

CITY COUNCIL #24-74

September 27, 1974
4:00 p.m.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council.

A special meeting of City Council was held today. The following members were in attendance - His Worship Mayor E. C. Lumley, Chairman, Aldermen G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, A. Clement, D. Webster, K. Bough, A. Lebrano J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Marathon Dance Contest

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Leger that the Downtown Shopping Center Association be advised that the proposed Marathon Dance Contest, they expect to conduct on October 4 or 5 must take place, only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Complex

Mayor Lumley informed Council that further to meetings with Mr. V. W. Kuchar, Ontario Housing Corporation, the Chief Administrator and the Commissioner of Development, Mr. Kuchar had advised that if the City is agreeable to the building of the Senior Citizens Complex on Site "3", which lies in the north east corner of Race and Gloucester Streets, they can go to tender as soon as ownership of the land is acquired.

Mr. Kuchar stated that O.H.C. is prepared to erect a 150 unit building and put in the sewer and water at their cost. It was pointed out that this site is half way between the east-end and downtown area and close to the park.

Alderman Clement and Alderman Leger favoured Site "2" as being a more suitable location to serve the residents living in the east-end.

Mr. Kuchar advised that in order to assemble a site of the required size it would take considerable amount of time to deal with each owner, and would recommend building on Site "3", where there is a parcel of raw land to be acquired.

Alderman Clement stated that the largest property owner in Site "2" has already bought land in another location and he felt he would be prepared to sell, which would leave only five properties for which O.H.C. would have to negotiate with the owners.

Answering a question from a member of Council, Mr. Kuchar stated that if Council would decide on Site "3", the corporation would have to negotiate with the owners, which would take two days or longer once a price was agreed to. It would take another two to three weeks when tenders could be called, One month would be required for the tender call and if an acceptable proposal is received work could commence no later than next spring.

Referring to the long list of citizens already seeking this type of accommodation, and the urgency in commencing building as quickly as possible, it was moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Pescod, that O.H.C. negotiate immediately with the owners of property on Sites "2" and "3" for the acquisition of properties in order to determine costs, length of time to acquire properties and re-zoning where necessary.

Carried.

Mr. Kuchar, pointed out to Council that as the cost of building on Site "2" would be considerably more expensive than on Site "3"; he did not know if C.M.H.C. would allow O.H.C. to purchase property for a Senior Citizens Building when other land is available at a lower price. Further, it could be a lengthy process when dealing with many individual owners and re-zoning of the land would also be required, which would take some time. He cautioned that lengthy delay might be expected if Site "2" or any other Site that caused land assembly was chosen; however, he stated that he was certainly prepared to carry out the recommendations of Council.

Mr. Adams noted that under the present lease, tenants in the Nativity Building must be given six months notice to vacate and which notice can only be given in January or July.

Transit System

The Chief Administrator advised Council that one of the areas of concern in resolving the Transit Problem is providing shelter for the buses. There does appear to be a solution to the problem, but it will be at a cost to the City. Mr. George Williamson, has agreed to forego the lease he has until the end of 1975 with Cornwall Electric, at a cost of \$6,000 to the City plus whatever profit he makes in renting the car barns until the end of the year.

At this point in time, Morbern sub-leases the property in question from Mr. Williamson. Morbern is prepared to move, providing the City pay the cost of doing so. The cost here is estimated at approximately \$7,700 plus a 15% contingency fund. Mr. Engels further suggested that since Cornwall Electric is prepared to do the maintenance work on the buses, that it would seem practical that the City rent their facilities.

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Holden, that the recommendations as submitted by the Chief Administrator be approved. Carried.

New Horizon Program

Alderman Lebano reported to Council that he, Messrs. Si Miller, R. Pearson and G. Harrop had met with Mr. Bethune of the New Horizons Program with regard to an application for a \$20,000 grant. The grant given last year for an eighteen month period is drawing to a close and the City is endeavoring to work with the

Senior Citizens to obtain another grant this year.

Mr. Bethune did not seem receptive to another grant; however, he did not actually state that one would not be forthcoming. In order to assist this group in their application for a further grant Alderman Lebano suggested that the Senior Citizens write a letter to Council asking what action the City is taking in trying to find quarters for them. He suggested at that time the City write to the Regional Director of New Horizons showing that the City is trying to assist these people and pointing out the need for such a program in the community. The Director is also to be advised that Council is endeavoring to set aside a certain area for Senior Citizens in the new Civic Complex.

Optimist Minor Football Tournament

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Samson that the Cornwall Optimist Minor Football Team be granted an amount of \$250.00 to assist them in the tournament to be held on October 11, 12, and 13. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that Council adjourn. Carried.


Clerk


Mayor