

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

APRIL 6, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Thursday, April 6, 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
 Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Syd Baxter, City Clerk
 Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Final Approval of the Extended Hours of Liquor Service Policy and the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law for Standard Hours Liquor Establishments and Extended Hours Liquor Establishments (VanRIMs No. 11-4600-50)**

AND

2. **Business License Fees for Extended Hours Liquor Establishments (VanRIMs No. 11-4600-20)**

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated March 7, 2006, in which the Chief License Inspector, in consultation with the Medical Health Officer and Director of Legal Services, confirmed the boundaries of the business premises regulation of hours areas required to implement the Hours of Liquor Service policy, recommended preparation of the appropriate amending by-law, and recommended a minor revision to the Hours of Liquor Service policy, amendments to the Noise Control By-law to place more stringent regulations on liquor establishments operating during the extended hours and a complementing amendment to the acoustic requirement in the License By-law. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

The Committee also had before it an Administrative Report dated March 7, 2006, in which the Chief License Inspector, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, sought approval to set the annual business license fee for the Extended Hours Liquor Establishment Class of business license, adjust the processing fee associated with the LCLB Temporary Amendment to Liquor License applications and recommended an additional \$225,000 be added to the 2006 Vancouver Police Department budget for costs associated with policing the city's liquor licensed establishments. The General Manager of Community Services recommended approval.

The City Manager also recommended approval, however noted a \$25 per seat annual fee for the Extended Hours Liquor Establishments class of business license is supportable, rather than the \$12 per seat fee recommended by staff, and also noted that the funding of the Firearms Interdiction Team should be part of the overall Vancouver Police Department operations budget with no further budget increase.

The Committee agreed to deal with the two above-noted reports concurrently.

Guy Gusdal, Licensing Coordinator, provided an overview of the Policy Report and its recommendations, noting it represents the final steps of an approximately 2.5 year process. He also put forward for Council's consideration an addition to Recommendation A as follows:

AND FURTHER THAT Council instructs the Chief License Inspector to not enforce the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law against establishments in the Downtown Eastside (DEOD) regulation area that are negatively impacted by the enactment of the amended by-law until the comprehensive liquor policy review for the area has been completed.

Mr. Gusdal also reviewed the Administrative Report regarding business license fees for extended hours liquor establishments.

Mr. Gusdal responded to questions concerning the proposed addition to Recommendation A, which establishments it would affect and whether it should be applied to other neighbourhoods in addition to the DEOD. He also responded to questions concerning the proposed increase in fees and what percentage increase it represents, how the proposed maximum fees were determined, what bar operators would be getting in exchange for the increased fees, the notification and public consultation process and the proposed extended hours liquor licensing boundaries.

Deputy Chief Bob Rich, Vancouver Police Department, responded to questions regarding the recommended additional funding to the Department and the implications of not receiving that funding. Brent MacGregor, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions concerning the City Manager's support for a \$25 per seat increase in fees and the VPD's request for additional 2006 funding.

The following speakers provided comments on one or both of the above-noted reports:

Ed Emerman, Blarneystone
Dave Kershaw, Stone Temple, Tonic & Au Bar (materials filed)
Tony Ricci, No. 5 Orange
Roger Gibson, Alliance of Beverage Licensees
Robert Strachan, Strachan Brown & Associates
Dale McRitchie, Red Room
Derek Creighton, Stone Temple, Tonic & Au Bar
Greg Bell, Wild Coyote Bar & Grill
Charlie Winch, No. 5 Orange
Rick Erdman, Sonar Cabaret & Drake Hotel
Derek Pink, Stone Temple, Tonic & Au Bar
John Teti, Chair, Barwatch
Blaine Culling, Granville Entertainment
Farheen Rawji, Savoy Pub

Comments and concerns expressed by the foregoing speakers included the following:

- several speakers expressed concern with regard to proposed roll-back of their standard operating hours; will be required to pay increased licensing fees for “extended hours” in order to maintain current operating hours;
- suggest Council request additional funds from Provincial Government to help offset additional costs of increased licensing responsibilities which have been downloaded;
- several speakers questioned the appropriateness of proposed area regulations which would apply to their particular business and noted the seemingly discretionary and arbitrary nature of the proposed boundaries;
- downtown area is limited and must be reserved for commercial uses;
- several speakers requested Council postpone its decision on these matters in order to gain a fuller understanding of the issues; anomalies in report should be further explored before making a decision;
- several speakers suggested Council consider resurrecting the Vancouver Liquor Licensing Commission, which operated in the past as a Committee of Council to deal with liquor licensing related matters;
- speakers on behalf of No. 5 Orange noted they were satisfied with the additional recommendation put forward by staff this day in regard to the DEOD regulation area;
- imposing land-use zoning criteria on liquor licensing does not work; it is a flawed process;
- in general, noise complaints are received in relation to older bars which have had residential uses built up around them; new bars do not receive complaints; instead of applying zoning criteria onto older established licensed premises, new residential buildings in historically commercial areas should be built with noise mitigation measures in place;
- proposed by-law amendment in relation to noise mitigation is not practical or achievable and should not be passed in its present form;

- new proposed noise requirements and increased licensing fees will result in much higher costs for bar operators, including those who have operated without any noise complaints;
- discretionary nature of the policy results in situations whereby a premises which will require an extended hours license to stay open until 2:00 a.m. will be within one block of other premises which can stay open until 3:00 a.m.;
- suggest Council revisit its previous decision and extend the Granville entertainment zone to the bridgehead;
- bar operators need clarity in regard to infractions and penalties, similar to how the provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Board operates;
- establishments should be grandfathered to be able to retain the operating hours they have enjoyed for the last few years;
- does not make sense to apply proposed noise regulations to premises in Granville Street entertainment zone, which was purposely set up as a zone where entertainment was given priority over residential;
- one bar operator expressed concern the proposed policy would require her downtown eastside premises to open later in morning and stay open later at night; her preference is to retain the current opening hours.

