



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27 AND 28, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. Subsequently, the meeting reconvened on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The Minutes have been consolidated for ease of reference.

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: Marg Coulson, Deputy City Clerk
 Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence on Leave of Absence due to Civic Business on February 28, 2007.

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by the Deputy City Clerk.

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2007

Council approved appointments to the following Advisory Bodies:

- Development Permit Board Advisory Panel
- Urban Design Panel
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
- Fire and Rescue Services Citizens Advisory Committee
- Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board

Names of those appointed can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (Public Hearing) - January 30, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - February 1, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - February 1, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Regular Council - February 13, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Special Council (Court of Revision) - February 13, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Lee
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council adopt Communications 1 and Administrative Reports A1, A2, A4 to A6, and A8, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2007 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

At its meeting on February 13, 2007, Council received the Administrative Report *2007 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates*, dated February 6, 2007, for information and postponed consideration of the recommendations in the report to the Regular Council meeting on February 27, 2007, to allow for public input.

Subsequently, at a Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on February 20, 2007, Council heard from 28 speakers on the 2007 Operating Budget.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- A. THAT Council approve a 2007 property tax increase of 3.98%.
- B. THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$55,469,700, which includes approximately \$442,100 of added Basic and one-time adjustments in the Park Board estimates, this amount prior to any reductions approved by Council to balance the 2007 Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve the conversion of a temporary Councillor Assistant position to regular full time at an annual cost of \$50,000 with funding to be provided from within the Councillor's 2007 Operating Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Budget and Financial Staffing Resources - Engineering Services*, dated December 11, 2006, at a cost of \$230,000 in 2007 with no funding impact on the 2007 Operating Budget:

- (i) THAT Council approve the creation of a Financial Analyst I for the Streets and Transportation Division through the conversion of various temporary help accounts at an annual cost of \$82,700 from existing funding and with no impact to the 2007 Operating Budget.
 - (ii) THAT Council approve the deletion of an existing Engineering Assistant III and the creation of a Budget and Local Improvement Analyst for the Transportation Division at an incremental annual cost of \$10,100 from existing funding and with no impact to the Operating Budget.
 - (iii) THAT Council approve the creation of a Financial Analyst I in the Equipment Services Branch replacing temporary Financial Analyst I at a cost of \$82,700 with funding provided through overhead applied to the management of the equipment fleet.
- E. THAT Council approve the following recommendations, from the Administrative Report *Report Back on YouthPolitik Program*, dated January 4, 2007, at a cost of \$51,000 in 2007 to be funded by increasing the 2007 Operating Budget with a tax impact of 0.01% increase.
 - (i) THAT YouthPolitik continue as an annual program supported by the City of Vancouver, based on the pilot project evaluation, with the next program scheduled for the fall, 2007;
 - (ii) THAT staff develop partnership opportunities with the voluntary sector to deliver future YouthPolitik programs;
 - (iii) THAT staff seek funding partners to assist in offsetting the costs of the program.
- F. THAT Council approve an increase in funding for Official Visits and Protocol with an on-going cost of \$228,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.05%.
- G. THAT Council approve an increase in funding the Homeless Action Plan at a one-time cost of \$100,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.02%
- H. THAT Council approve the creation of a two regular full time Senior Development Information Officers within Development Services for the Permitting Resource Strategy at a cost of \$154,400 in 2007 (including \$10,000 one time funding) and \$144,400 on-going costs; funding to be provided as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.03%.
- I. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Multilingual Communications Coordinator at cost \$59,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- J. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner at cost \$87,800, \$52,700 to be funded from Human Resources 2007 Operating Budget and \$35,100 to be provided as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.

- K. THAT Council approve the creation of a two-year temporary full-time Systems Analyst position to consolidate the City's Property Information at a cost of \$83,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.02%.
- L. THAT Council approve a two-year extension of two temporary full-time Planner positions (Planner II and Planning Assistant III) for South East False Creek, \$71,200 to be provided by the Property Endowment Fund and \$71,300 as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- M. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Additional Staffing to Support Area Planning Initiatives*, dated December 22, 2006, at a cost of \$166,600, to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.03%:

THAT Council create three new full time positions to support area planning initiatives approved by Council:

- i) a Civil Engineer II and an Engineering Assistant III to work with the area planning teams on the Hastings Sunrise Neighbourhood Centre Plan, the Mt. Pleasant Community Plan, and the Shopping Area Initiative and Marpole Industrial/Gateway Study. The estimated annual cost of these two positions, including fringe benefits is \$147,300 (\$85,900 prorated for fiscal 2007), plus a one time cost of \$12,000 for computers, software, and office equipment.
 - ii) a Social Planner I to work exclusively with the Mt. Pleasant area planning team, service providers, and community organizations on an action plan which addresses key social issues in the community. The estimated annual cost of this position, including fringe benefits is \$75,300 (\$62,700 prorated for fiscal 2007), plus a one time cost of \$6,000 for computers, software, and office equipment.
- N. THAT Council approve the following recommendations, from the Administrative Report *Vehicle repeaters - Increase to the E-Comm Radio Levy for Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services*, dated December 6, 2006, at a cost of \$181,500, to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.04%:
- i) THAT Council approve the the purchase, installation and maintenance of fifty-five (55) vehicle repeaters to be installed in VFRS frontline apparatus and vehicles, with financing provided by E-Comm and repaid through an increase in the VFRS Radio Levy of \$141,700 annually starting in the 2007 budget year without offset.
 - ii) THAT Council approve an increase to the VFRS operating budget for 2007, without offset, for the one time installation and annual warranty costs that will not be funded by E-Comm. These costs include \$25,600 one-time installation costs and \$14,200 annual license fee costs.

- O. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Vancouver Sport Strategy: Resources and Funding Required*, dated October 30, 2006, at a cost of \$150,000 to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.03%:
- i) THAT Council approve and fund the process for the development of a Vancouver Sports Strategy by adding \$150,000 to the 2007 Operating Budget.
 - ii) THAT the Vancouver Sports Strategy consider the formation of a permanent multi-party sport authority in Vancouver.
 - iii) THAT alternative sources of funding be sought to assist in the development of the Vancouver Sports Strategy.
 - iv) THAT regional strategies in communications also be pursued.
- P. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *VEDC 2007-2009 Business Plan, 2007 Operating Budget, and By-law Resolution*, dated January 15, 2007, as follows:
- i) THAT Council approve the Operating Budget request of \$731,250 to maintain the existing service level. Funding of \$715,600 already provided for in the 2007 Operating Budget with the incremental \$15,650 to be provided without offset (\$10,000 of the \$15,650 is a one-time increase for communications and intranet development), funding to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.003%.
 - ii) THAT Council approve funding of the implementation of the Business Climate Strategy for \$50,000. These funds ensure VEDC can take action on the Economic Development (Business Climate) Strategy Phase I currently being developed; release of funds subject to Council approval of project plan; funding to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
 - iii) THAT Council approve the amendment of the VEDC by-law section 29 so that the number of directors shall be not more than 15 nor less than 9 as determined by the Honorary Members.
 - iv) THAT Council approve the following 2007 new program funding requests by the VEDC based on the 2007-2009 economic development priorities determined by Council:
 - a) VEDC to continue working with the 2010 Winter Games Economic Opportunities Coordination Team and to partner with the City Staff/Beijing Advisory Committee on Vancouver's presence in Beijing and on the COV's Communication Plan in order to maximize benefits/coordination and to create synergies. Any extra funding required by VEDC should be drawn from the Olympic Legacy Reserve if Council approves setting up the reserve, subject to a report to Council on a Business Plan and cost-benefit rationale prior to Council's release of the funds.

- b) Fund enhanced research and policy support at \$67,500 for 2007 by adding a permanent position to the VEDC baseline budget at an annual cost of \$90,000 prorated to \$67,500 for 2007, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- Q. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Vancouver Police Department Operational Review*, dated February 5, 2007, at a cost of \$1,000,000, to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.21%:
- i). THAT Council approve an increase to the Vancouver Police Department's sworn strength by 17 police officers in order to implement Stage A1 and one of the two metro unit as identified in Stage A2, with officers only to be deployed as patrol officers at a net cost of \$900,000 for 2007, including vehicles, radios and patrol laptops based on the principles outlined in the Vancouver Police Department Operational Review.
 - ii) THAT the Steering Committee develop key performance measures for approval by the Police Board to be reported to Council by September 2007 that include all inputs, outputs and outcomes for both reactive and proactive policing; and that as proposed by the Police Board in its comments, the Police Board will conduct bi-annual evaluations to measure the effectiveness of the deployment strategy and will provide these status reports to Council for its information.
 - iii) THAT the Chief Constable in consultation with the Police Board and the City Manager report to Council on a full review of the deployment strategy after one year of implementation of the recommendations.
 - iv) THAT the Chief Constable report, in consultation with the Police Board, the confirmation of the Vancouver Police Union's agreement to the recommended shifting strategy or other shifting patterns that meet the operational and financial objectives outlined in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Police Department Operational Review*, dated February 5, 2007. Further, THAT funding shall not be allocated for these recommendations until this confirmation is received by Council.
 - v) THAT Council instruct the Joint City/VPD Steering Committee to report back prior to the 2008 Operating Budget on Phase 2 of the VPD Operational Review including further opportunities related to overtime, shared services, and deployment efficiencies to offset VPD resource requirements including options to maximize and prioritize service levels without increasing staffing levels.

- vi) THAT Council approve the creation of a By-law Prosecutor with an annual cost of \$144,000; \$100,000 funding to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget without offset.
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 - (#38, page 51) Park Board - Global Budget Adjustment - \$440,800
- T. THAT Council approve \$50,000 one-time funding for Social Planning to allow for support for the 2010 Community Gardens initiative at a net increase to the 2007 Operating Budget and a 0.01% property tax increase.
- U. THAT Council approve an increase of \$300,000 to the Contingency Reserve resulting in a 0.06% tax increase with the intent that this be used as leverage with other agencies and funders, in conjunction with the arts and cultural community to support cultural tourism strategies such as the City's 125th anniversary recognition. Release of funds is subject to staff reporting back in 2007 with a business plan (including funding requirements) and opportunities for joint planning and funding associated with the 2010 Games.

All positions in B to T are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT Motion Q(i) be amended as follows:

THAT Council approve 32 officers to implement Stages A1 and A2 at a net cost of \$1.4million; increasing the budget by 0.1%.

lost

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the amendment be amended as follows:

THAT contingency reserve be decreased by \$300,000 to \$2.8million to assist in the funding of 32 police officers.

LOST

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

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following:

V. THAT Council approve the unallocated amount of \$135,000 for Child Care within the 2007 Operating Budget, pending consideration of the Administrative Report *Report Back on Child Care Issues & Endowment Reserve*, dated November 28, 2006, from the Director of Social Planning.

LOST

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

Council requested to separate the components in the motion for the vote.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT consideration of Motion P(iv)(a) be postponed until Council considers Motion R on the Olympic Legacy Reserve.

LOST

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

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT consideration of the following sentence in Motion P(iv)(a) be tabled pending the consideration of Motion R.

"Any extra funding required by VEDC should be drawn from the Olympic Legacy Reserve if Council approves setting up the reserve, subject to a report to Council on a Business Plan and cost-benefit rationale prior to Council's release of the funds."

not put

The Chair ruled the motion was out of order as it was redundant to the one previously put.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair agreed to separate the two sentences in Motion P(iv)(a) for the vote.

- iv) THAT Council approve the following 2007 new program funding requests by the VEDC based on the 2007-2009 economic development priorities determined by Council:
 - a) VEDC to continue working with the 2010 Winter Games Economic Opportunities Coordination Team and to partner with the City Staff/Beijing Advisory Committee on Vancouver's presence in Beijing and on the COV's Communication Plan in order to maximize benefits/coordination and to create synergies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED

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

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- R. THAT Council approve the creation of an Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund and instruct Staff to report back in 2007 on specific guidelines for the use of Olympic Legacy Funds and a funding strategy that minimizes the impact on property taxes.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Motion R be amended by substituting the name "Legacy Olympic-Housing Reserve Fund" for "Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund"

LOST

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

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

- S. THAT Council approve the budget adjustments put forward by the Corporate Management Team (listed in Appendix 3 and 4 of the Administrative Report *2007 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates*, dated February 6, 2007) to reduce the general purposes tax by 1.40%, with the following:
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 - (#38, page 51) Park Board - Global Budget Adjustment - \$440,800

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Motion S be amended by striking the following budget adjustment:

- (#3, page 43) Community Services - Move Board of Variance towards Cost Recovery

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT Motion S be amended by striking the following budget adjustment:

- (#16, page 46) Britannia - Administration - Reduction in operating hours - Information Centre

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Motion S be amended by substituting the following for the Graffiti Program budget adjustment:

- (#28, page 49) Engineering Services - Graffiti Program Reduction - THAT Council instruct staff to create a program of additional support to businesses and premises that have been victims of repeated graffiti vandalism, by reallocating the identified \$40,000 savings in paint costs.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Motion S(ii) be amended as follows:

- (#29, page 49) Engineering Services - Sustainability - Climate Change Action Plan - add an additional \$200,000 from Contingency Reserve to the Sustainability budget.

LOST

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

The amendments having lost, Motion S was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- T. THAT Council approve \$50,000 one-time funding for Social Planning to allow for support for the 2010 Community Gardens initiative at a net increase to the 2007 Operating Budget and a 0.01% property tax increase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- U. THAT Council approve an increase of \$300,000 to the Contingency Reserve resulting in a 0.06% tax increase with the intent that this be used as leverage with other agencies and funders, in conjunction with the arts and cultural community to support cultural tourism strategies such as the City's 125th anniversary recognition. Release of funds is subject to staff reporting back in 2007 with a business plan (including funding requirements) and opportunities for joint planning and funding associated with the 2010 Games.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Motion U be amended by striking all the words following the words "arts and cultural community".

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, Motion U was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT Council approve a 2007 property tax increase of 3.98%.
- B. THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$55,469,700, which includes approximately \$442,100 of added Basic and one-time adjustments in the Park Board estimates, this amount prior to any reductions approved by Council to balance the 2007 Operating Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve the conversion of a temporary Councillor Assistant position to regular full time at an annual cost of \$50,000 with funding to be provided from within the Councillor's 2007 Operating Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Budget and Financial Staffing Resources - Engineering Services*, dated December 11, 2006, at a cost of \$230,000 in 2007 with no funding impact on the 2007 Operating Budget:
 - (i) THAT Council approve the creation of a Financial Analyst I for the Streets and Transportation Division through the conversion of various temporary help accounts at an annual cost of \$82,700 from existing funding and with no impact to the 2007 Operating Budget.
 - ii) THAT Council approve the deletion of an existing Engineering Assistant III and the creation of a Budget and Local Improvement Analyst for the Transportation Division at an incremental annual cost of \$10,100 from existing funding and with no impact to the Operating Budget.
 - iii) THAT Council approve the creation of a Financial Analyst I in the Equipment Services Branch replacing temporary Financial Analyst I at a cost of \$82,700 with funding provided through overhead applied to the management of the equipment fleet.
- E. THAT Council approve the following recommendations, from the Administrative Report *Report Back on YouthPolitik Program*, dated January 4, 2007, at a cost of \$51,000 in 2007 to be funded by increasing the 2007 Operating Budget with a tax impact of 0.01% increase.
 - i) THAT YouthPolitik continue as an annual program supported by the City of Vancouver, based on the pilot project evaluation, with the next program scheduled for the fall, 2007;
 - ii) THAT staff develop partnership opportunities with the voluntary sector to deliver future YouthPolitik programs;
 - iii) THAT staff seek funding partners to assist in offsetting the costs of the program.
- F. THAT Council approve an increase in funding for Official Visits and Protocol with an on-going cost of \$228,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.05%.

