



MINUTES – VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Council Chambers, City Hall

PRESENT:

Mayor Helps in the Chair, Councillors Alto, Coleman, Isitt, Loveday, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Johnson – City Manager; P. Bruce - Fire Chief; J. Jenkyns - Deputy City Manager; K. Hamilton - Director, Citizen Engagement & Strategic Planning; C. Coates – City Clerk; C. Mycroft - Executive Assistant to the City Manager; T. Soulliere - Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities; S. Thompson - Director of Finance; J. Tinney - Director of Sustainable Planning & Community Development; P. Martin – Recording Secretary.

GUESTS:

Acting Chief Manak of the Victoria Police Department.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that Council adopt the special closed agenda.

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation: Additional Policing Resources

Council received a presentation from Acting Chief Manak of the Victoria Police Department requesting assistance for additional police resources to assist with the courthouse encampment.

Motion:

It was moved by Mayor Helps, seconded by Councillor Coleman, that Council approve a budget increase of up to \$113,000 for additional police resources, and that the funding be allocated from the corporate contingency account.

Amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the motion be amended by adding a second point as follows:

2. That Acting Chief Manak provide an update to Council on the effectiveness of the strategy, within one month of implementation.

Council discussed

- The importance of being strategic and effective with the budget increase.

Amendment to the amendment:

It was moved by Councillor Lucas, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the motion be further amended as follows:

2. That Acting Chief Manak provide an update to Council on the effectiveness of the strategy, within ~~one~~ **month two weeks** of implementation.

On the amendment to the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

On the amendment:
Carried Unanimously

Council discussed:

- Concerns regarding displacement.
- The importance of ensuring that safety is a priority for both residents of tent city and the neighbouring areas.
- That funding for additional police resources is required so that they can continue to provide service to the whole city.

Main motion as amended:

- 1. That Council approve a budget increase of up to \$113,000 for additional police resources, and that the funding be allocated from the corporate contingency account.
- 2. That Acting Chief Manak provide an update to Council on the effectiveness of the strategy, within two weeks of implementation.

On the main motion as amended:
Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the Special Council meeting adjourn.
Time: 3:43 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR