Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 19, 2005

REPORTS

Minute No. 615 Service-Based Budgeting
File CR-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a Service-Based Budgeting Report for submission to the Executive Policy Committee, which will provide:

- defined service-based reporting concepts;
- a description of the methodology and desired outcomes as stated herein;
- an overview of each municipal service area including its goals, strategies, and performance information based on effectiveness and efficiencies;
- incorporated service based financial information;
- a mechanism for review and evaluation of the efficacy of the process.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

WHEREAS the Citizens of Winnipeg have reason to expect open government and Council is committed to the principles of accountability and transparency;

AND WHEREAS Plan Winnipeg policy states: "The City shall meet high standards of service delivery by…

- determining the needs of citizens in the delivery of services and monitoring and evaluating performance against those needs
- striving to continuously improve service delivery processes
- making services and service delivery processes accountable and transparent to citizens"

and, "the City shall commit to responsive government by…

- evaluating all civic services to determine which are fundamental to the City's mandate, thereby assisting in the determination of funding sources and levels of service…"

and, "the City shall provide sound municipal management by…

- investing money strategically in key priority areas based on sound business decisions and promoting, where appropriate, technological innovation, integration and data sharing…;"

AND WHEREAS the former Chief Administrative Officer of the City in her Audit Study of the budget Process of the City, recommended to Council:

"that the City undertake a plan to reform the budget process that addresses the public accountability of elected officials and administration, improves the link between budgets and strategic plans and improves the information on program outputs, outcomes and results…;"

AND WHEREAS His Worship, Mayor Sam Katz is committed to providing citizens better value for their money through means such as competitively priced services and considers Service-Based Reporting and Service-Based Budgeting as a first step toward that objective;

AND WHEREAS the evolution of business planning within the Administration together with system improvements would allow for this "service view" of the organization;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to prepare a Service-Based Budgeting Report for submission to the Executive Policy Committee which will provide:

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