- G. THAT Council approve an increase in funding the Homeless Action Plan at a one-time cost of \$100,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.02%
- H. THAT Council approve the creation of a two regular full time Senior Development Information Officers within Development Services for the Permitting Resource Strategy at a cost of \$154,400 in 2007 (including \$10,000 one time funding) and \$144,400 on-going costs; funding to be provided as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.03%.
- I. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Multilingual Communications Coordinator at cost \$59,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- J. THAT Council approve the creation of a regular full time Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner at cost \$87,800, \$52,700 to be funded from Human Resources 2007 Operating Budget and \$35,100 to be provided as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- K. THAT Council approve the creation of a two-year temporary full-time Systems Analyst position to consolidate the City's Property Information at a cost of \$83,000 to be funded as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.02%.
- L. THAT Council approve a two-year extension of two temporary full-time Planner positions (Planner II and Planning Assistant III) for South East False Creek, \$71,200 to be provided by the Property Endowment Fund and \$71,300 as an increase to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- M. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Additional Staffing to Support Area Planning Initiatives*, dated December 22, 2006, at a cost of \$166,600, to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.03%:

THAT Council create three new full time positions to support area planning initiatives approved by Council:

- i) a Civil Engineer II and an Engineering Assistant III to work with the area planning teams on the Hastings Sunrise Neighbourhood Centre Plan, the Mt. Pleasant Community Plan, and the Shopping Area Initiative and Marpole Industrial/Gateway Study. The estimated annual cost of these two positions, including fringe benefits is \$147,300 (\$85,900 prorated for fiscal 2007), plus a one time cost of \$12,000 for computers, software, and office equipment.
- ii) a Social Planner I to work exclusively with the Mt. Pleasant area planning team, service providers, and community organizations on an action plan which addresses key social issues in the community. The estimated annual cost of this position, including fringe benefits is

\$75,300 (\$62,700 prorated for fiscal 2007), plus a one time cost of \$6,000 for computers, software, and office equipment.

- N. THAT Council approve the following recommendations, from the Administrative Report *Vehicle repeaters - Increase to the E-Comm Radio Levy for Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services*, dated December 6, 2006, at a cost of \$181,500, to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.04%:
- i) THAT Council approve the the purchase, installation and maintenance of fifty-five (55) vehicle repeaters to be installed in VFRS frontline apparatus and vehicles, with financing provided by E-Comm and repaid through an increase in the VFRS Radio Levy of \$141,700 annually starting in the 2007 budget year without offset.
 - ii) THAT Council approve an increase to the VFRS operating budget for 2007, without offset, for the one time installation and annual warranty costs that will not be funded by E-Comm. These costs include \$25,600 one-time installation costs and \$14,200 annual license fee costs.
- O. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Vancouver Sport Strategy: Resources and Funding Required*, dated October 30, 2006, at a cost of \$150,000 to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.03%:
- i) THAT Council approve and fund the process for the development of a Vancouver Sports Strategy by adding \$150,000 to the 2007 Operating Budget.
 - ii) THAT the Vancouver Sports Strategy consider the formation of a permanent multi-party sport authority in Vancouver.
 - iii) THAT alternative sources of funding be sought to assist in the development of the Vancouver Sports Strategy.
 - iv) THAT regional strategies in communications also be pursued.
- P. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *VEDC 2007-2009 Business Plan, 2007 Operating Budget, and By-law Resolution*, dated January 15, 2007, as follows:
- i) THAT Council approve the Operating Budget request of \$731,250 to maintain the existing service level. Funding of \$715,600 already provided for in the 2007 Operating Budget with the incremental \$15,650 to be provided without offset (\$10,000 of the \$15,650 is a one-time increase for communications and intranet development), funding to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.003%.
 - ii) THAT Council approve funding of the implementation of the Business Climate Strategy for \$50,000. These funds ensure VEDC can take action on the Economic Development (Business Climate) Strategy Phase I currently being developed; release of funds subject to Council approval of project plan; funding to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.

- iii) THAT Council approve the amendment of the VEDC by-law section 29 so that the number of directors shall be not more than 15 nor less than 9 as determined by the Honorary Members.
 - iv) THAT Council approve the following 2007 new program funding requests by the VEDC based on the 2007-2009 economic development priorities determined by Council:
 - a) VEDC to continue working with the 2010 Winter Games Economic Opportunities Coordination Team and to partner with the City Staff/Beijing Advisory Committee on Vancouver's presence in Beijing and on the COV's Communication Plan in order to maximize benefits/coordination and to create synergies. Any extra funding required by VEDC should be drawn from the Olympic Legacy Reserve if Council approves setting up the reserve, subject to a report to Council on a Business Plan and cost-benefit rationale prior to Council's release of the funds.
 - b) Fund enhanced research and policy support at \$67,500 for 2007 by adding a permanent position to the VEDC baseline budget at an annual cost of \$90,000 prorated to \$67,500 for 2007, increasing 2007 property taxes by 0.01%.
- Q. THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Administrative Report *Vancouver Police Department Operational Review*, dated February 5, 2007, at a cost of \$1,000,000, to be funded by the 2007 Operating Budget, increasing the 2007 property taxes by 0.21%:
- i). THAT Council approve an increase to the Vancouver Police Department's sworn strength by 17 police officers in order to implement Stage A1 and one of the two metro unit as identified in Stage A2, with officers only to be deployed as patrol officers at a net cost of \$900,000 for 2007, including vehicles, radios and patrol laptops based on the principles outlined in the Vancouver Police Department Operational Review.
 - ii) THAT the Steering Committee develop key performance measures for approval by the Police Board to be reported to Council by September 2007 that include all inputs, outputs and outcomes for both reactive and proactive policing; and that as proposed by the Police Board in its comments, the Police Board will conduct bi-annual evaluations to measure the effectiveness of the deployment strategy and will provide these status reports to Council for its information.
 - iii) THAT the Chief Constable in consultation with the Police Board and the City Manager report to Council on a full review of the deployment strategy after one year of implementation of the recommendations.

- iv) THAT the Chief Constable report, in consultation with the Police Board, the confirmation of the Vancouver Police Union's agreement to the recommended shifting strategy or other shifting patterns that meet the operational and financial objectives outlined in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Police Department Operational Review*, dated February 5, 2007. Further, THAT funding shall not be allocated for these recommendations until this confirmation is received by Council.
 - v) THAT Council instruct the Joint City/VPD Steering Committee to report back prior to the 2008 Operating Budget on Phase 2 of the VPD Operational Review including further opportunities related to overtime, shared services, and deployment efficiencies to offset VPD resource requirements including options to maximize and prioritize service levels without increasing staffing levels.
 - vi) THAT Council approve the creation of a By-law Prosecutor with an annual cost of \$144,000; \$100,000 funding to be added to the 2007 Operating Budget without offset.
- R. THAT Council approve the creation of an Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund and instruct Staff to report back in 2007 on specific guidelines for the use of Olympic Legacy Funds and a funding strategy that minimizes the impact on property taxes.
- S. THAT Council approve the budget adjustments put forward by the Corporate Management Team (listed in Appendix 3 and 4 of the Administrative Report *2007 Operating Budget: Interim Estimates*, dated February 6, 2007) to reduce the general purposes tax by 1.40%, with the following:
- (i) THAT Council instruct the Vancouver Police Department to reduce their 2007 Operating Budget by \$48,000, without raising charge out rates, as proposed in Departmental Budget Adjustment #14, (page 45) in Appendix 4 of the Administrative Report, to ensure that non-profit special events and the film industry are not unduly burdened.
 - (ii) THAT Council exclude the following proposed adjustments that are detailed in Appendix 4 of the Administrative Report:
 - (#29, page 49) Engineering - Sustainability - Climate Change Action Plan - \$100,000
 - (#35, page 51) Library Board - Decrease Auxiliary Staffing - \$35,000
 - (#36, page 51) Library Board - Decrease expenses related to subscription cards - \$14,000
 - (#37, page 51) Library Board - Decrease to Collections budget - \$41,000
 - (#38, page 51) Park Board - Global Budget Adjustment - \$440,800
- T. THAT Council approve \$50,000 one-time funding for Social Planning to allow for support for the 2010 Community Gardens initiative at a net increase to the 2007 Operating Budget and a 0.01% property tax increase.

- U. THAT Council approve an increase of \$300,000 to the Contingency Reserve resulting in a 0.06% tax increase with the intent that this be used as leverage with other agencies and funders, in conjunction with the arts and cultural community to support cultural tourism strategies such as the City's 125th anniversary recognition. Release of funds is subject to staff reporting back in 2007 with a business plan (including funding requirements) and opportunities for joint planning and funding associated with the 2010 Games.

All positions in B to T are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. GVRD Labour Relations Bureau - Appointment of Alternate Director (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-20)

THAT the following change in the Council member appointment of Alternate Director to the GVRD Labour Relations Bureau be approved:

Councillor Kim Capri replaces Councillor Suzanne Anton.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1. Award of Tender PS06103 - Supply and Delivery of PVC Sewer Pipe and Fittings February 5, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)
 - A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B and C below, Council approve an award of contract for the supply and delivery of PVC sewer pipe and fittings to Mueller Flow Control for a term of three (3) years at an estimated total cost of \$2,080,161.00 plus GST (less any municipal rebate received) and PST (where applicable) with subsequent renewal options for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.
 - B. THAT, the Manager, Materials Management be authorized to execute and deliver a Notice of Award on behalf of the City and the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver the contract on behalf of the City.
 - C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until a Notice of Award is executed and delivered by the City to Mueller Flow Control.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Business License Hearing Panels for March and April 2007
February 9, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-2000-40)**

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for March 7, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm; March 14, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm; April 3, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm; April 5, 2007, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm; and April 11, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, 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 2007 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

March 7, 2007 - 9:30am
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Chair
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor BC Lee
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Alternate

March 14, 2007 - 9:30am
Councillor Suzanne Anton, Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor David Cadman, Alternate

April 3, 2007 - 9:30am
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Heather Deal, Alternate

April 5, 2007 - 7:30pm
Councillor George Chow, Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor BC Lee
Councillor David Cadman, Alternate

April 11, 2007 - 9:30am
Councillor BC Lee, Chair
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, 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.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **GVRD Regional Affordable Housing Strategy
February 13, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)**

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council support the GVRD initiative to develop a regional affordable housing strategy; generally endorse the goals and actions set out in the GVRD's "Discussion Paper on a Regional Affordable Housing Strategy for Greater Vancouver" dated November 24, 2006 (Appendix A to the Administrative Report *GVRD Regional Affordable Housing Strategy*, dated February 13, 2007), subject to the commentary set out in the Administrative Report *GVRD Regional Affordable Housing Strategy*, dated February 13, 2007; and forward the Administrative Report, and the motion approved by Council on November 28, 2006, to the GVRD Housing Committee and Board of Directors for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Anton and Stevenson absent for the vote)

4. **Fleet Addition - Electric Transportation Cart
January 19, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-2400-10)**

- A. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$11,000 from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account to add one (1) electric transportation cart to the Engineering Services fleet.
- B. THAT the \$3,000 required to repay the Truck and Equipment Plant Account for annual capital costs and operating costs be provided from the existing Yards Branch Operating Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. **Vancouver Art Gallery - Amendment to By-laws
February 5, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**

THAT Council approve amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Vancouver Art Gallery Association as outlined in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Art Gallery - Amendment to By-laws*, dated February 5, 2007.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. **Form of Development: 1895 Venables Street (Vancouver East Cultural Centre)
February 13, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-1200-11)**

THAT the form of development for this portion of the CD-1 zoned site known as 1885-1895 Venables Street (1895 Venables Street being the application address) be approved generally as illustrated in the Development Application Number DE410267, prepared by Procenium Architecture and Interiors Incorporated stamped "Received, Community Services Group, Development Services, December 20, 2006, provided that the Director of Planning may impose conditions and approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character of this site or adjacent properties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

7. **Arts Awards
November 7, 2006 (VanRIMS No. 01-5200-50)**

MOVED by Councillor Deal

- A. THAT Council approve in principle a new arts awards program, the Mayor's Arts Awards, designated as a City Special Event, which will consolidate the various existing civic arts awards programs as outlined in the Administrative Report *Arts Awards*, dated November 7, 2006;
- B. THAT Council direct staff to seek proposals from qualified professionals to assist in the creation of the Mayor's Award for the Arts as generally outlined in the Administrative Report *Arts Awards*, dated November 7, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, source of funds to be from the 2007 Office of Cultural Affairs Operating Budget. Elements to be considered in the creation and development of the Awards will include:
 - i. Input from the Arts Community on awards categories, criteria and financial parameters;
 - ii. Sustainable funding based on the Edmonton model maximizing sponsorship and earned revenues and providing annual financial benefits to the Arts Community;
 - iii. Feasibility of producing an annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts event, held in a civic cultural venue in each 2007, 2008 and 2009; AND
- C. THAT Council direct staff to report back with a proposal for the 2007 Vancouver Arts Awards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Anton and Stevenson absent for the vote)

8. **Net Zero Energy Initiative ("Net Zero") demonstration project in Southeast False Creek**

February 14, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 11-2200-21)

- A. THAT, subject to C below, the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC") for CMHC to participate in and provide funding of up to \$250,000 for the Net Zero Project in an Affordable Housing building in Southeast False Creek (SEFC).
- B. THAT, subject to C below, the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with Merrick Architecture for up to \$284,000 for incremental design, construction documentation, tender review, and contract administration, work related to the construction of the Net Zero Affordable Housing Project in SEFC; source of funding to be the contribution from CMHC (\$250,000) pursuant to approval of A above and \$34,000 from the SEFC Affordable Housing allocation approved by Council on November 6, 2006.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the City, all legal documents required to implement A and B above;

THAT all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager, the General Manager of Corporate Services and Director of Legal Services, and THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

9. **717 Princess Avenue Child Care Centre**

February 26, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-5000-10)

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council approve a grant of \$200,000 to the Central City Foundation to help renovate the 717 Princess Avenue child and family development hub, subject to the following conditions:

- i. THAT the Ministry of Children and Family Development **confirm in writing**, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services, that it will provide \$750,000 for the renovation of this facility and confirmation that the operating budget is achievable;
- ii. THAT the Central City Foundation **confirm in writing** to the satisfaction of the Director Legal Services, that it will ensure that adequate capital funds have been secured so that renovations can proceed and can be completed without additional public sector funding;
- iii. THAT the Central City Foundation sign an agreement with the City for a term of fifteen (15) years, stipulating that should the building be sold or

not used by a non-profit for community use, the City will be reimbursed for all funds provided to the Foundation for this project. As well, the Central City Foundation shall not change the community use of the premises from that of a childcare facility without the prior consent of the City Manager, which consent may be given subject to conditions.

This agreement shall be drawn to the satisfaction of Legal Services and may provide for the granting of security to the City; and

- iv. Release of the grant to Central City Foundation will be subject to signing of a lease/operating agreement between Central City Foundation and Vancouver Native Health Society.

Source of funding to be the 2006 capital budgets (DTES).

All parties interested in this proposed development acknowledge that no legal relationships are hereby created with the City and none shall arise until the agreement referred to in A above is executed by the Director of Legal Services on behalf of the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Anton and Stevenson absent for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

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 Chow

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 9 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend License By-law No. 4450 regarding pet store regulations (By-law No. 9431)
2. A By-law to amend Health By-law No. 6580 regarding the keeping of animals (By-law No. 9432)
3. A By-law to amend Animal Control By-law No. 9150 regarding the keeping of animals (By-law No. 9433)
4. A By-law to amend Business Prohibition By-law No. 5156 regarding exotic or wild animals (By-law No. 9434)
5. A By-law to amend Development Permit Board and Advisory Panel By-law No. 5869 regarding alternate Board members (By-law No. 9435)
6. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2006 costs for the South Fraser Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 9436)
7. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2006 maintenance costs for the Granville Mall Decorative Lighting Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 9437)
8. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2006 costs for the East Hastings Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 9438)
9. A By-law to assess real property to defray 2006 maintenance costs for the Trounce Alley and Blood Alley Square Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 9439)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 49th Avenue and 51st Avenue, adjacent to 6672 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 49th Avenue (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 21, except the West 7 feet, now road, Block 9, West ½ of District Lot 738, Plan 1681, Group 1, New Westminster District, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed January 22, 2007, attested to by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LB886.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 49th Avenue and 51st Avenue, adjacent to 6650 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 49th Avenue (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 19, except the West 7 feet, now road, Block 9, West ½ of District Lot 738, Plan 1681, Group 1, New Westminster District, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed January 31, 2007, attested to by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LB888.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Establishing Road on the east side of Knight Street, between 49th Avenue and 51st Avenue, adjacent to 6638 Knight Street, for a widening strip for the installation of left turn bays on Knight Street at 49th Avenue (VanRIMS No. 13-2000-30)**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT WHEREAS the registered owner will be conveying to the City of Vancouver for road purposes lands in the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as follows:

All that portion of Lot 18, except the West 7 feet, now road, Block 9, West ½ of District Lot 738, Plan 1681, Group 1, New Westminster District, as shown heavy outlined on plan of survey completed January 30, 2007, attested to by Eric I. Kaardal, B.C.L.S. and marginally numbered LB887.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described lands to be conveyed are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes and declared to form and to constitute a portion of a road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

1. **Mayor Sam Sullivan's Drug Plan (VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)**

At the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on February 1, 2007, Vancouver City Council postponed consideration of the following motion to a future Council meeting, due to time constraints.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

WHEREAS Mayor Sullivan has announced a new plan to provide substitute drugs to addicts;

AND WHEREAS Vision Vancouver believes there is some merit to the Mayor's plan;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's plan lacks details and background information that would help it gain wider approval;

AND WHEREAS drug addiction is a concern to all citizens of Vancouver;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct the City of Vancouver Drug Policy Coordinator to prepare a report for council that includes:

1. An update on the NAOMI project and the challenges that the project has faced including the attraction of sufficient number of participants.
2. Examples of other similar substitute drug treatment programs around the world including their benefits and challenges.
3. An estimate of the cost of such a substitute drug treatment program for at least 700 participants, including a facility, staff, utilities etc.
4. A research component program and associated costs.
5. Relevant legislative changes necessary to allow such a program to operate.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a public consultation process be undertaken to allow opportunity for the public and all interested parties to provide input into the program thus giving the program greater support.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the motion be amended by striking the motion and substituting the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the City of Vancouver Drug Policy Coordinator to prepare a report for Council that includes:

1. An update on the NAOMI project and the challenges that the project has faced including the attraction of sufficient number of participants;
2. Examples of substitute treatment programs including their benefits and challenges; and
3. The relationship between substitution treatment and crime and disorder.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the City of Vancouver Drug Policy Coordinator to prepare a report for Council that includes:

1. An update on the NAOMI project and the challenges that the project has faced including the attraction of sufficient number of participants;
2. Examples of substitute treatment programs including their benefits and challenges; and
3. The relationship between substitution treatment and crime and disorder.

2. **Inter-Municipal Business Licensing (VanRIMS No. 11-4600-20)**

At the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on February 15, 2007, Vancouver City Council postponed consideration of the following motion to the next available Council meeting, due to time constraints.

The following motion reflects additions to the Motion on Notice.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS:

1. the Vancouver City Council has adopted "Guiding Principles for Economic Development" that acknowledge the importance of a competitive business climate, and the City's role in providing regional leadership and inter-municipal collaboration for economic development;
2. business climate is influenced by the complexity of local regulations and processes, including business licensing;
3. the City of Vancouver is interested in advancing regional collaboration for economic development;
4. municipalities in several regions of B.C. have adopted "inter-municipal business license" agreements that allow certain businesses to purchase a single business license to operate in multiple municipalities, thereby simplifying regulatory processes, reducing costs to small businesses, and improving licensing compliance;
5. there is presently no "inter-municipal business license" agreement in the Greater Vancouver region;
6. the Board of the Vancouver Economic Development Commission recently endorsed the concept of an inter-municipal business license, and is facilitating dialogue with the Greater Vancouver Economic Council (GVEC) and the economic development staff from other GVRD municipalities to further explore the inter-municipal business license concept;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Vancouver supports being involved in discussions about an inter-municipal business license in the Greater Vancouver region, and directs City staff to work with the Vancouver Economic Development Commission and Greater Vancouver Economic Council to further explore implementation of an inter-municipal business license and the implications for the City of Vancouver.
2. This motion be circulated to the GVRD member municipalities.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following:

3. Staff report back to Council on its findings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion, as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

1. the Vancouver City Council has adopted "Guiding Principles for Economic Development" that acknowledge the importance of a competitive business climate, and the City's role in providing regional leadership and inter-municipal collaboration for economic development;
2. business climate is influenced by the complexity of local regulations and processes, including business licensing;
3. the City of Vancouver is interested in advancing regional collaboration for economic development;
4. municipalities in several regions of B.C. have adopted "inter-municipal business license" agreements that allow certain businesses to purchase a single business license to operate in multiple municipalities, thereby simplifying regulatory processes, reducing costs to small businesses, and improving licensing compliance;
5. there is presently no "inter-municipal business license" agreement in the Greater Vancouver region;
6. the Board of the Vancouver Economic Development Commission recently endorsed the concept of an inter-municipal business license, and is facilitating

dialogue with the Greater Vancouver Economic Council (GVEC) and the economic development staff from other GVRD municipalities to further explore the inter-municipal business license concept;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Vancouver supports being involved in discussions about an inter-municipal business license in the Greater Vancouver region, and directs City staff to work with the Vancouver Economic Development Commission and Greater Vancouver Economic Council to further explore implementation of an inter-municipal business license and the implications for the City of Vancouver.
2. This motion be circulated to the GVRD member municipalities.
3. Staff report back to Council on its findings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)
(VanRIMS No. 01-5500-10)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

1. Municipalities are considered provincial entities under the scope of TILMA;
2. TILMA applies to measures of provincial entities that relate to trade, investment, and labour mobility; with measures being defined as "any legislation, regulation, standard, directive, requirement, guideline, program, policy, administrative practice or other procedure;"
3. Two provisions in TILMA most likely to affect the City of Vancouver are Article 3 which states that "Each Party shall ensure that its measures do not operate to restrict or impair trade between or through the territory of the Parties, or investment or labour mobility between the Parties"; and Article 5.3, which states that "Parties shall not establish new standards or regulations that operate to restrict or impair trade, investment or labour mobility;"
4. TILMA states that all parties to the agreement may not provide either direct or indirect business subsidies; with 'subsidy' defined as not only a cash grant or loan, but also deductions in taxes, royalties, and government fees that would otherwise be payable;
5. The uncertainty over the financial penalties from the TILMA arbitration panel may cast a chill over the introduction of new municipal regulations;
6. The City of Vancouver was not consulted in the drafting of TILMA; and
7. Vancouver is at the forefront of innovative regulations and tax incentives for the development of housing and protection of the environment at the municipal level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff provide a report by June 1st on:

- a) City regulations that could be struck down and/or weakened under TILMA's current and future provisions;
- b) City regulations that need to be requested for exemption under TILMA for April 2009, when the agreement comes permanently into effect for municipalities.

Withdrawn

The City Manager advised staff are preparing a report to Council on this matter following Council's instruction at its meeting on January 16, 2007.

2. United We Can Recycling Depot (VanRIMS No. 13-6000-50)

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS United We Can (UWC), since its inception in 1995, has been open for business everyday and provides an important source of income to some of our most marginalized citizens who collect bottles and containers from the downtown areas;

WHEREAS UWC has rescued 50 million containers from going to the landfill and has worked with the City, Gastown and Chinatown merchants in cleaning up garbage and litter in the areas;

WHEREAS UWC is more than a bottle depot as it also collects used computers and runs a bike shop - this combined operation has provided employment to hundreds of people living in the DTES;

WHEREAS UWC's success has meant a crowd of bidders waiting to get into its storefront (located on the north side of East Hastings Street between Columbia and Carrall Streets) that also attracts drug dealers camouflaging in the crowd and street vendors hawking goods of dubious origin and;

WHEREAS the result is constant chaos and an atmosphere of pending violence on the street around the UWC premises that also impact negatively on neighbouring stores such as Canada Ginseng Co. at 33 E Hastings Street - the violent death from stabbing in front of UWC on February 11 being a case in point;

WHEREAS the bidders are not the cause of the street disorder in front of UWC - they are victims to the inadequate physical facility surrounding UWC, a successful grass root enterprise that has outgrown its present premises;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as an urgent matter city staff proceed immediately to assist United We Can to find new facility that is suitable for its operation and surrounding, and which takes into account the increased recycling activities required as a result of the 2010 Olympics.

Notice

Councillor Ball called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 1, 2007.

3. SRA Standards of Maintenance By-Law (VanRIMS 11-2200-21)

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

1. The 2007 provincial budget provided no secure funding to develop the sites available for social housing in Vancouver;
2. The Provincial Government supplied only increased funding for emergency shelter beds which is not a solution to homelessness;
3. Many hotel owners have let their hotels deteriorate to a point where hotel residents must find other accommodation; and
4. There is little accommodation for fixed income residents of Vancouver to be found.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Standards and Maintenance By-law be used to keep livable conditions in the hotels;
2. The City of Vancouver not force tenants to leave their homes due to the landlord's failure to meet the Standards and Maintenance By-laws; and
3. The City of Vancouver make the necessary repairs to bring a hotel in danger of closing up to the standards and maintenance bylaw, and add the cost of repairs onto the annual tax assessment of the hotel in question, and to choose such a hotel for implementation by June 1, 2007.

Not Put

The Mayor ruled the Motion out of order as it would pre-empt work already started by staff.

4. **Municipal By-Law Fine Collection (VanRIMS No. 08-4200-01)**

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

WHEREAS the City loses a significant amount of revenue annually because of unpaid by-law fines;

AND WHEREAS the unpaid fines relating to By-law Violation Notices issued by the Vancouver Police Department since 2003 is in excess of \$860,000;

AND WHEREAS there is a significant problem with disorderly conduct in the Entertainment District and in response to this problem the Vancouver Police Department issued approximately 600 By-law Violation Notices for disorderly conduct related offences which were referred to the City Prosecutor in 2006, most of which arose out of incidents occurring in the Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that a meaningful consequence be attached to the by-law enforcement process generally and specifically in order to deter conduct which detracts from the public's right to enjoy a safe and orderly Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS the goal of the City is voluntary compliance with City by-laws;

AND WHEREAS voluntary compliance with City by-laws increases with the collection of by-law fines;

AND WHEREAS the only method currently available to the City for the collection of by-law fines is a slow, expensive, labour-intensive process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council, through the Mayor, urge the Province and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia to approve the collection of by-law fines in the same manner as fines imposed by Violation Tickets under Provincial statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration and endorsement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration and endorsement.

Notice

Councillor Louie called Notice under Section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law. The Motion will be considered at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 1, 2007.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Use of City Resources for Political Purposes (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-01)

Councillor Ladner enquired on the City's policy on Council members sending emails from City Hall with political slogans.

The Deputy City Clerk advised the policy is that City resources not be used for political use. In response to a question on consequences, she advised the first step would be to ask the member to stop the behaviour.

In response to a further enquiry, the Chair requested the Deputy City Clerk to distribute the policy related to the definition of political activity by a Council member.

2. Use of City Hall Resources for Non-Profit Organizations (VanRIMS No. 08-2200-01)

Councillor Cadman requested the Deputy City Clerk to advise on the appropriateness of City resources to be used to advocate on behalf of non-profit organizations not yet formed.

The Deputy City Clerk advised she is only aware of the policy relating to political issues.

3. Non-Compliant Billboards (VanRIMS No. 08-4500-20)

Councillor Cadman enquired on the status of the staff report on this matter.

The City Manager advised staff are in the midst of preparing the requested report.

The Council recessed at 6:15 p.m. on February 27, 2007, and
adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on February 28, 2007.

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