COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday November 7, 2007

The Council met at 9:33 a.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Wyatt.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Gerbasi, Leipsic, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Smith, Swandel, Thomas, Vandal, Wyatt and Lazarenko.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Katz: I would like to acknowledge that today is national "Take Our Kids to Work Day". More than 1.5 million young Canadians and tens of thousands of workplaces have participated in the program. This program enables our entire community to play an important role in the career development of our young people. And I would like to acknowledge all of the children of civic employees who are joining us here this morning. (Applause).

Councillors we have a motion from Councillor Swandel and Vandal that a leave of absence be granted to Councillor Steeves as a result of a family matter. Mr. Clerk please read the motion.

Motion
Moved by Councillor Swandel
Seconded by Councillor Vandal

That Councillor Steeves be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to a personal family matter.

Mayor Katz: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

At this time I would like to confirm the appointments to Executive Policy Committee.

2007 – 2008 MAYORALTY APPOINTMENTS

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DEPUTY MAYOR - Councillor Leipsic

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - Councillor O'Shaughnessy

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor Steeves

ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR - Councillor Steeves

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS - Councillor Clement

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Wyatt

CHAIRPERSON, STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Swandel

CHAIRPERSON, ALTERNATE SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE - Councillor Swandel

Mayor Katz: In addition to these appointments I would also like to appoint the following:

CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – Councillor Gerbasi

YOUTH AMBASSADOR – Councillor Browaty

SECRETARY OF URBAN ABORIGINAL OPPORTUNITIES - Councillor Vandal

WINNIPEG HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE

Councillor Pagtakhan, Chairperson
Councillor Vandal
Councillor Wyatt

ALTERNATE SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE

Councillor Swandel, Chairperson
Councillor Vandal
Councillor Browaty

Mayor Katz: As we embark on another year of Council I look forward to working with each and every one of you to address the priorities of our citizens. Addressing crime and safety, fixing our roads and bridges and creating a city of opportunity will continue to be our challenges. With budget season upon us we have all seen the high cost of construction escalate. We are left with tough decisions ahead to renew our fading infrastructure.

This past year I was proud to work with each of you to accomplish the first unanimous operating budget in 21 years. Together we froze property taxes for the 10th straight year, reduced the job killing business tax outside the downtown by 20%. We initiated Crime Stat to allow our Police Service to use their resources more effectively.

This year we have a long way to go to address the priorities of our citizens. There are many challenges ahead. Our public service is currently engaged in the process of hiring a new Police Chief which will undoubtedly be a major opportunity in addressing the way our City tackles crime. Our roads and bridges need to be maintained in light of high inflationary costs. This is not an option. Public safety will not be compromised. But there will be tough decisions that need to be made.

As we work to serve the citizens this year I know there will always be healthy debate in the best interests of our City and I look forward to hearing all your ideas to build a city of opportunity. My door is always open.

I now call for the nominations for the election of the Speaker.

Councillor Browaty: I move the appointment of Councillor Harry Lazarenko as the Speaker.

Mayor Katz: Councillor Browaty nominates Councillor Lazarenko. Any further nominations?

Councillor Clement: I move that nominations be closed.

Mayor Katz: Councillor Clement moves that nominations be closed. I will call the question.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

I declare Councillor Lazarenko appointed Speaker and ask him to now take the chair.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Thank you Councillors for including me as your Speaker for another term. I hope that we'll have a repeat of what we had last year. We had good discussions. We have a lot of work that we will continue in that same fashion.

I would like to ask now the appointment of a Deputy Speaker. I would call for nominations for the position of Deputy Speaker of Council. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: I would like to nominate Councillor Pagtakhan as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan has been nominated. No further nominations?

Councillor Clement: I move nominations be closed.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Clement moves nominations be closed.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Congratulations Councillor Pagtakhan.

SPEAKER: Councillor Lazarenko.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Mr. Speaker: Now on Motion No. 1, I'll ask the mover and the seconder to move that Motion and if they wish to speak. I believe Councillor Thomas you have the floor.

Councillor Thomas: Thank you. I just wanted to say thank you to the Speaker for organizing the informal session in which we came up with a joint motion from all Councillors and I volunteered to move it on behalf of all of Council and I am so doing. Thank you.

