



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 10, 2020, 8:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Director of Finance, C. Coates - City Clerk, P. Bruce - Fire Chief, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, F. Work - Director of Engineering & Public Works, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhower - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, A. Hudson - Acting Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, M. Sandhu - Head of Service Innovation & Improvement, AK Ferguson - Committee Secretary, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor outlined the process that will be followed for the budget meetings and noted that the Strategic Plan will be discussed on the last day of budget deliberations.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D.1 2020 Draft Financial Plan

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council approve all the ongoing Supplemental Requests with the exception of Parks Clean Up, be added.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council approve that the Parks Planner and Development services Planner be funded through revenue through Development Application Fee Revenue.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve funding for the Short-term Rentals bylaw positions from the Short-term Rentals License revenue.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Committee recessed 9:48 a.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve the ongoing expense for Managing Public Spaces - Bylaw Position.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve the ongoing expense for Managing Public Spaces - Bylaw Position **and that this position be funded from 2019 surplus for a two-year term.**

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Main motion as amended:

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, and Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (6 to 2)

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve funding onetime expenses including the onetime expense for Parks Clean Up.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council fund the ongoing expenses to address the climate emergency.

Climate and Environment

Community Energy and Emissions Specialist - 1 FTE: \$108,000

Fleet Energy and Emissions Specialist - 1 FTE: \$108,00

Building Energy and Emissions Specialist - 1 FTE: \$108,000

Training and Development for staff: \$10,000

Zero Waste Strategy - 1 FTE: \$100,000

Total: \$434,000

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve the onetime funding of the following Climate and Environment items:

Climate Leadership Plan - Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program: onetime \$400,000

Climate Leadership Plan - Climate Action Program Investments: onetime \$165,000

Climate Champions Program: onetime \$50,000

Total: \$615,000

Councillor Isitt requested that the items be voted on separately.

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve the onetime funding of the following Climate and Environment items:

Climate Leadership Plan - Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program: onetime \$400,000

FOR (6): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve the onetime funding of the following Climate and Environment items:

Climate Leadership Plan - Climate Action Program Investments: onetime \$165,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve the onetime funding of the following Climate and Environment items:

Climate Champions Program: onetime \$50,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve the \$460,000 expenditure from the Climate Action Reserve

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve the funding for the Zero Waste Strategy onetime amount of \$200,000.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve the funding for the Zero Waste Strategy onetime amount of \$200,000, **funded from combination of reserves and previous years surpluses as appropriate**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12:01 p.m.

Councillor Loveday returned to the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve funding for the Witness Reconciliation Program: ongoing \$30,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council approve the following funding:
Reconciliation training: onetime \$136,900
Indigenous relations function: onetime \$75,000
Truth and reconciliation dialogues: onetime \$80,000

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Mayor Helps

Truth and reconciliation dialogues: onetime ~~\$80,000~~\$60,000

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve onetime funding for the Welcoming City Strategy of \$50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve on-going funding for:
Urban Agriculture – Volunteer coordinator grant: \$50,000
Urban Agriculture – Start Up Grant: \$30,000

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young
CARRIED (7 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Isitt
Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council approve funding the onetime \$8,000 allocation for the Pilot – City sponsored spring distributions of gardening materials in partnerships with community organizations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve a onetime funding allocation of \$220,000 for the South Island Prosperity Partnership

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council approved a \$750,000 increase to the housing reserve fund and Committee of the Whole have a future discussion on building very low income housing.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council approve ~~\$750,000 increase~~ **\$250,000 onetime** to the Housing Reserve Fund and **\$500,000 ongoing to invest in the Housing Reserve**

Fund and Committee of the Whole have a future discussion on building very low income housing.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Loveday

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council approve funding the following ongoing items:

The Tenant Housing Ambassador \$107,900

Housing and Development summit \$15,000

Social Planner \$125,111

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, and Councillor Dubow

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Young

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Moved By Councillor Potts

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That Council approve a onetime funding for Restorative Justice Victoria of \$5,880 from surplus.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Isitt requested that Mayor recall the revote.

Motion to Postpone:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Potts

That this matter be postponed pending information on Esquimalt's decision on this matter:

That Council approve a onetime funding for Restorative Justice Victoria of \$5,880 from surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve ongoing funding for Canada Day Special Duty Policing \$107,000 and special duty costs for the first 3 police officers of \$53,000 from ongoing funding.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Mayor Helps

That Council approve on-going funding for Canada Day Special Duty Policing \$107,000 and special duty costs for the first 3 police officers of \$53,000 from ongoing funding **and that this funding is included in the Victoria Police Department budget.**

Councillor Isitt requested that the motion be divided.

That Council approve ongoing funding for Canada Day Special Duty Policing \$107,000

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

and special duty costs for the first 3 police officers of \$53,000 from ongoing funding **and that this funding is included in the Victoria Police Department budget.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve funding Property Tax Penalty \$200,000 ongoing and \$2,500 onetime.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council approve funding Property Tax Penalty ~~\$200,000~~ **\$201,500** ongoing and ~~\$2,500~~ **\$1,000** onetime.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Isitt, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Dubow, and Councillor Young

OPPOSED (1): Councillor Loveday

CARRIED (7 to 1)

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Thornton-Joe

That Council draw down the Building and Infrastructure Reserve for a public washroom on Douglas Street \$250,000.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Isitt

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

That Council draw down the Building and Infrastructure Reserve for a public washroom on Douglas Street \$250,000 **and direct staff to report back on the location and design of the washroom before installation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR