Minute No. 662
Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 21, 2005

Item No. 2 **The Burton Cummings Theatre for the Performing Arts – Funding for 2006 and 2007**
File FG-1.1(B)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That a grant of $110,000.00 be approved to The Burton Cummings Theatre for Performing Arts for 2006 as the first year of a two year agreement, with the second year (2007) being contingent on the Theatre:

   A. Having successfully achieved a profitable revenue stream;
   B. Having had the first successful Burton Cummings fundraising gala;
   C. Having successfully negotiated a significant mortgage reduction.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS a motion was walked on to the Executive Policy Committee on September 21st, 2005 which resolved to grant the Burton Cummings Theatre for Performing Arts $110,000 per year in a two year agreement with no conditions in the first year and some in the second;

AND WHEREAS there has been no accompanying administrative financial analysis or documentation given to members of council or put on the public record;

AND WHEREAS such documentation was clearly provided by the administration for the Pantages Playhouse Theatre issue being considered at this same time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee motion be referred back to the appropriate committee and that the administration provide a report supplying the appropriate documentation and administrative advice.

The motion to refer was put.

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Swandel, Thomas and Wyatt. 7

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves and O'Shaughnessy. 9

and the motion to refer was declared lost.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Steeves,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS the Burton Cummings Theatre is a national heritage site and a valuable asset to Winnipeg's architectural character and performing arts community;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg wishes to work cooperatively with the Province of Manitoba to determine if mutually agreeable terms can be reached to support the Burton Cummings Theatre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 21, 2005, be amended by deleting Recommendation 1.D.

The motion of Councillors Steeves and Pagtakhan was put.

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas and O'Shaughnessy. 11

Nay: Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith and Wyatt. 5

and the motion was declared carried.

The motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was put.

His Worship Mayor Katz called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas and O'Shaughnessy. 11

Nay: Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith and Wyatt. 5

and the motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS The Burton Cummings Theatre for Performing Arts, a significant National Historic Site, has requested funding of $110,000.00 per year for two years in order to restructure debt, sustain theatre operations and initiate a capital campaign to restore the building;

AND WHEREAS the Board and Management of Burton Cummings Theatre has increased marketing efforts in order to increase their operational revenues in order to achieve a sustainable status;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Burton Cummings Theatre has made application to the Province of Manitoba for a one-time grant of $200,000.00 to aid in their efforts to achieve sustainability;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Burton Cummings Theatre has negotiated a significant reduction to their outstanding mortgage balance and continues to work to further reduce this balance through transferring the rights to their parking lot to the debt holder;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Burton Cummings Theatre has made an agreement with the entertainer, Burton Cummings to conduct three fundraising galas to build support for the Theatre;

AND WHEREAS this matter concerns the viability of an important downtown heritage site;

AND WHEREAS Council is being asked to provide a similar amount of $110,000.00 for two years to the Pantages Theatre in the form of a management fee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City provide a grant of $110,000.00 to The Burton Cummings Theatre for Performing Arts for 2006 as the first year of a two year agreement, with the second year (2007) being contingent on the Theatre:

- having successfully achieved a profitable revenue stream;
- having had the first successful Burton Cummings fundraising gala;
- having successfully negotiated a significant mortgage reduction;
- having raised an additional $200,000 from the Province of Manitoba;

and submitted the matter to Council.