Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – June 11, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Zero-Based Budget Process

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 14, 2019, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to cease the multi-year budget activities currently underway;

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service conduct a full Core Services Review and introduce a "Zero-Based Budget" methodology in 2020, which includes all members of Council;

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:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 14, 2019, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Charter states that a budget must be voted on each year by Council within a specific time period;

AND WHEREAS there are concerns with the introduction of multi-year budgets for the City of Winnipeg, given the process violates the City of Winnipeg Charter;

AND WHEREAS several Councillors are not provided sufficient budget details making it extremely difficult to make an informed vote;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and or budget working group has not completed a full Core Services Review involving all members of Council, which is necessary when contemplating the start of a multi-year budgeting approach;

AND WHEREAS the budget working group does not include or provide information that supports budgeting requests to all members of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Zero-Based Budgeting process is a method of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified for each new period;

AND WHEREAS the process of Zero-Based Budgeting starts from a "zero base" and analyzes every function within an organization for its needs and costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assiniboia Community Committee recommend to the Executive Policy Committee:

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