COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MADAM CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

YES.

I CALL THIS MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2025, TO ORDER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11.1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 50/2007, THE SPEAKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE (OJIBWE), ININEW (CREE), AND DAKOTA PEOPLES, AND IN THE NATIONAL HOMELAND OF THE RED RIVER METIS. OUR DRINKING WATER COMES FROM SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION, IN TREATY THREE TERRITORY. WE WILL NOW HAVE OPENING PRAYER. WILL ALL THOSE PRESENT PLEASE RISE. COUNCIL ROLLINS WILL GIVE US THE OPENING PRAYER THIS MORNING.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: WE COME TOGETHER TO ORGANIZE OUR COUNCIL FOR THE COMING YEAR, AND THE NEW COUNCILLOR SITS AS REMINDER THE GIFT OF DEMOCRACY IS RENEWAL. IN QUIETNESS OF THE DAY WITHOUT HER AND THE QUICKNESS OF THIS MEETING, THE SUMMER IS OVER. NOVEMBER MAY MARK RETURN. AS POPPIES BLOOM RED UPON OUR COATS AND ELM LEAVES DRIFT, SOME STILL HANGING GOLD ALONG BROADWAY, WE REMEMBER THE LONG LINE OF COURAGE THAT CARRIED US THROUGH THE STORMS OF NOVEMBER HISTORY. THE SOLDIERS WHO CROSSED TO ITALY AND HOLLAND IN 1944. FAMILIES WAITING AT HOME WITH HOPE AND PRAYER, SIGNAL OF TIME FIRST BROADCAST IN OTTAWA MARKING EACH SECOND OF GROWING NATION'S HEART. WE HEAR GORDON LIGHTFOOT'S HAUNTING QUESTION WHICH GROWS MORE FAMILIAR IN THESE NOVEMBER WINDS. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE THE LOVE OF GOD GOES WHEN WAVES TURN MINUTES TO HOURS? THERE ARE SO MANY WAVES THAT TURN MINUTES TO HOURS, AND AT THE 11TH OF THE MONTH WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE, COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN, AND GRANT PEACE TO FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO LOST LOVED ONES OR FEAR THEY MAY LOSE AGAIN PEOPLE THEY DEPLOY. WE ARE A CITY MADE FREE BECAUSE OF CFB WINNIPEG AND 17 WING AND MORE. WE ARE A CITY THAT DEPLOYS ALL DAY AND NIGHT THROUGH WINNIPEG POLICE, FIRE, PARAMEDICS, CRISIS WORKERS AND ENGINEERS. WHEN THE BATTLE IS NOT IN THE SKIES OR STREETS BUT WITHIN THE BODY AND HEART, WE STAND BESIDE THOSE WHO FIGHT TO HEAL. WHETHER ON OUR RIVERBANKS, NEIGHBORHOODS OR FAMILIES OR IN OUR WORKPLACES. MAY WE AS COLLEAGUES, NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CIVIC LEADERS BE INSTRUMENTS OF COMPASSION FOR THOSE WAITING FOR NEWS OR HOLDING A LOVED ONE'S HAND, SUPPORTING THOSE WHO ARE ILL, THE EVERYDAY SACRIFICES AND STRENGTHS WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR. TO THOSE SPENDING TOO LONG IN HOSPITAL ROOMS OR IN QUIET HOMES GUARDING FOR THEM. WEAK BUT HOPEFULLY FOREVER PLOTTING A RETURN, AND WE WAIT FOR HOLLY. AS LOVE WISHES FOR HER WITH FAITH, THE CIRCLE AND CYCLING OF WORK AND PURPOSE COULD BE PART OF HEALING. REMINDER LOVE LIKE SOUNDS SO DUTIFULLY CONTROLLED WITH CAPABLE HANDS CARRIES ON LONG AFTER THE SONG AND TALK AND POETRY OF DEMOCRACY HAS ENDED. WE CAN BRING HEALING TO THIS BODY THROUGH DEMOCRACY AND TO MINDS THROUGH LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF PLACES THAT BINDS GENERATIONS TOGETHER. THE ANSWER TO MR. GORDON LIGHTFOOT PERHAPS WE CAN FIND IN THE LOVE WINNIPEG CAN

GIVE WHEN DAYS ARE HARD. IN THE STRENGTH WE LEND TO ONE ANOTHER IN THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER AND BEYOND. WE KNOW THE SEASON WILL EVENTUALLY TURN AND THE ASSINIBOINE WILL CARRY THE LAST FALLEN LEAVES TOWARD RED, AND WITH THE COLD WE WILL SHAKE OUR HEADS AND LAUGH BECAUSE WE KNOW THIS FALL WAS LUCKY TO BE SO LONG THAT IT DID NOT SO QUICKLY TURN TO OUR FAMED WINNIPEG WINTER THAT SO OFTEN COMES AND KNOCKS US DOWN AND OTHERS OUT. BUT AS KELLY BEDDOW SINGS, THE SONG GOES. PART TWO. [SPEAKING FRENCH]. MAY THE MEETING BEGIN IN THAT SPIRIT, MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO LOST AND CAME BEFORE AND GENTLE TOWARD THOSE WHO SUFFER STILL AND STEADFAST IN THE WORK WE ARE CALLED TO DO TODAY.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, FOR THE THOUGHTFUL AND BEAUTIFUL OPENING. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ROLL CALL, MADAM CLERK

MADAM CLERK: MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, CHAMBERS, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ORLIKOW, ROLLINS, SANTOS AND WYATT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR DOBSON AND SHARMA MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SECOND BY CHAMBERS. MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU READ THE MOTION, PLEASE.

MADAM CLERK: MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS THAT COUNCILLORS DOBSON AND SHARMA BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM TODAY'S MEETING DUE TO CITY BUSINESS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I'LL CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THANK YOU. WELL, GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE. IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL HERE FOR ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL. AS WE BEGIN, I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT BRIEFLY ON WHERE COUNCIL HAS GONE THE LAST THREE YEARS AND WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING AS WE LOOK TOWARDS THE FINAL YEAR OF THE FOUR YEAR TIME. HARD TO BELIEVE HOW QUICKLY TIME HAS FLOWN. I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT TOGETHER WE AS COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP AND WITH SUPPORT AND WORK OF PUBLIC SERVICE REALLY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL THE PAST THREE YEARS FROM INVESTING IN ROAD RENEWAL AND EXPANDING OUR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK TO STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY, EXPANDING HOUSING OPTIONS, ADVANCING MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LIKE NORTH END RENEWAL, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER. THIS COUNCIL WITH SUPPORT EFFORTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE MADE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TO ISSUES THAT MATTER TO WINNIPEGGERS. WE KNOW THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO DO. WE NEED TO KEEP OUR FOCUS ON COLLABORATION AND DELIVERING RESULTS AND ENSURING THE CITY OF WINNIPEG REMAINS FINANCIALLY STRONG IN POSITION FOR CONTINUED GROWTH. I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU AROUND THE COUNCIL CHAMBER SINCERELY FOR YOUR COMMITMENT, IDEAS, EFFORTS, AND THE DEDICATION FOR SERVING THE PEOPLE OF YOUR WARD AND EACH OF YOU SERVING THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG. IN CITY COUNCIL WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. WE KNOW THAT. THAT IS HEALTHY IN DEMOCRACY. WHAT MATTERS MOST WE WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG WITH INTEGRITY AND PURPOSE. I HAVE NO DOUBT AND FULL CONFIDENCE IN EACH OF YOU THAT IS THE WAY EACH OF US GOES ABOUT OUR BUSINESS EVERY DAY. TODAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY BECAUSE IT IS TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY. I RECOGNIZE THE FULL GALLERY TODAY, ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO ARE JOINING US HERE THIS MORNING. WELCOME TO CITY HALL. WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. [APPLAUSE]. THIS ANNUAL DAY AND TODAY IS NO DIFFERENT. IT GIVES STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORK PLACES ACROSS WINNIPEG AND CITY DEPARTMENTS. A CHANCE TO SEE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT YOUR PARENTS OR FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS, WHOMEVER YOU ARE WITH TODAY, MAKES TO THE

CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG EVERY DAY. I CAN'T STRESS THIS STRONG ENOUGH. PUBLIC SERVICE IS IMPORTANT AND MEANINGFUL WORK. IT IS ABOUT SERVING THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SHARE. IT IS ABOUT DOING OUR PARTS RESPECTIVELY IN OUR VARIOUS ROLES AND JOBS TO MAKE WINNIPEG BETTER FOR EVERYBODY. TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS, YOUTH HERE TODAY AS COUNCIL WE WANT YOU TO BE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS DO. I HOPE TODAY INSPIRES YOU TO IMAGINE YOUR OWN FUTURE AND I THINK ALL OF US TODAY HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER A ROLE WITH THE CITY OF WINNIPEG WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY COMES. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU TO OUR CITY EMPLOYEES AS WELL FOR PROFESSIONALISM YOU BRING TO WORK EVERY DAY. [APPLAUSE]. WITH THAT WE WILL MOVE TO AGENDA FOR OUR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. MY PRIVILEGE AND OBLIGATION AS MAYOR TO MAKE SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS. I WANT TO READ INTO THE RECORD BEFORE WE GO TO MOTION NUMBER ONE. I WANT TO START TODAY BY CONFIRMING THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL REMAIN THE SAME. THESE APPOINTMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: FINANCE CHAIR BROWATY. PUBLIC WORKS LUKES. PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT CHAIR DUNCAN. COMMUNITY SERVICES CHAIR SANTOS. WATER, WASTE ENVIRONMENT CHAIR EADIE. FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS REMAIN SAME. DEPUTY MAYOR CHAMBERS, ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR LUKES. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO ASSINIBOINE PARK CONSERVANCY DUNCAN AND CHAMBERS. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ROLLINS. ADVISORY COMMITTEE HERITAGE, CULTURE, ARTS CHAMBERS. COUNCIL LIAISON FOR LABOR RELATIONS ORLIKOW. REPRESENTATIVE NORTH AMERICAN STRATEGY FOR COMPETITIVENESS NASCO, CHAMBERS. WINNIPEG FOOD COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE LUKES, BROWATY, GILROY AND SHARMA. SCHOOL BOARDS AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES LIAISON. SANTOS. U.N. SAFE CITIES GLOBAL INITIATIVE STEERING GILROY. COUNCIL LIAISON FOR VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS DOBSON. I WANT TO THANK EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR THE VARIOUS AND MANY ROLES YOU SERVE IN AS COUNCIL TO ENSURE THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE CITY GOES ON. THANK YOU FOR THE WAYS YOU ARE SERVING THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG IN THESE VARIOUS COMMITTEES. I HOPE YOU WILL ALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER TO FULFILL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT EACH OF YOU HAS TAKEN ON. MOTION NUMBER ONE. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE HAVE MOTION ONE BEFORE US MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, SECOND BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. MOTION FOR THE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. YOU WILL BE RELIEVED THAT I AM NOT GOING TO READ EVERY LINE IN THE MOTION. WE WILL HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE US. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, YOUR WORSHIP. I MOVE ITEM 1, COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEES.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: ANYONE TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION? THAT'S THE RIGHT ANSWER. OKAY. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, WOULD YOU CLOSE ON THE MOTION. YOU HAVE UP TO 8 MINUTES.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I WILL TAKE 8 SECONDS. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. PLEASE CALL THE QUESTION.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION ON MOTION NO. 1. ALL IN FAVOR. AYE. CONTRARY. CARRIED. COUNCILLOR ALLARD, WOULD YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT?

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I MOVE ADJOURNMENT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MADAM CLERK, ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

MADAM CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, CHAMBERS, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ORLIKOW, ROLLINS, SANTOS AND WYATT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.