

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

April 12th, 1918.

A special meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour, there were present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Chairman, Controllers Finlay and Hines and Aldermen R. B. Colwell, Kelly, Day, Guildford, Furness and McNab.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the time for meeting be extended until a quorum was present or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.25 o'clock

Roll Call

Present the above named together with Controller Murphy and Aldermen Foley, Hart and Parker.

The Council was summoned for the purpose of considering ^{proposed} ~~passing of an~~ act to abolish the Board of Control.

PLEBISCITE AS TO FORM OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT.

Read House of Assembly Bill No. 97 entitled "An Act to enable a plebiscite to be taken in the City of Halifax as to form of Civic Government".

Moved by Alderman McNab, seconded by Alderman Guildford that this Council endorse Bill No. 97, entitled "An Act to enable a plebiscite to be taken in the City of Halifax as to the form of Civic Governemtn". Motion put, and lost,

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3 voting for same and 9 against it, as follows:-

For the Motion.

Controllers Finlay
Hines.
Alderman Guildford.-3

Against it.

Controller Murphy
Aldermen Macnab.
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley
Hart
Day
Parker-9

Alderman R. B. Colwell submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS by reason of the extraordinary conditions existing in Halifax created by the great disaster of December Sixth last, and the immensity of the civic problem arising thereout,

AND WHEREAS in all cities visited by disaster, it has been found wise for a time to entrust an appointive Commission with the executive functions of Government in the restoration of the cities and the solution of the civic problem incident to the disaster,

AND WHEREAS. there exist special and extraordinary reasons why it is vital to the future welfare of the city of Halifax that an extra efficient administration of civic affairs should now be had,

AND WHEREAS this can best be obtained by the abolition of the offices of Mayor and the members of the Board of Control and the appointment of a Commission by a thoroughly independent authority.

THEREFORE RESOLVED. that Legislature of Nova Scotia be respectfully requested at its present Session to immediately pass Legislation to become effective on the 30th day of April, 1918---

- (a) To abolish the office of Mayor
To determine the term of all
Controllers, and to substitute
therefor a Commission of three
members to be appointed by
the Chief Justice of the
Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

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one of the said members to be named Chairman of said Commission, the said Chairman to perform and exercise all the functions heretofore performed and exercised by the Mayor of Halifax and the said Chairman and the other members to perform and exercise all the functions heretofore performed by the Board of Control.

- (c) Said Commission to hold office for a term not exceeding five (5) years.
- (d) Each said Commissioner to be paid out of the civic funds an annual salary not exceeding \$3000.00
- (e) The said legislation to be subject to all the provisions of the initiative referendum and recall.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Kelly. The resolution is put and lost 5 voting for same and 7 against it, as follows:-

FOR the motion.

Alderman Macnab
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Hart-5

Against it.

Controllers Finlay
Murphy
Hines
Alderman Foley
Day
Guildford
Parker-7

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the Council do now adjourn.
Motion passed.

The Council adjourns 10.05 o'clock.

DEPUTYMAYOR

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.