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Thomas
Seconded by Councillor Clement

Whereas at its annual Organizational Meeting, Council must elect the members of the Standing Committees and the members of all other Committees, Boards and Commissions;

Therefore be it resolved that Council make the following appointments and referrals to the related Committees, Boards and Commissions:

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Wyatt, Chairperson
Councillor Gerbasi
Councillor Steeves
Councillor Swandel
His Worship Mayor Sam Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Councillor O'Shaughnessy, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Leipsic
Councillor Smith
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Clement, Chairperson
Councillor Browaty
Councillor Lazarenko
Councillor Thomas
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Swandel, Chairperson
Councillor Fielding
Councillor Vandal
Councillor Wyatt
His Worship Mayor Katz

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councillor Steeves, Chairperson
Councillor Gerbasi
Councillor Nordman
Councillor Pagtakhan
His Worship Mayor Katz

ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Gerbasi
Councillor Smith, Alternate

ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST GARRISON

Councillor Thomas

ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES INC.

Councillor Wyatt

BOARD OF APPEAL (LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT APPEALS)

Councillor Fielding
Councillor Nordman
Councillor Vandal

CITIZEN EQUITY COMMITTEE

Councillor Pagtakhan
Councillor Smith

THE CONVENTION CENTRE CORPORATION

Deputy Mayor Leipsic
Councillor Nordman

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

Councillor Gerbasi

FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVICES LIAISON

Councillor Vandal

HERITAGE WINNIPEG CORPORATION

Councillor Nordman

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Referred to the SPC on Property and Development for appointment
Councillor Gerbasi, Councillor-at-large
Councillor Smith, Alternate

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE LINDENWOODS JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

Deputy Mayor Leipsic
Councillor Swandel
Councillor Fielding, Alternate

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE TRANSCONA-WEST JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

Councillor Swandel
Councillor Wyatt
Councillor Vandal, Alternate

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Councillor Thomas

RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Lazarenko, Chairperson
Councillor Browaty
Councillor Gerbasi
Councillor Smith

ST. BONIFACE MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Vandal

ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Nordman

SEVEN OAKS HOUSE MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Lazarenko

TAKE PRIDE WINNIPEG

Councillor Nordman

TAXICAB BOARD OF MANITOBA

Councillor Lazarenko

TRANS CANADA YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Councillor O'Shaughnessy

TRANSCONA HISTORICAL MUSEUM BOARD

Councillor Wyatt

WINNIPEG ART GALLERY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Councillor Browaty

WINNIPEG ARTS COUNCIL

Councillor Smith

WINNIPEG COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY

Councillor Smith

WINNIPEG HOUSING REHABILITATION CORPORATION

Councillor Browaty
Councillor Pagtakhan
Councillor Swandel

WINNIPEG POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councillor Steeves

WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Councillor Smith, Councillor-at-large
Councillor Pagtakhan

ACADEMY ROAD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Deputy Mayor Leipsic

CORYDON AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Gerbasi

DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Gerbasi

EXCHANGE DISTRICT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Pagtakhan

MOSAIC MARKET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Lazarenko

NORWOOD GROVE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Vandal

OLD ST. VITAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Steeves

OSBORNE SOUTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Gerbasi

OSBORNE VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Gerbasi

ST. JAMES VILLAGE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Fielding

SELKIRK AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Lazarenko

TRANSCONA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Wyatt

WEST BROADWAY - SOUTH SHERBROOK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Gerbasi

WEST END WINNIPEG BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE

Councillor Smith

**ZONE D'AMÉLIORATION
COMMERCIALE BOULEVARD
PROVENCHER BOULEVARD
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE**

Councillor Vandal

Mr. Speaker: No further debate? You all have that list before you.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried. The Motion has been adopted.

Roll Call. Not Roll Call. Move adjournment, who moves adjournment?

Councillor Thomas will move adjournment.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Mr. Clerk, Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Katz**,** Councillors Browaty, Clement, Fielding, Gerbasi, Leipsic, Nordman, O'Shaughnessy, Pagtakhan, Smith, Swandel, Thomas, Vandal, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker Councillor Lazarenko.

Council adjourned at 9:42 a.m.