EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 204
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,
WHEREAS unilateral, pre-emptive military action without a legally valid United Nations Security Council resolution would violate the United Nations Charter;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council is bound to act in accordance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter to maintain international peace;

AND WHEREAS Canada has played a leading role in supporting the United Nations, and has played an international role through the United Nations as Peacekeepers;

AND WHEREAS a further war in Iraq would result in extensive death, injury and suffering to the Iraqi people;

AND WHEREAS many cities in North America have passed or considered resolutions expressing opposition to the use of military force to compel a regime change in Iraq, including Vancouver (BC), Montreal (QB), Victoria (BC), Toronto (ON), Ottawa (ON), Washington (DC), Seattle (WA), Oakland (CA), Chicago (ILL) and others;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Winnipeg:

1. Re-affirm our support for the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter;

2. Oppose any Canadian Government support for unilateral, pre-emptive military action against Iraq not sanctioned by the UN Security Council;

3. Urge the Canadian Government to work with the United Nations for compliance by Iraq with UN Security Council resolutions concerning the disarmament of Iraq of weapons of mass destruction;

4. Urge the Canadian Government to actively support UN diplomatic efforts that support and encourage democracy and respect for human rights in Iraq;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, The Leader of the Opposition, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Defence, and local area Members of Parliament.

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The Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order in accordance with Rule 38.2 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Councillor Clement called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Gerbasi, Lubosch, Pagtakhan, Smith, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Councillors Vandal and Lazarenko. 7

Nay: His Worship Mayor Murray, Councillors Eadie, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Steek, Steeves, Wyatt and the Speaker Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 9

and the motion for suspension of the rules was declared lost and the motion was declared out of order.

Minute No. 205

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,
WHEREAS the current City of Winnipeg tax bill includes Municipal taxation, school division taxation and the special Provincial education levy;

AND WHEREAS the combined education taxes and Provincial education levy are greater than the Municipal portion of the tax bill in some school divisions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg collects all of the above noted forms of taxation but retains only the Municipal portion;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg Charter requires that the tax bill be in a form approved by the Provincial Minister;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Civic Administration prepare two tax bills, namely the Municipal portion and the Provincial portions, in order to clarify for taxpayers how their taxes are distributed and obtain appropriate approval from the Provincial Minister.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

Minute No. 206
Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,
WHEREAS in August 1974, City Council established the Winnipeg Police Commission to:-

1. Provide a first quality police force and ensure it is properly equipped, housed, staffed and administered,

2. Constitute a body of citizens concerned with the local standing and well being of the police, interested in the maintenance of law and order and able to give advice to, and to formulate policy to be carried out by the Chief of Police,

3. Guarantee prompt, thorough and objective investigation of all complaints concerning the personnel and operation of the Police Department,

4. Play an active role in the fostering of good relations between the police force and the community it serves;

AND WHEREAS until it was dissolved in November 1986, the Winnipeg Police Commission was composed of three members of Council and two electors of the City of Winnipeg, and at time, held overall responsibility for the operations of the Police Department, including budget preparation and administration (subject to Council approval), operating rules and regulations, disciplinary matters, public complaints against the Department or any member, grievance procedures, dismissals, appointment of senior officers, training and recruitment, community relations and crime prevention;

AND WHEREAS other cities in Canada, notably Edmonton and Calgary, are now well served by a police commission with a mandate to balance the requirements of public accountability and police independence and to provide an interface between the police force and elected officials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council consider the re-establishment of the Winnipeg Police Commission.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law