Minute No. 382
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Item No. 3 Preliminary Operating Budget Review Process
File F

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the March 24, 2004 Council Motion be concurred in, namely, the Mayor and the Executive Policy Committee convene informal Council meetings with all Department Heads before the Preliminary Budget document is presented to Council.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 12, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the March 24, 2004 Council Motion, and submitted the matter to Council.

On April 7, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee laid over consideration of the March 24, 2004 Council Motion for thirty (30) days.

COUNCIL:

On March 24, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Mayor and the 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.