



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 2020, 1:31 P.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 Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Loveday

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, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, B. Eisenhauer - Head of Engagement, J. Jensen - Head of Human Resources, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, A. Meyer - Assistant Director of Development Services, C. Havelka - Deputy City Clerk, J. O'Connor - Deputy Director of Finance, M. Heiser - Committee Secretary, A. James - Head of Strategic Operations, P. Bellefontaine - Acting Director of Engineering & Public Works

A. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following minutes be adopted:

1. Minutes from the daytime meeting held March 26, 2020
2. Minutes from the daytime meeting held April 16, 2020

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. BYLAWS

D.1 2020 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the following bylaw be adopted:
1. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw, 2020, No. 19-112

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

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Isitt, Councillor Loveday
CARRIED (6 to 2)

D.2 2020 Business Improvement Area Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:
1. Give first, second, and third readings to Business Improvement Area Rate Bylaw, 2020, 20-061.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:
2. Adopt Business Improvement Area Rate Bylaw, 2020, 20-061.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.3 2020 Tax Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That Council:
1. Give first, second, and third readings to Tax Bylaw, 2020 20-063

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

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

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council:
2. Adopt Tax Bylaw, 2020, 20-063.

FOR (7): Mayor Helps, Councillor Alto, Councillor Dubow, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Potts, Councillor Thornton-Joe, Councillor Young
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Isitt

CARRIED (7 to 1)

D.4 2020 Boulevard Tax Bylaw

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council:

1. Give first, second, and third readings to Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2020, 20-062

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Young

That Council:

2. Adopt Boulevard Tax Bylaw, 2020, 20-062

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.5 Alternative Municipal Tax Collection Scheme Amendment (No. 2) Bylaw No. 20-065

Council discussed the complexity of staggering tax payment penalties.

Moved By Mayor Helps
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the Option outlined in Attachment C (6% in October, 2% in both November and December) Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Amendment Bylaw (No.2) No. 20-065:

1. be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Young

That the Option outlined in Attachment C (6% in October, 2% in both November and December) Alternative Tax Collection Scheme Amendment Bylaw (No.2) No. 20-065:

2. be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1 Bylaw Officer Appointments

Committee received a report dated May 4, 2020 from the Manager, Bylaw and Licensing Services, regarding the proposed appointments of Bylaw Officers for a 30-day term from May 9, 2020 to June 7, 2020.

Moved By Councillor Thornton-Joe

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council approve the following appointments for a 30-day term from May 9, 2020 to June 7, 2020:

- a. Jody Bedwell
- b. Andrew Britton
- c. Robert Carrie
- d. Adam Carter
- e. Gordon Hodson
- f. Richard Illi
- g. Jesse Long
- h. Daniel Lundin
- i. Steven McKellar
- j. Barry McLean
- k. Taylor Marsh
- l. Joseph Milkowski
- m. Won Namgoong
- n. Tod Purdy
- o. Christopher Woods
- p. Thomas Barry
- q. Anthony Dobos
- r. Shayne Gorman
- s. Lance Hurrell
- t. Wilfred Marquis
- u. Philip Williams

as Bylaw Officers pursuant to section 2(a) of the Inspection Bylaw (06-061) and as Business Licence Inspectors for the City of Victoria.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to recess:

Moved By Councillor Alto

Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the Council meeting be recessed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:08 p.m.

B. AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Potts

That the agenda of the May 7, 2020 Council meeting be amended as follows:

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the May 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a.a Council Member Motion – Ensuring Housing Options with Supports for Everyone

F.1.a.b Council Member Motion – Request for Clarity on Rent Relief Measures and Businesses Falling Through the Cracks

F.1.a.c Council Member Motion – Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00106 for 1700 Blanshard Street

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

F.1 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a Report from the May 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole

F.1.a.a Council Member Motion – Ensuring Housing Options with Supports for Everyone

Moved By Councillor Loveday
Seconded By Councillor Isitt

That Council request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Premier of British Columbia, the Solicitor General and the Ministers of Housing, Health, and Mental Health and Addictions, copying Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies in the Capital Region and the executive leadership of BC Housing and Island Health, as follows:

1. Thanking the Provincial Government for their decisive action to provide indoor sheltering with support services for people currently sheltering at Topaz Park and Pandora Green.
2. Requesting that the Provincial Government offer the provision of temporary housing options with supports of all unhoused people in the Capital Region, with no one to be evicted back to the street, as a step towards ending chronic homelessness and providing safe, secure, adequate, and affordable homes

for all, while ensuring that there is an equitable distribution of housing across the region and equitably across neighbourhoods.

3. Requesting that safer supply services be instituted without delay including ensuring appropriate staffing levels, 24-hour supports and that support services staff are trained in the provision of harm reduction. Further, requesting that BC Housing and other agencies utilize the expertise of local peer-run and peer-informed harm reduction services while providing supports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.b Council Member Motion – Request for Clarity on Rent Relief Measures and Businesses Falling Through the Cracks

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Loveday

1. That Council request the mayor to write to the federal government to request clarity on a priority basis on details as to how the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program will work, so that tenants and landlords can work together to make plans to take advantage of this important program.
2. That Council request that the mayor write to the federal government to request consideration of financial relief for small businesses who are unable to reach agreement with their landlord or are ineligible for CECRA and for small businesses in the hospitality sector – such as event and wedding planners – who have fallen through the cracks of existing programs and whose services will be required once larger gatherings are permitted in the future.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.1.a.c Council Member Motion – Development Permit with Variances Application No. 00106 for 1700 Blanshard Street

Moved By Mayor Helps

Seconded By Councillor Alto

That Council waive the standard practice of holding an opportunity for public comment for this application but direct staff to continue other standard practices related to sign posting and public notification, including a request for written commentary to come back to Council for consideration prior to issuing the Development Permit with Variances.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. CLOSED MEETING

Moved By Councillor Young
Seconded By Councillor Potts

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MAY 7, 2020 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)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;*
- *Section 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;*
- *Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*
- *Section 90(1)(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 annual municipal report.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the closed agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dubow
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the agenda of the May 7, 2020 Closed Council meeting be amended as follows:

Consent Agenda:

- I.1 **Minutes from the closed meeting held April 9, 2020**
- I.2 **Minutes from the closed Committee of the Whole meeting held April 16, 2020**
- I.3 **Minutes from the closed meeting held April 16, 2020**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the main motion as amended:
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the following items be approved without further debate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.1 Minutes from the closed meeting held April 9, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the closed meeting held April 9, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.2 Minutes from the closed Committee of the Whole meeting held April 16, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the closed Committee of the Whole meeting held April 16, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I.3 Minutes from the closed meeting held April 16, 2020

Moved By Councillor Alto
Seconded By Councillor Dubow

That the minutes from the closed meeting held April 16, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. NEW BUSINESS

L.1 Proposed Municipal Service – Community Charter Section 90(1)(k)

Council discussed a proposed municipal service.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

L.2 Potential Litigation/Municipal Service/Municipal Objectives Community Charter Sections 90(1)(g), 90(1)(k), and 90(1)(i)

Council discussed a potential litigation, municipal service, and municipal objectives matter.

The motion was recorded and kept confidential.

All staff except for the City Manager withdrew from the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

L.3 Employee Relations – Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)

Council discussed an employee relations matter.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Potts
Seconded By Councillor Alto

That the Closed Council Meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR