COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Council met at 12:02 p.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Nordman.

ROLL CALL

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

Pursuant to Section 79(1) of the City of Winnipeg Charter the City Clerk was directed by His Worship Mayor Katz to arrange a Special Meeting of Council on this day Thursday, February 28th, 2008 for 12:00 noon to consider the appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Pages, none. Leave of absence for Councillor Wyatt. Can you please read that madam clerk?

Motion
Moved by Councillor Browaty
Seconded by Councillor Thomas

That Councillor Wyatt be granted a leave of absence from today's meeting due to his absence from the City on City business.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

The report of the Executive Policy Committee, report of February 27, 2008. Mayor Katz, you're on.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Mayor Katz: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker overseeing our City's public service plays an integral role in addressing the priorities of Winnipeggers. In this process, in the search for a CAO we had many qualified, passionate people who very much believed that the City was full of potential and want to see it realize all its potential.

In a process that, the search committee was comprised by the members of Executive Policy Committee, aided by a professional company, Harris Consulting, we were fortunate enough to land on Mr. Glen Laubenstein as the successful candidate as the CAO. He comes with over 30 years of experience in municipal governance. His most recent position was the CAO of Kingston, Ontario. He has held the position of CAO in many other cities as well.

An individual who I believe has phenomenal skills, people skills, knows that you have to have communication with Mayor and Council as well as your directors, and knows that if people pull together you can accomplish phenomenal things.

I believe that we are very fortunate that this individual came forward. I believe he will be a great asset to our City, and I think we all know as a CAO you have to communicate, you have to delegate, and you also have to make some tough decisions. And I am very proud to recommend to Council that the CAO position be approved to Mr. Glen Laubenstein and I certainly hope that this decision will be unanimous.

And on one other note Mr. Speaker, I would also very much like to take a moment to thank the acting CAO, Alex Robinson, who has done a phenomenal job in a very difficult time, during the budget process, of performing very difficult tasks and has never ever said a word other than to do the job and get it done and to work with Council, to work with the Mayor. And I must tell you that I am extremely impressed with the job that he did during this time and I just want to publicly say thank you to our acting CAO.

And with that Mr. Speaker I hope everybody has read the Motion and would like to move forward.

Mr. Speaker: No further discussions? I would like to thank you Mr. Mayor and

Executive Policy Committee for a wise choice to be given to Council.

All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Roll call. Oh Councillor Leipsic will move the roll, adjournment. Go ahead.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 12:08 p.m.