



CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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

ABSENT: Councillor George Chow (Leave of Absence)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Judy Rogers, City Manager
 James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Marg Coulson, Deputy City Clerk
 Tarja Tuominen, Meeting Coordinator

PRAYER

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

PROCLAMATION - BC LIONS DAY

The Mayor proclaimed Sunday, November 18, 2007, BC Lions Day.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Capri
 SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - October 18, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council - October 30, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A5, A7 and A8 , on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Immigration (VanRIMS No. 08-9000-30)

Zool Suleman, Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Immigration, presented a Report Reference on proposed directions and actions to address immigration-related issues recommended by the Mayor's Task Force on Immigration. Mr. Suleman introduced members of the Task Force and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Lee

- A. THAT Council adopt the recommendations proposed in the Mayor's Task Force on Immigration (MTFI) report dated November 2, 2007, attached as Attachment A to the Other Report *Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Immigration*, dated November 2, 2007.
- B. THAT Council approve \$20,000 to support the Summit on Immigrant Employment. Source of funding to be the Contingency Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Project Civil City - Progress Report (VanRIMS 08-9000-30)

Geoff Plant, Project Civil City Commissioner, presented a Report Reference on the progress of the Project Civil City. Mr. Plant highlighted the progress on work being undertaken by City departments that contributes to Civil City goals, work to date that has been undertaken by the Commissioner, a plan for future Project Civil City actions, and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Capri

- A. THAT Council
 - i. receive for information the "Project Civil City- Progress Report and Agenda for Action" report attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report *Project Civil City- Progress Report*, dated October 30, 2007;
 - ii. endorse the report as a framework for future Project Civil City work.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back on individual Project Civil City initiatives as required, including neighbourhood public disorder priorities, legislative and by-law changes, the Panhandler Survey results, and the

Ambassador Expansion, Crime-Free Multi-housing, Positive Ticketing, and Safer Parking programs, as well as any other emerging initiatives.

- C. THAT Council request the City Manager to prioritize the report back on the Ambassador program including the implementation timeline and funding sources, before Council adjourns in December 2007.

Carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT C be amended to read as follows:

THAT Council request the City Manager to report back on the Ambassador program including the implementation timeline and funding sources, and to bring the report forward when available.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put. Council requested to separate the components of the motion for the vote.

- A. THAT Council
 - i. receive for information the "Project Civil City- Progress Report and Agenda for Action" report attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report *Project Civil City- Progress Report*, dated October 30, 2007;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. endorse the report as a framework for future Project Civil City work.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed)

- B. THAT Council direct staff to report back on individual Project Civil City initiatives as required, including neighbourhood public disorder priorities, legislative and by-law changes, the Panhandler Survey results, and the Ambassador Expansion, Crime-Free Multi-housing, Positive Ticketing, and Safer Parking programs, as well as any other emerging initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. THAT Council request the City Manager to prioritize the report back on the Ambassador program including the implementation timeline and funding sources, before Council adjourns in December 2007.

CARRIED

(Councillor Cadman opposed)

3. **City/Province Social and Supportive Housing Partnership (VanRIMS No. 11-2400-11)**

Cameron Gray, Director, Housing Centre, presented a Report Reference on a partnership between the City and BC Housing to develop 12 City-owned sites for 1100-1200 units of social and supportive housing. Mr. Gray also sought Council approval to refer consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Province (BC Housing), appended to the Administrative Report *City/Province Social and Supportive Housing Partnership*, dated November 6, 2007, to a Special Council meeting on the evening of December 12, 2007, in order to hear from the public.

MOVED by Councillor Capri

- A. THAT Council refer consideration of Recommendations B and C to a public meeting to be held on the evening of December 12, 2007.
- B. THAT Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Province (BC Housing) attached as Appendix A to the Administrative Report *City/Province Social and Supportive Housing Partnership*, dated November 6, 2007, whereby 12 City-owned sites would be developed for social and supportive housing for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness such as the mentally ill, people with addictions, and residents of the City's Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels, and whereby:
 - the City would lease 12 sites to non-profit sponsors of social and supportive housing for 60 years with a nominal prepaid lease rent;
 - the non-profit sponsors would not be required to pay property taxes; and
 - the City would pay the cost of environmental remediation (removing hazardous materials from the buildings and soil remediation);with the source of funding to be the Property Endowment Fund, Development Cost Levies allocated to replacement housing, and the Affordable Housing Fund as set out in the Administrative Report.
- C. THAT Council approve making two existing temporary Planner II positions in the Housing Centre permanent, subject to review by Human Resources. Community Services will fund the positions for 2008, and for 2009 funding to be added to the 2009 Operating Budget without offset, as part of Community Services' operating budget, subject to the 2009 Budget Process, at an estimated cost of \$81,900 (2006 rates) for each position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

- D. THAT the scope and financial cost of these and the City's other social housing investments be summarized and circulated to the Metro Vancouver Housing Committee and to other municipalities in Metro Vancouver with a request that they also report to the Metro Vancouver Housing Committee on their contributions to achieving regional housing strategy goals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Year 2008 Vehicles for Hire License Fee Amendments
October 15, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)**
 - A. THAT with the exception of Courier Bicycles, Taxicabs and Dual Taxicabs the license fees for all Vehicles for Hire, contained in Schedule "A" of By-law No. 6066, be increased by approximately 2.75 percent (when rounded) for Year 2008.
 - B. THAT the license transfer fee be increased from \$109 to \$113 for Year 2008.
 - C. THAT the fee for bicycle courier testing be increased from \$29 to \$30 for Year 2008.
 - D. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law amendments to the Vehicles for Hire By-law to implement the revised Fee Schedule and other proposed changes, to be effective January 1, 2008.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. **Award of Tender PS07118 - The Supply and Delivery of Twenty-One (21) Harley Davidson FLHP Model Police Motorcycles
October 16, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-11)**
 - A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Manager of Materials Management to award to the low bid meeting specifications and providing best value from Barnes Harley-Davidson Buell for twenty-one (21) 2008 Harley-Davidson FLHP model motorcycles, at a total cost of \$351,456, plus the Provincial Sales Tax, the Goods and Services Tax (less any municipal rebate received) and the Provincial Environmental Levy, subject to a contract satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.
 - B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
 - C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
 - D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
 - E. THAT, funding for the purchase described in A above be provided from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. **2008 Engineering Fee Report
September 26, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)**
 - A. THAT Council approve increases in the Engineering Services Department Permit Fees totalling an estimated amount of \$180,700, as set out in Appendix A to the Administrative Report *2008 Engineering Fee Report*, dated September 26, 2007.
 - B. THAT Council approve the introduction of credit card payment for fees identified in Appendix A of the Administrative Report *2008 Engineering Fee Report*, dated September 26, 2007 up to a maximum of \$8000.00 per transaction and that a budget of \$24,400 be added to cover bank charges with full offset through an additional 1% increase to the fees eligible for credit card payment.
 - C. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare by-laws to amend the Street and Traffic By-law, Encroachment By-law, Crossing Bylaw and Street Vending By-law, and the Street Distribution of Publications By-law all generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report *2008 Engineering Fee Report*, dated September 26, 2007.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. **Fleet Addition - Asphalt Grinder and Trailer
October 24, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-2400-10)**
 - A. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$490,000 from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account to add one one-metre milling width asphalt grinder and one flat-deck trailer to the fleet.
 - B. THAT the capital and operating costs be repaid to the Truck and Plant account through annual charges of \$145,000, funding to be provided from existing Streets Operations Operating Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

