

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee**

**Meeting 15**

**Friday, February 10, 2006**

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 10, 2006, in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

	9:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
Councillor David Soknacki, Chair	X
Councillor Joe Mihevc (Vice-Chair)	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson (Vice-Chair)	X
Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	R
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X

Also Present:

Councillor Paul Ainslie	Councillor Doug Holyday
Councillor Janet Davis	

## 15.1 Emergency Medical Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Emergency Medical Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the report (January 19, 2006) from the Chief and General Manager, Emergency Medical Services, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on November 18, 2005, on the annual operating requests required to manage the support of the Public Access Defibrillation Program (PADs).

### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Councillor Soknacki appointed Councillor Mihevc Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget Recommendations (1) and (2) for Emergency Medical Services, as contained in the Analysts Briefing Notes:

“That:

- (1) the Emergency Medical Services’ 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$142.593 million gross and \$70.927 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
CACC	12,295.6	854.1
Centralized Support Services	2,476.8	2,476.8
Corporate Charges	5,900.0	5,900.0
EMS Operations Support Services	19,560.3	10,172.1
EMS Operations	95,089.6	48,642.7
Program Development & Service Quality	<u>7,271.1</u>	<u>2,881.7</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>142,593.4</u>	<u>70,927.4</u>

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- (2) the General Manager of Emergency Medical Services continue discussions with the Province to restore full funding for cost of administration to eliminate the subsidy shortfall and the service/financial impact of the hospital offload delays and report back to the Budget Advisory Committee on the status of these discussions prior to the end of the 2006 Budget process;

subject to:

- (a) establishing a reduction target of \$300,000.00 from EMS to come from discretionary funds not including front line staff expenditures and not including reserve funds;
- (b) increasing the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for Emergency Medical Services by \$0.075 million to reflect the incremental cost to fully administer the City's PAD Program;
- (c) the future year Operating Budget Submissions for Emergency Medical Services including increases of \$0.057 million in 2007, \$0.067 million in 2008, \$0.073 in 2009, and \$0.073 million in 2010, and any inflationary increases as determined for each budget year, to address the expansion of the PAD program which includes the planned distribution of 70 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)s per year;
- (d) the associated cost of the operation of the PAD program of \$0.061 million included in the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation, being transferred to the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for EMS; and
- (e) the 2006 Approved Capital Budget being reduced by \$0.439 million to reflect the implementation of the proposed PAD Program; and

(B) received the following Recommendation (3):

“(3) the General Manager of Emergency Medical Services review the current fee structure, for emergency medical response reports requested by internal and external organizations, and other opportunities for revenue generation, and report back to the Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Budget Process.”

### **15.2 Administration Committee Transmittal 2006 Operating Budgets – Administration Committee**

The Budget Advisory Committee considered the communication (January 23, 2006) from the Administration Committee.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee received the communication from the Administration Committee.

### **15.3 Office of the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer**

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Office of the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Office of the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer:

It is recommended that the Office of the DCM and Chief Financial Officer’s 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$16.908 million gross and \$13.461 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

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Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Support Services	1,340.2	1,173.9
Corporate Finance	3,542.0	1,454.4
Financial Planning	4,607.9	3,765.4
Special Projects	447.4	447.4
Service Improvement and Innovation	6,970.8	6,620.2
	<u>16,908.3</u>	<u>13,461.3</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>16,908.3</u>	<u>13,461.3</u>

subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$22.4 thousand.

#### 15.4 Office of the Treasurer

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Office of the Treasurer.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Office of the Treasurer:

It is recommended that the Office of the Treasurer's 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$63.212 million gross and \$30.932 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Pension, Payroll and Employee Benefits	11,251.8	9,645.1
Purchasing and Materials Management	8,342.5	6,630.2
Accounting Services	11,173.5	8,846.7
Revenue Services	32,444.2	5,810.0
	<u>63,212.0</u>	<u>30,932.0</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>63,212.0</u>	<u>30,932.0</u>

subject to reducing the budget in the amount of \$69.7 thousand.

Councillor Soknacki resumed the Chair.

### 15.5 Corporate Communications

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Corporate Communications.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on July 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005, adopted as amended, Report 6, Clause 14 of the Administration Committee, entitled "Metroland Publishing Open Contract 47009067 Globe and Mail Open Contract 47009074" and, among other things, requested the Budget Advisory Committee to give consideration to reducing the advertising budget for all divisions by \$500,000.00.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Corporate Communications:

It is recommended that Corporate Communications' 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$7.199 million gross and \$7.078 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Public Information	2,468.6	2,462.5
Creative Services	2,097.5	2,037.5
Corporate Communications and Media Services	<u>2,632.5</u>	<u>2,577.5</u>
Total Program Budget	<u><u>7,198.6</u></u>	<u><u>7077.5</u></u>

subject to:

- (i) funding in the amount of \$125.0 thousand for the Clean and Beautiful initiative being absorbed within the Communications Budgets for Solid Waste (\$41,667), Transportation (\$41,666) and Parks and Recreation (\$41,666), as well as any other applicable allocation to Agencies, Boards and Commissions; and

- (ii) reducing the budget by \$9.1 thousand; and
- (B) received the communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk [Item 5(a)].

## 15.6 Facilities and Real Estate

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Facilities and Real Estate.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Facilities and Real Estate:

It is recommended that the Facilities and Real Estate 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$116.580 million gross and \$52.109 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Facilities	103,332.5	63,857.1
Real Estate	13,247.7	(11,748.1)
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Total Program Budget	116,580.2	52,109.0
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subject to reducing the budget by \$79.1 thousand.

## 15.7 Fleet Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Fleet Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the report (February 3, 2006) from the Chief Corporate Officer providing a response to the viability of all Divisions and ABCs participating in the Sole Source Supplier Contract for parts that Fleet Services has initiated and any potential savings.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Fleet Services:

It is recommended that Fleet Services' 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$34.720 million gross and zero net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Fleet Operations	22,428.8	0.0
Fuel Operation	8,183.7	0.0
Fleet Safety	1,086.9	0.0
Asset Management	<u>3,020.8</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>34,720.2</u>	<u>0.0</u>

subject to reducing the budget by \$22.8 thousand; and

- (B) received the report (February 3, 2006) from the Chief Corporate Officer [Item 7(a)].

## 15.8 Information and Technology

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Information and Technology.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Information and Technology:



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It is recommended that Information and Technology's 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$51.807 million gross and \$43.221 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

<u>Service:</u>	<u>Gross</u> <u>(\$000's)</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>(\$000's)</u>
Applications Delivery	15,429.2	13,571.3
Desktop Computing	32,066.3	25,976.0
Land Information	3,175.2	2,960.4
Voice and Telecommunications	1,136.3	713.4
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Total Program Budget	51,807.0	43,221.1
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subject to reducing the budget by \$698.4 thousand.

**15.9 Auditor General's Office**

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the Auditor General's Office.

The Budget Advisory Committee also again considered a communication (November 4, 2005) from the Audit Committee, recommending that the 2006 Budget for the Auditor General's Office, attached to the report (October 19, 2005) from the Auditor General, be amended by increasing the program level of staff as considered appropriate by the Auditor General, and approved the 2006 Budget accordingly; and submitting the Budget to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

Recommendation:

The Audit Committee recommended that the 2006 Budget for the Auditor General's Office, attached to the report (October 19, 2005) from the Auditor General, be amended by increasing the program level of staff as considered appropriate by the Auditor General, and approved the 2006 Budget accordingly and requested that it be submitted to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (A) recommended to Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Auditor General's Office:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Auditor General's Office	4,080.9	4,080.9
Total Program Budget	<u>4,080.9</u>	<u>4,080.9</u>

subject to:

- (i) reducing the budget by \$10.0 thousand; and
  - (ii) decreasing the budget by \$190.3 thousand to reduce the additional staff recommended by Audit Committee from two positions to one position, to be implemented July 1, 2006; and
- (B) received the communication (November 4, 2005) from the Audit Committee [Item 9(a)].

### 15.10 City Manager's Office

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the City Manager's Office.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the City Manager's Office:

It is recommended that the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for the City Manager's Office of \$6.542 million gross and \$6.011 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

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Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Executive Management	1,642.3	1,642.3
Strategic and Corp. Policy/Healthy City Office	3,932.3	3,932.3
Internal Audit	967.5	436.0
	6,542.1	6,010.6
Total Program Budget	6,542.1	6,010.6

subject to reducing the budget by \$9.4 thousand.

### 15.11 Human Resources

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Human Resources.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Human Resources:

- (1) that the Human Resources 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$29.683 million gross and \$27.848 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Employment Services	9,266.4	8,901.2
Organizational Behaviour	1,957.4	1,957.2
Employee & Labour Relations	4,081.5	3,853.6
Departmental Services	14,116.4	12,889.5
Fair Wage & Labour Trade Office	261.4	246.8
	29,683.1	27,848.3
Total Program Budget	29,683.1	27,848.3

- (2) the Director of Human Resources report back to the Budget Advisory Committee on Human Resources restructuring implementation prior to the 2007 budget process.”,

subject to reducing the budget by \$38.1 thousand.

### 15.12 Court Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Court Services.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations, as amended, contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Court Services:

- (1) the Court Services' 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$32.555 million gross and \$(9.404) million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Finance and Administration	18,204.9	16,739.9
Court Administration	7,465.0	(33,029.3)
Court Support	4,079.9	4,079.9
Planning and Liaison	2,805.4	2,805.4
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Total Program Budget	32,555.2	(9,404.1)

- (2) the Director of Court Services report back to the Budget Advisory Committee on the success of the Off Duty Police Initiative and the initiative to reduce fines in default prior to the 2007 operating budget process;

subject to reducing the budget by \$140.0 thousand.

### 15.13 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee postponed consideration of the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy to its wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006:

It is recommended that the 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.617 million gross and \$0.391 million net, comprised of the following service, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Project Management Office	<u>616.8</u>	<u>390.6</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>616.8</u>	<u>390.6</u>

#### 15.14 City Clerk's Office

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for the City Clerk's Office.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered the following:

- (a) report (December 14, 2005) from the City Clerk, addressed to the Administration Committee, entitled "Establishing New Committees and Advisory Bodies – Resource Impact and Compliance with Section 108 of Council's Procedure By-law", identifying the resources required to provide secretariat support services to four new committees and advisory bodies formed by Toronto City Council in the past five months; and recommending a policy to ensure that resource impacts are clearly identified when new committees and advisory bodies are formed in the future.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Operating Budget process;
- (2) the request by the City Clerk for one additional resource to support four new committees and advisory bodies established by Council be approved, conditional upon funding being approved in the City Clerk's Office 2006 Operating Budget;

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- (3) City Council affirm that compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, Council Procedures, shall be necessary prior to Council establishing any Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee;
  - (4) City Council adopt a policy, as set out in Attachment B of this report, that prior to establishing a Special Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee, the City Clerk will be required to provide an impact statement:
    - (a) advising that consultation with the City Clerk was undertaken with respect to the provision of any meeting support services for the proposed body;
    - (b) confirming the availability of resources to provide meeting support services;
    - (c) confirming compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council Procedures;
  - (5) following adoption of policy contained in recommendation (4), the City Clerk's Office not be required to provide meeting support services to any new Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee for which the City Clerk has not submitted an impact statement;
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (b) communication (January 11, 2006) from the Administration Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee, entitled "Status Report on Maintaining Services at East York Civic Centre", that City Council adopt the following staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2005) from the City Clerk and the Chief Corporate Officer:

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) that the intake of documents and payments for City Clerk's Office, Registry Services functions be assumed by Revenue Services Division immediately;

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- (2) that the reception and information services at the East York Civic Centre, currently provided by Access Toronto, be assumed by the Revenue Services Division, once renovations to the building have been completed in the New Year;
- (3) that this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the City's 2006 Operating Budget; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto including the introduction of any necessary bills.

The Budget Advisory Committee:

- A. recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council:
  - (i) adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the City Clerk's Office, subject to reducing the budget by \$36.8 thousand:

That:

- (1) the City Clerk's Office 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$47.042 million gross and \$28.991 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Secretariat	7,652.0	7,120.9
Records & Information Management	21,875.2	9,194.1
Council and Support Services	2,465.3	1,930.3
Corporate Access and Privacy	1,604.4	1,554.4
Elections and Registry Services	11,904.3	7,650.6
Protocol	1,541.0	1,541.0
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Total Program Budget	<u>47,042.2</u>	<u>28,991.3</u>

- (2) the City Clerk to report back to the Administration Committee before the start of the 2007 process on the operational impact on the City Clerk's Office arising from the new City of Toronto Act, the new governance structure for the City, and governance issues reported by the Bellamy Commission, and any financial implications and impact from these changes;

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

- (ii) adopt the following staff recommendations (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 14, 2005) from the City Clerk:
  - (3) City Council affirm that compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code, Council Procedures, shall be necessary prior to Council establishing any Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee;
  - (4) City Council adopt a policy, as set out in Attachment B of this report, that prior to establishing a Special Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee, the City Clerk will be required to provide an impact statement:
    - (a) advising that consultation with the City Clerk was undertaken with respect to the provision of any meeting support services for the proposed body;
    - (b) confirming the availability of resources to provide meeting support services;
    - (c) confirming compliance with Section 108 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council Procedures;
  - (5) following adoption of policy contained in recommendation (4), the City Clerk's Office not be required to provide meeting support services to any new Committee, Task Force, Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee for which the City Clerk has not submitted an impact statement;



- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”;

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

- (iii) request the Provincial Government to:
- (1) compensate the loss of revenue in gaming and bingo to the City of Toronto, including individual charities;
  - (2) under the new City of Toronto Act, give authority to conduct a City of Toronto lottery to offset loss of revenue; and

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

- (iv) adopt the following staff recommendations (1), (2) and (4) in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2005) from the City Clerk and the Chief Corporate Officer, as recommended by the Administration Committee:

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) that the intake of documents and payments for City Clerk’s Office, Registry Services functions be assumed by Revenue Services Division immediately;
- (2) that the reception and information services at the East York Civic Centre, currently provided by Access Toronto, be assumed by the Revenue Services Division, once renovations to the building have been completed in the New Year;
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect hereto including the introduction of any necessary bills.”;

- B. postponed consideration of the following staff recommendation (2) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 14, 2005) from the City Clerk to the wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006:

“(2) the request by the City Clerk for one additional resource to support four new committees and advisory bodies established by Council be approved, conditional upon funding being approved in the City Clerk’s Office 2006 Operating Budget;” and

**(Motion by Councillor Soknacki)**

- C. requested the City Clerk to provide a briefing note to the wrap-up meeting on February 13, 2006 on how secretariat services can be provided to the four new committees and advisory bodies established by Council, and what existing Committee support could be withdrawn to offset the additional work.

**(Motion by Councillor Watson)**

- D. adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (November 4, 2005) from the City Clerk and the Chief Corporate Officer, subject to deleting Recommendation (2) and inserting the following:

(2)(a) that the in-person Access Toronto reception and information services at the East York Civic Centre be retained until such time as City-wide in-person Access Toronto services are reviewed as part of the 3-1-1 Customer Service Plan and submitted to Council for approval; and

(b) the City Clerk, Registry Services provide Marriage License services at the East York Civic Centre for one half day per week by appointment only.

(Lost on the following Recorded Vote:

FOR: Councillors Mihevc, Carroll

AGAINST: Councillors Watson, Rae, Soknacki, Milczyn)

**(Motion by Councillor Carroll on behalf of Councillor Davis)**

**15.15 City Council**

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for City Council.

On motion by Councillor Carroll, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for City Council:

It is recommended that the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for City Council of \$18.885 million gross and net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Councillors' Salaries and Benefits	4,697.6	4,697.6
Councillors' Staff Salaries and Benefits	10,126.6	10,126.6
Councillors' Office Budget	2,256.4	2,256.4
Councillors' General Expenses	1,604.2	1,604.2
Integrity Commissioner's Office	200.0	200.0
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Total Program Budget	<u>18,884.8</u>	<u>18,884.8</u>

subject to reducing the budget by \$93.7 thousand, broken down as follows:

- (i) COLA in the amount of \$47.1 thousand; and
- (ii) underspending in the amount of \$46.6 thousand.

**15.16 Mayor's Office**

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the following Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Mayor's Office:

It is recommended that the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget for the Mayor's Office of \$1.893 million gross and net, comprised of the following service, be approved:

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Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Mayor's Office	<u>1,892.9</u>	<u>1,892.9</u>
Total Program Budget	<u>1,892.9</u>	<u>1,892.9</u>

subject to reducing the budget by \$4.7 thousand, broken down as follows:

- (i) COLA in the amount of \$2.0 thousand; and
- (ii) underspending in the amount of \$2.7 thousand.

### 15.17 Legal Services

The Budget Advisory Committee again considered the 2006 Operating Budget for Legal Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also considered a communication (November 9, 2005) from the Administration Committee, entitled "2006 Operating Budget Requests – Additional Staff Resources to Manage Assessment and Taxation Issues and Converting Two Litigation Solicitors Positions from Temporary to Permanent".

Recommendation:

The Administration Committee recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the following reports:

- (a) (October 31, 2005) from the Treasurer and City Solicitor:

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) gross expenditures of \$476,900 (to cover the cost of five additional staff for Revenue Services and an inter-department charge from Legal Services for one additional solicitor) be included in the Revenue Services Division's 2006 Operating Budget Estimates, and that the funding for this expenditure be recovered as an interdepartmental recovery from the City's Non-Program Tax Deficiency Budget resulting in a net expenditures of \$0.00 for the Revenue Services Division;

- (2) gross expenditure of \$92,000 (to cover the cost of one staff for Legal Services) be included in the Legal Services Division's 2006 Operating Budget Estimates, and that the funding for this expenditure be recovered as an interdepartmental recovery from Revenue Services resulting in a net expenditure of \$0.00 for the Legal Services Division;
  - (3) an inter-divisional charge of \$476,900 be included in the 2006 Operating Budget Estimates for Non-Program Tax Deficiency Budget to fund the expenditures noted above;
  - (4) the 2006 Operating Budget Estimates for the Non-Program Tax Deficiency Budget be reduced by \$2.5 million, provided the Revenue Services Division Operating Budget for 2006 is increased by the requested \$476,900;
  - (5) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee; and
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (b) (November 2, 2005) from the City Solicitor:

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the two litigation solicitor positions be converted from temporary to permanent;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee;
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Watson, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council:
  - (1) adopt the following 2006 Operating Budget recommendation contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Legal Services:

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It is recommended that Legal Services' 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$28.563 million gross and \$18.537 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

<u>Service:</u>	<u>Gross</u> <u>(\$000s)</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>(\$000s)</u>
Municipal Law	5,213.8	2,889.3
Litigation	4,814.5	3,252.3
Administration	1,521.7	1,284.7
Planning	4,354.6	3,382.5
Real Estate	4,404.4	3,816.1
Employment Law	2,220.5	2,170.5
Prosecutions	6,033.6	1,741.6
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Total Program Budget	<u>28,563.1</u>	<u>18,537.0</u>

subject to:

- (i) reducing the budget by \$136.1 thousand; and
  - (ii) reducing the budget by the equivalent of one Prosecutor; and
- (2) adopt the following staff recommendations (1), (2), (3,) (4) and (6) in the recommendations sections of the report (October 31, 2005) from the Treasurer and City Solicitor, entitled: "2006 Operating Budget Request – Additional Staff Resources to Manage Assessment and Taxation Issues", as recommended by the Administration Committee:
- (1) gross expenditures of \$476,900 (to cover the cost of five additional staff for Revenue Services and an inter-department charge from Legal Services for one additional solicitor) be included in the Revenue Services Division's 2006 Operating Budget Estimates, and that the funding for this expenditure be recovered as an interdepartmental recovery from the City's Non-Program Tax Deficiency Budget resulting in a net expenditures of \$0.00 for the Revenue Services Division;

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- (2) gross expenditure of \$92,000 (to cover the cost of one staff for Legal Services) be included in the Legal Services Division's 2006 Operating Budget Estimates, and that the funding for this expenditure be recovered as an interdepartmental recovery from Revenue Services resulting in a net expenditure of \$0.00 for the Legal Services Division;
  - (3) an inter-divisional charge of \$476,900 be included in the 2006 Operating Budget Estimates for Non-Program Tax Deficiency Budget to fund the expenditures noted above;
  - (4) the 2006 Operating Budget Estimates for the Non-Program Tax Deficiency Budget be reduced by \$2.5 million, provided the Revenue Services Division Operating Budget for 2006 is increased by the requested \$476,900; and
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto"; and
- (3) adopt the following staff recommendations (1) and (3) in the recommendations sections of the report (November 2, 2005) from the City Solicitor, entitled: "2006 Operating Budget Request – Converting Two Litigation Solicitors' Positions from Temporary to Permanent, as recommended by the Administration Committee:
- "(1) the two litigation solicitor positions be converted from temporary to permanent;
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.";

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(B) referred the following motion to the Administration Committee:

“That the City Solicitor be requested to report to the Administration Committee on:

- (1) where there is no staff for a Planning or Committee of Adjustment appeal, a two-thirds vote of City Council be required for the City Solicitor or outside counsel to attend an OMB hearing; and
- (2) any report or any motion requesting the City Solicitor to attend at an OMB hearing include costs for both internal and external staff prior to being considered by Council.”

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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Chair