



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 2020, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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PRESENT: Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young

ABSENT: Councillor Isitt

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, J. Handy - Senior Planner, P. Martin - Council Secretary, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The City Clerk outlined amendments to the agenda.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Poetry Reading

The Youth Poet Laureate, Neko Smart read a poem titled "My mother is selling our home".

D. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

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- D.1 Savi Hanning-Brown: Lights at the Vic West Skatepark**
 Outlined why Council should create a plan to implement lighting infrastructure at Vic West Skate-park.
- D.2 Desike-akin Raquel Akingbehin: Treatment for Sickle Cell Disease in Victoria**
 Outlined why Council should look into an amendment to the response of the healthcare system, for patients living with Sickle Cell disease.
- D.3 Joanne Newell: Noise From Equipment on the Roof of The Summit Care Facility, 955 Hillside Avenue**
 Outlined why Council should add the issue of noise from equipment on the roof of The Summit Care Facility to the Capital Regional District Board, so that an investment can be made to eliminate the noise.
- D.4 Jennifer Ferris: Noise Pollution From the Equipment on Top of The Summit**
 Outlined why Council should add the issue of noise from equipment on the roof of The Summit Care Facility to the Capital Regional District Board, so that an investment can be made to eliminate the noise.
- D.5 Kathy Gillis: Noise Associated with The Summit, Senior's Facility, Hillside Road**
 Outlined why Council should add the issue of noise from equipment on the roof of The Summit Care Facility to the Capital Regional District Board, so that an investment can be made to eliminate the noise.
- D.6 Patti Dewhurst: Summit Care Facility**
 Outlined why Council should add the issue of noise from equipment on the roof of The Summit Care Facility to the Capital Regional District Board, so that an investment can be made to eliminate the noise.

F. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

Councillor Dubow withdrew from the meeting at 6:57 p.m. due to a non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as he knows the owner of the neighbouring business that is facing an eviction.

F.1 1881 Fort Street: Rezoning Application No. 00713

This Public Hearing is a continuation of the hearing held October 8, 2020. The hearing was adjourned to this November 12, 2020 meeting in order to seek information from the landowner on potential implications of this rezoning on other lease holders at this location.

Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1213) No. 20-009:

To rezone the land known as 1881 Fort Street from the C-1 Zone, Limited Commercial District, to the C1-4 Zone, Fort Street Commercial (Cannabis) District, to permit a storefront cannabis retailer.

F.1.a Public Hearing & Consideration of Approval

Mayor Helps reconvened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Matt Dell (Lee Avenue): Expressed support for the application as it will be a good addition to the neighbourhood.

David Bruun (Resident): Expressed support for the application as a cannabis shop will be a positive addition to the neighbourhood.

Council recessed from 7:05 p.m. until 7:10 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

Neil Schuyler (View Street): Expressed support for the application as it will be a wonderful addition to the neighbourhood.

Pam Schivick (Fort Street): Expressed concerns with the application due to concerns with the landlord.

Mohamed Aziz (Fort Street): Expressed concerns with the application in relation to his neighbouring business.

Council discussed the following:

- *That this application does not have any impact on the neighbouring business as the businesses are located on different properties.*

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw **be given third reading**:

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1213) No. 20-009

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1213) No. 20-009

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Councillor Dubow returned to the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

F.2 2639 Fifth Street: Development Variance Permit Application No. 00244

Development Variance Permit Application No. 00244

The City of Victoria will be considering the issuance of a Development Variance Permit for the land known as 2639 Fifth Street for the purpose of varying certain requirements of the *Zoning Regulation Bylaw*, namely: reducing the vehicle

parking requirement by two additional stalls, for a total of 50 stalls, to construct a new residential unit within the existing building.

F.2.a Opportunity for Public Comment & Consideration of Approval:

Jim Handy (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to approve an additional unit to the existing apartment building.*

Mayor Helps opened the opportunity for public comment at 7:26 p.m.

Michael Moody (Applicant): Provided information regarding the application.

Council recessed from 7:32 p.m. until 7:37 p.m. to provide an opportunity for members of the public to call to speak live.

No persons called in to speak to the proposed application.

Mayor Helps closed the opportunity for public comment at 7:37 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council authorize the issuance of Development Variance Permit Application No. 00244 for 2639 Fifth Street, in accordance with:

1. Plans date stamped June 8, 2020.
2. Development meeting all Zoning Regulation Bylaw requirements, except for the following variances:
 - i. reduce the residential vehicle parking requirement from 61 stalls to 50 stalls.
3. The Development Permit lapsing two years from the date of this resolution.

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G. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

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G.1 Stephen Dorsey: Equity and Equality in the City of Victoria

Outlined why Council should ensure their decision making addresses systemic issues related to equity and equality in the City of Victoria.

G.3 Diane Thompson: Concerns with Closing Roads in Beacon Hill

Outlined why Council should take into consideration the many people who will be excluded from enjoying and accessing Beacon Hill Park if the roads are closed.

G.4 Linda Walsh: Proposed Setback from Private Property for Park Shelters

Outlined why Council should approve a bylaw amendment, applicable to all Victoria parks, to introduce a setback from private property boundaries to address the concerns of residents regarding privacy and security.

G.5 Jason Chadwick: Encampment Basic Needs

Outlined why Council should provide a heat source, drinking water, and showers for the homeless encampments.

G.6 Michael Knife: Positive Action with Homelessness

Offered to work with Council to help provide positive actions on behalf of the homeless encampments to improve community relations.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That the Council meeting adjourn.

TIME: 8:04 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR