the policies of the Municipal Development Plan and referred to the Brunswick Street Criteria in that it proposes to limit one point tower per block. A letter from J.F. Rowe, President, Construction Association of Nova Scotia and a telegram from Dennis Richard, President, Halifax-Dartmouth Building Trades Union in support of the application were read and submitted for the record.

Mr. Charles Fowler, President, Fowler, Bauld & Mitchell Limited, addressed members of Council in support of the application and on the subject of energy efficiency. At the present time, the proposal is more energy efficient than the previous application, Mr. Fowler stated. He also stated that windows on the south wall were prohibited by the Nation Building Code.

His Worship the Mayor called upon Mr. R.J. Matthews, Director of Planning, City of Halifax, for comments on the Brunswick Street Criteria. Mr. Matthews stated that this report is expected to be finalized in January, 1980 and will be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Margaret Stanbury, President, Halifax Homeowners Association, Inc. addressed members of Council in support of this application. Mrs. Stanbury stated that all members supported the application and the proposal would be a long term source of tax revenue, and felt the view from Citadel Hill would not be obstructed, but enhanced.

Mr. Randy Dewell, 6272 Roslyn Road, Halifax, addressed members of Council in support of this application, stressing the need of revenue and encouraged development in this City.

Mr. Howard, 5757 Inglis Street, Halifax, addressed members of Council in support of this application, stating this proposal would add to the dynamics of this City.

There were no other persons present wishing to address members of Council in support of this application.

Mr. Greg Murray, Chairman, Downtown Committee, addressed members of Council in opposition to this application. Mr. Murray expressed concern to the overall bulk of the project, excessive area to retail space and its success. Mr. Murray urged that guidelines for the Brunswick Street Criteria be finalized.

Mr. Gary Shutlak, 5311 South Street, and on behalf of Cmdr. MacMillan, Landmarks Commission, addressed members of Council in opposition to this application. Mr. Shutlak explained this proposal was reviewed on its own merits, and the Commision had considered three main point, appropriateness of land use, design and its impact on the Central Business District, and felt the project should not progress until height and design criteria is established in this area.

Ms. Kenna Manos, 1633 Chestnut Street and a student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application and presented a petition containing approximately 83 signatures from the faculty and staff of the College.

Mr. Vaughan Munro, Chairman, Community Planning Association of Canada, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application. Mr. Munro pointed out that the proposal was out of character and scale with the surrounding environment and recommended that the Brunswick Street criteria be implementated as soon as possible.

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Mr. Ian Muncaster, speaking on behalf of the Ward 1 Residents' Association, addressed members of Council in opposition to this proposal. Mr. Muncaster had no objections to the design, but to its location and the use of the building.

Mr. Douglas Price, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, addressed members of Council in opposition to this application. Mr. Price pointed out that Heritage Trust was not opposed to development on this site, but thought this proposal would affect the historial features of the area. Mr. Price felt the building would block out the view of the harbour.

Mr. Mike MacDonald, Ward III Community Council, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application. Mr. MacDonald felt the familiar view from Citadel Hill would be lost; and we would lose the sense of the community if the proposal were accepted.

Mr. Pat Thompson, Parks Canada, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application. Mr. Thompson stated the proposal would be an unacceptable impact on the Town Clock and the Halifax Citadel and conflicts with some objectives and policies of the Municipal Development Plan. Mr. Thompson felt the building would be taller than the Town Clock and out of scale with other buildings in the area. As well, the design is not complementary to the nearby historical buildings. Mr. Thompson presented a brief of his remarks to members of Council, along with specific view sketches of the proposal.

Mr. Thompson responded to questions from members of City Council. Alderman Shannon referred to drawings presented by the applicant's counsel and those in this presentation in that they differed in view perspectives. Staff are asked to supply a report on this matter before the next regular meeting of City Council.

Mr. Allan Dunlop, Federation of Museums and Historical Societies of Nova Scotia, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application. Mr. Dunlop supported the position taken by Parks Canada and felt that the amount of view blockage was 11 degrees not 15, as previously mentioned. Mr. Dunlop felt the building was out of porportion to other buildings in the area.

Mr. Lou Collins, 6443 London Street, Halifax, addressed members of Council in opposition to the proposal, reiterated previous speakers' remarks on view blockage and felt the building should have fewer exposed surfaces and be more compact in design.

Mr. Bob Parker, Indian Harbour, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application reiterating previous speakers' remarks on overall mass and the visual effect of this proposal to the area. Mr. Parker suggested the proposal should have a housing component.

Dr. Malcolm MacAulay, Chairman, DAPC II, addressed members of Council in opposition to this application. Dr. MacAulay

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felt the development to be too massive and out of scale for the area, and suggested a proposal three stories lower appropriate.

Jenny Point, Ecology Action Centre, addressed members of Council in opposition to this proposal, reiterating remarks made by Parks Canada and the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. Ms. Point also referred to the energy efficiency of this building; due to the design it would be inefficient.

Tony Mann, 4085 Birkdale Avenue, addressed members of Council in opposition to this application. Mr. Mann presented sketches of a design he thought appropriate and reiterated previous remarks on massing and scale.

