Meeting No. 5 Council Chamber
Winnipeg, January 26, 2000

Council met this day at 9:37 a.m.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer read by Deputy Mayor Thomas.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor O'Shaughnessy, Councillors Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Golden, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray.

Councillors Angus and Steek entered the meeting after roll call.

In attendance: Mrs. D. Browton, City Clerk, Mr. R. Kachur, Deputy City Clerk and Mrs. M. Wright, Committee Clerk.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

210 - The Speaker introduced the Pages for the Council meeting as follows: Sarah Nobel of Immanuel Christian School, Virgil Siedler of St. John's High School and Kristopher Sorensen of Vincent Massey Collegiate.

211 - The Speaker recognized in attendance Mary Jane McLennan, Instructor at Red River College, together with a group of students from her first year journalism class.

MINUTES

Councillor Gerbasi moved that the minutes of the meetings held on December 15 and 16, 1999, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the City Auditor,

212 - Submitting memorandum dated January 18, 2000 providing the following Audit Department reports:

Review of Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Overtime

Advising that the review was initiated by the Audit Committee to examine the causes of overtime, the ability of the WPS to control overtime rates, and to compare the City's position with that of Police organizations in other jurisdictions.

Also advising that the review concluded that the WPS had the highest rates of overtime per staff of the five organizations they surveyed. They also determined that many of the causes of police overtime are beyond the direct control of the WPS. At the same time, they identified opportunities for improvement in certain areas. They understand that all of their recommendations have been addressed and that the WPS has seen a significant decrease in overtime rates in 1999.

City of Winnipeg Community Centres - A Review of the Control Environment

Advising that as a result of recent reports of fraud at certain community centres, they were asked to review the adequacy of the control environment. While they found that detailed procedures for financial management exist, they identified a need to clarify the roles and responsibilities of community centre board members, reiterate their accountability for the stewardship of public assets and funds, and improve the quality of reporting financial and operational performance.

Communications (continued)

Review of Cash Handling Controls and Processes

Advising that at the request of several departments, they reviewed the effectiveness of controls over the processing of cash:

- Local Improvement and Miscellaneous Revenue Branch
- Public Works - Petty Cash Controls
- Transit Treasury Branch

Also advising that recommendations were made to improve the control portfolio where appropriate. They also had an opportunity to provide education on control matters and to pilot a control self-assessment methodology to increase the ability of managers and staff to better monitor internal controls on an on-going basis.
File FA-2 (Vol. 37)

From the Honourable Minister of Finance, Gregory Selinger,
213 - Submitting communication (undated), advising that By-law No. 7530/99, being an initial borrowing by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing of money by the issue and sale of debentures of the City in the principle amount of $29,390,000.00, which received first reading by Council on December 16, 1999, is hereby approved. It is hereby ordered, however, that the maximum term of the debentures to be issued pursuant to this authorization be limited to thirty (30) years.

Also advising that it is now in order to place By-law No. 7530/99 before Council for second and third reading. Files FC(2000) & FC-1(2001-2005)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
214 - Submitting as instructed by Council on March 27, 1997, draft by-law to widen the east side of Main Street, south of Assiniboine Avenue, in the City Centre Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAO 24/96 (By-law No. 7548/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
215 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 26, 1999, draft by-law to approve a Plan of Subdivision and to amend Zoning By-law No. 6400/94 for the enactment of a zoning change on land located on the southeast corner of Thatcher Drive and Pembina Highway in the Riel Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 1/99 (By-law No. 7551/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
216 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 26, 1999, draft by-law to amend the Development Fees By-law No. 6965/97, which by-law may receive all three readings.
File EP-1 (Vol. 19) (By-law No. 7552/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
217 - Submitting as instructed by Council on June 24, 1998, draft by-law to close the public lane in the block bounded by Cleveland and Mobile Streets, Inkster Boulevard and Cross Street, in the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAC 6/98 (By-law No. 7553/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
218 - Submitting as instructed by Council on November 17, 1999, draft by-law to amend the Zoning By-law No. 6400/94, which by-law may receive all three readings.
File DAZ 226/99 (By-law No. 7555/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
219 - Submitting as instructed by Council on November 17, 1999, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 1322/76, being the Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-law, which by-law may receive all three readings.
File GF-1 (Vol. 17) (By-law No. 7556/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
220 - Submitting as instructed by Council on December 15 1999, draft by-law to establish the Committee of Council for the proposed Fairfield Park Local Improvement district, which by-law may receive all three readings. Files SL-1 (Vol. 20) and FC(2000) (By-law No. 7558/2000)

DELEGATIONS

221 - Phyllis Abbe appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated January 18, 2000 regarding Water and Sewer Rate Structure Review, and filed a brief with the City Clerk. File WW-2.3 (Vol. 14)

George Marshall also appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated January 18, 2000 regarding Water and Sewer Rate Structure Review.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That Rules 54.1 and 54.5 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow an additional delegation to address Council.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillor Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Golden, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and His Worship Mayor Murray. 14

Nay: Councillor O'Shaughnessy 1

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared carried.

Glen Koroluk also appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated January 18, 2000 regarding Water and Sewer Rate Structure Review, and filed a brief with the City Clerk.