

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Saturday, March 14, 1992
at 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
1992 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES
ADJOURNED FROM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1992

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

Alderman Cherneskey entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m. during consideration of VOTE 88.

Alderman Penner entered the meeting at 1:10 p.m., following the lunch recess.

Council, in Committee of the Whole, continued its review and discussion of the 1992 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates.

WORKS AND UTILITIES DIVISION

Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson was in attendance for all of the programs within his division.

Vehicle and Equipment Services

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City Council, at its Special Budget Review session held on March 11, 1992, upon consideration of the above-noted program, resolved that further consideration be deferred and that the matter of the proposed provision of \$436,000 to the Reserve be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.

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The City Clerk circulated copies of a report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated March 13, 1992, regarding the matter.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that the transfer to funds/reserves be reduced by \$186,000;*
 - 2) *that VOTE 88, as amended, be approved; and*
 - 3) *that the matter of an audit of the Vehicle and Equipment Services program be referred to the Audit Committee for a report to Council.*

**Electrical Distribution
Page 345**

City Council, at its Special Budget Review session held on March 11, 1992, was advised of amendments to the figures found in the 1992 column on Page 345. Council resolved that the item be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.

Electrical Distribution Manager Mikytyshyn was in attendance to review the budget of this program with Council.

The City Clerk circulated copies of a report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated March 13, 1992, regarding the transfer surplus/deficit provision.

- IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 118 be approved, as amended by the Administration, subject to a report on the impact of a \$25,000 reduction in operating costs for 1992, and on the understanding that, should a reduction be feasible, the VOTE will be reduced by \$25,000.*

(Note: See Page 7 for record of further action taken regarding VOTES 118 and 4.)

**Civic Utilities Surplus
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It was noted that, due to the increase on the return on investment based on the electrical rate

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increase, the revenue should be increased by 753,500, to a total of 9,168,200.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 4, as amended, be approved.

City Engineer Uzelman and Business Administrator Underwood were in attendance to review with Council the budgets of the various programs under the Engineering Department.

**Engineering Department
Management and Administration
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VOTE 89 *APPROVED.*

**Technical Support
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*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the provision to staff compensation be reduced by \$8,700; and
2) that VOTE 90, as amended, be approved.*

**Central Mapping
Page 278**

VOTE 91 *APPROVED.*

**Roadways - Preliminary Engineering
Page 280**

VOTE 92 *APPROVED.*

**Survey Instruments and Equipment
Page 282**

VOTE 93 *APPROVED.*

**Water and Sewer - Pre-Engineering
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VOTE 94 *APPROVED.*

**Yard Office
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VOTE 95 *APPROVED.*

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**Buildings and Grounds
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VOTE 96 *APPROVED.*

**Earth, Streets and Lanes
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VOTE 97 *APPROVED.*

**Paved Streets
Page 294**

VOTE 98 *APPROVED.*

**Sidewalks
Page 296**

VOTE 99 *APPROVED.*

**Custom Work
Page 298**

VOTE 100 *APPROVED.*

**City Section
Page 300**

VOTE 101 *APPROVED.*

**Earth Dump Sites
Page 302**

VOTE 102 *APPROVED.*

**Snow and Ice Management
Page 306**

VOTE 103 *APPROVED.*

**Drainage
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VOTE 104 *APPROVED.*

Storm Sewers

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Page 310 VOTE 105 *APPROVED.*

**Street Cleaning and Sweeping
Page 314** VOTE 106 *APPROVED.*

**Dust Palliation
Page 316** VOTE 107 *APPROVED.*

**Roadway Signing and Marking
Page 320** VOTE 108 *APPROVED.*

**Traffic Signals and P. C. Maintenance
Page 322** VOTE 109 *APPROVED.*

**Traffic Control Centre
Page 324**

The City Clerk submitted a copy of a memo from the Assistant City Clerk dated March 2, 1992, forwarding a report of the City Engineer regarding the Integrated Traffic Control System.

VOTE 110 *APPROVED.*

**Transportation Planning
Page 326** VOTE 111 *APPROVED.*

**Electronic Shop
Page 328** VOTE 112 *APPROVED.*

**Detour Control and Bylaw Enforcement
Page 330** VOTE 113 *APPROVED.*

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**Garbage Collection
Page 334**

The City Clerk submitted a copy of a memo from the Assistant City Clerk dated March 2, 1992, submitting a report of the Works and Utilities Committee regarding the suggestion of a garbage levy.

VOTE 114 *APPROVED.*

**Landfill
Page 336**

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that VOTE 115 be approved; and*
- 2) *that the matter of rates at the landfill be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.*

**Recycling
Page 338**

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that VOTE 116 be approved; and*
- 2) *that the matter of financing a Recycling and Waste Reduction Program be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee.*

**Bridges, Subways,
Overpasses, Railway Crossings
Page 340**

VOTE 117 *APPROVED.*

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**Electrical Distribution
Page 345**

The Director of Works and Utilities noted that earlier in the meeting the Administration had been requested to report on the implications of a \$25,000 reduction to this VOTE. He indicated that the Department could deal with a reduction of \$15,000.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the provision to Management and Administration be reduced by \$15,000 and that VOTES 118 and 4, as amended, be approved.

