No. 8

Council Chamber,
Winnipeg, February 24, 1993.

Council met this day at 9:59 a.m.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer read by Councillor Lazarenko.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Angus, Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Silva, Thomas and Her Worship Mayor Thompson.

Councillor Eadie entered the meeting after roll call.

In attendance: Mrs. D. Browton, City Clerk, Mr. R. Kachur, Deputy City Clerk and Mr. T. Pomes, Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

319 - Her Worship Mayor Thompson acknowledged McKenzie Seed Company for their contribution of bulbs for the floral display and to the "Friends of the Conservatory" and the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts in the "greening" of City Hall.

320 - Chris Torpey, President, City of Winnipeg Employees' Charitable Fund, provided an overview of the Employees' Charitable Fund and plans for a major fundraising campaign in May. A letter outlining details of the Fund - its functions; its history; the contributions the fund has made over the years along with an application for membership, was distributed to all Members of Council.

321 - Councillor Thomas presented Her Worship Mayor Susan Thompson with a plaque indicating that the City's float placed first in the non-commercial entry category at the Potato Bowl Parade 1992, held in Grand Forks.

322 - Mrs. Cathy Sargent and Mrs. Debra McKenzie of the Blue Beret Support Group appeared before Council to speak of Winnipeggers who are part of the U.N. Peacekeeping Troops. They advised that they will be tying blue ribbons on trees on Kenaston Boulevard, to raise awareness about the troops' activity. The delegation distributed blue ribbons for Council Members.

MINUTES

Councillor Boychuk moved that the minutes of the meetings held on January 19, 1993 and January 27, 1993, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Germaine Hétu, Provincial Superior, Grey Nuns,

323 - Submitting communication dated January 26, 1993, advising that she was notified through Mr. L. A. Quaglia, President of St. Boniface General Hospital, that City Council had appointed Councillor Evelyne Reese to the St. Boniface Hospital Advisory Board.

Further advising that because the St. Boniface Hospital Advisory Board no longer functions, Councillor Reese will sit as a Director of the St. Boniface General Hospital Board of Directors for a first term effective immediately until June, 1994. File FH-2.5.

From Her Worship Mayor Thompson and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration,

324 - Submitting communication dated February 2, 1993, advising that the City of Winnipeg, in financing its capital expenditures, is required to approach public and/or private markets and this is generally done through the Fiscal Agency Co-Managers, Wood Gundy Inc. and Richardson Greenshields of Canada Limited.

Communications (continued)

Further advising that there are occasions, however, where the City finances its capital requirements outside the fiscal agency, as for example, various Federal and Provincial loan programs and direct to the Sinking Fund Trustees of the City of Winnipeg.

Also advising that it is now proposed to issue debentures direct to the Sinking Fund Trustees of the City of Winnipeg for the purpose of repaying in full the principal of the debentures issued and sold pursuant to By-law No. 1158/76 which will be redeemed on March 1, 1993, with an interest rate of 9.25%. Details of the new issue are:

Amount	**-**	**$10,926,000 Cdn.**
Date of Issue	**-**	**March 1, 1993**
Maturity	**-**	**March 1, 1996**
Interest Rate	**-**	**7.65% payable semi-annually**
Priced	**-**	**at par**
Yield	**-**	**7.65%**

Further advising that the rate covering these debentures has been recommended by the Fiscal Agency as favourable to the City in today's Capital Markets. The Special Committee appointed by Council, comprising the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration has therefore negotiated the $10,926,000 sale.

Also advising that the Acting City Solicitor has been directed to prepare the necessary debenture issue by-law for presentation to Council at its regular meeting on February 24, 1993. File FC-2. (By-law No. 6120/93)

From the Honourable J. A. Ernst, Minister of Urban Affairs,
325 - Submitting communication dated February 9, 1993, advising that further to the City's request of December 17, 1992, he is pleased to advise that the Province has approved the re-appointment of Alan Howison, Marshall G. Smith and C. Mark Zeilstra as Sinking Fund Trustees for The City of Winnipeg in accordance with Section 314 of The City of Winnipeg Act. File FI-4.

From Mr. J. H. Enns, Director, Ambulance Department,
326 - Submitting communication, dated February 8, 1993, advising of the changes required to update the membership on the City's Medical Advisory Committee. These changes are as follows:

Dr. W. Palatnick - replaces Dr. U. Ip (Provincial Ground Ambulance);
Dr. D. Pinchuk - replaces Dr. B. Finkelstein (Victoria General Hospital);
Mr. F. Cielen - replaces Mr. A. Beveridge (Winnipeg Fire Department);
Mr. G. MacDonald - replaces Mr. P. Prescott (Fire Training Branch).

Files GC-7 & GF-3.

From the Acting City Solicitor,
327 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on March 4, 1992, draft by-law to widen part of Maralbo Avenue, west of St. Mary's Road and to open the public lane west of St. Mary's Road between Maralbo Avenue and Hastings Boulevard, in the Riel Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAO 8/92. (By-law No. 6102/93)

From the Acting City Solicitor,
328 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on October 14, 1992, by way of resolution (Minute No. 1538), draft by-law to amend By-law No. 1474/77, the Historical Buildings By-law. File G-3.1.
(By-law No. 6124/93)

From the Acting City Solicitor,
329 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on September 27, 1989, draft by-law to widen part of Portage Avenue, between Canora Street and Broadway, in the City Centre Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAO 32/89. (By-law No. 6125/93)

From the Acting City Solicitor,
330 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on January 27, 1993, draft by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 1800 for the enactment of a zoning change on the land on the east side of Haney Street between Eldridge and Ridgewood Avenues, in the Assiniboia Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAZ 245/92. (By-law No. 6126/93)

Communications (continued)

From the Acting City Solicitor,

331 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on January 27, 1993, draft by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 4450/86 for the enactment of a zoning change at 1019 McPhillips Street, in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DAZ 247/92. (By-law No. 6127/93)

DELEGATIONS

332 - Mr. Jim Silver, on behalf of C.H.O.I.C.E.S., appeared before Council to speak in opposition to Clause 11 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 17, 1993 - Admission Charges for the Assiniboine Park Zoo. File PR-7.1.1

Mr. Silver addressed Council on the issue of municipal financing and the Civic Budget. A copy of the brief entitled "The Civic Budget - There is an Alternative" was circulated to all Members of Council.

Moved by Councillor Murray,

That Rule 54.2 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow the delegation to address the 1993 Current Estimates, an item not appearing on the agenda.

Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Clement,

That Council recess to reconvene at the call of the Chair.

The motion to recess was put and Council recessed at 10:28 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:36 a.m., same members present.