

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Thursday, April 9, 1992,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL 1992 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Aldermen Waygood, Mostoway, Penner, Thompson,
Birkmaier, McCann, Mann, Hawthorne and Dyck;
City Commissioner Irwin;
Director of Finance Richards;
City Comptroller Veltkamp;
Assistant City Comptroller Richards;
City Clerk Mann

Alderman Cherneskey entered the meeting at 9:15 p.m. during discussion of the matter of funding for External Agencies.

Alderman Hawthorne excused himself from the meeting at 8:45 p.m. during discussion of the budget for the Public Library.

Pursuant to resolution of City Council held on March 30, 1992, the meeting was convened for the purpose of reviewing suggestions made by Council members regarding the 1992 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT Council go into A Committee of the Whole with His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair.

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair.

The Committee reviewed the following suggestions:

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Alderman Dyck

Legislative - Page 3

Moved by Alderman Dyck,

THAT Aldermanic Travel be reduced by \$7,500.

DEFEATED.

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT Aldermanic Travel be reduced by \$5,000.

CARRIED.

Corporate Services - Page 32

Alderman Dyck indicated that he would not move a motion on this matter, as he understands that the memberships have already been paid.

General Provisions and Transfers - Page 38

Moved by Alderman Dyck,

THAT the provision to the City Hall Renovation Reserve be reduced by \$125,000.

DEFEATED.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT the provision to the City Hall Renovation Reserve be reduced by \$100,000.

DEFEATED.

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Moved by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT the matter of a Renovation Reserve for all civic buildings be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report.

CARRIED.

Decorative Lighting - Page 262

Moved by Alderman Dyck,

THAT the provision for decorative lighting be reduced to \$10,000.

DEFEATED.

Alderman McCann

Forestry Farm Zoo - Page 194

Moved by Alderman McCann,

THAT the whole question of the future of the Forestry Farm Zoo be referred to the upcoming Strategic Planning Session.

DEFEATED.

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT there be an increase in revenue of \$25,000 and a decrease in overall expenditures of \$25,000.

DEFEATED.

Alderman Birkmaier

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Wages

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT the matter of an overall percentage reduction to wages in excess of \$50,000, together with the matter of wage increments, be referred to the Personnel and Organization Committee for review prior to the 1993 Operating Budget.

DEFEATED.

Mendel Art Gallery - Page 434

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT there be a \$30,000 reduction in the provision to the Mendel Art Gallery.

DEFEATED.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park - Page 26

Alderman Birkmaier indicated that she would present a motion to Council during a later part of the meeting.

Alderman Mann

Alderman Mann indicated that he would not be presenting motions on the items which he had listed, as they have been covered elsewhere.

Alderman McCann

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Grounds Maintenance Program - Page 130

Moved by Alderman McCann,

THAT parks litter pick-up be reduced to three times weekly in lower profile parks, for an annual saving of \$38,500.

DEFEATED.

Moved by Alderman McCann,

THAT cutting frequency in non-irrigated parks be reduced to seven per season, for an annual saving of \$38,000.

CARRIED.

Moved by Alderman McCann,

THAT the matter of the need for a General Foreman position, in light of other departmental moves to de-layer management, be referred to the Personnel and Organization Committee.

CARRIED.

Public Library - Page 480

Moved by Alderman McCann,

THAT the budget of the Public Library be referred to the Public Library Board and that the Board be requested to reduce their budget for the purchase of new books from \$1.08 million to \$975,000.

DEFEATED.

Alderman Thompson

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Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT, due to a reduction in Cabinet salaries, the compensation for the Mayor and members of Council be reduced by \$5,000.

CARRIED.

Alderman Thompson indicated that he would not be making a motion regarding operating costs of the Aldermanic Budget, due to the action taken earlier by Council in reducing the Travel Allowance by \$5,000.

Taxation - Page 14

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

- 1) *THAT the provision for property tax penalties be increased by \$100,000; and*
- 2) *THAT City Council receive a further report at its meeting scheduled for April 13, 1992, regarding funding for Capital Expenditures.*

CARRIED.

External Agencies (MVA) - Page 26

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT the contribution to the Meewasin Valley Authority be approved, subject to review in the event the Province does not provide its current statutory funding requirement.

CARRIED.

General Fees and Charges - Page 30

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT projected revenues be increased by \$30,000.

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CARRIED.

General Provision - Transfers to Reserves - Page 39

Alderman Thompson withdrew this item.

General Payroll Costs - Page 44

Alderman Thompson did not make any motion regarding this matter.

Commissioner and Directors - Page 62

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT there be a reduction of \$2,000 in salaries to adjust for the secondment of the Director of Planning and Development.

CARRIED.

City Comptroller's Department - Page 84

Alderman Thompson withdrew this item.

Grounds Maintenance - Page 130

No action was taken as this matter was dealt with earlier.

Design and Construction Branch - Page 134

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT one person be deleted from this program, for an annual saving of \$30,000.

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DEFEATED.

Planning Department - Page 258

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT one person be deleted from the program, for an annual saving of \$30,000.

DEFEATED.

Vehicle and Equipment Reserve - Page 268

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT there be a reduction in the allocation to the Reserve by \$236,000.

DEFEATED.

Storm Sewers - Page 310

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT there be a reduction in the program of \$40,000.

DEFEATED.

Electrical Poles Lines Feeders - Page 356

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT operating costs be reduced by \$40,000 and staff compensation be reduced by \$40,000.

DEFEATED.

Sludge Handling - Page 378

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT there be a reduction of \$3,900 in operating.

CARRIED.

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Sewer Inspections - Page 380

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT staff compensation be reduced by \$40,000.

DEFEATED.

Hydrants - Page 398

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT there be a reduction in staff compensation of \$100,000.

DEFEATED.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT there be a reduction in the program of \$50,000.

CARRIED.

Transit - Page 402

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT the Transit budget be reduced globally by \$50,000.

DEFEATED.

Fire - Page 416

Alderman Thompson withdrew his proposal for a reduction to staff compensation.

Mendel Art Gallery - Page 434

No action was proposed on this as it was dealt with earlier.

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Library - Page 484

No action was proposed on this as it was dealt with earlier.

Grants-in-Lieu "SaskEnergy" - Page 16

Alderman Thompson withdrew this suggestion.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT the allocation to Wanuskewin Heritage Park be reduced by \$100,000.

DEFEATED.

Alderman Thompson tabled a letter dated April 7, 1992, from the North Saskatoon Business Association, regarding the 1992 Operating Budget.

Moved by Alderman Thompson,

THAT the letter be referred to the Administration for a report to the April 13, 1992 Council meeting on any proposals as a result of the letter.

CARRIED.

The Director of Finance indicated that, based on the actions taken by Council this evening, there will be a municipal mill rate increase of 1.35 percent, subject to final revenue sharing figures. This increase amounts to an average of \$8.00 per household. In total, there was a mill rate reduction of \$180,000 as a result of the actions taken at this meeting.

Committee arose.

His Worship Mayor Dayday, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported on the actions of the Committee, as recorded by the City Clerk.

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*Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.*

CARRIED.

*Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,
THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk