Meeting No. 13

Council Chamber
Winnipeg, June 23, 1999

Council met this day at 8:35 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 Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph 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

630 - His Worship Mayor Murray accepted on behalf of the City, an award for its Business Planning Workbook which was presented by Dale Lyle, on behalf of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and the Royal Bank of Canada.

MOTIONS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

631 - WHEREAS on June 16, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in changing the start time for the June 23, 1999 Council Meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in order to allow the Mayor to participate in the lighting of the Pan Am Torch in Mexico City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council sit this day commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Carried.

MINUTES

Councillor Smith moved that the minutes of the meeting held on May 26, 1999, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the City Auditor,

632 - Submitting memorandum dated June 18, 1999 providing the final report on the Process Review of the Main and Norwood Bridges Project conducted by KPMG under the direction of the Audit Department.

Advising that in November 1998, Executive Policy Committee directed her to "conduct a comprehensive review and report on all aspects of the Main and Norwood Bridges Project including, but not limited to, the role of the contractors, consultants and internal personnel together with corrective measures to prevent such occurrences in the future". She contracted with KPMG Investigation and Security Inc. to perform the review.

Further advising that KPMG concluded that Public Works and Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. (RCPL) managed the design and construction phases of the project to a successful conclusion in December 1998, despite delays in the commencement of the project, chronic underfunding and the failure of the City to establish effective corporate project management practices. KPMG further determined that there was a lack of financial stewardship both at Public Works and the Corporate level during the project approval and project implementation phases. They estimate that these factors may have contributed upwards of $14 million to the overall cost of the project.

Also advising that it is clear from the review results that what is required is more than "quick fixes". Significant improvements are required to City policies, practices and processes related to major capital projects. Implementation of the recommendations of the Strategic Infrastructure Reinvestment Policy (SIRP) report is critical to addressing our infrastructure deficit. We must also ensure a corporately focused and risk-based approach to managing major capital projects. Finally, the controllership model will only be effective when the principles of financial stewardship are fully understood and implemented at both the corporate and departmental levels.

Advising that she was pleased to see that the Chief Administrative Officer acknowledged the concerns identified and committed to specific actions to address the recommendations and looks forward to seeing them implemented.

Further advising that it is her hope that lessons learned from this review will be applied to improve current and future projects of this nature. She recognizes that the changes proposed will require significant commitment from the City's political and administrative leaders and a significant investment of resources. In her opinion, it is an investment well worth making. Files FA-2 and SB-11

From the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer,

633 - Submitting report to Council on the filing of audited financial statements by registered Mayor and Councillor candidates in the 1998 Civic Election in accordance with Section 4(3) of the Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law No. 5550/90, as amended.

Advising that the report identifies the 63 registered candidates who, in accordance with the by-law are required to submit audited financial statements. Of the 63 candidates, 23 individuals did not file their statements by the required deadline. These 23 individuals are therefore not eligible to run as candidates until after the next general civic election. The Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer has also included in this report, recommendations for amendments to the Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law for future consideration. In accordance with discussions, it is his understanding that the City Clerk's Department will provide copies of this report to all inquiries.

Also advising that he would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Returning Officer and the City Clerk's Department for their ongoing assistance during Election 98. File GK-2.4

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,

634 - Submitting as instructed by Council on April 28, 1999, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 6546/95, being a by-law of the said City to regulate the construction, maintenance and removal of private approaches and private walks, which by-law may receive all three readings.
Files SC-1(31) (Vol. 1) & SC-1(35) (Vol. 1) (By-law No. 7464/99)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,

635 - Submitting as instructed by Council on April 28, 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 southwest corner of Atwood Street and Pandora Avenue West, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 29/98 (By-law No. 7465/99)

Communications (continued)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
636 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 26, 1999, draft by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 6400/94 for the enactment of a zoning change on land located on the east side of St. Mary's Road north of Warde Avenue, in the Riel Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAZ 203/99 (By-law No. 7466/99)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
637 - Submitting as instructed by Council on March 24, 1999, draft by-law to authorize the undertaking of certain local improvements during the year 1999, in the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File SL(1999) (Vol. 1) (By-law No. 7471/99)

DELEGATIONS

638 - Jeff Lowe, 484 Lipton Street, appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated June 16, 1999 regarding Pointe West Properties Ltd. (Longboat Capital Group) Financial Proposal for Wastewater Servicing. File WS (Vol. 5)