5. **Staffing to Support Transit Planning, including the Broadway West Rapid Transit Alternatives Study
October 31, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)**
 - A. THAT Council authorize the creation of a team of regular full-time Planning and Engineering staff (Civil Engineer II, Planner II, Civil Engineer I, Planner I, and Planning Assistant III) at an estimated annual cost of \$407,200 (2006) including benefits to support planning, community consultation, and technical work in collaboration with TransLink on a number of major transit planning projects, including the Broadway West Rapid Transit Alternatives Study. These positions are subject to the review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

- B. THAT Council authorize a one-time expenditure of \$35,000 for equipment (computers, furniture, etc.) and an annual budget of \$171,000 to cover office space, public process and consultant resources; funding for A and B to be added to the Community Services Group and Engineering Services Operating Budgets without offset and to be phased in as per Table 1 on page 7 of the Administrative Report *Staffing to Support Transit Planning, including the Broadway West Rapid Transit Alternatives Study*, dated October 31, 2007.
- C. THAT TransLink be requested to share in the cost of City services associated with additional planning and design of Broadway West rapid transit that may arise as decisions about route and technology are made, on a similar basis to that established in previous rapid transit studies.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

6. **Granville Entertainment District**
October 30, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Granville Entertainment District*, dated October 30, 2007, for INFORMATION and postpone the following recommendations to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget:

- i) THAT Council approve an increase in funding to the Vancouver Police Department for year round deployment of policing resources ("LIMA Squad") in the Granville Street Entertainment District with an on-going cost of \$210,000 starting in 2008. Source of funding to be an increase to the annual Operating Budget without offset.
- ii) THAT Council approve a one-time increase in funding to the Vancouver Police Department for an enhanced summer LIMA squad and street closure in the Granville Street Entertainment District with a one time cost of \$220,000 in 2008. Source of funding to be an increase to the annual Operating Budget without offset.
- iii) THAT Council direct the Vancouver Police Department to report back in the fall of 2008 of the effectiveness of the deployment described above.
- iv) THAT Council direct the Chief License Inspector to review the Food Primary and Liquor Primary business license fees for 2009, including industry consultation, and report back to Council on options to increase these fees to offset the Vancouver Police Department costs for enforcement as outlined in the Administrative Report *Granville Entertainment District*, dated October 30, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Tourism Program**
October 18, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 07-2400-10)

THAT City Council approve a funding application in the amount of \$430,885.13 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Tourism Program in support of the following programs:

- Vancouver's participation in an event to celebrate the two year countdown period to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;
- Two community events celebrating Vancouver's involvement in the 2008 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games, including: 1) an Olympic themed celebration in Chinatown at the beginning of the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics; and 2) a one to two day event hosting the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Torch Relay; and

Three capital improvement projects in preparation for the 2010 Winter Games including: 1) the installation of additional street banner brackets for Olympic and Paralympic themed banners during the 2010 Winter Games; 2) two additional 'Welcome to Vancouver' signs; and 3) a beautification project on Hastings Street to ready the Hastings North Business area for increased activity and traffic in 2010 due to Olympic events taking place in the Pacific Coliseum at Hastings Park.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

8. **Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village - Additional Funding for Salt Building Foundation Upgrade**
November 7, 2007 (VanRIMS No. 03-1200-30)

- A. THAT Council approve an additional \$413,277, plus applicable taxes, to the Salt Building budget for the construction of the basement foundation walls and floor slab, including related works (collectively, the "Basement Works"); source of funding to be the Property Endowment Fund: Southeast False Creek Development.
- B. THAT the City Manager be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City change orders to the City's contracts for the Basement Works as set out in A above.
- C. THAT all legal documents for such change orders be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the City Manager.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Capri

SECONDED by Councillor Ball

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, 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 Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 re 1655-1675 West 3rd Avenue (By-law No. 9543)**
(Councillor Cadman ineligible to vote on By-law 1)
2. **A By-law to amend the Sign By-law No. 6510 re 1655-1675 West 3rd Avenue**
(By-law No. 9544)
(Councillor Cadman ineligible to vote on By-law 2)
3. **A By-law to amend the Crossing By-law No. 4644 regarding 2008 fee increases**
(By-law No. 9545)
4. **A By-law to amend Encroachment By-law No. 4243 regarding 2008 fee increases**
(By-law No. 9546)
5. **A By-law to amend Street Distribution of Publication By-law No. 9350 regarding 2008 fee increases (By-law No. 9547)**
6. **A By-law to amend Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849 regarding 2008 fee increases**
(By-law No. 9548)

7. **A By-law to amend Street Vending By-law No. 4781 regarding 2008 fee increases (By-law No. 9549)**
8. **A By-law to amend Ticket Offences By-law No. 9360 regarding minor housekeeping matters (By-law No. 9550)**
9. **A By-law to amend Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066 regarding 2008 fee increases (By-law No. 9551)**

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. **Form of Development: 1655 - 1675 West 3rd Avenue (VanRIMS No. 11-3600-10)**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the form of development for the CD-1 zoned site known as 1655 - 1675 West 3rd Avenue be approved generally as illustrated in Development Application No. 411027 prepared by Hywel Jones, and stamped "Received, City of Vancouver Planning Department, May 25, 2007", provided that the Director of Planning may approve design changes which would not adversely affect either the development character and livability of this site or adjacent properties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Motions on Notice

Due to time constraints, Council postponed consideration of Motions B.1 and B.2 to a Regular Council meeting following a Standing Committee meeting on November 15, 2007.

1. **Urgent Housing Repairs and Strengthening Standards of Maintenance By-law (VanRIMS No. 08-1000-01)**

At the Regular Council meeting on October 30, 2007, Councillor Stevenson submitted the following Notice of Motion which was recognized by the Chair.

WHEREAS:

- there are landlords in Vancouver who routinely fail to maintain their properties to code;
- this ongoing pattern of neglect wastes considerable time and money by City staff, as well as causing extensive suffering to the tenants who live in these buildings;
- some of Vancouver's most disadvantaged citizens are forced to live in these properties, as there is a well-known shortage of safe, affordable housing in Vancouver;

- there has been difficulty in relocating the displaced tenants of the apartment on 2131 Pandora;
- the City has the ability, through the Standards of Maintenance by-law, to repair these buildings and charge the costs to the owner, if the owner has not remedied the problems within 60 days of receiving an order (Section 23.9);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff immediately apply the full powers of the Standards of Maintenance by-law to 2131 Pandora Street and report back in 60 days on the status of repairs and renovations;
2. The City of Vancouver undertake any repairs or renovations required to ensure 2131 Pandora is fit for human habitation after the 60 days of the initial order has passed;
3. The City inspect and report back to council in 30 days all properties owned by the owner of 2131 Pandora, as well as any serious repeat offenders of the Standards of Maintenance by-law;
4. That staff report back in 60 days on enforcement mechanisms, including increased fines, ticketing, receivership, and expropriation, to strengthen the Standards of Maintenance by-law to ensure that Vancouver's rental housing stock is kept in good repair; and
5. That staff report back in 60 days on legislation and by-laws used in other jurisdictions to prevent rental housing from becoming vacant

Postponed

Note from Clerk: Council will consider the Motion at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment meeting on November 15, 2007.

2. Cambie Street Meters (VanRIMS No. 13-5500-31)

Councillor Ladner submitted the following Motion for consideration at the Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2007.

WHEREAS reconstruction of Cambie Street north of 25th Avenue, including sidewalk expansion and streetscape improvements, will involve the removal of parking meters along Cambie;

AND WHEREAS the reconstruction will not be completed until at least spring 2008 although the street will be open and traffic flowing normally during the holiday season;

AND WHEREAS revenues that could be received from re-installing parking meters temporarily could be less than savings derived from waiting for a one-time permanent installation of meters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City postpone re-installing parking meters along Cambie north of 25th Avenue until full sidewalk and street restoration is complete in mid 2008.

Postponed

Note from Clerk: Council will consider the Motion at the Regular Council meeting following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on November 15, 2007.

The Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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