

**COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS
MEETING**

JULY 20, 2006

DECISIONS

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At its meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2006, Vancouver City Council approved the following:

1. 2006 "Other" Grants Requests

- A. That Council approve a grant of \$5,000 to the Wildlife Rescue Association of British Columbia: the source of the funds for this request would be Miscellaneous Grants within the "Other" Grants category.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$5,000 to the Vancouver Branch of the BC SPCA with the funding from Contingency Reserve.
- C. THAT staff report back in the fall on a process for the "Other" Grants category.

(approved by the required majority)

**2. Vancouver Economic Development Commission (the "VEDC")
Economic Development Strategy - Project Plan & Budget**

- A. That Council approve the VEDC's Economic Development Strategy ("ED Strategy") Phase I project plan and budget, and release the 2006 program costs of \$62,500 with the source of funding being the 2006 Operating Budget, as approved by Council on April 6, 2006.
- B. That Council approve an additional \$106,000 to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget without offset to enable the VEDC to carry on the Phase I project plan through July 2007; release of funds subject to a progress report by the VEDC by December 2006.

3. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Recreation/Gymnasium Operating Funding 2006

THAT Council approve 2006 funding in the amount of \$221,500 (an increase of 2% from the 2005 approved funding of \$217,160) to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society for the delivery of recreation programs and operation of the Gymnasium for the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006; source of funds to be the 2006 Operating Budget.

4. 2007 Operating Budget - Proposed Process

- A. THAT Council adopt the proposed 2007 Operating Budget timelines as outlined in Table 1, page 8 of the Administrative Report dated June 5, 2006 entitled "2007 Operating Budget - Proposed Process".
- B. THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance on a target property tax increase not to exceed 4% that includes new or expanded programs but excludes an impact of outside agencies; and THAT the Director of Finance report back as part of the Interim Budget Estimates Report on how to achieve this target tax increase.
- C. THAT Council instruct the Director of Finance to proceed with a public consultation process by choosing one or more of the following options:
 - i) a public opinion poll on the 2007 Operating Budget challenge at an estimated cost of \$25,000 for residents;
 - ii) a public opinion poll on the 2007 Operating Budget challenge at an estimated cost of \$20,000 for businesses;
 - iii) a "City Choice" flyer outlining the budget challenge faced by Council at a cost of approximately \$35,000;
 - iv) a "Forum" approach to seeking public input on the 2007 Operating Budget challenge, at a cost of approximately \$9,400 per forum and \$9,500 for a forum coordinator and that Council instruct staff to hold three forums;
 - v) a public meeting on the 2007 Operating Budget to be held in Council Chambers prior to the Interim Report on the 2007 Budget at minimal cost to the City.

An additional \$8,000 is required for overall advertising should E(iii), E(iv), and/or E(v) be chosen. Total funding required will be offset by \$99,300 already included in the 2006 Operating Budget for public consultation.

And that Staff report back on the results of the public consultation as part of the Interim Budget Estimate report.

- D. THAT Council request BC Assessment to review its processes to accommodate municipal budget approval by December 31st of the prior year and that this request be sent to City Councils of all municipalities in British Columbia.
- E. THAT Council will meet with the City's unions as part of the budget process.

5. 2006 Operating Budget - May Review

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated June 5, 2007, entitled "Operating Budget - May Review" for INFORMATION.

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