

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Monday, March 9, 1992
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
1992 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES

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

Alderman Hawthorne was excused at 10:45 p.m. during consideration of the Police Budget.

Pursuant to resolution passed by City Council on February 3, 1992, the meeting was convened for the purpose of considering the 1992 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole with His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair, and that all decisions with respect to the 1992 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates made now and until the end of the budget review sessions be considered tentative and subject to final approval by City Council.

CARRIED.

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

The City Commissioner presented an overview of the 1992 City of Saskatoon Preliminary Operating Budget. He displayed slides indicating the options available to the City regarding the decline of the revenue base. He indicated that the preliminary budget submitted to City Council includes no increase in the mill rate, a large number of adjustments and efficiencies (many of which have already been implemented), and the elimination of an additional 33 staff-years of employment from the operating budget.

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Mr. Irwin advised Council that the assumption, in preparing the budget, was that the school boards will also hold the mill rate at a 0% increase. Any increase in their portion of the mill rate would result in a shift of shared taxes, such as the business tax, from civic revenue to school board revenue. For example, a 0% mill rate increase in the civic levy, combined with a 4% mill rate increase in the school levy, will result in \$70,000 of civic revenue shifting to the school boards. City Council would have to compensate for this revenue loss in order to hold the civic mill rate increase at 0%.

Council commenced its review of the 1992 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates as follows:

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Albert Community Centre

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Alderman Waygood advised Council that an amount of \$8,000 can be added to Revenue.

- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that revenue be increased by \$8,000; and*
- 2) that VOTE 124, as amended, be approved.*

Mendel Art Gallery

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The following people were in attendance:

Mr. Henry Kloppenberg, Chairman, Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation Board;
Mr. Peter White, Director, Mendel Art Gallery; and
Mr. Richard Moldenhauer, Business Manager, Mendel Art Gallery.

The City Clerk had previously submitted the following documents to City Council:

- Letter dated February 28, 1992 from the Chairman of the Board, submitting the

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detailed 1992 Grant Application of the Mendel Art Gallery.

- Clause 1, Report No. 5-1992 of A Committee of the Whole Council, recommending that the 1992 funding for the Mendel Art Gallery and Civic Conservatory be at the 1991 level minus an additional \$20,000.

VOTE 125

APPROVED.

Centennial Auditorium

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The following people were in attendance:

Mr. Dick Thompson, Chairman, Finance Committee, Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Foundation;

Mr. Mo Hounsell, Executive Director, Centennial Auditorium; and

Mr. John Ostoforoff, Business Manager, Centennial Auditorium.

The City Clerk had previously submitted a copy of the proposed budget for the Centennial Auditorium.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that further consideration of the 1992 Operating Budget for the Centennial Auditorium be deferred until the next meeting, and that the Centennial Auditorium submit detailed budget information at that time.

Saskatchewan Place

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The following people were in attendance:

Dr. Vera Pezer, President, Saskatchewan Place Board of Directors;

Mr. Ken Wood, General Manager, Saskatchewan Place; and

Mr. Will Antonishyn, Business Administrator, Saskatchewan Place.

The City Clerk had previously submitted a copy of the 1992 budget proposal for Saskatchewan Place, as well as a memo from the General Manager requesting authority to defer the 1991 capital replacement contribution of \$37,000.

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Moved by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT the request to defer the 1991 capital replacement contribution of \$37,000 be approved.

YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Penner, Cherneskey, Hawthorne, Mann, and McCann

NAYS: Aldermen Waygood, Mostoway, Thompson, Birkmaier and Dyck

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Moved by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT the request to defer the 1992 capital replacement contribution of \$37,000 be approved.

CARRIED.

VOTE 127

APPROVED.

**Health Unit - City Contribution
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The following people were in attendance:

Mr. John Lavoie, Chairman, Saskatoon Community Health Unit Board;
Dr. Lindsay Edouard, Acting Medical Health Officer/Chief Executive Officer, Saskatoon Community Health; and
Mrs. Marion Voth, Manager, Administration, Saskatoon Community Health.

The City Clerk had previously submitted a copy of the proposed budget for the Saskatoon Community Health Unit.

It was noted that the vote should be reduced by \$45,200 to reflect City Council's decision of February 17 to move the plumbing inspection program from Community Health to the Planning Department.

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IT WAS RESOLVED: that further consideration of the 1992 Operating Budget of the Saskatoon Community Health Unit be deferred until the next meeting, and that the Health Unit bring forward information with respect to the existing Agreement in order to provide clarity for Council, and that Council further review the budget of the Health Unit with a view towards reducing expenditures, if possible.

**Saskatoon Public Library
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The following people were in attendance:

Ms. Lori Isinger, Chair, Saskatoon Public Library Board;
Ms. Sandra Anderson, Chief Librarian; and
Ms. Donna Leschyshyn, Administrative Manager, Saskatoon Public Library.

The City Clerk had previously submitted a letter dated March 5, 1992 from the Library Board Chair, submitting detailed budget information at the branch/department level.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that further consideration of the 1992 Operating Budget of the Saskatoon Public Library be deferred, and that the following information be submitted to Council:

- *a report on the additional costs (i.e. administrative cross-charges) which have been incurred as a result of the opening of the two new branches; and*
- *a report on the necessity of maintaining a book budget of \$1 million in 1992.*

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned upon completion of the review of the Police Department budget, and that all the program budgets remaining on the schedule be considered on Wednesday, March 11, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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**Police Department
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The following people were in attendance:

Chief Owen Maguire;
Superintendent Roy O'Hare; and
Financial Systems Administrator Don Bodnar.

VOTE 123

APPROVED.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the meeting stand adjourned to Wednesday, March 11, 1992, at
7:00 p.m.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk