

(Meeting held *9 JUN 1944*)

(2) NATAL INDIAN JUDICIAL COMMISSION.

As is already known to the City Council, the Natal Indian Judicial Commission has been appointed by the Union Government with the following terms of reference:

"The above Commission has been appointed:

(1) to enquire into and report upon—

(a) matters affecting the Indian Community of the Province of Natal, with special reference to housing and health needs, civic amenities and civic status; and

(b) the provision of adequate residential, education, religious and recreational facilities; and

(2) to make recommendations generally as to what steps are necessary further to implement the uplift clauses of the Cape Town Agreement of 1927 and as to all matters affecting the well-being and advancement of the permanent Indian population of Natal."

The City Council on 11th April, 1944, placed on record its willingness to assist and co-operate with the Union Government in an endeavour to find a just solution of the Indian problem. In response to an instruction issued to Heads of Departments to submit information on the subjects to be dealt with by the Commission, the City Valuator and Estates Manager has submitted a comprehensive report in which he has confined his remarks to statements of fact in regard to real estate matters. Reports have also been submitted by other Heads of Departments.

This Commission is about to commence its hearings in Durban and consideration has been given to the question of the representation of the City Council before the Commission.

Committee recommends—

That Mr. W. L. Howes, Legal Adviser, Town Clerk's Department, be deputed to represent the City Council before the Natal Indian Judicial Commission during its sittings in Durban, with authority also to call upon such Councillors and/or officials as may be deemed advisable in support of the Council's appearance before the Commission.

Adopted.