Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 30, 2019

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Item No. 5 Winnipeg Food Council – External Coordinator

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That a Winnipeg Food Council budget of up to $25,000.00 in 2019 be approved to hire an external coordinator on a part-time basis to support the City Council approved mandate of the Winnipeg Food Council, to be funded by an equivalent increase to the City-wide corporate efficiency savings account in 2019.

2. That consideration of a budget to support an external coordinator positon for the Winnipeg Food Council in 2020 and beyond be referred to the 2020 multi-year budget review.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Food Council was established by Council at its February 22 2017 meeting, as a citizen advisory committee with a mandate to advise the Mayor and Council on food system related issues, support the work of the community on food matters as well as develop, implement, maintain and evaluate a City of Winnipeg Agricultural and Food Strategy;

AND WHEREAS when Council established the Winnipeg Food Council it referred an operating budget increase of $69,000.00 for the creation and operation of the Winnipeg Food Council to the 2018 budget review process, but there is currently no approved operating budget for the Winnipeg Food Council;

AND WHEREAS Council approved Terms of Reference for the Food Council which identifies the need for an independently contracted Winnipeg Food Council Coordinator to support the Winnipeg Food Council and liaise with the public service as needed;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Food Council has not hired a coordinator to date because there is no approved budget for this purpose;

AND WHEREAS a lack of a coordinator for the Winnipeg Food Council is impairing the Food Council's ability to fulfill its function and mandate;

AND WHEREAS an amount of $25,000.00 for a part time external coordinator for the Food Council is a reasonable amount based on remuneration paid to external coordinators that support other City committees.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council approve a Winnipeg Food Council budget of up to $25,000.00 in 2019 to hire an external coordinator on a part-time basis to support the City Council approved mandate of the Winnipeg Food Council, to be funded by an equivalent increase to the City-wide corporate efficiency savings account in 2019.

2. Consideration of a budget to support an external coordinator positon for the Winnipeg Food Council in 2020 and beyond be referred to the 2020 multi-year budget review.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Carried

Councillor Gillingham asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.