Mr. Alan Ruffmann, Halifax, addressed members of Council in opposition to this application, reiterating previous remarks on view and energy conservation.

Ms. Jay Redmond, 1349 Brenton Street, Halifax, addressed members of Council in opposition to this proposal, expressing views on height, view planes and preservation of history. She also presented for the record a letter from Jane Hardy, a resident of Halifax.

Mr. Blair Beed, Liverpool Street, Halifax, addressed members of Council in opposition to this development, reinterating previous remarks on height and view planes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pacey, 6269 Yukon Street, Halifax, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application. Mrs. Pacey stated the height interferes with the prominence of the Citadel and dominates the Old Town Clock, as well as the design not being complementary with the buildings surrounding this proposal.

An unidentified gentleman addressed members of Council in opposition to this proposal, reiterating previous remarks on design and visual impact.

Mr. Philip Pacey, 6269 Yukon Street, Halifax, addressed members of Council in opposition to the application. Mr. Pacey felt the proposal was too high, and the design could be better.

There were no other persons present wishing to address members of Council in opposition to this application.

Correspondence received and distributed to members of Council was as follows:

Letter dated December 4,1979 from The Hon. Victor deB. Oland, P.O. Box 2066, Halifax, in support of the application.

Letter dated December 2,1979 from David B. Flemming, 2405 Roosevelt Drive, Halifax, N.S. in support of the application.

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Letter undated received from Thomas Pinfold, Assoc. Professor of Economics, Dalhousie University, 5856 Grant Street, Halifax, neither for or against.

Letter dated November 20,1979 from Claudie Giles, 1333 South Park Street, Apt. 1616, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 26,1979 from Agnes Malouf, no address, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 26,1979 from A.R. Clark, President, Hantsport and Area Historical Society, Hantsport, N.S. in opposition to the application.

Leaflet received November 27,1979 from B. Greene, 5268 Sackville Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 27,1979 from Phyllis R. Blakeley, C.M. LL.D. 2160 Connaught Avenue, Halifax, in opposition to the proposal.

Letter dated November 28,1979, received from Janice E. Cruikshank, R.N. 5713 Victoria Road, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 28,1979, received from Helena M. Read, Marlborough Woods, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 28,1979, received from Dorothy C.F. Ward, 1069 Beaufort Avenue, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 29,1979, received from Mrs. B.L. Arthur, 1 Oak Street, Apt. 1406, Dartmouth, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 29,1979, received from Ms. Diana Mills, 14 Bluejay Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 29,1979, received from Archdeacon J.R. & Mrs. Davies, 1165 Rochcliffe Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 29,1979, received from Miss May Reside, 1055 Lucknow Street, Apt. 204, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979, received from H.R. Percy, The Moorings, Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979, received from Judith Tulloch, 2548 Oxford Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979, received from James D. Davison, President, Wolfville Historical Society, in opposition to the proposal.

Letter dated November 30,1979, received from Margaret R. Bowman, 1063 Tower Road, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

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Letter dated November 27,1979, from Sandra Haycock, 57 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 28,1979 from Jane Redmar, 1349 Brenton Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979 from Dr. and Mrs. Donald Graham, 6562 Norwood Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979, from Miss Maud E.C. Godfrey, 1119 Tower Road, Apt. 808, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979, from Judith Mossip, 1349 Brenton Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979 from the Downtown Halifax Business Association, 1541 Barrington Street, Suite 319, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated November 30,1979 from Marion I. deWitt, 6013 Fraser Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated December 2,1979 from Mrs. Marian C. Heyden, Apt. 2005, 1333 South Park Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated December 3,1979, from Keith Vaughan, Chairman, Planning Committee, Ward Two Residents' Council, 6138 Cedar Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated December 3,1979 from Margaret L. Perry, 1158 Wellington Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated December 3,1979, from Carol MacLennan, 1486 Summer St. Halifax, in opposition to the application.

An undated letter received December 3,1979, from Karen L. Schlick, 6192 Duncan Street, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

Letter dated December 4,1979 from Rosemary Eaton, Secretary, Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society, Bissett Road, R.R.1, Dartmouth, N.S. in opposition to the application.

An undated letter received December 5,1979 from Janet Erskine, Box 1327, Sackville, N.B. in opposition to the application.

A letter dated December 3,1979, from Peggy Thompson, 937 Marlborough Avenue, Halifax, in opposition to the application.

A letter dated December 3,1979 from Pauline Carter, Brookfield, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia, in opposition to the application.

Sullivan this MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Sullivan this matter be referred to the next regular meeting of City Council without recommendation. Motion Passed.

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AMENDED SHEET

SPECIAL COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

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At the request of Deputy Mayor Hanson, it was unanimously agreed to add the following item to the agerda.

Ratification - Tentative Agreement - Local143

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Hanson, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council ratify a tentative agreement with Halifax City, Local 143, three-year, 1979, 1980, 1981, subject to conditions contained in a confidential staff report dated December 5,1979. Motion Passed.

Representation - Staff's View on REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A short discussion ensued on the subject of staff's representation on views regarding the Regional Development Plan and its inception within the Region. It was agreed that a member of staff be present to represent the City's view at subsequent meetings to be held with the Provincial Government.

12:30 a.m. No further business, the meeting adjourned.

HEADLINES

> MAYOR EDMUND L. MORRIS CHAIRMAN

G.I. BLENNERHASSETT (MRS.) CITY CLERK

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CITY COUNCIL M I N U T E S

Council Chamber, City Hall, Halifax, N. S. December 13, 1979 8:15 p.m.

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

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; Deputy Mayor Hanson, Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Downey, Meagher, Sullivan, Clarke, Wooden, Moore and Hamshaw.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, City Solicitor, City Clerk and other staff members.

After the meeting was called to Order, the members of Council attending were led in prayer by The Very Reverend J. Austin Munroe, B.A., B.D., M.S. Litt, Rector of the Cathedral Church of All Saints and Dean of Nova Scotia.

MINUTES

Minutes of City Council meetings held on November 29, 1979 and December 5, 1979 were approved on Motion of Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

At the request of the City Clerk, it was agreed to add:

20.1. - Payment of Honoraria
20.2. - Zoning Review - Soft Area 9 - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
20.3. - Case No. 3672 - Rezoning - 400 Herring Cove Road
20.4. - Award of Tender No. 521241 - One Only Bomb Disposal Suit and Helmet
20.5. - Public Service Commission Lands
20.6. - Fire Alarm Contract

At the request of Alderman Shannon, it was
agreed to add:

20.7. - Secure-A-Seat - Metro Centre

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At the request of Alderman Maley, it was agreed to add:

20.8. - Energy Saving Program - Street Lighting

At the request of Alderman Clarke, it was agreed to add:

20.9. - Halifax Relief Explosion Fund

At the request of Alderman Meagher, it was agreed to add:

20.10. - Tax Concessions and Grants - Recommendation

The Order of Business, as amended, was approved.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Case No. 3784 - Contract Development - 1521 LeMarchant St.

A public hearing re the above matter was held on December 5, 1979.

Alderman Shannon outlined her reasons for supporting the application.

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Maley that City Council enter into a contract agreement with Mr. H. M. Roberts to develop a dental laboratory at 1521 LeMarchant Street; that there be no signs either on the exterior, or interior visible from the exterior; and, that at least five parking spaces be made available along the north wall of the property opposite the offices and for their use.

Alderman Shannon stated that at the present time all the parking spaces near the offices are rented out and the free parking spaces are elsewhere in the parking lot.

The City Solicitor noted that it appears the parking spaces are controlled by the owner of the building who is not the applicant. Alderman Shannon responded that she wished to make a condition of the contract that the applicant show he has been able to arrange with the owner of the building that there are at least five spaces available for the use of these professional offices.

The motion was put and passed.

Case No. 3745 - Contract Development and Lot Consolidation - 2617-19 Windsor St. and 6155-61 North St.

A public hearing re the above matter was held on December 5, 1979.

An information report dated December 12, 1979 was submitted.

Alderman Meagher suggested that City Council approve the lot consolidation and contract development, subject to the owner entering into an agreement containing the terms and conditions set out in Appendix D attached to the staff report dated October 3, 1979, and including the following additional conditions:

- 14. an overhead traffic sign be installed at the corner of Windsor and Summit Streets, the costs of same to be shared by the City and the developer;
- 15. traffic exiting from the site onto Gladstone Street be only permitted to make a right-hand movement.

The City Solicitor suggested that the matter might be referred to the Traffic Engineer for a report on the traffic requirements requested.

Alderman Meagher further requested that the signage permitting right-hand movements only be placed on City-owned property to facilitate enforcement. He asked that the curb be so designed that movements onto Gladstone Street are south turn only. He asked that the sign be installed at the developer's expense.

His Worship stated it is his understanding that Alderman Meagher is recommending approval of the contract form in Appendix D, subject to the developer undertaking the costs of installation of right-turning assistance out of the parking lot into Gladstone Street and such signage as shall be reasonable to be requested within the developer's property, and also, a pedestrian crossing sign at Windsor and Summit Streets.

Discussion ensued re the buildings on North Street and Alderman Meagher stated he wished the buildings to be retained and explained his reasons. Aldermen Clarke and Deputy Mayor Hanson did not agree with the retention of the buildings on North Street.

Alderman Meagher requested that the matter be referred to the Traffic Department for a review of the requests relating to traffic and the item be again considered at the next regular meeting of Committee of the Whole Council. It was so agreed.

Case No. 3799 - Contract Development and Lot Consolidation - Brunswick and George Streets

A public hearing re the above matter was held on December 5, 1979.

A staff information report dated December 10, 1979, was submitted.

Clarke that City Council:

- A. Approve the proposed development at the corner of Brunswick and George Streets, under Section 84, Schedule "F", of the Zoning Bylaw, Peninsula area, subject to the terms and conditions listed below:
 - the building must be constructed substantially in terms of exterior dimensions on Plan No. P200/9283 to 9285;
 - 2) the building must not protrude into any View Plane;
 - the roof decks must be landscaped as shown on Plan No. P200/9283;
 - service access to the building must be from Market Street;
 - 5) storm water collected above the Brunswick Street level must be discharged to the Brunswick Street storm sewer and the balance of the storm water below the Brunswick Street level and the sanitary flows must be discharged to the sewer on Market Street;
 - 6) the consolidation of Lots 1 7 to form Block MP at the corner of George and Brunswick Streets must be approved by City Council;
 - 7) the south elevation of the building must be finished in the same form and material as the other three elevations except for the window glass which must be replaced with a material that meets the requirements of the National Building Code.
- B. Approve the consolidation of Lots 1-7 to create Block MP at the corner of George and Brunswick Streets as shown on Plan No. P200/9281.

Alderman Maley stated her reasons for not supporting the motion.

Alderman Sullivan commented on the proposed development and stated he wished the matter deferred for consideration of the developer to determine whether he can redistribute the top three stories in the design of the building and make alterations in the design to make it appear a little less massive.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wooden that the matter be deferred to the next regular meeting of City Council.

The Chairman, having taken advice from the City Solicitor and the City Manager, ruled that a motion for straight deferrment is in order. He advised that if there is a consensual agreement to make a change in the development, he will at that time, upon legal counsel, and in consultation with City Council, rule as to whether or not a new public hearing is required.

The motion was put and passed with Aldermen Shannon, Meagher and Wooden voting against.

Alderman Maley requested a legal opinion as to what recourse City Council would have if a building was built which did not conform to the artist's impressions that were presented to City Council before a decision had been made by City Council. The City Solicitor advised the City does not enter into contracts on the basis of conceptual plans but does so on the basis of working drawings.

Alderman Shannon requested a staff report on which point staff judged Ecology Action Centre's perspective to have been taken.

Alderman Sullivan requested a staff report on who is responsible in the National Building Code for supervision of construction and whether the person singled out in the National Building Code is actually the person who supervises the construction.

Amendment to Ordinance No. 109, the Lord's Day Ordinance

This matter was deferred at a regular meeting of City Council held on November 29, 1979.

A staff information report dated December 11, 1979, was submitted.

Alderman Sullivan stated that, from the information provided, all billiard halls in the City do not have a permit to operate on Sunday. He requested that the matter be deferred for a report on whether clubs can circumvent the provisions of the Ordinance by becoming private clubs.

His Worship noted that the previously requested report was not submitted.

Alderman Downey asked how would the passing of the proposed amendment affect vandalism in the area.

His Worship suggested that staff could search out billiard halls which appear to be operating on Sunday, perhaps illegally without a permit.

MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION

Motion Alderman Sullivan re: Reconsideration of Motion of City Council of November 29, 1979 re: Case No. 3646 - Rezoning and Lot Consolidation - 5641-5657 Stairs Street

The Chairman noted, in a motion to Reconsider, the debate is on the necessity and desirability of reconsidering. If affirmed, the ensuing debate is on the content.

Alderman Sullivan stated he wished an opportunity to restate his reasons for retaining the R-2 zone on the property.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Meagher that City Council reconsider its motion of November 29, 1979 re Case No. 3646 - Rezoning and Lot Consolidation -5641-57 Stairs Street. Motion was lost with Aldermen Maley, Shannon, Clarke, Moore, Hamshaw and Deputy Mayor Hanson voting against.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Petition - Residents of Brunswick Street

Alderman Downey submitted a petition signed by approximately thirty-seven residents of Brunswick Street regarding the accident rate at the corner of Brunswick and Cornwallis Streets.

It was agreed that the petition be referred to staff for review and report.

REPORT - FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the Finance and Executive Committee from its meeting held on December 5, 1979 as follows:

Local Improvement Rates

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Downey that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the 1980 Local Improvement Rates as shown in Appendix "A" attached to the staff report dated November 19, 1979, be approved. Motion passed.

Interest on Local Improvement Receivables

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Moved that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the interest on Local Improvement receivables, arising from projects to be notified in the future, be set at a rate of 12.5% p.a. in accordance with powers under Section 394(1) of the Halifax City Charter, 1963, and such a rate be reviewable by staff annually hereafter with a report to City Council. Motion passed.

Continuing Expenditures in 1980 Social Planning Sundries

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council grant permission for staff to expend funds in January, February 1980 and/or until the 1980 budget is approved to agencies normally receiving funding on a monthly basis through Social Planning Sundries Account H0210 and H0220 as set out in the staff report dated November 23, 1979. Motion passed.

Current Borrowing Resolutions

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council, under Section 213 of the City Charter, authorize His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign a Current Borrowing Resolution covering the period January 1, 1980 to June 30, 1980, in the amount of \$6,000,000. Motion passed.

Sewer Development Charges - Interest on Outstanding Amounts

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Hamshaw that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council, under Section 7 of Ordinance No. 153, approve a rate of interest of 15% per annum to be charged on outstanding Sewer Development Charges. Motion passed with Alderman Meagher voting against.

Interest on Past Due Taxes

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council reaffirm the 17½% per annum interest to be chargeable on unpaid taxes including the first billing of 1980 and that the matter of the interest rate be again brought forward to Council at the time that the tax rate is struck for 1980. Motion passed with Aldermen Downey and Meagher voting against.

Award of Tender No. 520992 - Modification of Body Pump, and Pump Inlets, Fire Dept. Pumpers, Unit #1, Unit #2

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Meagher that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- Tender No. 520992 for the project(s) listed in the staff report dated November 21, 1979, be awarded to Wrand Fire Trucks, P.O. Box 85, Porter's Lake, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia, for the unit prices quoted;
- 2. Funding transfers be approved as shown in the staff report dated November 21, 1979.

Motion passed.

Restoration of City Hall

Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

 City Council affirm that its intention is that the City Hall Building at 1841 Argyle Street, shall be continued as a centre for civic government and administration, and approve the concepts described in the staff report dated November 23, 1979, so as to establish guidelines for the maintenance program;

- Staff be asked to consult with Heritage Canada, and if thought desirable, the Nova Scotia School of Architecture or others, in connection with sand stone preservation; and
- 3. Staff be directed to prepare a comprehensive space use plan to coincide with the long range maintenance plan for the building and that the types of use within the building satisfy one or all of the following criteria:
- a) have static space demands;
- b) be supportive of the ceremonial image of City Hall;
- c) be an activity generating use;
- d) further project the symbolic nature of the building.

Alderman Maley requested that consideration be given to energy conservation in the City Hall building. She further requested that no major renovations be done on a piecemeal basis until the report is received, advising that her request does not apply to internal changes within offices.

Motion passed.

Resolution - Tax Billing 1980

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council approve a motion setting the date for commencement of interest at February 1, 1980, for those taxes due and payable at February 1, 1980, and that the date for commencement of interest be set at June 1, 1980 for those taxes due and payable on the first day of May 1980. Motion passed.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, authority be granted to award tenders to the highest bidder in each case as indicated by an asterisk in the staff report of November 13, 1979, but that all bids on tender 79-166 be rejected and the unit be offered for sale by retender. Motion passed.

Izaak Walton Killam Hospital Parking Garage and Lot

MOVED by Alderman Shannon, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee:

- 1. Council pass a Resolution, as called for under Clause 3(x) of the Assessment Act, whereby the parking garage and lot within the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children shall be declared non-taxable as a hospital property as long as the parking activity is carried on as a part of the hospital operation and the parking facilities of other public hospitals in the City remain exempt from taxation; and
- 2. City Council authorize the write-off of taxes for the years 1975 through 1979 in a total amount of \$385,805.08 plus accumulated interest thereon to November 29, 1979 on the understanding that Fire Protection will be paid in full.

Motion passed.

Support for S.O.S. Program

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, Council authorize, under Section 201(1) of the City Charter, an increase of \$8,000.00 in the Social Planning Sundries Budget Account 153 on the understanding that \$6,000.00 will be recovered from the Province with the balance being provided from the Tax Concessions and Grants budget. Motion passed.

Signs Ordinance - Number 166

MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Wooden that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the amendments to Ordinance Number 166, the Signs Ordinance, as outlined in the staff report dated November 27, 1979, be adopted by City Council. Motion passed.

Engineering Supervision - Fairview Overpass Project

MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk execute an agreement on behalf of the City with FENCO Consultants Limited to provide engineering services and supervision for the construction of the Fairview Overpass Project at an estimated cost of \$239,000; such funds included in Account Number 222420 ZO330 CJ009 and are recoverable under the terms of the DREE agreement. Motion passed.

Amendment to City Charter re Automatic Machines

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Shannon that, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committee, City Council approve the amendment to Section 341 of the City Charter respecting Automatic Machines as attached to the staff report dated November 29, 1979. Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE ON WORKS

Council considered the report of the Committee on Works from its meeting held on December 5, 1979, as follows:

Infiltration Reduction Program - William's Lake Pumping Station Drainage Area

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson that, as recommended by the Committee on Works, the City award the infiltration Inflow Flow Monitoring Study to Interprovincial Engineering Limited at a cost not to exceed \$160,000.

Motion passed.

REPORT - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Amendment to Ordinance No. 116, the Taxi Ordinance - SECOND READING

Proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 116 were submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 116, the Taxi Ordinance, be read and passed a Second Time as submitted and be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs with a request for approval.

Following a short discussion, the Motion was put and passed.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that the Taxi Commission be asked to review the rates and be asked to advise City Council on the matter no later than June 30, 1980.

Motion passed.

REPORT - CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council considered the report of the City Planning Committee from its meeting held on December 5, 1979, as follows:

Case No. 3520 - Application for Contract Development - Civic Nos. 5232-42 Green Street - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council set a date for a public hearing to consider an application for contract development for Civic Nos. 5232-42 Green Street under Section 88 of the Zoning Bylaw (Peninsula Area).

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Case No. 3523 - Contract Development - Proposed Parkmoor Development - Herring Cove Road - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, City Council set a date for a public hearing to consider a contract development under Section 66 of the Zoning Bylaw (Mainland area) for the Parkmoor Subdivision, excluding Block F as shown on Plan No. P200/9358 of Case No. 3423.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing was scheduled for January 23, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Fairview Development Limited - Access Request

MOVED by Alderman Clarke, seconded by Alderman Moore that, as recommended by the City Planning Committee, the City not make available the necessary land to provide a rear access to the Fairview Developments property in the location as proposed on Plan No. 7246.

Motion passed with Alderman Hamshaw against.

MOTIONS

Motion Alderman Maley Re: Ordinance No. 164, the Incinerator Ordinance

At the last regular meeting of City Council, Alderman Maley presented a Notice of Motion with respect to the above item.

Proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 164 attached to a staff report dated November 21, 1979, were submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Shannon that the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 164, the Incinerator Ordinance, as submitted, be read and passed a First Time and be referred to the next regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Following a short discussion, the Motion was put and passed.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Building Permits - Old South End

A staff report dated December 13, 1979, was submitted.

Alderman Maley in referring to Permit #81985 asked how many parking spaces would be lost and the City Manager indicated he would have to supply the answer at a later date. Alderman Maley suggested the permit in question should be held in order that Council may be informed with respect to the number of parking spaces that will be lost.

MOVED by Alderman Maley, seconded by Alderman Downey that City Council indicate no objection to the permits for the applications listed in the staff report dated December 13, 1979 with the exception of permit #81985 which is deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for a report.

Motion passed.

QUESTIONS

Question Alderman Moore Re: Dutch Village Road Widening

Alderman Moore noted a staff report was received in response to a question which he asked on November 15th concerning the above item but advised that the report does not provide the detail which he requested. Alderman Moore expressed the hope that in the planning of any widening, staff do their upmost to preserve the homes and try to take a bit of land from both sides of the street. Alderman Moore suggested that perhaps the City Manager could report to him on the matter.

The City Manager suggested that Alderman Moore make arrangements to visit his office in order to review the plans following which a report would be issued on the matter, to which Alderman Moore expressed agreement.

Question Alderman Meagher Re: Oil Delivery

Alderman Meagher referred to a question which he brought up at a previous Council meeting and noted that a report was submitted concerning a change in oil delivery policy. Alderman Meagher said he would appreciate it if staff could keep abreast of the situation in order that a further report could be submitted after the first of the new year.

Question Alderman Clarke Re: Fisherman's Market

Alderman Clarke said he has noticed work taking place in the area of the Fisherman's Market and questioned whether the Market and the Waterfront Development Corporation have moved any closer concerning an accommodation that might be made between the two.

His Worship advised of discussions taking place saying the Waterfront Development Corporation offered to look at the possibility of another site for the Market as a result of the aspiration of the Fisherman's Market Limited, concerning patron parking, not being able to be accommodated at the foot of George Street. His Worship indicated that discussions are now taking place between the Solicitors for both parties. His Worship advised that the present constructions taking place in the area are being undertaken by the Corporation and they are located wholly outside the Fisherman Market property.

Alderman Clarke suggested that approval by the City was required under Schedule J for the bus shelter and the Fisherman's Market if it is to be relocated, and asked if the item would have to come back to Council, and His Worship indicated that such was the case.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Taxi Commission

Alderman Maley advised that she was recently contacted by two persons conerning the problems experienced by persons in wheelchairs who wish to use taxis. Alderman Maley requested that the matter be referred to the Taxi Commission to see if some arrangement can be reached.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Concrete Streets

Alderman Maley said it appears cracks are appearing in the concrete on Duke Street similar to the ones that appeared on Point Pleasant Drive. She asked that before further concrete streets are installed, a further report be submitted on the matter. Alderman Maley also advised that on Duke Street in front of the bank building, there is a great amount of oil on the street which appears to be from the Transit busses.

Question Alderman Maley Re: Stockpiling - Waterfront

Alderman Maley referred to the great amount of earth which is being deposited at the property south of Historic Properties at the foot of Salter Street and asked if there is anything that can be done to stop the dumping.

His Worship asked that staff supply a report with respect to the intended purpose of the fill.

Question Alderman Shannon Re: Fisherman's Market

Alderman Shannon also put forth a question concerning discussions between the Fisherman's Market and the Waterfront Development Corporation which His Worship responded to.

Alderman Clarke noted that the Corporation will have to approach the City concerning approvals required under certain Schedules of the Bylaw. Alderman Clarke advised that without the matter of the relocation of the Fisherman's Market resolved, he would not be supporting an application by the Corporation. Alderman Clarke indicated that he saw no reason why the Market should be relocated.

Question Alderman Sullivan Re: Easement in the Area of Leaman St.

Alderman Sullivan referred to an easement between Leaman Street and the shopping centre on the corner of Duffus and Gottingen Streets which is resulting in some problems. Alderman Sullivan said that originally, there were posts located on the easement that were removed when the construction started for the new bank building and as a result, the area has become a thoroughfare for motorcycles. Alderman Sullivan said there is some suggestion the posts were originally installed by the City saying he would like to know if that is correct and if it is, when the posts will be replaced by the City. Alderman Sullivan also indicated that some of the poles on the west side are falling down and asked when they would be repaired.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Clearwater Lobster

Alderman Hamshaw referred to an approval that was granted to Clearwater Lobster and asked if the company has applied for a permit as yet. The City Manager advised that staff would check into the matter and advise Alderman Hamshaw.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Petition - Woodbury Studd

Alderman Hamshaw referred to a petition previously submitted from the residents of Woodbury Studd saying he would like to receive a report on the matter. The City Manager indicated the item was on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Question Alderman Hamshaw Re: Streets Ordinance

Alderman Hamshaw referred to discussions held on the Streets Ordinance in May and asked if it would be changed this year. The City Manager indicated the matter would likely be before Council very early next year.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Accident, Corner of Cornwallis and North Park Streets

Alderman Downey referred to an accident which occurred last Saturday at the above location which resulted in a death. Alderman Downey asked that the Traffic Authority review the corner to determine whether the lighting is sufficient.

Question Alderman Downey Re: Touring Czechoslovakia Hockey Team

Alderman Downey noted that commencing December 30th. the touring Czechoslovakia Hockey Team will be in Halifax for ten days. Alderman Downey asked if the Metro Centre and the Forum Commission could be requested to open their arenas in order that the children will have an opportunity to see them during practices.

His Worship advised that staff would look into the matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Alderman Moore Re: Repeal of Ordinance Number 11 - Regulations Made by the Directors of Point Pleasant Park

Alderman Moore gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council of the City of Halifax to be held on the 27th day of December, A.D., 1979, he proposes to introduce a Motion to repeal Ordinance Number 11 respecting "Regulations Made by the Directors of Point Pleasant Park".

ADDED ITEMS

Payment of Honoraria

A staff report dated December 4, 1979, was submitted.

His Worship noted that under the City Charter, members of Council who serve on various Boards etc., to which the City contributes, are ineligible to receive an honorarium. His Worship also noted that last year, the Province introduced the Municipal Elections Act which allows any member of Council to do up to \$5,000 worth of business with the municipality. In referring to the recommendation contained in the staff report and to the legislation, His Worship questioned whether the recommendation had to refer to the non-aldermanic members only.

Alderman Maley said that a few months ago, she was supplied with a list of the Boards and Commissions which the City makes appointments to including the honorariums paid saying she would like members of Council to again receive the information.

The City Manager advised that the two items presently before the Council were the only two Boards or Commission which the City pays an honorarium to out of the City's budget.

Discussion ensued on the matter and <u>it was MOVED</u> by Alderman Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson that Council authorize the payment of honoraria for non-aldermanic members of the Halifax Metro Centre and Recreation Commission in the amounts indicated in the staff report dated December 4, 1979, and request the Stipends Committee to review all honoraria with effect from January 1, 1980.

Motion passed.

A supplementary staff report dated December 12, 1979 was submitted entitled "Stipend for Citizen Appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners".

Alderman Moore indicated he was prepared to make a Motion that the annual stipend be set at \$500 but requested that it be retroactive as the former member of the Board did not receive a stipend.

The City Manager advised that he was seeking Council's approval for the stipend in the amount of \$500 and indicated that he would take care of the length of service.

Further discussion ensued and it was MOVED by Alderman Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson that the City Manager should make available an amount of \$1,000 to the Board of Police Commissioners in 1979 for the purpose of paying accumulated honoraria and also establish a \$1,000 budget in 1980.

Motion passed.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wooden that the Stipends Committee be asked to re-activate itself and to review and recommend appropriate remuneration for Council members with effect from November 1, 1980 including a review of the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act and the honoraria.

Motion passed.

Zoning Review - Soft Area 9 - SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A supplementary staff report dated December 12, 1979 was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson that Council set the date for a public hearing to consider the following proposed rezonings:

1. That portion of the property which includes Civic Nos. 2621-2635 Connolly Street and 6489-6491 Chebucto Road, presently zoned C-2, be rezoned to R-2; and

2. That, as identified in 1.2 in the staff report dated December 12, 1979, those properties identified as Civic Nos. 6471-6487 Chebucto Road, inclusive, be rezoned from C-1 to R-2;

all as shown on Map 2 attached to the staff report dated December 12, 1979.

Motion passed with Alderman Clarke against.

The City Clerk advised that the public hearing was scheduled for January 9, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Case No. 3672 - Rezoning Application - 400 Herring Cove Road

A supplementary staff report dated December 12, 1979, was submitted.

 $\frac{\text{MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Deputy Mayor}}{\text{Hanson that the application to rezone Lots E-1 and A-2 from R-2 and C-1 to C-2, as shown in Case No. 3672, be refused by City Council.}$

Discussion ensued on the matter and His Worship asked whether it would be agreeable to deal with the Motion and to ask staff to meet with Mr. Clowater in an attempt to sort out problems which he has, to which general agreement was expressed.

The Motion was put and passed.

MOVED by Alderman Wooden, seconded by Alderman Meagher that the City Manager be asked to convene, as quickly as appropriate, conversations with Mr. Clowater to try to sort out the problem Mr. Clowater has to mutual convenience.

Motion passed.

Award of Tender No. 521241 - One Only Bomb Disposal Suit & Helmet

A confidential staff report dated December 5, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Sullivan, seconded by Alderman Wooden that:

1. Tender No. 521241 for the project(s) listed in the staff report dated December 5, 1979, be awarded to Racal (Canada) Ltd. for the unit prices quoted.

2. Funding transfers be approved as shown in the staff report dated December 5, 1979.

Motion passed.

Public Service Commission Lands

His Worship advised that he requested the above item be added to the agenda saying that earlier this year, Council requested, and the Public Service Commission undertook to provide to Council before the end of the year, a statement of the Public Service Commission lands regarded by the Commission to be surplus to its reguirements.

His Worship advised Council that the Commission has dealt with the matter and the Commission will be advising the City Clerk next Monday morning of the total landholdings which the Commission should retain and which are surplus to its requirements.

His Worship further advised Council on the matter and it was MOVED by Alderman Hamshaw, seconded by Alderman Wooden that Council authorize staff to conduct an intensive appropriate review and make appropriate report and recommendations to Council for the annexation to the City of Halifax of the Public Service Commission Watershed Lands.

Motion passed.

Fire Alarm Contract

A staff report dated December 13, 1979, was submitted.

MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman Sullivan that City Council do ratify a new collective agreement with Local 268, Fire Alarm, incorporating the new terms and condition specified in the report dated December 13, 1979.

Motion passed.

Secure-a-Seat - Metro Centre

Alderman Shannon advised that she raised the above item some months ago saying that at the end of October, she found it was distressing to some senior citizens who, when wanting to purchase a ticket, were being told they had to pay another \$12.50 each. Alderman Shannon noted that Council received a report from the Metro Centre Commission on the subject and also noted that a letter was received from the President of a local company to the effect that the secure-a-seat service was appreciated.

Alderman Shannon advised, however, she was in touch with a senior citizen who, on October 3rd., sent a certified cheque and a letter requesting the purchase of seats. Alderman Shannon advised that a form letter was received back with information that the Commission could not fill the order prior to February 15th but that on October 20th., the secure-a-seat system would come into being and the Commission would be pleased to take the order on October 24th as a secure-a-seat patron if the patron wanted to pay \$25.00 for each two seats.

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Alderman Shannon expressed the view that if a person sends a certified cheque for seats being advertised for sale prior to a new method of selling seats becomes known, then the seats should be sold to those members of the public. Alderman Shannon expressed the view that the matter was handled in an unfortunate way.

Deputy Mayor Hanson, a member of the Metro Centre Commission, advised that the Board addressed itself to the problem and said that unfortunately, an announcement was made by one of the radio stations that a certain event was to take place at the Centre on a certain date. The Deputy Mayor advised that the event was not advertised by the Commission but that the public responded to the radio announcement. Deputy Mayor Hanson said the Board understands the problem saying he is waiting for further information from the general manager.

Following further discussion, His Worship suggested that Council ask the Metro Centre for a report on the two incidents to which general agreement was expressed.

Alderman Shannon said she would like to know how many form letters were sent out to patrons who attempted to purchase tickets.

Energy Saving Program - Street Lighting

Alderman Maley said the above item was the result of a discussion held during the capital budget meetings. Alderman Maley said there are new kinds of lights that reduce the power necessary to obtain the same illumination and that staff have investigated all the avenues whereby the City could ask for some Provincial cost sharing.

Alderman Maley suggested that Council follow the City Manager's recommendation and that the City make a presentation to senior levels of government perhaps at the Ministerial level so that the City could obtain a pilot project.

His Worship noted that a small grant was received for the regional transit garage for an experiment and suggested that what was being sought was to see whether there is a grant available to keep a close record on the energy saving constituient of the re-lighting of the lamps and to make the information available. His Worship advised that the matter would be investigated and suggested that the Energy Council or the Deputy Minister of Energy could be approached.

Halifax Relief Explosion Fund

Alderman Clarke advised that he added the item as a result of recent statements in the press by two local Members of Parliament. Alderman Clarke suggested that Council might indicate its support for their attempts to have the pensions increased for the remaining 52 pensioners.

His Worship advised that he spoke with Mr. Cooper this day and noted that Mr. Cooper introduced a motion to allow a Private Members Bill to have the fund pay additional pensions to remaining pensioners. His Worship said he was informed there is \$1.3 million in the Halifax Relief Explosion fund and it has been found that such an amount of money, if invested, would yield 71% of the pension to which persons were eligible for warinflicted injuries.

Further discussion ensued and Alderman Clarke asked if it would be possible to receive more information by next Wednesday in order that Council would not lose sight of the item.

His Worship indicated he did not think further information would be available by Wednesday saying that Mr. Cooper said he would obtain a statement from the fund and forward it to the Mayor.

Following a further short discussion, Council agreed to wait until receipt of the report from Mr. Cooper and His Worship advised that upon its receipt, he would make arrangements to have it circulated to members of Council.

Tax Concessions & Grants Committee

Alderman Meagher informed members of Council that after processing requests received, the Committee has a balance of \$62,462.44. Alderman Meagher suggested that from the balance, an amount of \$140.00 be forwarded to City pensioners who retired prior to December 31, 1973 which would leave a balance with the Committee.

<u>MOVED by Alderman Meagher, seconded by Alderman</u> <u>Hamshaw that</u> staff be asked to have prepared, and to distribute as quickly as possible, \$140.00 each to 358 retirees of the City of Halifax who retired prior to December 31, 1973; such funds in an amount of \$50,120.00 to be derived from the budgeted amount of \$295,000 to the Tax Concessions and Grants Committee for 1979 leaving a balance of approximately \$12,342.44.

Motion passed.

11:50 P. M. - Meeting adjourned

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