



MINUTES – SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

February 17, 2023, 9:00 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

ABSENT: Councillor Hammond

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, S. Thompson - Deputy City Manager / Chief Financial Officer, T. Zworski - City Solicitor, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, K. Hoese - Director of Sustainable Planning and Community Development, C. Mycroft - Manager of Executive Operations, T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, J. Jensen - Director, People and Culture, G. Diamond - Council Secretary, S. Johnson - Director of Communications and Engagement, G. Diamond - Council Secretary. S. Maichen – Committee Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Coleman

That the agenda be approved.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caradonna
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

That item **D.1 2023-2027 Draft Financial Plan** be moved to follow item **F.1 2023-2027 Draft Financial Plan – Potential Changes**

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. STAFF REPORTS

F.1 2023-2027 Draft Financial Plan – Potential Changes

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Kim

That Council direct staff to adjust the draft 2023 Financial Plan as follows:

1. Reduce the expenditure budget for Communications and Engagement by \$82,000
2. Reduce the expenditure budget for Business and Community Relations by \$220,000
3. Reduce the expenditure budget for Solid Waste by \$100,000
4. Increase parking revenues through the following adjustments to parking rates effective May 1, 2023:
 - a. On-street – all zones increase by \$0.50 per hour Monday to Saturday – revenue increase of \$450,000
 - i. 90-minute time limit zone \$3.50 per hour (currently \$3 per hour)
 - ii. 2 hour and 4 hour time limit zones \$3.00 per hour (currently \$2.50 per hour)
 - iii. 3 hour time limit zones \$2.50 per hour (currently \$2 per hour)
 - iv. 24 hour time limit zone \$2.00 per hour (currently \$1.50 per hour)
 - b. Extend paid on-street parking from 6pm to 7pm – revenue increase of \$900,000
 - c. Parkades – increase hourly rate by \$0.50 – revenue increase of \$900,000
 - i. Centennial, Johnson and View - \$2.50 per hour, daily maximum of \$15 (currently \$2 per hour, daily maximum of \$14)
 - ii. Broughton - \$2.50 per hour, daily maximum of \$17.50 (currently \$2 per hour, daily maximum \$16)

Amendment:

Moved By: Councillor Dell
Seconded By: Councillor Caradonna

4. b. Extend paid on-street parking **and parkade parking** from 6pm-7pm - revenue increase of \$900,000

FOR (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

Amendment:

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Caradonna

4. b. Extend paid on-street parking and parkade parking from 6pm-7pm - revenue increase of **at least** \$900,000

FOR (6): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (2): Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

Amendment:

Moved by Mayor Alto
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

4. b. Extend paid on-street parking and parkade parking from 6pm-7pm – revenue increase of at least \$900,000 **any amount in excess of this be directed to decrease the property tax increase**

FOR (3): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner
OPPOSED (5): Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (3 to 5)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

4. b. Extend paid on-street parking and parkade parking from 6pm-7pm - revenue increase of at least \$900,000 **with any excess amount to be put into community amenities**

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By: Mayor Alto
Seconded By: Councillor Caradonna

4b. Extend paid on-street parking and parkade parking from 6pm-7pm - revenue increase of at least \$900,00 **with any excess amount to be put into community amenities – the local amenities reserve fund.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

4b. Extend paid on-street parking and parkade parking from 6pm-7pm - revenue increase of at least \$900,00 **with any excess amount to be put into the local amenities reserve fund.**

FOR (5): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton
OPPOSED (3): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Thompson

CARRIED (5 TO 3)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

Seconded By Councillor Dell

5. Direct staff to pause the Dogs in Parks review in the amount of \$400,000

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Dell

That the previous question be called.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dell

Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

6. Direct staff to delay the Dallas Road Waterfront Park Improvement Plan

FOR (4): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton

DEFEATED (4 TO 4)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loughton

Seconded By Councillor Kim

6. Direct staff to allocate \$50,000 to Our Place Society for extending their operating hours and \$50,000 for their storage program from surplus

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

OPPOSED (2): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner

CARRIED (6 TO 2)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Loughton
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

7. Direct staff to extend the Pandora Caretaker's program until December 31st, 2023 at the cost of up to \$80,000 from surplus and/or contingency

Amendment to the amendment:

Moved By Councillor Gardiner
Seconded By Councillor Kim

7. Direct staff to extend the Pandora Caretaker's program until December 31st, 2023 at the cost of up to \$80,000 ~~from surplus and/or contingency from an application to the provincial government, or if unsuccessful, then from surplus and/or contingency.~~

FOR (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson
OPPOSED (1): Councillor Caradonna

CARRIED (7 TO 1)

On the amendment:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Gardiner
Seconded By Councillor Kim

8. Direct staff to charge a daily fee for the secure bicycle parking located adjacent to City Hall

FOR (1): Councillor Gardiner
OPPOSED (7): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Coleman, Councillor Dell, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

DEFEATED (1 TO 7)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dell
Seconded By Councillor Caradonna

That council direct staff to reprioritize the Parks plan as follows:

Immediate priorities:

- Centennial Square improvements
- Improvements to Clover Point and Dallas Road, as per staff's discretion
- Increase public and youth sport access to Royal Athletic Park

Short term priorities:

- Increase water access to the Gorge Waterway
- Find a location for a splash pad
- Improve access and amenities in Beacon Hill Park
- New community garden in the downtown core
- Ship Point masterplan
- Build more off-leash dog parks, including exploring a potential off-leash park at Harris Green.

Medium term priorities:

- Peter Pollan Park
- Oasis Park, in conjunction with School District 61
- Irving Park Improvement Plan
- Vic West Park Improvement Plan

Temporarily delay work on:

- Beacon Hill Park - Circulation and Accessibility Study

The chair ruled the motion out of order.

The motion was withdrawn.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dell

Seconded By Councillor Kim

8. Direct staff to temporarily delay work on the Beacon Hill Park - Circulation and Accessibility Study in the amount of \$450,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Caradonna

Seconded By Councillor Dell

9. Direct staff to provide one-time funding up to \$69,000 to fund the Victoria multi-cultural society (\$36,000) and the Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre (\$33,000) from surplus and/or contingency

FOR (4): Mayor Alto, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Thompson

OPPOSED (4): Councillor Coleman, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Kim, Councillor Loughton

DEFEATED (4 TO 4)

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor Dell

Seconded By Councillor Coleman

9. Direct staff to prepare the necessary financial and legal agreements to provide the Safety Initiative Reimbursement Agreement with an additional \$65,000, to be taken from the contingency budget, that can be utilized any time prior to December 31, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor noted that discussions of this item and any other ideas are capped until the final adoption, noting the decisions have not been subject to public engagement and therefore may require Council facility and balancing of feedback from public engagement.

On the main motion as amended:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Special Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR