

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Wednesday, March 11, 1992
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
1992 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES
ADJOURNED FROM MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1992

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

Alderman Mostoway was excused from the meeting at 7:18 p.m., during consideration of the budget of the Centennial Auditorium, and re-entered at 8:25 p.m., during consideration of the Budget of the Commissioner's Department.

Alderman Hawthorne entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m., during discussion of Corporate Development.

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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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.

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The City Clerk reported that during the budget review session held on March 9, 1992, City Council deferred consideration of the 1992 Operating Budget proposal for the Centennial Auditorium until the next meeting and requested the Centennial Auditorium to submit detailed budget information at that time. The City Clerk submitted detailed information forwarded by the Centennial Auditorium.

VOTE 126 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 Unit;
Mrs. Marion Voth, Manager, Administration, Saskatoon Community Health.

The City Clerk reported that during the budget review session held on March 9, 1992, City Council deferred further consideration of the 1992 Operating Budget Proposal for the Community Health Unit and requested that the Health Unit bring forward information with respect to the existing agreement in order to provide clarity for Council.

The City Clerk submitted a copy of memorandum dated March 11, 1992, from the Manager, Audit Services forwarding clarification of the City's current funding arrangements with the Health Unit together with copies of the report of the Provincial Funding Agreement, the Provincial Funding Agreement itself and the 1980 existing funding agreement between the City and the Health Unit. The City Clerk also circulated additional information prepared by the Health Unit.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that the City Contribution be reduced by \$45,200.00 to reflect City Council's decision of February 17, 1992, to move the plumbing inspection program from Community Health to the Planning Department; and*
- 2) *that VOTE 128, as amended, be approved.*

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The City Clerk advised Council that during the Budget Review Session held on March 9, 1992, City Council deferred consideration of the 1992 Operating Budget Proposal for the Saskatoon Public Library and requested that the following information be submitted to Council:

- a report on the additional cost (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 \$1,000,000 in 1992

The City Clerk submitted a report of the Assistant City Comptroller dated March 10, 1992, regarding the matter of Administrative cross-charges.

Alderman Cherneskey, Q.C. advised Council that the Public Library Board has agreed that the Library will pay the full amount of the Administrative cross-charges.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that VOTE 129, as amended, be approved.

LEGISLATIVE

Council reviewed the various components of the Legislative Program.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Legislative Committees/Advisory Boards component be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee for review and report.

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External Agencies

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The City Clerk had previously submitted a copy of Clause 3, Report No. 5-1992 of the Committee of the Whole Council recommending that an amount of \$300,000 be provided to Wanuskewin Heritage Park in 1992.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that a grant in the amount of \$300,000 be provided to Wanuskewin Heritage Park in 1992; and

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2) *that further consideration of VOTE 8 be deferred.*

**Financial Assistance to Community Groups
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The City Clerk had previously submitted the following information:

- Tourism Saskatoon - a report of A Committee of the Whole Council recommending that the 1992 Grant to Tourism Saskatoon remain at the 1991 level, as well as a copy of the presentation which had previously be made to A Committee of the Whole Council by Tourism Saskatoon.
- SPCA - Clause 7, Report No. 6-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee containing a City Council resolution that the Grant to the SPCA for the 1992 Operating Year be \$243,100, based on the SPCA five-year forecast budget.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the 1992 grant to Tourism Saskatoon remain at the 1991 level;

2) that the 1992 grant to the SPCA be \$243,100; and

3) that VOTE 12, as amended, be approved.

SERVICES

**Corporate Development Project
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VOTE 24 APPROVED.

**Commissioner and Directors
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VOTE 25 APPROVED.

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- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that \$3,000 be added in order to reinstate publication of the Municipal Manual; and*
- 2) *that VOTE 26, as amended, be approved.*

**Emergency Measures
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Mr. Don Litz, Emergency Measures Co-ordinator was in attendance.

VOTE 27 APPROVED.

**Audit Services Department
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VOTE 28 APPROVED.

**Personnel Services
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VOTE 29 APPROVED.

**Solicitor's Department
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City Solicitor Dust was in attendance to review the budget of her Department with Council.

VOTE 30 APPROVED.

WORKS AND UTILITIES DIVISION

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Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson was in attendance to review the various programs contained in the Works and Utilities Division.

**Vehicle and Equipment Services
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Acting Manager, Vehicle and Equipment Services Wandzura was in attendance to review the operations of his Department.

The City Clerk submitted the following material:

- A report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated February 12, 1992, regarding Project 580 (Capital Budget - Additional Vehicles and Equipment);
- A memo dated March 2, 1992, from the Assistant City Clerk forwarding comments of the Works and Utilities Committee on the implications of reducing expenditures by Vehicles and Equipment Services by \$200,000;
- A report of the City Engineer dated March 5, 1992, containing a cost comparison of the rental costs of the skid steer loader versus the City's rental rate and operator cost.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that further consideration of the Budget of the Vehicle and Equipment Services Department 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.

**Decorative Lighting
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VOTE 85 APPROVED.

Street Lighting - Electrical - SPC

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- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that \$19,800 be added, to reflect the recent electrical rate increase; and*
- 2) *that VOTE 86 as amended, be approved.*

**Street Lighting - Electrical - City
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- IT WAS RESOLVED:* 1) *that \$42,700 be added, to reflect the recent electrical rate increase; and*
- 2) *that VOTE 87 as amended, be approved.*

**Electrical Distribution
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Electrical Distribution Manager Mikytyshyn was in attendance to review his Department's budget with the Council.

The City Clerk had previously submitted the following documents:

- Memo dated February 28, 1992, from the Assistant City Clerk forwarding comments of the Works and Utilities Committee regarding the impact of reducing one complete crew from street light maintenance; and
- Memo dated February 28, 1992, from the Assistant City Clerk submitting comments of the Works and Utilities Committee regarding the question of amalgamating reading and services of the Electrical Meters and Water Meters.

The Assistant City Comptroller advised Council of amendments to the figures found in the

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1992 column on Page 345 as follows:

Revenue	-	\$69,351,700
Management and Administration	-	\$18,749,300
Power Purchased	-	\$37,583,500
Transfer surplus/deficit	-	\$ 9,168,000
Total Expenditure	-	\$69,351,700

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.

**Civic Utilities Surplus
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IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.

**Transit Department
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Transit Manager Ross was in attendance to review the budget of his Department with the City.

The City Clerk had previously submitted copy of a memo dated March 2, 1992, from the Assistant City Clerk forwarding the comments of the Works and Utilities Committee regarding the possibility of implementing night maintenance of buses.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Works and Utilities Committee review further options for saving tax dollars through advertising related to transit facilities; and

2) that VOTE 121 be approved.

Transit Subsidies

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VOTE 19 APPROVED.

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**Fines and Penalties
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VOTE 5 APPROVED.

**Licenses and Permits
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VOTE 6 APPROVED.

**Fiscal Earnings and Payments
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VOTE 7 APPROVED.

**Administrative Recoveries
Page 28** _____

- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the recovery from the Community Health Unit be reduced by \$1,800, due to the transfer of plumbing inspections from the Community Health Unit to the Planning Department; and*
- 2) that VOTE 9, as amended, be approved.*

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**General Fees and Charges
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VOTE 10 APPROVED.

**Corporate Services
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- IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the matter of financing telephone equipment with respect to lease versus purchase be referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee; and*
- 2) that VOTE 11 be approved.*

**Public Health and Welfare
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VOTE 13 APPROVED.

**General Provisions and Transfers
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VOTE 14 APPROVED.

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**General Payroll Expenditures
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- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that payroll costs be increased by \$5,400 to reflect the transfer of Plumbing Inspections from the Community Health Unit to the Planning Department;*
 - 2) *that the contribution to the Employee and Family Assistance Program be increased by \$8,000; and*
 - 3) *that VOTE 17 as amended, be approved.*

**City Hospital Provisions
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VOTE 20 APPROVED.

**South Downtown Development
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VOTE 21 APPROVED.

**Employment Initiatives
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VOTE 22 APPROVED.

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Parking Facilities

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The City Clerk submitted a copy of a memo dated March 3, 1992, from the Assistant City Clerk recommending:

- "1) that Capital Project #904 (\$145,000) be funded from the Streetscape Reserve and the transfer from the Operating Budget be adjusted accordingly;
- 2) that the Urban Design work be funded from the Streetscape Reserve - \$41,500; and
- 3) that prior to the preparation of the 1993 Operating Budget, the Legislation and Finance Committee review the Terms of Reference of this Parking Reserve."

VOTE 23 APPROVED.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the meeting stand adjourned until Saturday, March 14, 1992, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK