Minute No. 559
Report - Executive Policy Committee – July 18, 2007

Item No. 4 Appointment of the Chief Financial Officer
File GP-1

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That Michael Ruta be appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer for the City of Winnipeg, on contract for five (5) years effective July 18, 2007.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be instructed 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 be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 18, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS the office of Chief Financial Officer of the City of Winnipeg is now vacant owing to the retirement of the previous incumbent, Robert Gannon;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Executive Policy Committee to recommend a candidate to Council;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee has chosen to recommend Michael Ruta after an extensive search and competitive interview process in consultation with the Public Service (a biography for Michael Ruta is outlined on Appendix "A");

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That Michael Ruta be appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer for the City of Winnipeg, on contract for five (5) years effective July 18, 2007.

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

Appendix "A"

Michael Ruta

Michael Ruta is a Chartered Accountant and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba, with over two decades of public and private sector experience as a leader in sound financial management. In the public service, he has served as Winnipeg's Corporate Controller since 1998, and in that role, he has led the charge to modernize Winnipeg's financial reporting systems. Mike also represents the City on two City pension boards. In the private sector, he worked as a senior manager at Deloitte & Touche, offering professional services on tax compliance and expansion financing to major corporate clients, and in this role built on his previous experience with the National Bank of Canada, as manager of a small insurance company, and as a senior manager with Price Waterhouse.

With a Commerce degree from the University of Manitoba and a lifelong connection to our City, Mike is also a leader in our community - as shown by his service as Past- President of the Ukrainian Professional and Business Club of Winnipeg, as a member of the Board of the Winnipeg Convention Centre, and as Past- President of the Board of the Age and Opportunity Centre. But none of that has stopped him from finding time to contribute as a coach and a leader in the athletic community as founder and Past-President of the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association, and as a Sport Manitoba volunteer of the year.