

March 21, 1966

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

The Finance Committee met and reviewed the following resolutions which were adopted on December 29, 1965 by the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 134, and referred by the Board of Aldermen on February 7, 1966 to the Finance Committee:

- (A) A resolution requesting that the City of Atlanta reduce the work week of firemen from 60 hours to 56 hours and to adopt a three-platoon system to implement same.
- (B) A resolution requesting overtime pay at the rate of time and one half to firemen for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours a week.

At the request of the Board of Aldermen, the Committee conducted a public hearing on Friday, March 18, 1966 at 2:00 P. M., in which ten people spoke favorably upon the request of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The Finance Committee reviewed a communication from Mayor Allen, who is Chairman of the Budget Commission, to Mr. John A. White regarding the anticipation of City of Atlanta General Fund revenues and the consistency with which the anticipations have been established for the last several years. The Mayor also advised the Finance Committee that the revenue anticipations cannot be revised upward after having been filed with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen unless a new source of revenue is found or an existing source of revenue is increased.

The Committee also reviewed a report prepared by the City Comptroller regarding the cost of implementing a 56-hour work week, using the three-platoon system, for the firemen and the cost of paying time and one half as overtime for any hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. The Committee determined that if these two requests were granted, the annual cost would exceed \$1,100,000.

After due and careful consideration, the Committee determined that there were no funds on hand and available at this time to implement either or both of the requests made by the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Therefore, it is with regret that the Committee is forced to file an adverse report with your Honorable Body pertaining to these requests; however, the Committee pledges that it will give first preference to reducing the work week of firemen in formulating the 1967 Budget before any over-all salary increase is considered for employees and officers of the City.

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The Committee approved a provision for overtime pay at the rate of one and one half times the regular rate of pay to firemen who are called back on duty in an emergency after having worked 60 hours in that particular week.

Respectfully submitted,

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