Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DISPOSITION OF ITEMS

MARCH 15, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Katz, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan
Councillor Clement
Councillor De Smedt
Councillor Magnifico
Councillor O'Shaughnessy
Councillor Steeves

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jo-Ann I. Park, City Clerk's Department

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		DELEGATIONS	
254	David M. Sanders, Senior Manager, Property Tax Services, Deloitte & Touche LLP		See Minute 258
		REPORTS	
255	Infill Housing Initiatives Minute 470, EPC, 2005 07 20 EX	The Executive Policy Committee laid over consideration of the matter for sixty (60) days.	Chief Administrative Officer Chief Financial Officer Director of Planning, Property and Development
256	South Osborne Underpass Area Beautification Project - Land Dedication Reserve Minute 83, CCCC, 2006 02 28 EP-2	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and recommends to Council: 1. That an expenditure in the amount of $10,000.00 be authorized from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund to assist with the cost of beautification efforts, including murals, plantings and benches for the South Osborne Underpass area. 2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
257	Simplified Entertainment Funding By-law Minute 251, EPC 2006 03 08 FL-6	The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council: 1. That the implementation of Recommendation 7 in the Red Tape Commission Report be supported in principle. 2. That the Simplified Entertainment Funding By-law No. 125/2006 be approved; said by-law to impose an amusement tax only on persons attending cinemas and entertainment facilities with a fixed seating capacity of 5000 or more. 3. That upon passage of the Simplified Entertainment Funding By-law No. 125/2006, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues shall review all aspects of the new by-law no later than one year after the by-law comes into force.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee

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		4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	
258	City of Winnipeg Board of Revision Report 2006 02 20 AA	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council: 1. That a change in practice and procedure that requires the Board of Revision to provide written reasons on request for its decisions, prior to the end of the Board of Revision appeal period be approved. 2. That a change in practice and procedure that requires written submissions for appeals by commercial properties by all parties, at least fourteen (14) days prior to a scheduled commercial hearing, and that this information be exchanged between parties, be approved. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
259	City Council Benefits Board – Administrative Representatives Report 2006 02 24 GC-2.3	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council: 1. That David Laird be appointed to the City Council Benefits Board for a three-year term ending December 2007, and Michael Ruta be appointed the acting designate for the Chief Financial Officer on the City Council Benefits Board. 2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
260	2006 Zone Levy for Business Improvement Zones Report 2006 03 08 FL-7	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council: 1. That the following 2006 Business Improvement Zone (BIZ) budgets be approved and a zone levy be set and imposed to be applied to the annual rental value of each business in the BIZ, namely: A. Academy Road Business Improvement Zone B. Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone C. Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone D. Exchange District Business Improvement Zone E. Mosaic Market Business Improvement Zone	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee

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		F. Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone G. Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone H. Osborne South Business Improvement Zone I. Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone J. St. James Village Business Improvement Zone K. Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone L Transcona Business Improvement Zone M. West Broadway-South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone N. West End Business Improvement Zone O. ZAC Quartier Français-French Quarter Business Improvement Zone 2. That the City Treasurer be directed to make payment to the Board of each zone in accordance with the Business Improvement Zone Procedures By-law No. 8111/2002. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	
261	Grosvenor Square Business Improvement Zone – 2006 Budget and Program Communication 2006 02 20 FL 7.16	The Executive Policy Committee referred the communication dated February 20, 2006, from the Grosvenor Square Business Improvement Zone to the Administration for review and report back.	Chief Administrative Officer Director of Planning, Property and Development
262	Consultant Assignments for the Year - January 1 to December 31, 2005 Report 2006 02 28 ST-7	The Executive Policy Committee received the administrative report as information.	Nil
	STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS		
263	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services Report dated March 6, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Item 1 of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and forwarded the item to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
264 - 265	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services Report dated March 10, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Items 1 and 2 of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
266 - 270	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Report dated March 7, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Items 1 to 5 of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
271	Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues Report dated September 13, 2005 (Item 1)	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Item 1 of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
272	Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Item 1 of	Clerk of the Executive Policy

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	Report dated March 7, 2006	the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and forwarded the item to Council.	Committee
273 - 288	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development Report dated February 28, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Items 1 to 16 of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
289 - 290	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development Report dated March 14, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Items 1 and 2 of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
	OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW		
291	General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres – 2006 Operating Grant Minute 422, Council, 2005 05 18 PR-1	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of an increase of $150,000.00 to General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres' annual operating grant for 2006 and beyond subject to GCWCC's provision of a business plan approved by Council. (See Minute 297)	Nil
292	InterMunicipal Shared Services: Expression of Interest – Source of Funding Minute 89, Council, 2005 12 14 EP-1.5	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of the source of funding for the $50,000.00 funding requirement to support the InterMunicipal Shared Services Expression of Interest Process. (See Minute 297)	Nil
293	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations Minute 49, SPC IRPW, 2006 03 07 FE(2006)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 7, 2006 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works pertaining to the Preliminary 2006 Operating Budget. (See Minute 297)	Nil
294	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations Minute 166, SPC PD, 2006 03 09 FE(2006)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 9, 2006 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development pertaining to the Preliminary 2006 Operating Budget. (See Minute 297)	Nil
295	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations Minute 52, SPC PCS, 2006 03 10 FE(2006)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 10, 2006 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services pertaining to the Preliminary 2006 Operating Budget. (See Minute 297)	Nil
296	City Centre Community Centres' Board – Funding Request Minute 55, SPC PCS, 2006 03 10 FE(2006)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 10, 2006 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services pertaining to the requesting for funding from the City Centre Community Centres' Board to assist with the costs associated with the	Nil

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		Spring Break Program and the Annual Volunteer Reception. (See Minute 297)	
297	Executive Policy Committee – Final Recommendations - 2006 Operating Budget FE(2006)	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Preliminary 2006 Operating Budget, as amended, and recommends to Council: 1. That the 2006 Operating Budget, as tabled at the Executive Policy Committee meeting of March 1, 2006, and amended by Recommendation 2, be approved as outlined in the following financial summary. 2. That the following additions to the 2006 Tax-Supported Operating Budget be made, namely: A. That the budget for the Graffiti Control program be increased by $200,000; B. That the budget for the Fire Investigation Unit be reinstated at $430,197; C. That the budget for library materials be increased by $50,000; D. That the budget for tree pruning be increased by $200,000; E. That the budget for Local Per Capita Grants be increased by $45,000, representing an increase of $3,000 per ward; F. That the budget for the Integrated Neighbourhood Support Services program be partially reinstated by $172,000; G. That the budget for the cash to capital contribution be increased by $500,000, for a total cash to capital funding level in 2006 of $56.5 million; with offsetting reductions in corporate costs to reflect announced 2006 provincial transfers. 3. That pursuant to the tabling of the Provincial Budget, a further $1 million in capital expenditures be authorized for Regional and Local Streets, to be	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee

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financed through the Provincial Building Manitoba Fund with specific projects to be included as part of the supplemental program to be developed by the Public Works Department in 2006.

4. That the City's mill rate be reduced from 29.686 to 25.448 for 2006 to reflect the general assessment. (Note: 2006 property tax revenue will remain at 2005 levels, adjusted for new assessable properties).

5. A. That the City's business tax rates for 2006 remain frozen at the 2005 level of 7.75% for the downtown geographic area, as defined in the Downtown Winnipeg By-law No. 100/2004, and at the 1996 level of 9.75% for areas outside the downtown; and

   B. That Council make a determination in accordance with section 68 of The Municipal Assessment Act that any increase in business tax resulting from the 2006 general assessment in excess of 15% is unreasonable in the circumstances, and limit all such increases to 15%. (Note: This will result in 2006 business tax revenues remaining at 2005 levels).

6. That the emergency medical service fees outlined below be approved effective April 1, 2006:

Proposed Emergency Medical Service Rates (Per Call)		
(in dollars)	Present Rate	April 1, 2006
Emergency Medical Service		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	540	550
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	405	413
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	270	275
Interfacility Transfer Service		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	390	398
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	293	299
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	195	199
Treatment No Transport Service-Basic Ra te		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	222	234
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	173	176
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	115	117
Treatment No Transport Service –		

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Advanced Care		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	393	418
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	308	314
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	205	209

7. A. That the annual extension of the wading pool and outdoor pool season to ensure that regular operating schedules remain in effect until August 31, subject to the weather meeting pool operating criteria, be approved;

B. That the existing Recreation Programming Reserve, created by Council on October 6, 1976, be amended to include;

i. The establishment of two sub components within the Reserve: [A] Recreation Programming and [B] Wading Pool and Outdoor Pool Operating Extension;

ii. That the existing balance from the Recreation Programming Reserve shall be placed in the sub component Recreation Programming and shall remain for use under its existing criteria;

iii. The establishment of an operating budget line item in the amount of $490,000 in 2006 for transfer to the Recreation Programming Reserve, Wading Pool and Outdoor Pool Operating Extension sub component;

iv. That subject to clause v. and annual budget approval, annual contributions of this amount ($490,000) with annual inflationary increases, be made to the Recreation Programming Reserve, Wading Pool and Outdoor Pool Operating Extension sub component as required;

v. That any unused balance of the Wading Pool and Outdoor Pool Operating Extension sub component at the end of the year shall remain in the Wading Pool and Outdoor Pool Operating sub component thus reducing the transfer of funds in the following year;

C. That the Director of Community Services, being the Fund Manager of

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		the Reserve, be authorized to draw on the Reserve when the annual extension of the season is warranted. 8. That the transfers to/from utility operations and reserves, as well as the fees and charges outlined in the tax-supported budget submission be approved. 9. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to allocate the following budgeted savings (cost reduction measures of $4,689,566): A. $2,890,000 - WAPSO, WAPSO Exempt, Senior Management, other management and professional staff salaries and benefits, and other restructuring initiatives as necessary; B. $452,566 - consulting budgets; C. $100,000 - conference and travel budgets; D. $247,000 - extending replacement cycles for computer equipment; and E. $1,000,000 - alternative service delivery initiatives. 10. That in accordance with subsection 215(4) of The City of Winnipeg Charter with respect to Special Service Units, authorization be given to the Fleet Management Agency to transfer a portion of the cash and/or accounts under its control to the general revenue fund, and to finance a portion of its operations by borrowing from the City's bank, or from any other persons or corporations, including The City of Winnipeg Sinking Fund Trustees, amounts of up to $5.8 million, and that the Fleet Management Agency report back on any further future financing requirements. 11. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations. 12. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.	
In Camera 298 - 305			