During the hearing of the foregoing speakers Mr. Gusdal, Mr. Losito, and Mr. MacGregor responded to questions concerning issues raised by the speakers, including the implications of postponing decision on these matters to a future meeting.

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Following the hearing of speakers, the Committee recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with the same members present

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MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT discussion and decision on the Policy Report dated March 7, 2006, entitled "Final Approval of the Extended Hours of Liquor Service Policy and the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law for Standard Hours Liquor Establishments and Extended Hours Liquor Establishments" and the Administrative Report dated March 7, 2006, entitled "Business License Fees for Extended Hours Liquor Establishments" be postponed to the next Regular Council meeting on April 18, 2006; and

FURTHER THAT, in the interim, staff are directed to consult further with industry representatives in regard to issues which have been raised by delegations this day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates (VanRIMs No. 05-1000-30)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on April 4, 2006, received a Report Reference on the 2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates, and referred consideration of the matter to this meeting of the City Services and Budgets Committee in order to hear from speakers.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 17, 2006, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services/Director of Finance, in consultation with the Corporate Management Team, presented the updated estimates in the 2006 Operating Budget to Council, offered a series of budget adjustments to provide Council options to reduce the property tax increase to the rate of inflation of 2%, and provided options for the funding of new funding requests.

The City Manager and Director of Finance noted this has been a challenging year for developing the operating budget, and provided additional information and comments on the recommendations, suggested budget adjustments, and new funding requests.

The following expressed concern regarding various budget adjustments proposed in the Administrative Report and/or spoke in support of specific new funding requests put forward for consideration, as well as other budget-related issues:

Sheila Davidson, Child and Youth Advocate, City of Vancouver
Dr. Carole Christopher, Vancouver Food Policy Council (100 letters in support of Food Policy Council submitted - unaudited)
Paul Faoro, President, CUPE Local 15
Sharon Gregson, VSB Representative - Civic Child Care Council
Cam Cathcart, Vice-Chair, Vancouver Heritage Commission
Angela Marie MacDougall, Battered Women Support Services
Caryn Duncan, Vancouver Women's Health Collective
Margaret Birrell, Executive Director, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities
Mary King, South Vancouver Seniors Network
Mark Gifford
Edward Des Roches, Vancouver Fair Tax Coalition
Paul Sullivan, Vancouver Fair Tax Coalition
Emily Mayne, Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House
Heather Redfern, Alliance for Arts and Culture
Dulce Cuenca, Multicultural Helping House Society
George Laverock, Festival Vancouver
Sabrina Bonfonti, Self-Help Resource Association of B.C.
Barbara Shelly, Street Decoration Committee
Barry Downs
Maggie Ip, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (petition containing 902 signatures in support of Community Services Grants submitted - unaudited)
Adrienne Wong, NewWorld Theatre
Anisha Abdulla, GAB Youth Services at The Centre
Amanda Kay, GAB Youth Services at The Centre

Craig Maynard, Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality (PFAME)
Ray Lam
Laura McDiarmid
Christine Waymark, Chronically Queer Group at The Centre
Beckie Herrmann, PFAME
Alan Herbert
Minna Shendlinger, PuSh International Performing Arts Festival
Norman Armour, PuSh International Performing Art Festival
Duncan Wilson
Randi Gurholt-Seary, Britannia Childcare Community Services Centre
Art Willms, Chair, Vancouver Symphony Society
Hank Bull, Centre for Contemporary Asian Art
Pam Best, West Coast Childcare Resource Centre
Shawn Ewing
Robert Lemon, Chair, Vancouver Heritage Foundation
Kevin Park, Ethical Purchasing BC

Comments provided by the foregoing speakers included the following:

- community childcare providers are already facing cuts in Provincial and Federal funding; request Council continue to support child development and not reduce funding for the community grants program of the City; childcare providers struggle to pay decent wages to employees;
- 100 letters, representing many different organizations and interests, have been collected in support of the Vancouver Food Policy Council; urge there be no cuts to this program;
- concern expressed regarding the budget process, include the public consultation process; recommend Council develop a new process for next year's budget;
- CUPE 15 has concerns with regard to potential loss of unionized employee positions; actions taken today will set the tone for contract negotiations which are upcoming later this year;
- recommend Council consider the pros and cons of the City's membership in the GVRD Labour Relations Bureau at a cost of \$600,000 per year, noting the City is subsidizing other municipalities' human resources services through this membership;
- urge Council to continue to take pride in the role it plays in supporting the community;
- community grants, while not a huge amount of money, are a vital piece in the funding for childcare and not-for-profit organizations;
- support expressed for funding for the update to the Heritage Register; the lack of an updated register results in much wasted staff time and owners who are unaware of the heritage status of their own buildings; the heritage register has significance to the broader public in that it provides some understanding of the importance of heritage buildings in communities; funding from Council would leverage twice as much funding from other levels of government;
- poverty and homelessness levels are higher than ever; cuts to community services grants would have serious negative impacts;

- the funding envelope for community services grants is not adequate for a city the size of Vancouver;
- concern expressed regarding letters which were received by community services organizations advising they would only be receiving a six-month grant rather than one-year funding; other groups received termination notices;
- community services providers are connected and provide assistance to one another; funding cut impacts are felt by the community at large;
- community consultation process did not include young people;
- reducing community services grants will impact the most vulnerable members of our society;
- City grants to community services providers help leverage other grants from senior levels of governments; small amounts can translate into huge outcomes, including volunteer participation;
- suggest City undertake benchmarking study and compare Vancouver departmental spending with other municipalities; should also track costs attributed to commercial and residential, and find out what happens when commercial converts to residential, and where that tax shortfall lands; information of this nature would aid citizens in providing educated opinions on the budget;
- many arts organizations in the city are struggling for survival; small grants from the City help them to gain some stability and can also leverage matching funding from other sources; we must maintain levels of funding to the arts if we are to be considered a model city leading up to 2010; funding ensures high artistic quality; competition for talent is very strong; urge Council to not decrease the \$1m in increased funding to the arts;
- support expressed for the retention of the Child and Youth Advocate position; need to provide resources to enable youth to network and gain support from one another; this is facilitated by the Youth Advocate program, which also gives a voice to youth, who do not have the same rights as adults;
- support expressed for continued funding for the street banner program, and the importance of this type of public art;
- community services organizations provide opportunities for volunteering; volunteer organizations contribute to a healthy, happy society;
- several speakers spoke in support of providing funding to PFAME to complete a feasibility study for a LGTB Community Centre (The Centre), citing the importance of providing a visible and accessible centre targeted to the LGTB community, in particular youth who are at high risk and have no place to turn for support;
- commend Council for adopting an Ethical Purchasing Policy last year and glad to see under current budget proposals that it appears it will be continuing.

During the hearing of the foregoing speakers, Rob Jenkins, Assistant Director, Current Planning Initiatives Branch, Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Jeff Brooks, Social Planner, responded to questions regarding the Heritage Register, the Community Services Grants process, and the annual budget process.

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The Committee recessed at 4:32 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m. with the same members present.

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At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Ladner stepped down from the Chair in order to move motions A through P and Vice-Chair Louie assumed the Chair.

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The Committee recessed at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. with the same members present and with Councillor Ladner in the Chair.

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The Committee agreed to vote separately on each part of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$55,230,800, which includes approximately \$956,800 of added Basic and one-time adjustments in the Park Board estimates, this amount prior to any reductions approved by Council to balance the 2006 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- B.(1) THAT Council consider the Types 1, 2 and 3 budget adjustments put forward by the Corporate Management Team (listed in Appendix 3 and 4) to reduce the general purposes tax increase to 3.98%, reflecting 3.54% in growth in City Costs and 0.40% in growth in outside agency costs;

Noting that if Council chooses to adopt these adjustments, Council will be absorbing the cost of outside agencies at 0.40% of the property tax increase.

carried

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT motion B.(1) be postponed until the votes have been taken on all of the other motions.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the motion be amended to increase cultural grants funding in the budget by \$300,000.

not put

The Chair ruled the amendment out of order due to it not being germane to the main motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended to strike out 3.98% and insert 3.895%.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended to strike out 3.98% and insert 3.917%.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED BY Councillor Cadman

THAT the motion be amended to strike out 3.98% and insert 4.0%.

not put

The Chair ruled the motion out of order due to it being a dilatory motion.

Councillor Stevenson challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

Shall the decision of the Chair be upheld?

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

A two-thirds majority is required to overturn the decision of the Chair. Therefore, the decision of the Chair was UPHELD.

The motions to postpone and amend having lost or been ruled out of order, the motion [B.(1)] was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- B.(2) THAT Council approve all of the Type 1, 2 and 3 budget adjustments put forward by the Corporate Management Team (listed in Appendix 3 and 4 of the Administrative Report dated March 17, 2006, entitled "2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates"), with the following exclusions and amendments:

Corporate Type 1 Adjustments - Amendments

- # 3 - modify the reduction to Contingency Reserve from \$900,000 to \$500,000
- # 8 - modify the Capital from Revenue Deferral from \$1,000,000 to \$600,000

Corporate Type 2 Adjustments - no exclusions

Corporate Type 3 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 10 - elimination of leaky condo development fee subsidy (\$175,000)
- # 11 - increase development fees for inferred costs (\$500,000)

Department Type 1 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 15 - discontinuation of GVTV (\$95,000)
- # 44 - reduction to Engineering Graffiti Maintenance (\$50,000)
- # 55 - reduction to Community Service Grants (\$19,000)
- # 72 - increase Park Board revenues (\$302,150)

Department Type 1 Adjustments -Amendments

- # 53 - modify the reduction to Cultural Grants from \$348,650 to \$300,000
- # 72 - increase the amount of Park Board efficiencies from \$302,150 to \$400,000.
- # 74/75 - along with Type 1 adjustments #74 and #75, further reduce the ethical purchasing program within the Park Board and the City by \$206,000, including the elimination of one FTE in Corporate Services

Department Type 2 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 81 - reduction in Britannia Swimming Pool Operating Hours (\$30,000)
- # 82 - reduction to the Britannia/Vancouver School Board Maintenance contract (\$16,000)
- # 97A - reduction in operating hours at Park Board Recreational Facilities (\$302,150)
- # 97B - reduction in park maintenance and garbage collection (\$320,150)

Department Type 2 Adjustments - Amendments

- # 92 - rather than eliminate the Food Policy Coordinator, reduce the term of the temporary Food Policy Planner to July 2006 saving \$34,000 by reallocating 2005 carry forward funds into the Operating Budget.

Department Type 3 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 98 - Elimination of one Regular part time youth position (\$18,000)
- # 99 - Elimination of the Volunteer coordinator position (\$46,000)
- # 100 - Reduction in events hosting and catering (\$15,000)
- # 102 - Reduce 1 FTE in corporate services main reception in VanCity Building (\$11,000)
- # 103 - Reduce operating expenses in IT (\$30,000)
- # 105 - Reduce the Drug Policy Program (\$50,000)
- # 106 - Delay the False Creek Flats program (\$150,000)
- # 107 - Eliminate one Temp full-time position on Metro Core Jobs and Economy Team (\$82,000)
- # 108 - Eliminate Banner Program (\$90,000)
- # 109 - Reduce Street Maintenance (\$425,000)
- # 110 - Cultural Grant Reductions (\$650,000)
- # 111 - Community Services Grants Reduction (\$172,000)
- # 112 - Childcare Grants Reductions (\$160,900)
- #113 - Library Temporary Closure (2 weeks) (\$320,000)
- #114 - Library Permanent Reduction on open hours (\$320,000)
- # 115 - Eliminate use of Temporary Staff as backfill for Vacation in the Mayor's Office (\$10,000)
- # 116 - Close recreation facilities - permanently (\$604,300)
- # 117 - Reduce the VPD Criminal investigation fund (\$65,000)

amended

[Note from Clerk: The Committee agreed to deal with every segment of the foregoing motion B.(2) separately. For ease of reference, all numbered line items in the above motion are repeated below and are set out under appropriate headings. All amendments shown are in relation to Motion B.(2)]

Corporate Type 1 Adjustments

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #3 (Contingency Reserve) adjustment be modified to reflect a \$500,000 reduction in Contingency Reserve.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to reflect a \$1.5 million reduction in Contingency Reserve, leaving a total of \$2.5 million in Contingency Reserve.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to reflect a \$900,000 reduction in Contingency Reserve, as per staff's original proposal.

LOST

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

The amendments having lost, the motion to reduce Contingency Reserve by \$500,000 was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #8 (Capital from Revenue Deferral) be modified from \$1,000,000 to \$600,000.

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to reflect a \$1,000,000 deferral from capital spending, as per staff's original proposal.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion to defer \$600,000 from capital spending was put and CARRIED with Councillors Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

Corporate Type 2 Adjustments

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #9 (Increase Parking Ticket Fines) be approved, thereby increasing parking ticket fines (\$400,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corporate Type 3 Adjustments

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #10 (Eliminate Revenue Subsidy on Leaky Condos) be excluded from adjustment (\$175,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #11 (Charge fees for Inferred Costs) be excluded from adjustment (\$500,000).

CARRIED

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

Department Type 1 Adjustments

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #15 (Discontinue GVTV) be excluded from adjustment (\$95,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT #26 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$100,000 back into the budget for the Homeless Action Plan one-time consulting funds.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #27 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$51,560 back into the budget to retain the Animal Control Officer position.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT #33 be added to list of exclusions, thereby putting \$81,900 back into the budget to retain temporary help funding for the CoV Women's Task Force.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED By Councillor Louie

THAT #36 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$100,000 back into the budget to retain current funding levels for the Community Climate Change Action Plan.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT #25 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$102,300 back into the budget to retain the Seismic Specialist position in Community Services.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT # 44 (Reduce graffiti management program) be excluded from adjustment (\$50,000).

CARRIED

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #53 be modified to reflect a reduction of \$300,000 of the unallocated \$1,000,000 of increased funding to Cultural Grants, rather than the \$348,650 reduction as proposed in Appendix 4, thereby retaining \$700,000 in increased funding to Cultural Grants.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by striking out the words and substituting the following:

THAT #53 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby retaining \$1,000,000 in increased funding to Cultural Grants.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to strike out "\$300,000" and insert "\$150,000", thereby retaining \$850,000 in increased funding for Cultural Grants.

LOST

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

The amendments having lost, the motion to retain \$700,000 in increased funding for Cultural Grants was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT #54 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$100,000 back into the budget to retain funding for Innovation Grants.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #55 (Reduce Community Service Grants) be excluded from adjustment (\$19,000).

carried unanimously

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing motion be amended to add the following:

FURTHER THAT all organizations are to receive the same amount of funding as last year, plus a 2% increase.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #66 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby retaining \$60,000 in funding to the Library for staffing efficiencies.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #70 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby retaining \$50,000 in funding for Library collections.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #72 (Park Board Revenues) be excluded from adjustment (\$302,150).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #72 (Park Board Efficiencies) be modified to increase Park Board Efficiencies to \$400,000, rather than the \$302,150 put forward by staff.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by striking out "\$400,000" and inserting "\$302,150".

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion to increase Park Board Efficiencies to \$400,000 was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #74 and #75 (Ethical Purchasing Program) adjustments be approved, and to further reduce the ethical purchasing program within the Park Board and City by \$206,000, including the elimination of one FTE in Corporate Services.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing motion be amended by striking out "\$206,000" and inserting "\$171,000" and by striking out the words "including the elimination of one FTE in Corporate Services", and inserting "thereby retaining \$35,000 in funding to allow the retention of one half-time employee".

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed.

Department Type 2 Adjustments

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #81 (Reduce Britannia Pool operating hours) be excluded from adjustment (\$30,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #82 (Reduce Britannia VSB maintenance costs) be excluded from adjustment (\$16,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT #83 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$11,000 in funding back into the budget to retain the current Britannia Information Centre operating hours.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #84 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$8,000 back into the budget to retain funding for three multi-lingual phone lines.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the amendment be amended to add the following:

FURTHER THAT an additional \$5,000 be approved for a total of \$13,000 of funding for three multi-lingual lines, and that the extra funding be used to reach out to the community to find out why the lines are not being used effectively.

LOST

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

The amendment to the amendment having lost the amendment to retain \$8,000 in funding for the three multi-lingual phone lines was put and LOST with Councillors Anton, Ball, Capri, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT #85 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$12,000 back into the budget to fund the outreach program which was established two years ago to provide adequate resources for outreach and information sharing by the Advisory Committees on Diversity Issues, Disability Issues and Seniors Issues, without which funding it would be more difficult for these committees to fulfil their respective mandates.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT #85 be modified to reduce outreach costs by \$6,000, thereby putting \$6,000 back into the budget to fund the outreach program which was established two years ago to provide adequate resources for outreach and information sharing by the Advisory Committees on Diversity Issues, Disability Issues and Seniors Issues, without which funding it would be more difficult for these committees to fulfil their respective mandates.

CARRIED

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #86A be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$65,000 back into the budget to retain 2 FTE staff positions in IT Operations.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT #88 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$17,000 back into the budget to retain the current level of funding for Materials Management contract services.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #90 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$51,560 back into the budget to retain funding for the Planning Assistant II position in City Plans in order to maintain the ability to respond to citizen inquiries and provide planning services to neighbourhoods.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT #91 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$51,560 back into the budget to retain funding for the Planning Assistant II position in Current Planning in order to maintain the ability to respond to technical support requests from development planners, and provide service delivery to advisory committees including the Urban Design Panel and Development Permit Board.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #92 be modified to retain the Food Policy Coordinator, but reduce the term of the temporary Food Policy Planner to July 2006, thereby saving \$34,000 by reallocating 2005 carry forward funds into the Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #93 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$150,000 back into the budget to retain funding for the Child and Youth Advocate Program in order to maintain an advocacy role for child, youth and family issues; for changes within the public sector and for increased capacity for community advocacy.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT #95 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby putting \$16,000 back into the budget to retain the Single Room Accommodation Program at current levels so as not to delay processing permit applications or reduce capacity to undertake related policy work.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #96 be added to the list of exclusions, thereby retaining \$100,000 in funding for the Community Climate Change Action Plan.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #97A (Reduced operating hours at Park Board Recreation Facilities) be excluded from adjustment (\$302,150).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #97B (Reduced Park Board park maintenance and garbage collection) be excluded from adjustment (\$302,150)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corporate Type 3 Adjustments

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #98 (Eliminate Britannia RPT Youth position) be excluded from adjustment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #99 (Eliminate Britannia Volunteer Coordinator Position) be excluded from adjustment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT #100 (Reduce City Clerks events hosting and catering) be excluded from adjustment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #101 (Reduce Cleaning services at City Hall) be excluded from adjustment, thereby retaining cleaning services at City Hall at current levels at a cost of \$28,700.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the following Corporate Type 3 Adjustments be excluded from adjustment:

- #102 (Reduce Reception Services, Financial Services, \$11,000)
- #103 (Reduce operating expenses in IT, \$30,000)
- #104 (Reduce Councillors' travel and training, \$11,800)
- #105 (Scale back Drug Policy Program, \$50,000)
- #106 (Delay False Creek Flats Program, \$150,000)
- #107 (Eliminate 1 Temp full-time position on Metro Core Jobs and Economy Team, \$82,000)
- #108 (Eliminate Banner Program, \$90,000)
- #109 (Street Maintenance Cuts, \$425,000)
- #110 (Reduce Cultural Grants, \$650,000)
- #111 (Reduce Community Service Grants, \$172,000)
- #112 (Reduce Childcare Grants, \$160,900)

- #113 (Temporary, 2-week closure of library, \$320,000)
- #114 (Permanent reduction of library open hours, \$320,000)
- #115 (Eliminate Use of Temporary Staff as backfill for Vacation in the Mayor's Office, \$10,000)
- #116 (Close Recreation Facilities - Permanently, \$604,300)
- #117 (Reduction to the Criminal Investigation Fund, \$65,000)

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT #115 adjustment be approved, thereby eliminating the use of temporary staff as backfill for vacation in the Mayor's office (\$10,000).

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- C. THAT Council approve the creation of the following positions (as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Administrative Report dated March 17, 2006, entitled "2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates") at a total cost of \$364,000; funding available within the 2006 Operating Budget:

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Subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

- D. THAT Council approve the creation of a three-year Ergonomic Program starting in 2006 at an annual cost of \$325,000; funding available within the 2006 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Strategic Initiative Fund be reduced by \$400,000.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- E.(1) THAT Council, having reviewed Phase I of the VPD Operational Plan and the VPD 2006 Strategic Operating Plan, approve an increase to the Vancouver Police Department's sworn strength by 23 police officers and 46 civilian positions (positions listed and funding breakdown listed in Appendix 5) at a net cost of \$2,454,400 for 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.53%; on-going funding is estimated at \$4,101,500.

All vehicles are to be purchased by the Plant and Equipment Reserve (Plant Account), 12 in 2006 based on the VPD Master Schedule, at a total cost of \$360,000 and are to be funded by the Vancouver Police Department through increased rental rates of \$38,600 in 2006 and a further \$164,800 in 2007 and are included in the above annual estimates.

24 radios to be purchased through E-Comm and added to the annual levy at a cost of \$8,300 in 2006 and a further \$49,600 in 2007 and are included in the above annual estimates.

All Civilian positions will be subject to Human Resources classification review.

- E.(2) THAT Council approve the extension of consulting services to complete Phase II of the VPD Operational Review at a total cost of \$100,000 plus GST; funding available within the 2006 Operating Budget.
- E.(3) THAT Council instruct the Joint City/VPD Steering Committee to report back prior to the 2007 Operating Budget on Phase II of the VPD Operational Review including further opportunities related to overtime, shared services, and deployment efficiencies to offset VPD resource requirements.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the motion be amended by striking out E.(1) and substituting the following:

THAT Council, having reviewed Phase I of the VPD Operational Plan and the VPD 2006 Strategic Operating Plan, approve an increase to the Vancouver Police Department's sworn strength by 31 police officers and 46 civilian positions (positions listed and funding breakdown listed in Appendix 5) at a net cost of \$2,729,900 for 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.60%; on-going funding is estimated at \$4,341,400.

All vehicles are to be purchased by the Plant and Equipment Reserve (Plant Account), 14 in 2006 based on the VPD Master Schedule, at a total cost of \$434,000 and are to be funded by the Vancouver Police Department through increased rental rates of \$42,000 in 2006 and a further \$185,000 in 2007 and are included in the above annual estimates.

29 radios to be purchased through E-Comm and added to the annual levy at a cost of \$10,400 in 2006 and a further \$62,200 in 2007 and are included in the above annual estimates.

All Civilian positions will be subject to Human Resources classification review.

carried

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the amendment be amended by adding the following:

FURTHER THAT funding be approved for the training of 19 additional "recruit" police officers.

LOST

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

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and CARRIED with Councillors Anton, Ball, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed.

The amendment having carried, the motion E.(1), as amended, through E.(3) was put and CARRIED with Councillors Anton, Ball, Ladner, Lee and the Mayor opposed to E.(1).

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- F. THAT Council approve the City obtaining multi-cultural media monitoring service at a cost of \$45,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.01%.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the following be added to the motion, as Motion "G":

- G. THAT Council direct staff to report back as part of the 2007 Operating Budget on the staffing requirements for the City's permitting process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- H. THAT Council approve the following recommendation, from the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, *Employee Relations & Advisory Services - Development Plan*, at a cost of \$168,400 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.04%:

THAT City Council approve the creation of three (3) Regular Full-Time exempt positions (two (2) Human Resource Consultant III's and one (1) Administrative Assistant) within the Employee Relations and Advisory Services division of Human Resource Services, effective April 1, 2006, funding of \$168,400 and at an annual recurring cost of \$222,600 thereafter. Funding to be added to the Human Resource Services Operating Budget.

- I. THAT Council approve a one-year continuation of the Drug Policy Program, at a cost of \$220,000 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.05%; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back on the Drug Policy Program in time for the 2007 Operating Budget.

- J. THAT Council approve the following recommendation, from the Administrative Report dated March 2, 2006, entitled "*Area Planning Public Process Funding*", at a cost of \$64,000 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.01%:

- a. THAT Council approve \$64,000 of project costs be added to the 2006 Budget for the public process costs associated with the first new area planning initiative, subject to Council decisions on priorities and sequencing of various area planning programs and approval of detailed work program.
 - b. THAT Council approve, beginning in 2007, the project-by-project budgets which have funded area planning public consultation over the last decade be replaced by an annual Operating Budget allocation of \$556,000 that will cover all program costs of area planning initiatives undertaken by the five permanent area planning staff teams in the City Plans Division.
 - c. THAT staff report back in Spring of 2006 on a recommended assignment of permanent area planning staff in the City Plans Division to New Local Area Plans, Neighbourhood Centre Planning, Canada Line Station Area Planning, and other area planning initiatives as described in the Administrative Report dated March 2, 2006, entitled "Area Planning Public Process Funding".
- K. THAT Council approve the following recommendation, from the Administrative Report dated March 9, 2006, entitled "Additional Staffing to Bring the Vision Implementation Team to Full Strength", at a cost of \$76,900 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.02%:
- a. THAT Council approve the creation of a permanent Planner I position and a permanent Planning Assistant III position, subject to Human Resources Classification, effective August 2006, to work on the implementation of adopted Community Visions, initially focusing on the Arbutus-Ridge/Kerrisdale/Shaghnessy and Riley Park/South Cambie Community Visions. This provides implementation support for the recently approved Visions and brings the implementation team to full strength. The estimated annual cost of these two positions including fringe benefits is \$131,600 (\$54,900 prorated for fiscal 2006), plus a one time cost of \$12,000 for computers, software, and office equipment;
 - b. THAT Council approve an annual budget of \$20,000 or \$10,000 per Community Vision area (\$10,000 prorated for fiscal 2006) for communications and outreach expenses related to on-going implementation in Arbutus-Ridge/Kerrisdale/Shaghnessy and Riley Park/South Cambie;

- c. THAT staff report back on action plans to implement the Arbutus-Ridge/Kerrisdale/Shaugnessy and Riley Park/South Cambie Community Visions.
- L. THAT Council approve the following recommendation, from the Administrative Report dated March 7, 2006, entitled *World Urban Forum 2006 - Budget Request*, at a cost of \$330,000 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.07%:
 - a. THAT Council authorize a one-time funding of \$330,000 to be added to the 2006 Operating Budget without offset for City contributions to the World Urban Forum (WUF), including \$70,000 for policing.
 - b. THAT the City Manager be authorized to transfer up to up to a maximum of \$250,000 from Contingency Reserve to police the WUF if significant unforeseen security issues arise.
 - c. THAT staff report back with details on the City's budget for the WUF and City involvement in program events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- M. THAT Council approve the following recommendations, from the Administrative Report dated March 10, 2006, entitled "Vancouver Economic Development Commission ("VEDC") 2005 Operating and Financial Results (Unaudited), 2006-2008 Business Plan and 2006 Operating Budget" as follows:
 - a. THAT Council approve the operating budget request of \$642,000, which reflects general inflation of 4%; funding available within the 2006 Operating Budget
 - b. THAT Council fund the VEDC's staff compensation adjustments approved by the VEDC Board resulting from an HR Consultant review of staff attraction and retention by adding to Recommendation (a) at an annual cost of \$60,000 prorated at \$30,000 for 2006; funding to be added to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.01%.
 - c. THAT Council approve the following 2006 new program funding requests by the VEDC based on the 2006-2008 economic development priorities:

- (i) Fund the Economic Development Strategy at \$106,000 for 2006: \$43,500 for a contract position and \$62,500 for program costs; release of program costs subject to a report back by the VEDC of a project plan and detailed budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.02%.
- d. THAT Council approve that a three-year service contract be entered into between the City of Vancouver (the "City") and the VEDC from 2006 to 2008; and that the service contract be developed and executed by the Director of Legal Services to reflect provisions of adopted recommendations and considerations.

CARRIED

(Councillors Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed to Mc(i))

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- N. THAT Council approve the following recommendations, from the Policy Report dated March 10, 2006, entitled " Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program", at no cost in 2006, however, with funding implications of \$250,000 between 2007 and 2009 at a gross project cost of \$750,000 including outside contributions:
 - a. THAT Council approve the request for funding of the Heritage Register Upgrade program for the amounts of \$100,000 in 2007, \$100,000 in 2008 and \$50,000 in 2009.
 - b. THAT Council direct staff to report back in 2006 with the detailed terms of reference, on the success of obtaining external funding and as a result, the operational and cost impacts to the proposed Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program.
- O. THAT Council approve the following recommendation, from the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Funding for Feasibility Study: Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality (The Centre - LGTB Community Centre), at a cost of \$35,000 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.01%:

THAT Council approve \$35,000 to PFAME (Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality) to complete a Feasibility Study for a LGTB (Lesbian/Gay/Transgender/Bisexual) Community Centre as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, entitled " Funding for Feasibility Study: Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of

Minority Equality (*The Centre* - LGTB Community Centre) and subject to Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A of the report.

- P. THAT Council approve the position adjustments outlined in Appendix 7 of the Administrative Report dated March 17, 2006, entitled "2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates" for the Library Board to reflect existing authorized service and funding levels.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONSIDERATION MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT motion B.(1) be reconsidered.

CARRIED
(Councillors Anton, Ladner and the Mayor opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT motion B.(1) be amended to reflect a general purposes tax increase for the 2006 operating budget of 4.04%.

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

The amendment having carried, the motion to approve all Type 1, 2 and 3 budget adjustments except those noted as exceptions or amendments was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$55,230,800, which includes approximately \$956,800 of added Basic and one-time adjustments in the Park Board estimates, this amount prior to any reductions approved by Council to balance the 2006 Operating Budget.

(Note: The following motions B through O result in a general purposes tax increase of 4.04% reflecting 3.64% in growth in City Costs and 0.40% in growth in outside agency costs:)

- B. THAT Council approve all of the Type 1, 2 and 3 budget adjustments put forward by the Corporate Management Team (listed in Appendix 3 and 4 of the Administrative Report dated March 17, 2006, entitled "2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates"), with the following exclusions and amendments, reducing the property tax increase to 3.21%, reflecting 2.81% in growth in City Costs and 0.40% in growth in outside agency costs:

Corporate Type 1 Adjustments - Amendments

- # 3 - modify the reduction to Contingency Reserve from \$900,000 to \$500,000
- # 8 - modify the Capital from Revenue Deferral from \$1,000,000 to \$600,000

Corporate Type 2 Adjustments - no exclusions

Corporate Type 3 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 10 - elimination of the leaky condo development fee subsidy (\$175,000)
- # 11 - increase development fees for inferred costs (\$500,000)

Department Type 1 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 15 - discontinuation of GVTV (\$95,000)
- # 44 - reduction to Engineering Graffiti Maintenance (\$50,000)
- # 55 - reduction to Community Service Grants (\$19,000)
- # 72 - increase Park Board revenues (\$302,150)

Department Type 1 Adjustments - Amendments

- # 53 - modify the reduction to Cultural Grants from \$348,650 to \$300,000
- # 72 - increase the amount of Park Board efficiencies from \$302,150 to \$400,000.
- # 74/75 -along with Type 1 adjustments #74 and #75, further reduce the ethical purchasing program within the Park Board and the City by \$206,000, including the elimination of one FTE

Department Type 2 Adjustments - Exclusions

- # 81 - reduction in Britannia Swimming Pool Operating Hours (\$30,000)
- # 82 - reduction to the Britannia/Vancouver School Board Maintenance contract (\$16,000)
- # 97A - reduction in operating hours at Park Board Recreational Facilities (\$302,150)
- # 97B - reduction in park maintenance and garbage collection (\$320,150)

Department Type 2 Adjustments - Amendments

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Department Type 3 Adjustments - Exclusions

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- a. THAT Council approve the request for funding of the Heritage Register Upgrade program for the amounts of \$100,000 in 2007, \$100,000 in 2008 and \$50,000 in 2009.
 - b. THAT Council direct staff to report back in 2006 with the detailed terms of reference, on the success of obtaining external funding and as a result, the operational and cost impacts to the proposed Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade Program.
- O. THAT Council approve the following recommendation, from the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, entitled "Funding for Feasibility Study: Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality (The Centre - LGTB Community Centre), at a cost of \$35,000 in 2006 to be funded as an increase to the 2006 Operating Budget, increasing 2006 property taxes by 0.01%:
- THAT Council approve \$35,000 to PFAME (Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality) to complete a Feasibility Study for a LGTB (Lesbian/Gay/Transgender/Bisexual) Community Centre as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 8, 2006, entitled " Funding for Feasibility Study: Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Minority Equality (*The Centre* - LGTB Community Centre) and subject to Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A of the report.
- P. THAT Council approve the position adjustments outlined in Appendix 7 of the Administrative Report dated March 17, 2006, entitled "2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates" for the Library Board to reflect existing authorized service and funding levels.

3(a) 2006 Community Services Grants (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

At its meeting on March 9, 2006, Council referred a motion on the above-noted matter to a future Standing Committee meeting in order to hear from speakers. This motion was considered concurrently with the foregoing 2006 Operating Budget report.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

WHEREAS Community Services Grants provide core financial support to non-profit organizations which work with each other, various levels of government that include the City and residents to address social problems to bring about positive social change;

AND WHEREAS over 100 groups received Community Services Grants totaling approximately \$3.9 million in 2005 to provide essential community based services and resources such as at-risk youth outreach, anti-violence programs, tenants rights legal information, support to people with disabilities, seniors, women's groups, recent immigrants and neighbourhood groups;

AND WHEREAS the community-based groups who receive these grants rely on a consistent and transparent grant decision making process;

AND WHEREAS the proposed 8% cuts in funding and the reduction from a 12 month to a 6 month grant for the 2006 Community Services Grants are not consistent with past practice;

AND WHEREAS a reduction in the amount and stability of Community Services Grants not only puts at-risk critical community based services but also severely hinders the ability of community based groups to structurally and organizationally plan, retain staff and leverage additional funds;

AND WHEREAS the services and resources provided by community-based groups are essential to the well-being of Vancouver's residents and should be a priority for City funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver maintain the past practice of providing one-year Community Service Grants and re-commit Council support for community-based social services and resources as a spending priority.

LOST

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

The Committee adjourned at 4:35 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2006

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

APRIL 7, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Friday, April 7, 2006, at 4:35 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: Syd Baxter, City Clerk
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets April 6-7, 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. Final Approval of the Extended Hours of Liquor Service Policy and the Business Premises Regulation of Hours By-law for Standard Hours Liquor Establishments and Extended Hours Liquor Establishments
2. Business License Fees for Extended Hours Liquor Establishments
3. 2006 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates

Items 1-3

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of April 6, 2006, as contained in items 1-3, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None

B. Motions on Notice

1. Vancouver City Caucus (VanRIMS No. 01-5500-01)

Council agreed to postpone the following motion to the next Regular Vancouver City Council meeting on April 18, 2006:

MOVED by Mayor Sullivan
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

Whereas, it is important for civic leaders to meet with counterparts in the federal and provincial governments;

And whereas, the Vancouver City Caucus last met in 2001;

And whereas, it is important for elected officials to work together;

And whereas, the Mayor has received requests to host Vancouver MPs, MLAs, Park Board Commissioners and School Board Trustees in a non-political dialogue;

Be it resolved that Council approve funding up to \$7,500 from the Contingency Reserve Fund for the Mayor to host the Vancouver City Caucus meeting on Friday, June 9, 2006 in Vancouver.

postponed

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At this point in the proceedings, Mayor Sullivan left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Stevenson assumed the Chair.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Report on Election Financing Reform (VanRIMS No. 08-1000-01)

Councillor Cadman advised he had moved a Motion on the above-noted matter at the Regular Council meeting on April 4, 2006, for which Notice was called and therefore the motion should have been placed on the Agenda for today's meeting as a Motion on Notice.

Councillor Cadman then challenged the decision of the Mayor to rule his motion out of order at the April 4, 2006, Regular Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Stevenson then put the question:

Shall the decision of the Chair at the April 4, 2006, Regular Council meeting be upheld?

Councillor Cadman opposed
(Councillor Anton and the Mayor absent for the vote)

A two-thirds majority is required to overturn the decision of the Chair. Therefore, the decision of the Chair was UPHELD.

The Council adjourned at 4:41 a.m.

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