Minute No. 73
Report - Executive Policy Committee – December 1, 2004

Item No. 3 Electoral Process in Ukraine
File G(U)

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the City of Winnipeg support the peaceful and democratic efforts of the Ukrainian people, who are now gathered in the streets to protest the disgraced electoral results:

2. That the City of Winnipeg appeal to its citizens and to the international community to promote, foster and encourage a free and democratic electoral process and to monitor closely the political situation in Ukraine.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

The Speaker ruled the item out of order in accordance with Rule 38.2 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the item.

The motion to suspend the rule was put and declared carried.

The motion for adoption of the item was put.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Benham, Clement, Lubosch, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Thomas, Wyatt, Lazarenko and O'Shaughnessy. 11

Nay: 0

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 1, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the people of Ukraine voted on November 21, 2004 in the second round of presidential elections;

AND WHEREAS there is evidence that the electoral process was flawed, fraudulent and corrupt;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg and the City of Lviv have in place a Sister City Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a large population of Ukrainian descent;

AND WHEREAS the City of Lviv and other Ukrainian cities have passed resolutions denouncing the results of the presidential elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg support the peaceful and democratic efforts of the Ukrainian people, who are now gathered in the streets to protest the disgraced electoral results;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg appeal to its citizens and to the international community to promote, foster and encourage a free and democratic electoral process and to monitor closely the political situation in Ukraine;

and submitted the matter to Council.