



MINUTES - SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 6, 2023, 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 Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Hammond

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, P. Bellefontaine - Director of Engineering & Public Works, G. Diamond - Council Secretary, S. Stoltz - Committee Secretary, Sian Maichen - Committee Secretary

GUESTS: D. Manak – Victoria Police Department Chief Constable, S. Hurcombe – Victoria Police Department Board of Control, C. Watson – Victoria Police Department Deputy Chief

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That Item F.1. Land Use Matters be added to the closed agenda.

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. READING OF MINUTES

C.1 Minutes from the special meeting held January 20, 2023

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held January 20, 2023 be adopted

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Presentations

D.1 Victoria Police Department - Budget

Committee received a presentation from Chief Del Manak from the Victoria Police Department regarding their annual budget.

Committee discussed:

- *Resources for positions within the organization that have not yet been hired*
- *Privacy legislation around releasing body camera footage*
- *staffing crisis and immediate need for officers*
- *Police budget growing in-line with the City of Victoria's budget*
- *Having a regional approach with E-Comm*
- *Cost per-capita being the highest in the province due to a relatively small police force*

Motion to close the meeting at 9:51 a.m.:

Moved by Councillor Kim
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

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 related to or is one or more of the following:

Section 90(1)(c) labour relations of other employee relations; and

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee discussed a labour relations issue.

Committee received legal advice

The Special Committee of the Whole meeting was reopened to the public at 10:03 a.m.

Committee recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E.1 2023-2027 Draft Financial Plan

Moved by Mayor Alto

Seconded by Councillor Kim

To keep a cap on annual property taxes to no more than inflation plus one percent, including police

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Caradonna

Seconded by Councillor Dell

~~To keep a cap on annual property taxes to no more than inflation plus one percent, including police~~

That staff develop a new 2023 draft budget that caps property tax increase at inflation (6.96%) and that the police board develop a new draft budget at the same rate.

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Hammond

Seconded by Councillor Coleman

~~That staff develop a new 2023 draft budget that caps the property tax increase at inflation (6.96%)~~ **6.00%** ~~and that the Police Board develop a new draft budget at the same rate~~ **6.96%**

Motion to call the question on the amendment to the amendment:

FOR (8): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell
Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (8 TO 1)

On the amendment to the amendment:

FOR (2): Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

OPPOSED (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (2 to 7)

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That staff develop a new 2023 draft budget that caps property tax increase at up to inflation (6.96%) and that the police board develop a new draft budget at the same rate.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

That staff develop a new 2023 draft budget that caps property tax increase at inflation (6.96%) and that the police board develop a new draft budget at the same rate.

FOR (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 TO 3)

On the main motion as amended:

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FOR (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond

CARRIED (6 TO 3)

Motion to close the meeting at 11:14 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Dell

Seconded by Councillor Kim

That the February 6, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole meeting be closed to the public

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Committee received legal advice

Motion to adjourn:

**Moved By Councillor Caradonna
Seconded By Councillor Dell**

That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR