

CITY COUNCIL #23-74

September 25, 1974  
12:00 noon

To His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council.

A special meeting of City Council was held today to discuss the proposed Civic Complex. The following members were in attendance. - His Worship Mayor E. C. Lumley, Chairman, Aldermen G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, A. Clement, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. Lebano J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Mayor Lumley reported to Council that the Management Committee had met this morning and have come to the conclusion that, with some modifications, the City should be able to build a Civic Complex at no cost to the local taxpayer; and in all probability not have to go back to the Senior Levels of Government for more money. Revised cost of the Complex, including construction management fees and architects fees is \$7,958.671.00. Council must now make a recommendation to be passed on to the Management Committee.

Using a scale model, the Mayor explained that reduced costs have been arrived at by compressing the building from 185,000 sp. ft. to 150,000 sq. ft.; with some parts of the cost to be allocated to other sections of the infrastructure grant. The City also would have use of the interest accumulated on money already advanced for this project.

The Mayor itemized various projects that have already been tendered and what may be expected on projects yet to be tendered. Prices received on different projects already tendered, he noted, have all been under-budget or within the amount estimated. Similarly it would also seem that sufficient funds have been allocated for other projects yet to be tendered. The Management Committee can recommend switching of priorities, asking for more money or re-allocation of funds.

The Mayor pointed out that the City will have enough money to finish the City gardens and the landscaping of the whole complex; however, the money for the fountain will have to be provided by a future Council. We also will have to forego the Tourist and Recreational area at this time.

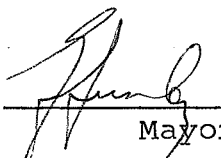
Items not provided for in the revised cost, include; a bar, although a space has been set aside for one; Hall of Fame display case, flag poles, score boards and carpets. The Mayor suggested that we could possibly get business or organizations to pick up these items.

Piping, he went on to state, will be installed but the pool not put in; one elevator will be eliminated, but the shaft will be there; removable seating will be eliminated until needed, and exterior lighting will be rented; sub floor and modular stage and sound drapery eliminated. However, the Capitol Theatre, if renovated, will take care of many of these things. Mr. R. Laplante, who was in attendance,

noted that the seating is the same, i.e. 4,600 permanent seats, and the convention center will handle 1,000 people; dressing rooms will either have to be reduced in number or in size. A room for the Senior Citizens and activity rooms are still provided for; storage space will have to be cut down. The width of the main corridor has been reduced from twenty-eight feet to ten feet, also the lower floor entrance and sky lights have been eliminated. Lighting will be part of the operational cost. The same Parking will be provided.

Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Webster, that City Council adopt scheme "B" for the Civic Complex; that any surplus moneys from the infrastructure grants be re-allocated to the Civic Complex; that the development of the Tourist and Recreational area be deferred and that the Management Committee make these recommendations to the Senior Levels of Government, and also recommend a revised scheme "A" for consideration to the two Senior Levels of Government if extra funds can be made available. Carried.

  
Clerk

  
Mayor