**Sewage Utility
Page 371**

Waterworks and Pollution Control Manager Munch was in attendance.

VOTE 119 *APPROVED.*

**Water Utility
Page 387**

The City Clerk had previously submitted a report of the Works and Utilities Committee regarding the question of amalgamating reading and services of the electrical meters and water meters.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that VOTE 120 be approved; and
2) that the question of water softening be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.*

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FINANCE DIVISION

The Director of Finance gave a brief overview of the programs within his division.

**Assessment
Page 80**

City Assessor Garland was in attendance. It was noted that City Council had previously approved the addition of \$20,000 for the City's share of a consultant to examine the work that SAMA has done.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that \$20,000 be added as the City's share of the cost of a consultant to examine the work that SAMA has done;*
 - 2) *that the Administration report on the matter of the need and cost for a possible research position; and*
 - 3) *that VOTE 31, as amended, be approved.*

**Central Purchasing and Stores
Page 82**

Central Purchasing and Stores Manager Derald was in attendance.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that further consideration of the VOTE be deferred and the item referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for a report.

**Comptroller
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VOTE 33 *APPROVED.*

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The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

**Investment Services
Page 86 _____**

VOTE 34 *APPROVED.*

**Corporate Information Services
Page 88 _____**

Corporate Information Services Manager Arthur was in attendance.

VOTE 35 *APPROVED.*

**Treasurer's Department
Page 93 _____**

City Treasurer Ollenberger was in attendance.

VOTE 36 *APPROVED.*

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**Fire Department
Page 416 _____**

Fire Chief Hewitt and Administrative Battalion Chief Russell were in attendance. The City Clerk submitted a copy of a letter dated February 20, 1992, from the President of the Silverwood

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Heights Community Association, supporting Fire Hall No. 7.

VOTE 122 *APPROVED.*

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Director of Planning and Development Pontikes and Director of Special Projects Cope were in attendance. Mr. Pontikes gave an overview of the programs within the Planning and Development division.

Civic Buildings and Grounds Manager Man and Business Administrator Behme were in attendance.

Civic Buildings and Grounds Administration

Page 112 _____ VOTE 39 *APPROVED.*

Equipment Maintenance

Page 114 _____ VOTE 40 *APPROVED.*

Greenhouse and Conservatory

Page 116 _____ VOTE 41 *APPROVED.*

Inspection Services

Page 118 _____ VOTE 42 *APPROVED.*

Building Operations

Page 120 _____ VOTE 43 *APPROVED.*

Building and Structure Maintenance

Page 124 _____ VOTE 44 *APPROVED.*

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**Pest Management
Page 128**

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that an additional provision of \$15,000 be made to reinstate the Mosquito Larvaciding Program; and*
 - 2) *that VOTE 45, as amended, be approved.*

**Grounds Maintenance
Page 130**

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that \$1,000 be added to cost recovery as a result of the recent decision of City Council to increase garden rental costs; and*
 - 2) *that VOTE 46, as amended, be approved.*

**Design and Construction
Page 134**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that further consideration of the VOTE be deferred until the next meeting, and that the recent audit of the program be submitted to Council at that time.

**Urban Forestry
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The City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause 5, Report No. 5-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee, as well as a copy of a letter dated February 7, 1992, from the On

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Broadway Association regarding the matter of Dutch Elm Disease.

Moved by Alderman Penner,

THAT a provision of \$100,000 be made specifically for pruning, and that the monitoring component be absorbed within in the existing staff allotment in the Department.

YEAS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Aldermen Thompson, Penner, Mostoway, Waygood and McCann 6

NAYS: Aldermen Birkmaier, Mann and Cherneskey 3

Aldermen Dyck and Hawthorne were not present at the time of the vote.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED: 1) that the Planning and Development Committee report on alternatives to funding Dutch Elm Disease through the Tree Planting Program, including cost-sharing with property owners; and

2) that VOTE 48, as amended, be approved.

Cemeteries
Page 138

VOTE 49 *APPROVED.*

City Hall Maintenance
Page 140

VOTE 50 *APPROVED.*

Civic Building Rentals
Page 42

VOTE 16 *APPROVED.*

Leisure Services Department
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IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the Leisure Services Department budget be

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deferred to Saturday, March 21, 1992, at 9:30 a.m.

**Planning Department
Page 258**

Acting City Planner Jones was in attendance.

It was noted that a reduction in the budget of \$54,900 relating to the building inspection audit, and an addition of \$34,400 relating to the transfer of plumbing inspections from the Health Unit, for a total reduction of \$20,500, should be made.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 84, as amended, be approved.

**Land Management
Page 106**

Land Manager Peakman was in attendance.

VOTE 37 *APPROVED.*

**City-Owned Land
Page 46**

VOTE 18 *APPROVED.*

**Urban Design
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VOTE 15 *APPROVED.*

**Economic Development
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Economic Development Manager Fairlie was in attendance.

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VOTE 38 *APPROVED.*

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the meeting stand adjourned to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 1992.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk