COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Wednesday, November 2, 2011

The Council met at 9:31 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Mayor that a quorum was present.

The Mayor called the Meeting to Order.

The Opening Prayer was read by Councillor Fielding.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Smith, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt and Nordman.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Katz: Thank you. I would like to welcome some very special guests who are here today. As many of you, I'm sure all of you know that it's National Take Our Kids to Work Day and we have youth joining city staff for Take Your Kids to Work Day and these young people are here today to see the services that our city staff provides to citizens every day. And possibly maybe gather some career ideas for down the road. And after Council today, their itinerary includes a tour of the Public Safety Building, 311 as well as Fire Station No. 1. I want to welcome you all to City Hall and I certainly hope you have a great day and maybe you'll learn exactly what goes on at City Hall. So welcome. Thank you for being here.

(Applause)

Mayor Katz: Motions for leave of absence.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

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

Mayor Katz: All in favour? Opposed. Carried.

INTRODUCTION

I'd like to take a moment to first of all thank all of Council for serving on the Committees that you're on as well as for those who Chair the Committees. I know each and every one of you brings a great deal of passion and professionalism to the community, and I certainly want to thank you for serving our citizens in those very respected roles. We all share a vision for a vibrant Winnipeg where citizens and visitors feel safe, walking through our neighbourhoods. A Winnipeg where we have quality roads, bridges, hockey rinks, recreational facilities, community centres and a competitive city that attracts businesses and jobs for our young people. We definitely have a lot to be excited about. A fantastic new airport that just opened officially on Sunday, more residential development in the downtown, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the return of the Winnipeg Jets. And as optimistic as I am about our city's future, we need to be realistic as well. We're facing some serious fiscal challenges that will require tough decisions and it's incumbent upon each of us to make those decisions and work hard on behalf of those who entrusted us to show vision and leadership, and to build a positive future. I believe we're moving in the right direction. But we definitely have a long journey ahead of us. The safety of all citizens of Winnipeg will remain a priority for this Council. We all know the amount of investment and tools we provided the Winnipeg Police Service to reduce crime in our city, but significant challenges require more than simply police enforcement and it doesn't happen overnight. As you know, violent crimes like homicide are the most difficult to predict and prevent, especially when we are dealing with serious social issues involving alcohol and drug abuse or young offenders. Some of you may be shocked to face the grim reality that with 34 homicides in Winnipeg so far this year, 11 youths have been charged in these crimes, almost one-third. We're living in a society right now where individuals believe they can get away with violent crimes and what's worse, as a result of the laws and the way they're being enforced, they technically are getting away. We need to keep advocating for changes to the justice system's revolving doors and changes to the Youth Criminal Justice Act so that repeat offenders, for one, stay behind bars instead of escalating the nature of their crimes out in society. As many of you know, I've gone to Ottawa to lobby for changes to the Criminal Code and the Youth Criminal Justice Act, to ensure that this resolving door is closed and while the Federal Government has introduced and in some cases passed significant crime bills, more work remains to be done. We've invested record dollars in infrastructure, in public safety, but we need to do much more. My friends, our challenges are huge. The city

has so many challenges and expectations. It's no secret that the immense infrastructure deficit facing us is at the top on people's minds. We constantly struggle to stretch our only consistent revenue stream, property tax dollars, to address more priorities than there are dollars and it's getting tougher and tougher every year to pull a rabbit out of a hat and balance our books while retaining core services. Something has to change. We need new growth revenue sources to meet the demands of our growing communities or our residents and community will suffer for it. As our city continues to face new and old challenges, I believe it's important as Mayor to continue to work diligently with both the federal and provincial governments. The problems that face our city will only be solved by all governments working together as well as with the private sector. And I remain committed to working towards those goals. I will continue my focus to maintain a productive working relationship with the other two levels of government. The opportunities before us are immense and it's my hope that we can, together, as Mayor and Council, take advantage of them. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues on Council in the coming year, to ensure Winnipeg continues to be a city to work, live, play and raise a family. And with that in mind, I am pleased to confirm appointments to the Executive Policy Committee.

2011 - 2012 MAYORALTY APPOINTMENTS

The Chair of Finance and Alternate Service Delivery, Councillor Scott Fielding. Chair of Property and Development, Councillor Jeff Browaty. Deputy Mayor and Chair of Downtown Development, Councillor Justin Swandel. Chair of Protection and Community Services and Acting Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paula Havixbeck. Chair of Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, Councillor Dan Vandal. And last but certainly not least, I welcome our newest member of EPC, Councillor Russ Wyatt. In addition to the EPC appointments, Chair of the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee, Councillor Russ Wyatt. Chair of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee, Councillor Jenny Gerbasi. Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee, Councillor Grant Nordman. Councillors responsible for Assiniboine Park Governance, Councillor Paula Havixbeck and Councillor Russ Wyatt. Councillor responsible for Corporate Sponsorship, Councillor Paula Havixbeck. Councillor responsible for Economic Partnership, Scott Fielding. And Councillor responsible for Youth and Recreational Opportunities, number 25, Councillor Thomas Steen. I'm confident we will all spend the coming year working hard for the citizens of our city. I would like to recognize Motion 1 and ask the mover if they wish to speak to the Motion?

Appointment of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members of the Standing Committees and certain other Boards and Commissions

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Nordman,
Seconded by Councillor Swandel,

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:

Councillor Nordman: Mayor Katz, colleagues, I'm pleased to move the Motion 1 today of the appointments of other types of Committees that we have within the Council environment. I'm seconded today by Councillor Swandel.

Mayor Katz: Thank you. Is there any debate on Motion 1? I'll put the question on the floor. All in favour? Opposed? Carried. Adjournment.

Moved by Councillor Nordman to move adjournment. All in favour? Opposed? Carried. Roll call.

ROLL CALL

His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Smith, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt and Nordman.

Council adjourned at 9:45 a.m.