Council Chamber City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask. Monday, April 3, 1995, at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL 1995 PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET ESTIMATES

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair; Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois, McCann, Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood; Director of Finance Richards; City Comptroller Veltkamp; Assistant City Comptroller Richards, City Clerk Mann

Pursuant to a resolution of City Council on March 27, 1995, the meeting was convened for the purpose of reviewing of the 1995 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

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.

Committee arose.

His Worship the Mayor, Chair of Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

THAT while in Committee of the Whole, the following matters were considered and dealt with as stated:

The City Clerk reported that the following individuals have requested an opportunity to speak to City Council on the subject indicated:

• Lois Lamon, Vice President, C.U.P.E. Local 59, regarding the implication of the proposed closure of the greenhouse operation.

- Sara Williams, Horticulture Specialist, University of Saskatchewan Extension Division, regarding the proposed closure of the greenhouse operation.
- · Jack Grover, 203 Avenue E North, regarding the proposed operating budget.
- Rusty Chartier, 1245 Avenue O South, regarding the budget deliberations.
- Glen Gustafson, Marr Residence Action Committee, regarding proposed funding for the Marr Residence.
- H. F. Feldkamp, 427 Lakeshore Bay, regarding the proposed operating budget.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the above-noted individuals be heard.

Mr. Dave Taylor, President of C.U.P.E. Local 59, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of the greenhouse in 1996. *Mr.* Taylor submitted a copy of his brief to the City Clerk.

Ms. Sara Williams, Horticulture Specialist with the Extension Division of the University of Saskatchewan, spoke in support of keeping the greenhouse operation open. She submitted a copy of her brief to the City Clerk.

Mr. Jack Grover spoke regarding the budget process. He indicated that the City's goal should be to reduce property taxes.

Mr. Rusty Chartier read his letter, *which had previously been circulated to Council members by the City Clerk*, *urging Council not to eliminate the civic greenhouse*.

Mr. Glen Gustafson and Ms. Sue Barrett, representing the Marr Residence Action Committee, requested an opportunity to work with the City to provide long-term access to the Marr Residence. They urged Council to include provision in the budget for the Marr Residence Management Board.

Mr. Henry Feldkamp spoke to Council regarding the budget process. He felt that the proposed budget is missing a sense of what Council wishes to accomplish.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the above presentations be received. The City Clerk submitted copies of letters from the following individuals:

dated March 30, 1995 from Miriam Clemence and Verne Clemence expressing opposition to the proposed closure of the greenhouse operation.

- dated March 30, 1995 from Ruth Robinson, President, Saskatoon Heritage Society, urging Council to include funding for the Marr Residence.
- · dated March 31, 1995 from Glen Green, urging Council to continue with the greenhouse program.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.

Council then reviewed the Preliminary Operating Estimates as follows:

LEGISLATIVE - Page 2

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1)	that	Sub-Vote 1-4 (Legislative Committees/Advisory Boards) be amended by reducing funding for each of the bodies, except the Development Appeals Board, by \$300.00 and by including a new provision of \$2,700 for the Advisory Committee on Women's Issues; and
	2)	that Vote 1, as amended, be approved.

SERVICES - Page 28

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Votes 22 to 27 inclusive be approved.

FINANCE DIVISION - Page 35

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Votes 28 to 32 inclusive be approved.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Land Department

Land Management - Page 43

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 33 be approved.

City-Owned Property - Land - Page 22

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 17 be approved.

Civic Buildings and Grounds Department

Common Services - Page 45

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 34 be approved.

Building Operations and Maintenance - Page 47

Building Operations

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 35-1 be approved.

Building and Structure Maintenance

The City Clerk reported as follows:

"The preliminary budget estimates indicate that a number of temporary trades positions will be converted to permanent status. This matter has been considered by A Committee of the Whole Council and it is **recommended** that the Administration be authorized to convert one temporary position to permanent and that there be a further review of the matter following completion of the organization review."

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Administration be authorized to convert one temporary position to permanent and that there be a further review of the matter following completion of the organization review; and

2) that Vote 35-2, as amended, be approved.

Parks Operations & Maintenance - Page 48

Greenhouse and Conservatory

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Your Committee is providing full funding for this program in 1995 but **recommends** that the City cease operating a greenhouse in 1996."

Council brought forward and considered all of the correspondence related to the greenhouse and conservatory as noted on Page 1 of these minutes.

Moved by Councillor Langlois,

THAT the matter of the continuation of the greenhouse in 1996 be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for review and report to Council by the end of June, 1995.

DEFEATED

Moved by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the City cease operating a greenhouse in 1996.

DEFEATED

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 36-1 be approved.

Pest Management

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Your Committee has noted and considered the concerns of citizens of Saskatoon regarding the control of mosquitoes, gophers and dandelions.

- Dandelion Control No provision has been made in the 1995 Operating Budget for the reintroduction of a herbiciding program.
- Mosquito Control Attached is a copy of Clause 7, Report No. 19-1994 of the Planning and Development Committee which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on December 19, 1994. By adopting this report, City Council requested the Budget Policy and Planning Committee to consider the budgetary implications of restoring, in 1995, the service level of the Integrated Pest

Management Program to accommodate three aerial applications of larvicide, for an additional annual cost of \$150,000. Your Committee has not made provision in this budget for more than one aerial spray per year, and **recommends** that the Program Overview for the Integrated Pest Management Program be amended to provide for only one aerial spray per year.

Control of Gophers - Your Committee, as a safety measure, has made a provision of \$5,000 for a limited gopher control program on playing fields within the City."

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1)	that i	the Program Overview for the Integrated Pest Management Program be amended so as to provide for only one aerial sprav per vear; and
	2)	that Vote 36-2 be approved.

Grounds Maintenance

The City Clerk submitted a report of the Director of Planning and Development dated March 21, 1995 advising that, in accordance with the instructions of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee, the budget indicates a 20% service level reduction in maintaining the grounds at City Hall, Civic Buildings and Grounds, and Electrical Distribution, for a savings of \$4,769.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 36-3 be approved.

Urban Forestry

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 36-4 be approved.

Cemeteries - Page 50

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 37 be approved.

Civic Buildings - Rentals - Page 20

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 15 be approved.

Leisure Services Department

Administration - Page 52

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 38-1 be approved.

Marketing

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT funding for this program be reduced by \$5,000.

DEFEATED

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 38-2 be approved.

Program Delivery - Page 53

Gordon Howe Bowl

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 39-1 be approved.

Spectator Ballfields

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 39-2 be approved.

Indoor Rinks/Soccer Centre

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 39-3 be approved.

Recreation/Competitive Facilities - Rentals

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 39-4 be approved.

Recreation/Competitive Facilities - Programming

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 39-5 be approved.

Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 39-6 be approved.

Outdoor Pools

The following is an excerpt from Report No 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Attached is a copy of a report of the Director of Planning and Development dated February 16, 1995 regarding the level of subsidization from the mill rate for outdoor pools. Your Committee **recommends**:

- i) that the proposed price increases for general admission and for lessons at the municipal outdoor swimming pools be approved as outlined in the abovenoted report of the Director of Planning and Development, dated February 16, 1995; and
- ii) that the 1995 cost recovery target of 54.1% for the Outdoor Pools Program, as proposed in the Preliminary 1995 Operating Estimates, be approved."

Operating Estimates, be approved; and

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the proposed price increases for general admission and for lessons at the municipal outdoor swimming pools be approved as outlined in the above-noted report of the Director of Planning and Development, dated February 16, 1995;
2) that the 1995 cost recovery target of 54.1% for the Outdoor Pools Program, as proposed in the Preliminary 1995

3) that Vote 39-7 be approved.

Youth Sport Subsidies

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Your Committee was requested by City Council to provide a recommendation on the Youth Sports Subsidy rate. Your Committee **recommends** that the subsidy, in the 1995 Operating Budget for the Youth Sports Subsidy Program, be \$566,200, for a subsidy rate of 38.6%."

Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite.

THAT the subsidy for youth sports be 40%, for a total amount of \$586,700.

DEFEATED

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the subsidy rate for youth sports be 38.6% for a total amount of \$566,200; and

2) that Vote 39-8 be approved.

Community Partnership Initiatives - Page 58

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 1995, considered Clause 6, Report No. 3-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee, a copy of which is attached. Council approved the establishment of a Management Board for the Marr Residence, subject to budget approval, and requested the Budget Policy and Planning Committee to review and report on increasing the City's operating budget contribution to finance the Marr Residence to \$9,500 in 1995, recognizing that \$800 of this amount is a one-time expenditure to accommodate the pruning of trees on the property.

Your Committee is evenly divided on the matter of funding for the establishment of a Management Board, and **recommends** that the direction of Council issue."

The Committee brought forward and considered the letters related to this subject as noted on Page 2 of these minutes.

Moved by Councillor Waygood,

THAT \$8,600 be added to this program to provide funding for the Marr Residence Management Board.

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 40, as amended, be approved.

Outreach Services - Page 59

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 41 be approved.

Community Development - Page 60

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Your Committee has increased the provision in this program by \$8,000 in order to provide more opportunities for the development of community associations, and has requested the Administration to report to Council, through the Planning and Development Committee, regarding how these funds should be utilized."

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 42 be approved.

Basic Leisure Services - Page 61

Moved by Councillor Roe,

THAT the question of providing additional youth centres for all neighbourhoods be referred to the Planning and Development Committee to develop a long-term strategy.

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 43 be approved.

Self-Financing Programs - Page 64

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 44 be approved.

Planning and Construction Standards Department - Page 66

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Your Committee has considered the attached report of the Director of Planning and Development dated March 15, 1995 and **recommends** that the service levels in the Planning and Construction Standards Department be reduced as outlined in this report and that the Program Overview for the Department be amended accordingly."

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the service levels in the Planning and Construction Standards

Department be reduced as outlined in the report of the Director of Planning and Development dated March 15, 1995 and that the Program Overview for the Department be amended accordingly; and

2) that Vote 45 be approved.

General Services - Urban Design - Page 19

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 14 be approved.

WORKS DIVISION - Page 68

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Votes 46 to 49 be approved.

Engineering Department - Page 73

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Votes 50 and 51 be approved.

Snow and Ice Management

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"Attached is a report of the Director of Works and Utilities dated February 1, 1995 providing information regarding the above program. Your Committee has placed an additional \$44,000 in the Snow and Ice Management Program to provide for snow clearing contracts in the industrial areas and around schools."

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 52-1 be approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that Sub-Votes 52-2, 52-3 and Votes 53 to 56 be approved; and

2) that the Works and Utilities Committee be requested to review the matter of charging for garbage containers.

CIVIC UTILITIES

Electrical Distribution - Page 90 and Page 9

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Votes 57 and 4 be approved.

Sewage Utility - Page 97

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 58 be approved.

Water Utility - Page 102

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 59 be approved.

Transit Department - Page 107 and Page 23

The City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause A9, Report No. 7-1995 of the City Commissioner, recommending that the Operating Costs provision in Vote 60-3 be revised to \$1,688,700 and that the City Contribution in Vote 60-1 and the Transit System Subsidy in Vote 18 be revised to \$6,634,000.

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"The budget being submitted to City Council is based on the implementation of a transit fare increase. It is **recommended** that transit fares be increased, effective July 1, 1995, as follows:

	Current Propos	ed
Cash Fares		
Adults High School Children	\$1.10 per ride \$1.25 per ride .65 per ride .55 per ride	.75 per ride .65 per ride

Tickets

Adults	\$10.50 for 10 \$12.00 for 10	
High School	6.00 for 10	7.00 for 10
Children	5.00 for 10	6.00 for 10

Passes

Adults	\$33.00 per month	\$36.00 per month
High School	22.50 per mo	nth 24.50 per month
Senior Citizen	54.00 per 6 months	\$ 68.00 per 6 months
		(July 1/95 - Dec 31/95)
		(Jan 1/96 - June 30/96)
		\$136.00 per full year
		(July 1/95 - June 30/96)

IT WAS RESOLVED:

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1) that transit fares be increased, effective July 1, 1995, as follows: <u>Current</u> <u>Proposed</u>

Cash Fares		
Adults	\$1.10 per ride \$1.2	5 per ride
High School	.65 per ride	.75 per ride
Children	.55 per ride	.65 per ride
Tickets		
Adults	\$10.50 for 10	\$12.00 for 10
High School	6.00 for 10	7.00 for 10
Children	5.00 for 10	6.00 for 10
Passes		
Adults	\$33.00 per month	\$36.00 per month
High School	22.50 per month	24.50 per month
Senior Citizen	54.00 per 6 months \$ 68	2.00 per 6 months
		(July 1/95 - Dec 31/
		(Jan 1/96 - June 30/
		\$136.00 per full yea

(July 1/95 - June 30/96); and

2) that Votes 60 and 18, as amended, be approved.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Fire - Page 111

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 61 be approved.

Police Service - Page 112

Moved by Councillor Langford,

THAT Council provide funding for the industrial relations component of an organization review, in the amount of \$25,000.

DEFEATED

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 62 be approved.

CIVIC BOARDS

Saskatoon Economic Development Authority - Page 114

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 63 be approved.

Albert Community Centre - Page 115

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 64 be approved.

Mendel Art Gallery - Page 116

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Mendel Art Gallery be provided with an additional

2)

\$20,000 in funding; and

that Vote 65, as amended, be approved.

Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium - Page 117

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 66 be approved.

Saskatchewan Place - Page 118

The City Clerk submitted a summary of revenues and expenditures of Saskatchewan Place, as submitted by the General Manager.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 67 be approved.

SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY - Page 119

The City Clerk submitted background information submitted by the Library, as well as a letter dated March 30, 1995 from the President of Friends of the Saskatoon Public Library. It was noted that the budget submitted by the Saskatoon Public Library reflects a 1% increase to the mill rate.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Library be requested to submit to Council, when available, the report with respect to the matter of increased funding from the Province to cover non-City resident users of the Library; and

2) that Vote 68 be approved.

GENERAL SERVICES

Corporate Services - Page 16

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 11 be approved.

Financial Assistance to Community Groups - Page 17

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"• Financial contribution to Kinsmen Telemiracle - In the past, the City has provided a grant of \$20,000 to Kinsmen Telemiracle to cover the rental of the Centennial Auditorium when Telemiracle is held in Saskatoon. Your Committee **recommends** that this contribution be substantially lowered, and that this be phased as follows:

1995	\$15,000
1997	\$10,000
1999 and thereafter	\$ 5,000

Community Initiatives Program - It is **recommended** that the Travel Grants component of the Community Initiatives Program be eliminated, for a savings of \$8,000."

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the contribution to Kinsmen Telemiracle be as follows:

1995	\$15,000
1997	\$10,000
1999	\$ 5,000;

- 2) that the Travel Grants component of the Community Initiatives Program be eliminated; and
- *3) that Vote 12 be approved.*

General Provisions and Transfers - Page 18

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 13 be approved.

General Payroll Expenditures - Page 21

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 16 be approved. **South Downtown Development -** Page 24

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 19 be approved.

Employment Initiatives - Page 25

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 20 be approved.

Parking Facilities - Page 26

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 21 be approved.

Fines and Penalties - Page 10

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the Legislation and Finance Committee be requested to review the Traffic Bylaw with respect to fines; and

2) that Vote 5 be approved.

Licenses and Permits - Page 11

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 6 be approved.

External Agencies - Page 13

The following is an excerpt from Report No. 6-1995 of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee:

"City Council, at its meeting held on December 5, 1994, considered a request from the Executive Director of the Meewasin Valley Authority for funding in the amount of \$7,000 toward costs incurred to implement safety programs, and to further the work of the Trail Safety Committee. Council resolved that the request for funding in 1994 be denied, and that the matter of including a provision in the City's Preliminary 1995 Operating Budget as an additional contribution to the Meewasin Valley Authority to finance a portion of the trail safety program for 1995, be referred to the Budget Policy and Planning Committee.

The submitted budget contains no provision for increased funding to the Meewasin Valley Authority."

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 8 be approved.

Administrative Recoveries - Page 14

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 9 be approved.

General Fees and Charges - Page 15

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 10 be approved.

Grants in Lieu of Taxes - Page 8

Moved by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the budget be increased by one half of a mill in order to provide for initiatives to improve the quality of life in the City where there are serious problems.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Moved by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the ruling of the Chair be overturned by Council.

DEFEATED

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 3 be approved.

Fiscal Earnings and Payments - Page 12

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that Vote 7 be amended by changing the Transfer to Funds/Reserves to 273.4 and the program total to 1305.8; and
2) that Vote 7, as amended, be approved.

Taxation - Page 7

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Vote 2 be approved as amended in accordance with the actions taken by Council during this meeting.

Councillor Langlois, Chair of the Budget Policy and Planning Committee, advised Council that the property tax level is now as follows:

Mill Rate	City Portion	51.7 (zero increase)
	Library	6.34 (1% increase)
	School Boards	74.30(2.7% increase)
	Total	132.34 (1.6% increase)

An "average" house would be charged:

Municipal	\$646	
Library	79	
Schools	929	
Total	\$1,654	(an increase of \$25.00)

Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Langford,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk