



MINUTES - VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 1 Centennial Square

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

PRESENT: Mayor Alto in the Chair, Councillor Caradonna, Councillor Dell, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Loughton, Councillor Thompson

PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: Councillor Kim

ABSENT: Councillor Coleman

STAFF PRESENT: J. Jenkyns - City Manager, C. Kingsley - City Clerk, C. Anderson - Deputy City Clerk, G. Diamond - Senior Legislative Coordinator, B. Roder - Senior Legislative Coordinator

A. POETRY

A poem was read by Poet Laureate, Marie Metaphor Specht.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council acknowledged that the City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation communities and suggested that we take time during our daily lives to contextualize the work of the Lekwungen people in stewarding the lands and waters where we are fortunate to live, work and play.

E. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Moved and Seconded:

That the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E.1 Lia VanDenHoek: Tymac Industries - constant 18 wheeler noise on Dallas Road steps from residences (In-person)

Mayor Alto noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.

E.2 Pam Simek: REZ00859 - Proposed development at Fort and Davie (In-person)

Mayor Alto noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.

E.3 Bob June: The OCP Update, Engagement and Polling (In-person)

Outlined to Council a suggestion to use a portion of the \$18 million Provincial Government grant to ensure a credible and effective Official Community Plan review engagement process.

E.4 Teresa Reeves, Westcoast Recovery Outreach Network: Update on work with unhoused in Victoria accessing Recovery options (In-person)

Mayor Alto noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.

E.5 Lance Morgan: Council Accessibility (In-person)

Outlined to Council the fiscal responsibility to minimize tax increases and focus on the core responsibilities of Council, including community safety.

E.6 Eric James, The Municipal Fly: Request for a Code of Conduct complaint to be launched concerning the online conduct of Councillor Jeremy Caradonna on 12 Dec 23 (In-person)

Mayor Alto noted that this speaker was not present to address Council.

F. CLOSED MEETING

Moved and Seconded:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MARCH 14, 2024 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)(d) the security of the property of the municipality;

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

Section 90(2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council meeting was closed to the public at 6:50 p.m.

G. APPROVAL OF CLOSED AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

That the Closed agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. NEW BUSINESS

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

This item was referred to the April 4, 2024 Closed Council meeting.

I.2 Legal Advice - Community Charter Section 90(1)(i)

This item was referred to the April 4, 2024 Closed Council meeting.

I.3 Intergovernmental/Security of the Property - Community Charter Section 90(1)(d) and 90(2)(b)

Council discussed an intergovernmental/security of the property matter. The discussion was recorded and kept confidential.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CITY CLERK

MAYOR