



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

FEBRUARY 2, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

INFORMATION

1. **Significant New Rezoning Application: 2402 East Broadway**
(VanRIMS No. 11-3600-03)

The Committee had before it for information a description of a Significant New Rezoning Application received by the Planning Department for 2402 East Broadway.

Joanne Baxter, Rezoning Planner - Rezoning Centre, reviewed the application and responded to questions concerning potential impacts and the type of zoning on the site.

2. **Nuisance Property and Injunction Request regarding 743 East 15th Avenue**
(VanRIMS No. 11-4400-10)

This item was withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATION

3. 860 Denman Street - Howard Murray Investments Ltd. Liquor Primary Liquor License (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-50)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 16, 2006, in which the Chief License Inspector put forward for Council's consideration an application by Howard Murray Investments Ltd. for a 149 seat Liquor Primary liquor license (Liquor Establishment Class 2) at 860 Denman Street. The General Manager of Community Services submitted the choice of A or B for consideration.

Guy Gusdal, License Co-ordinator, provided an overview of the report and explained the rationale for presenting this application for Council's consideration. Mr. Gusdal responded to questions concerning the criteria for extended hours of operation, the percentage of public responses received and issues related to previous establishments at this site.

Bert Hick - Rising Tide Consultants, introduced the Applicants: Murray Kryski, Howard Murray Investments Ltd., and Steve Bauer and Vince Marino, Co-owners of the PumpJack and Fountain Head Pubs. Mr. Hick provided details of the proposal and sought Council's approval. He advised that the intent is to restore the establishment back to its original form when it was the Denman Station Cabaret and cater to the West End community. Mr. Bauer gave a history of establishments at this site and reviewed issues associated with the previous owner. Mr. Marino provided further details of the proposal and gave a history of their contributions to the community. With regard to the issue of changing ownership, Mr. Marino noted that this is a long-term commitment the Applicants are prepared to make.

The following area residents expressed concern with regard to this application, in particular the potential for noise and other disturbances:

Allan Knowles
Fiona Spalding-Smith
Peter Bowra
Nadine Jumelle

Speaker's comments included the following:

- the integrity and intent of the current Applicant is recognized but what guarantee does the community have that the elements that brought down the previous owner do not return?;
- live west of Denman Street because it's a quieter area, but noise issues in the early hours of the morning have increased and now concerned the addition of another bar in the neighbourhood will increase that factor;
- disappointed with the notification process; this proposal should be denied or at least sent back to the community for further input; and
- although the applicant will adhere to the Good Neighbourhood Agreement, it doesn't mean there won't be negative impacts on nearby residents.

Reive Doig, resident and bar tender at the PumpJack Pub, spoke in support of the proposal and noted that the concerns raised at this meeting are not about the current Applicant but rather the previous owner and whether this establishment will return to that condition if sold again. He assured Council that the Applicants will not be catering to the previous clientele and, as they have deep roots in the community, will not be selling this establishment.

Mr. Gusdal, along with the Applicants, responded to questions regarding concerns raised by some of the foregoing speakers, in particular issues associated with the previous owners of this site.

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council, having considered that the majority of area residents and business operators of the community are in favour of the application as determined by site signage, neighbourhood notification and a public meeting, and having considered the proximity of residential developments, traffic patterns, road access, availability of parking, noise impacts, the overall design, and relevant Council policy as outlined in the Administrative Report dated January 16, 2006, and titled "860 Denman Street - Howard Murray Investments Ltd., Liquor Primary Liquor License", endorse the application by Howard Murray Investments Ltd. for a 149 seat Liquor Primary liquor license (Liquor Establishment Class 2) at 860 Denman Street subject to:

- i. A signed Good Neighbour Agreement prior to issuance of the business license;
- ii. Standard Hours of operation of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Sunday to Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday subject to Council enactment of the required Business Premise Regulation Bylaw;
- iii. Extended Hours of operation of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Sunday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday per the license bylaw requirements subject to Council enactment of the required Business Premise Hours of Regulation Bylaw; and
- iv. Adherence to clean air principles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Child and Youth Advocate Mentor's Year in Review (VanRIMS No. 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated January 16, 2006, in which the Child and Youth Advocate outlined the Youth Advocate Mentor's accomplishments since November, 2004, and the breadth of youth community engagement initiated. She also provided a report back on the Coalition for Kids and A People's Project Gathering in December, 2005.

Sheila Davidson, Child and Youth Advocate, introduced herself and Caitlin Padgett, Child and Youth Advocate Mentor. Ms. Davidson clarified that these two positions, which are not from Social Planning, report directly to Council. Ms. Padgett provided an overview of the report, explained the mandate of the Child and Youth Advocate Mentor and described projects completed in the past year. She referenced the Mayor's inaugural address and was encouraged that the Mayor's office will seek every opportunity to engage youth in civic government, adding that she is looking forward to increasing those opportunities for youth to become involved.

Jess Chant, Society for Children and Youth of BC, and Rosy Deol, Youth Speak Out, spoke in support of the Child and Youth Advocate Mentor, provided details of their programs and urged Council to continue funding this position. It was also noted this position is key in providing organizers and youth with advocacy skills and training as well as key in the relationship between the community, youth, their families and Council.

Ms. Padgett, together with Jeff Brooks, Director - Social Planning and Anka Raskin, Social Planner, responded to questions concerning the mandate of the Child and Youth Advocate Mentor, the relationship between the Child and Youth Advocate and the City's Youth Outreach team, as well as housing issues and police brutality related to youth.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated January 16, 2006, entitled "Child and Youth Advocate Mentor's Year in Review" be received for INFORMATION.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS**

FEBRUARY 2, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Janice MacKenzie, Deputy City Clerk
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities**
(VanRIMS No. 08-3000-11)

At the Regular Council meeting on January 31, 2006, Council postponed consideration of the following Motion to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 2, 2006.

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan

1. THAT this event stay within the approved \$50,000 budget and adopt Option 2 as outlined in the City Manager's memorandum dated January 26, 2006 (attached to the Communication dated January 26, 2006, entitled "General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities") in order to meet the previous Council's commitment to have the Mayor host the General Assembly.
2. THAT an organizing committee be established immediately, consisting of the Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, the President of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, the Chief of External Relations and Protocol and the Chief of Staff to the Mayor.
3. THAT the organizing committee actively seek out possible sponsorships from both the public and private sectors to help defray the overall cost to City taxpayers.

amended

Mayor Sullivan distributed a memorandum dated February 2, 2006, which provided updated information regarding the General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, and, based on this new information, provided a Recommendation for Council's consideration (*on file*).

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Mayor Sullivan's Motion be amended by striking out the entire Motion and replacing it with the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor advise the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities that the City of Vancouver is no longer in a position to play host to the 2006 General Assembly.

Carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Councillor Anton's amendment be amended to add the following words at the end:

"but will contribute \$50,000 committed previously to the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities".

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Chow, Deal, Ladner, Lee, Louie, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Anton's amendment be amended by striking out the entire Motion and replacing it with the following:

THAT Council refer a final decision on the General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities to the Regular Council meeting on February 14, 2006, and during the intervening time, Council formally, through the Mayor's office, communicate to the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities that Council agrees to contribute a maximum \$50,000, subject to an agreed upon program of funding sources.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed)

The Amendments to the Amendment having LOST, Councillor Anton's Amendment was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

MOTION AS AMENDED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor advise the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities that the City of Vancouver is no longer in a position to play host to the 2006 General Assembly.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

**2. International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
(VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)**

At the Regular Council meeting on January 31, 2006, Council postponed consideration of a Motion related to the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 2, 2006.

Subsequently, due to time constraints, Council agreed to refer this matter to the Regular Council meeting to be held February 14, 2006.

3. Parking Stall Tax (VanRIMS No. 05-4200-17)

At the Regular Council meeting on January 31, 2006, Council postponed consideration of a Motion related to Parking Stall Tax to the Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 2, 2006.

Subsequently, due to time constraints, Council agreed to refer this matter to the Regular Council meeting to be held February 14, 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Business License Hearing Panels for February 2006 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-40)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for February 8, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., February 14, 2006, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and February 28, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2006 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

February 8, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.
Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor B.C. Lee, Alternate

February 14, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.
Councillor David Cadman, Chair
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Peter Ladner, Alternate

February 28, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets February 2, 2006

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets. Its items of business included:

1. Significant New Rezoning Application: 2402 East Broadway
2. Nuisance Property and Injunction Request regarding 743 East 15th Avenue
3. 860 Denman Street - Howard Murray Investments Ltd. Liquor Primary Liquor License
4. Child and Youth Advocate Mentor's Year in Review

Items 1, 3 and 4

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Thursday, February 2, 2006, as contained in Items 1, 3 and 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 2

This item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

1. WI-FI - Wireless Internet Services (VanRIMS No. 04-4000-21)

Due to time constraints, the following Motion on Notice was referred to the Regular Council Meeting to be held February 14, 2006.

WHEREAS:

1. Many cities are investing in wireless municipal infrastructure;
2. free or low-cost wireless internet services can serve both business and community goals;
3. various models have been adopted, usually involving public and private partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Staff report back on the desirability and options for pursuing a free or low-cost high-speed wireless municipal internet system in selected areas of the City in a way that does not add costs to City taxpayers, to achieve the goals of:

1. Promoting business;
2. Building community through electronic connectivity;
3. Bridging the digital divide by making internet access more accessible and affordable to low income residents;
4. Reducing communication costs for the City's own operations; and
5. Improving the delivery of emergency and other municipal services.

Referred

2. Provincial Housing Program (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-01)

Due to time constraints, the following Motion on Notice was referred to the Regular Council Meeting to be held February 14, 2006.

WHEREAS homelessness has doubled in Vancouver since 2002 due to changes in provincial income assistance and housing policy; and

WHEREAS the homelessness strategy unanimously adopted by the last council relied on funding from senior levels of government to build affordable and low-income housing as a way to reduce homelessness over time; and

WHEREAS recent news reports suggest the provincial government is considering rent subsidies to renters instead of revitalizing the housing program, a move which tenants' groups say will not meet the growing need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this council support the City of Vancouver's Homelessness Action Plan, and call on the provincial government to restore a full subsidized housing program as the lead element in the fight against homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver seek endorsement of this motion by the GVRD and the UBCM.

Referred

3. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Kim Capri (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

Due to time constraints, the following Motion on Notice was referred to the Regular Council Meeting to be held February 14, 2006.

THAT Councillor Kim Capri be granted a LOA from the Court of Revision Meeting to be held February 16, 2006 due to her attendance at the UBCM Seminar being held for newly elected officials (Councillor Capri was elected as the UBCM Executive).

Referred

4. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Heather Deal (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

Due to time constraints, the following Motion on Notice was referred to the Regular Council Meeting to be held February 14, 2006.

THAT Councillor Heather Deal be granted a Leave of Absence from the Court of Revision Meeting to be held February 16, 2006 due to her attendance at the UBCM Seminar being held for newly elected officials.

Referred

The Council adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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