

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 7:37 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing speakers on the 2011 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor George Chow*
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie*
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Chow and Louie absent for the vote)

**1. 2011 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update
November 15, 2010**

Vancouver City Council, at its Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, received a Report Reference on an Administrative Report dated November 15, 2010, entitled "2011 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update".

Subsequently on December 2, 2010, a Special Council meeting was held in order to hear from members of the public on the proposed 2011 Operating Budget.

The General Manager of Financial Services Group and the Manager of Corporate Operating Budgets responded to questions.

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During the hearing of speakers, the following motion was moved:

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT, under Section 2.3 (e) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Special Council meeting by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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Council heard from the following speakers:

Stuart Mackinnon, Commissioner, Vancouver Park Board; Trustee, Vancouver Public Library Board
Aaron Jasper, Commissioner, Vancouver Park Board
Joan Andersen, Library Board
Alexandra Youngberg, President, CUPE Local 391, Vancouver Public Library Workers
Paul Faoro, President, CUPE Local 15
Wendy Williams, Chair, Women's Advisory Committee
Ulltan Kampff, President, Downtown BIA
Sean Pacey, Vancouver Fair Tax Coalition
Michael Tee, Marpole BIA and Vancouver Fair Tax Coalition
Deanna Geisheimer, Yaletown BIA, Art Works Gallery
Keith Jacobson, Killarney Community Centre
Neil Monckton, Think City
Brent Granby
Mike Bradley, Association Presidents Group
Ian Mass
Jordan Eng, Vice-President, Vancouver Chinatown BIA
Russ Davies, Kitsilano - 4th Avenue BIA
David Sexton, President, Renfrew Park Residents Association
Gary Jarvis
Vaughan Evans

Council heard from 20 speakers, 18 of whom expressed opposition regarding the 2011 Operating Budget. Areas of concern included financial cuts to the Parks Board, libraries, community centres and City Hall staff. Taxes to businesses and residents were also discussed. One speaker spoke in support of the parking meter rate increases in the Chinatown neighbourhood. One speaker was neither for nor against the 2011 Operating Budget.

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

The Special Council adjourned at 10:14 pm

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