



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2019, 11:04 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE
VICTORIA, BC

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt People

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

PRESENT FOR A PORTION OF THE MEETING: Councillor Isitt

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Councillor Dubow

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, AM Ferguson - Committee Secretary, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, J. Paul - Assistant Director of Engineering, L. Milburn, Housing Planner, D. Manak - Chief Constable, H. Follis - Customer Service Advisor

A. **CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING**

C. **PUBLIC & STATUTORY HEARINGS**

C.1 **Remedial Action Requirement 1176 Yates - Request for Reconsideration**

Council received a report dated February 14, 2019 from the Lead of Bylaw and Licensing Services, regarding Remedial Action Requirement for the property located at 1176 Yates Street. The owner of the property requested an opportunity to address Council and request they reconsider the Remedial Action Requirement.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That the hearing be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 11:05 a.m. and returned at 11:12 a.m.

Mayor Helps opened the hearing.

Mr. Kimpton, the owner of the premise, advised he was in attendance and was ready to proceed.

The City Clerk outlined the process and the issues relating to the property.

Mr. Kimpton provided details on his position to reconsider the demolition and requested that the decision on the demolition be postponed until approximately June 14-15, 2019.

The City Solicitor provided legal advice relating to granting an extension.

Council asked questions of Mr. Kimpton to clarify the owner's plans to remediate the property and inquire as to the factors contributing to the buildings current condition.

The Head of Bylaw Services provided an overview of the issues leading to the recommendation for demolition if the necessary permits are not satisfied within the 60-day time period.

Mr. Kimpton responded to concerns outlined by bylaw services.

Council asked questions of Mr. Kimpton to determine a reasonable date to satisfy the conditions of the order.

Mayor Helps closed the hearing.

Committee recess at returned at 12:11 p.m. and returned at 12:46 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Young

That the order be amended to provide for the demolition of the building no later than June 30, 2019.

Council discussed:

- *Costs for the City to demolish the property and desire for property owner to achieve compliance.*

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Isitt

Amendment:

, on the condition that all required permits are submitted by April 14, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

D.1 Committee of the Whole

D.1.a Report from the March 21, 2019 COTW Meeting

D.1.a.a2019 Victoria Police Budget

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approves the following measures to cover costs incurred by VicPD in relation to introduction of the Employer Health Tax and the decision of the Director of Police Services to mandate the hiring of 6 new officers, in order to avoid the layoff of any existing VicPD employees:

(a) That Council approves cost-savings and efficiencies in Non-Staffing Expenditures outlined in pages 5 and 6 of the March 14th report from VicPD (\$212,000 savings from the Provisional Budget);

(b) That Council supports deferring consideration of funding for the proposed new Service Desk position until 2020, and does not approve this position for 2019 (\$75,000 savings from the Provisional Budget);

(c) That Council approves an amount of \$400,000 for Departmental Retirements (Code 2520 4096) consistent with the 2018 expenditure, and does not approve the \$300,000 proposed increase (\$300,000 savings from the Provisional Budget).

(d) That Council approves an amount of \$756,000 for Capital Transfer, and does not approve the proposed amount of \$1,156,000 (\$400,000 savings from the Provisional Budget).

(e) That Council approves the allocation of any funds remaining, as a result of these adjustments, to the capital transfer or departmental retirements.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Collins, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, and Councillor Potts

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 2)

D.1.a.b 2558 Quadra Street - Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application (Forest Heights)

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve a Victoria Housing Reserve Fund grant application from the Greater Victoria Housing Society in the amount of \$440,000 to assist in the construction of 40 units of housing for low-income seniors, working adults, adults with disabilities and small families at Forest Heights located at 2558 Quadra Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant receives Council approval for the required rezoning and development permit applications for 2558 Quadra Street and the applicant executes a Housing Fund Agreement and Housing Agreement in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development;
2. The applicant fulfills the requirements of the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines.
3. All existing tenants of 2558 Quadra are offered alternate rental housing at rent levels that are affordable to them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.1.a.c 330 - 336 Michigan Street - Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Application (Michigan Square)

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve a Victoria Housing Reserve Fund grant application from the Capital Region Housing Corporation in the amount of \$1,395,000 to assist in the construction of 98 units of affordable housing for seniors, adults with disabilities, working singles and small families at Michigan Square located at 330-336 Michigan Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant receives Council approval for the required development permit applications for 330-336 Michigan Street and the applicant executes a Housing Fund Agreement and Housing Agreement in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of

Sustainable Planning and Community Development;
and

2. The applicant fulfills the requirements of the Victoria Housing Reserve Fund Guidelines.
3. That staff be requested to report back on options for basing City grant programs on net additions to the affordable housing stock.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. BYLAWS

E.1 Bylaw for 1303 Fairfield Road

Councillor Young recused himself from the meeting at 1:38 p.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest as he lives in proximity to the property in the next item.

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Collins

That the following bylaw **be adopted**:

1. Housing Agreement (1303 Fairfield Road) Bylaw No. 18-047

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Motion Arising: 430 Parry Street

Council Isitt provided Notice of Motion for the Council Meeting of March 28, 2019 to reconsider the Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 19-006 for 430 Parry Street.

G. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Collins

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MARCH 21, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That Council convene a closed meeting that excludes the public under Section 90 of the *Community Charter* for the reason that the following agenda items deal with matters specified in Sections 90(1) and/or (2) of the *Community Charter*, namely:

Section 90(1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

Section 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;

Section 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

Section 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. READING OF CLOSED MINUTES

J.1 Minutes from the closed meeting held January 24, 2019

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the minutes from the meeting held January 24, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. NEW BUSINESS

M.1 Land - Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)

Committee received a confidential report dated March 5, 2019, from the Head of Strategic Real Estate regarding a land item.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K.1 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Committee received a confidential report dated March 11, 2019 from the Assistant City Solicitor providing legal advice.

The discussion and motion was recorded and kept confidential

K.2 Appointment - Community Charter Section 90(1)(a)

Committee received a confidential report dated March 6, 2019 from the City Clerk regarding the appointments.

The discussion and motion was recorded and kept confidential.

Councillor Isitt joined the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

K.3 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

Committee received a confidential report dated March 20, 2019 from the City Solicitor regarding the legal advice.

The discussion and motion was recorded and kept confidential.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR