EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 265
Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS the Procedure By-law provides for the protocol and practices followed during Council Meetings;

AND WHEREAS during the Special Meeting of Council to consider the 2004 Operating Budget, Councillors were required to speak to the item and all amendments simultaneously;

AND WHEREAS some Councillors wished to speak to the item and related amendments separately;

AND WHEREAS the Procedure By-law does not currently allow Members of Council to speak to each item and amendment separately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Secretariat Committee review the Procedure By-law acknowledging this concern.

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

Minute No. 266
Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS ongoing integrity is a fundamental axiom of our democratic system, especially regarding our administrative processes;

AND WHEREAS there are numerous allegations of inappropriate activity at other levels of government;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that the City of Winnipeg's municipal operations remain transparent and undertaken with a high level of professionalism and integrity;

AND WHEREAS "whistle-blowing" legislation would be the appropriate method to ensure continued integrity and professionalism, while encouraging and supporting staff;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Secretariat Committee be directed to undertake all activities related to matters of this nature;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Secretariat Committee identify an operational protocol for "whistle-blowing" policy.

With the concurrence of the Mover and Seconder, Councillors Angus and O'Shaughnessy, Councillor Thomas amended the motion by deleting the words "allegations of inappropriate activity" and inserting in their place the words "questions regarding activities undertaken".

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

Minute No. 267
Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the citizens of Winnipeg are entitled to realize effective and efficient delivery of service by all civic departments;

AND WHERAS the City of Winnipeg has made every effort to realize current annual budgets that do not require increased levels of taxation;

AND WHEREAS maintaining realistic levels of expenditure by all departments is critical to realizing fair levels of taxation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CAO and appropriate administrative officials seek independent consultants to perform operational audits of all major City departments which have not had this audit within the last five years;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CAO bring forward the criteria for these audits and review same with all members of Council to ensure the criteria are sufficient.

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

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Minute No. 268
Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Mayor and Executive Policy Committee to prepare a Preliminary Current Budget;

AND WHEREAS the essence of a budgetary process is transparency and accountability;

AND WHEREAS the priorities of all members of Council should be given equal consideration;

AND WHEREAS the current budgetary process precludes consultation with all members of Council prior to the preparation of the Preliminary Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Executive Policy Committee convene informal Council meetings with all department heads before the Preliminary Budget document is presented to Council.

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

Minute No. 269
Moved by Councillor Lubosch,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS Councillors are required to form policy and make decisions regarding the City of Winnipeg's programs and services;

AND WHEREAS Councillors must make these decisions to the best of their ability and utilize adequate information;

AND WHEREAS a large number of decisions are predicated upon budgetary concerns, including the drafting of annual operating and capital budgets;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has introduced a new financial system known as Connexus using the Peoplesoft financial suite of products to improve the ability of the City to control and analyze financial and budgetary concerns;

AND WHEREAS currently Councillors do not have access to any type of financial reporting information other than that provided to the general public;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Councillors be provided with access to the Reporting and Query Tools in the Peoplesoft financial information system, to better facilitate their decision making ability.

Required to stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law

Minute No. 270
Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Council has approved the creation of a Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee is to be composed of four members as follows:

(1) the Chairperson, who shall be the Mayor or a member appointed by the Mayor;
(2) the Chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works;
(3) the Chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development;
(4) one Councillor elected by Council, from a ward whereby a portion of the ward lies within the area of jurisdiction of The Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law (namely, the Point Douglas, Daniel McIntyre and Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry wards);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Pagtakhan, Point Douglas Ward, be appointed as the one member elected by Council to serve on the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development for 2004.

Carried