



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

DECEMBER 11 AND 13, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. The meeting reconvened on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber. The Minutes have been consolidated for ease of reference.

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

ABSENT Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator (*December 11, 2007*)
Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator (*December 13, 2007*)

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of November 29, 2007, were adopted.

1. Vancouver Economic Development Commission: 2008 Business Plan and Budget (VanRIMS No.: 08-3000-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 21, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services presented Council with the Vancouver Economic Development Commission (VEDC) Business Plan and budget, and the VEDC's 2007 operating and projected financial results for information. She also sought Council's approval for the release of previously-approved funding for implementation of VEDC's Business Climate Strategy implementation and 2010 Plan, and additional ongoing funding to be added to the VEDC's baseline funding for core services, and to fund selected recommendations from the

VEDC Report on the Business Climate in the City of Vancouver. The City Manager recommended approval.

The Committee also had before it a memorandum dated December 6, 2007, in which the Manager of Financial Planning corrected errors in the original report.

Staff from Financial Services and the VEDC provided a brief overview of the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive for information the *Vancouver Economic Development Commission's 2008 Business Plan and Budget*, contained in Appendix C of the Administrative Report *Vancouver Economic Development Commission: 2007 Business Plan and Budget* dated November 21, 2007.
- B. THAT Council approve the Business Climate Strategy Phase II project plan and release the \$50,000 of previously-approved funding to be applied toward the implementation of Phase 1 of the VEDC's Business Climate Strategy.
- C. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Vancouver Economic Development Commission: 2008 Business Plan and Budget* dated November 21, 2007, and release the \$122,000 in previously-approved funding to the VEDC, to be applied toward the implementation of the VEDC's *2007-2010 Strategic Plan for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games*.
- D. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Vancouver Economic Development Commission: 2008 Business Plan and Budget* dated November 21, 2007, for INFORMATION and refer recommendations E through H and consideration I to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.
- E. THAT Council approve the VEDC one-time 2008 funding request of \$125,000, to be applied toward Phase 2 of the VEDC Economic Development Strategy, with funding and approval to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.
- F. THAT Council approve the request for \$828,000 in funding to maintain the existing service level; funding of \$828,000 was already provided for in the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.
- G. THAT Council approve an increase to the annual VEDC baseline funding for core services of \$295,000 without offset, prorated to \$196,700 in 2008, with funding and approval to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.
- H. THAT Council approve ongoing funding of \$295,000, prorated to \$196,700 in 2008, to fund selected recommendations in the October 2007 *VEDC Report on*

the Business Climate in the City of Vancouver, to be released to the appropriate City department and/or to the VEDC, subject to report back to Council with the intended use and rationale, with funding and approval to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.

- I. THAT Council approve an increase to the annual VEDC baseline funding for core services of \$590,000 without offset, prorated to \$393,300 in 2008, with funding and approval to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

2. Planning Department Resource Proposals (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 21, 2007, in which the Director of Planning sought Council approval for a number of resource proposals which will allow the Planning Department to “work smarter”, to more easily retain and recruit staff, and to better meet the work program expectations of Council, the public and the development industry. The General Manager of Community Services and the City Manager recommended approval.

Staff from Current Planning reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2008 Interim Operating Budget, improving service in the Current Planning Division through:
 - creating 1 regular full time Planner I and adding 0.5 of a position to a current 0.5 Clerk Typist in the Rezoning Group; and
 - creating 1 regular full time Planning Assistant III position in the Urban Design and Development Planning Group;at a cost in 2008 of \$163,950, and in subsequent years of \$158,950, to be added to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget, noting that costs will be recovered by rezoning and development permit fee increases that have been approved to start in January 1, 2008, subject to these positions being approved;
- B. THAT Council receive the balance of the Administrative Report *Planning Department Resource Proposals* dated November 21, 2007, for information, and refer recommendations C through F to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget;
- C. THAT Council approve, subject to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget, improving the efficiency of the Central Area Division through:

-converting 3 temporary full time Planner II positions and 1 temporary full time Planning Assistant III position to regular full time positions;
-creating 1 new regular full time Planning Analyst position; and
-providing annual funding of program expenses (public consultation and consultant studies);
at a cost in 2008 of \$144,400, and in subsequent years of \$590,700, without offset, with approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget;

- D. THAT Council approve, subject to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget, increasing the level of service in the Urban Design Studio by creating 1 new regular full time Planner II position at a cost in 2008 of \$64,600 and in subsequent years of \$88,900, without offset, with approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget;
- E. THAT Council approve, subject to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget, a temporary staff team to undertake the Capacity Options Review through creating a temporary full time Planner II and a temporary full time Planning Analyst positions for 12 months, at a cost of \$107,600 in 2008 and \$48,000 in 2009, without offset, with approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget; and
- F. THAT Council direct that all new positions be subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

3. Office of the Chief Building Official Resource Proposal - Green Building Engineer Position (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 16, 2007, in which the Chief Building Official sought Council approval for a new regular full-time engineer position aimed at ensuring the City act as leader through development of green building regulations while ensuring commitment for further development of the City's Green Building Strategy. The General Manager of Community Services and the City Manager recommended approval.

The Chief Building Official reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Office of the Chief Building Official Resource Proposal - Green Building Engineer Position* dated November 16, 2007, for information and refer recommendation B to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget:
- B. THAT Council approve the establishment of one regular full time Engineer position in the Office of the Chief Building Official, subject to review and classification by the General Manger of Human Resources, at an estimated cost of \$63,000 for 2008 and \$95,500 for 2009 and beyond (including benefits, at April 2006 rates), partially offset by an ongoing \$75,000 reduction from the Structural Review program. Approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

4. Carnegie Centre - Cashier Positions and Outreach Program
(VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 14, 2007, in which the General Manager of Community Services outlined two Carnegie Community Centre funding requests for referral to the 2008 interim operating budget.

Staff from Carnegie Centre reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, both of whom supported the Carnegie Centre Outreach Program.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Carnegie Centre - Cashier Positions and Outreach Program* dated November 14, 2007, for information and refer recommendations B and C to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget:
- B. THAT Council approve the establishment of three Regular Part-Time Cashier positions (2.3 FTE) and Auxiliary hours (.17 FTE) at the Carnegie Centre, commencing May 1, 2008, subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resources, at an estimated annual cost of \$109,300 (pro-rated for 2008 - \$73,230). Approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.

- C. THAT Council approve the extension of the Carnegie Centre Outreach Program for three years to December 2010, at an estimated annual cost of \$277,600 in 2008, \$285,300 in 2009, and \$294,500 in 2010 (includes wage settlement and inflation). Approval and funding to be referred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget; and

FURTHER THAT the Carnegie Centre be instructed to report back in 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

5. Emergency Management Priorities (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 14, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended ongoing funding for additional staff resources required to ensure the City can warrant an appropriate level of response and recovery in the event of a minor or major emergency.

The Director of Emergency Management reviewed the report and, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Emergency Management Priorities* dated November 14, 2007, for information and refer the following recommendation to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget:

THAT Council authorize the creation of 2.5 regular full-time staff positions, as outlined in the Administrative Report *Emergency Management Priorities* dated November 14, 2007, at an estimated annual cost of \$257,000 (including benefits and incidental costs) to support the Emergency Management Programme, subject to classification review by the General Manager of Human Resources, and subject to approval of the 2008 operating budget.

- B. THAT Council appoint Kevin Ramsay as Director of Emergency Management, in accordance with Emergency Response Bylaw #5654.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

6. Enhanced Enforcement of Street Usage at Construction Sites Through Additional Staffing and Technological Improvements (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 15, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval for the creation of three

new staffing positions in Engineering Services in order to improve enforcement of Street usage at construction sites.

Staff from Engineering reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve:
- i. the creation of two (2) new regular full-time Engineering Technician I positions and one (1) Permit Clerk position at an estimated annual cost \$166,500 (2008) including benefits, subject to the review and classification by the General Manger of Human Resources;
 - ii. a one time office and equipment cost of \$5,000; and
 - iii. the allocation of \$41,000 from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account to add two (2) Smart Fortwo vehicles to the Engineering Services vehicle fleet to be repaid through annual charges of \$11,900.

Total funding of \$183,400 to be fully offset by the revenue generated from enhanced enforcement of Street Occupancy permits with no increase in fees.

- B. THAT Council approve:
- i. a one time cost of \$60,000 to provide 6 handheld wireless tablets and associated technological upgrades for the Building Site Inspectors and an annual operating cost of \$8,500; and
 - ii. an estimated annual cost of \$11,200 to replace the 7 handheld wireless tablets in a 5-year replacement cycle commencing 2011.

Funding to be fully offset by the revenue generated from enhanced enforcement of Street Occupancy permits with no increase in fees.

- C. THAT Staff report back in 2008 with By-Law changes to improve the Street Occupancy Permit process and clarify authorities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

7. Corporate Services - Real Estate Services Reorganization (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 16, 2007, in which the Director of Real Estate Services sought Council approval for the creation of a new

Associate Director - Real Estate Services position in the Real Estate Services Department in Corporate Services. The General Manager of Corporate Services recommended approval.

Staff from Corporate Services reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council approve the creation, funding, and hiring of a new regular full-time staff position in Corporate Services Group titled Associate Director - Real Estate Services subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resources (estimated to be approximately \$120,000/annum (2006 rates); source of funding to be Property Endowment Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

8. Facilities Design and Management Reorganization (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 14, 2007, in which the General Manager of Corporate Services sought Council approval for additional staff resources and to realign the organizational structure of the Facilities Design and Management Department to provide enhanced strategic facilities planning, improve property management processes in the Corporate Services Group, implement a long term facility recapitalization program, and provide sufficient project management services to implement approved capital projects and programs. The City Manager recommended approval, noting the staff changes outlined in the report will better position the Facilities Design and Management Department to meet the immediate challenges and properly plan for the City's future needs.

Staff from Facility Design and Management reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Facilities Design and Management Reorganization* dated November 14, 2007, for information and refer recommendation B to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.
- B. THAT, Council approve the following staff additions and changes to the Facilities Design and Management Department Structure at an estimated cost of \$175,000 for 2008 and \$120,000 ongoing, including benefits, to meet current and forecasted work loads. Funding to be added to the Operating Budget without offset. Approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.

- i) THAT two (2) regular/ full-time, exempt positions be created for a Manager, Facilities Planning and Manager, Capital Maintenance within the Facilities Development Division.
- ii) THAT one (1) CUPE 15 Administrative Assistant, position be deleted and a new, regular/ full-time exempt position of Manager, Property Management and Administration be created.
- iii) THAT one (1) CUPE 15 Maintenance Technician III position be reclassified to a regular, full-time, CUPE 15 position of Construction Assistant (Facilities Planner).
- iv) THAT three (3) CUPE 15 temporary, full-time, Construction Assistant positions be created for a period of 23 months.
- v) THAT two (2) temporary full-time, exempt Project Manager positions be converted to regular/ full-time.

The above positions are subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

9. Human Resources Services Staffing Request (VanRIMS No.: 07-3000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated November 27, 2007, in which the General Manager of Human Resources requested the creation of four (4) new staff positions within Human Resource Services to meet existing and projected workload demands. The City Manager recommended approval.

Staff from Human Resources reviewed the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Ball
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report *Human Resources Services Staffing Request* dated November 27, 2007, for information and refer recommendation B to the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.
- B. THAT City Council approve the establishment of four (4) Regular Full-Time exempt positions (a Human Resource Consultant III; a Human Resource Consultant II; an Administrative Assistant and a Web and Systems Security position) subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resources, at an estimated cost of \$191,700 for 2008 and \$265,600 for 2009 and beyond (including benefits, at April 2006 rates) to be added to the Operating Budget without offset subject to budget review. Approval and funding to be deferred to the 2008 Interim Operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

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The Committee recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. with the same members present, as well as Mayor Sullivan.

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10. DVBIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion
(VanRIMS No.: 11-2000-14)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated December 4, 2007, in which the Project Civil City Commissioner, in consultation with the General Managers of Community Services, Corporate Services and Engineering, and the Vancouver Police Department, provided Council with information on the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Area's (DVBIA) proposed expansion of the Ambassador Program, and put forward options for matching City funds to expand the existing downtown program and establish it in other BIA neighbourhoods. The City Manager put forth two options for Council's consideration.

The Civil City Commissioner, and a representative from the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, presented the report, and along with staff from Corporate Services, Community Services and the Vancouver Police Department responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 14 speakers; 10 were generally in favour and 4 were opposed to staff's recommendations.

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The Committee recessed at 1:00 p.m.. and reconvened on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 2:04 p.m. with the same members present.

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MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council support in principle the DVBIA Ambassadors Program downtown area extension to 24 hour coverage as outlined in the Administrative Report *DVBIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion* dated December 4, 2007, and in Appendix A, and allocate one time City funding of up to \$237,000 from the 2007 Contingency Reserve, subject to a report back from the DVBIA addressing issues of program need and expected results;

- B. THAT Council support in principle the expansion of the DVBIA Ambassador Program to BIA areas outside the downtown core generally as outlined in the *Administrative Report DVBIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion* dated December 4, 2007 and in Appendix A, and allocate up to \$500,000 in program costs and \$45,000 in technology and vehicle costs on a one time basis from the 2007 Contingency Reserve to initiate a shared funding program subject to a report back on further consultation with BIAs, individual area need, applicability of the Ambassador Program and expected results.
- C. THAT up to \$90,000 in staffing and office costs be allocated in the 2007 Contingency Reserve for a temporary Planner I *position* for one year to oversee the development of the area expansion. The position is subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.
- D. THAT Council request staff prepare a sole-source contract with the DVBIA for the provision of services as generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 4, 2007, entitled "DVBIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion", subject to the reports back contemplated in A and B, above.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT part D be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT staff construct and report back with an open Request for Proposals (RFP) process to provide the services described in the Administrative Report dated December 4, 2007, entitled "DVBIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion", in all areas of Vancouver.

LOST

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

(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

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

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council support in principle the DVBIA Ambassadors Program downtown area extension to 24 hour coverage as outlined in the *Administrative Report DVBIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion* dated December 4, 2007, and in Appendix A, and allocate one time City funding of up to \$237,000 from the 2007 Contingency Reserve, subject to a report back from the DVBIA addressing issues of program need and expected results;

- B. THAT Council support in principle the expansion of the DV BIA Ambassador Program to BIA areas outside the downtown core generally as outlined in the Administrative Report DV BIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion dated December 4, 2007 and in Appendix A, and allocate up to \$500,000 in program costs and \$45,000 in technology and vehicle costs on a one time basis from the 2007 Contingency Reserve to initiate a shared funding program subject to a report back on further consultation with BIAs, individual area need, applicability of the Ambassador Program and expected results.
- C. THAT up to \$90,000 in staffing and office costs be allocated in the 2007 Contingency Reserve for a temporary Planner I *position* for one year to oversee the development of the area expansion. The position is subject to review and classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.
- D. THAT Council request staff prepare a sole-source contract with the DTV BIA for the provision of services as generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 4, 2007, entitled "DV BIA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion", subject to the reports back contemplated in A and B, above.

Note from Meeting Coordinator: Although the motions passed, because there were not 8 votes, there is no authority to provide grants to the DV BIA as anticipated in A and B. However the direction to sole-source (part D) is approved because it only requires a simple majority.

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The Committee recessed at 3:25 p.m.. and reconvened on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 3:35 p.m. with Councillors Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson absent.

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11. 2008 Target Property Tax Increase (VanRIMS No.: 05-4200-10)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated December 5, 2007, in which the Director of Finance sought Council direction on a target property tax increase that maintains existing City services/programs, includes new or expanded services/programs, but excludes impact of outside agencies. The City Manager noted that giving staff direction on a target property tax increase does not commit Council to the level of tax increase noted in the report.

Staff from Corporate Services presented the report and, along staff from Financial Services, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers, both of whom noted concerns with the current process of establishing the tax rate.

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At 3:37 p.m. Councillor Stevenson arrived and assumed the Chair in his capacity as Deputy Mayor, in order that the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Committee could participate in the debate on item 11.

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MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council set a target for a 2008 property tax increase of 2.99 per cent to cover inflationary increases to current levels of service and added costs of all new initiatives, but that this target increase not include:
- Vancouver Police Department's new initiatives
 - Pass-through billing from outside agencies
 - Net savings from the strike
 - A possible tax redistribution from non-residential to residential property owners.
- B. THAT the final decision on the tax rate be made after input from public consultations.
- C. THAT the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Corporate Management team, report back on options to achieve this target tax increase, identifying the impact on city services and programs.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT, in part A, the words "of 2.99" be struck and replaced with "in the range of 2.3 to 2.99" so that A would read:

- THAT Council set a target for a 2008 property tax increase in the range of 2.3 to 2.99 per cent to cover inflationary increases to current levels of service and added costs of all new initiatives, but that this target increase not include:
- Vancouver Police Department's new initiatives
 - Pass-through billing from outside agencies
 - Net savings from the strike
 - A possible tax redistribution from non-residential to residential property owners.

LOST

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

(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

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

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council set a target for a 2008 property tax increase of 2.99 per cent to cover inflationary increases to current levels of service and added costs of all new initiatives, but that this target increase not include:
- Vancouver Police Department's new initiatives
 - Pass-through billing from outside agencies
 - Net savings from the strike
 - A possible tax redistribution from non-residential to residential property owners.
- B. THAT the final decision on the tax rate be made after input from public consultations.
- C. THAT the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Corporate Management team, report back on options to achieve this target tax increase, identifying the impact on city services and programs.

The Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

DECEMBER 13, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

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

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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; and
- (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

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Council recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 4:55 p.m. with the same members present.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball
SECONDED by Councillor Lee

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets December 11 and 13, 2007

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

1. Vancouver Economic Development Commission: 2008 Business Plan and Budget
2. Planning Department Resource Proposals
3. Office of the Chief Building Official Resource Proposal - Green Building Engineer Position
4. Carnegie Centre - Cashier Positions and Outreach Program
5. Emergency Management Priorities
6. Enhanced Enforcement of Street Usage at Construction Sites Through Additional Staffing and Technological Improvements
7. Corporate Services - Real Estate Services Reorganization
8. Facilities Design and Management Reorganization
9. Human Resources Services Staffing Request
10. DVBlA Ambassador Program - Funding Proposal for Expansion
11. 2008 Target Property Tax Increase

Council requested items 10 and 11 be separated for the vote.

Items 1 to 9

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of December 11 and 13, 2007, as contained in items 1 to 9, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 10

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of December 11 and 13, 2007, as contained in item 10, be approved.

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

Note from Meeting Coordinator: Although the motions passed, because there were not 8 votes, there is no authority to provide grants to the DV BIA as anticipated in A and B. However the direction to sole-source (part D) is approved because it only requires a simple majority.

Item 11

MOVED by Councillor Lee

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of December 11 and 13, as contained in item 11, be approved.

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

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

THAT Council vote to enact the by-law listed on the Agenda for this meeting as number 1 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A by-law to implement Council's resolution of December 11, 2007 to amend the Zoning and Development Fee By-law to increase fees (By-law No. 9579)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Little Mountain Housing Site (VanRIMS No. 11-2400-10)

At the Regular Council meeting on December 11, 2007, Councillor Louie submitted the following Notice of Motion for a Regular Council meeting on December 13, 2007. The motion was recognized by the Chair.

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie
SECONDER: Councillor George Chow

WHEREAS the Little Mountain Housing site is in a process of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS the site contains an existing 224 units of Social Housing and approximately 197 units are currently occupied; and

WHEREAS on November 26, 2007 a meeting was held with interested citizens on the redevelopment of the site; and

WHEREAS the major concern expressed at the meeting was the opportunity of residents to remain living in the local community during redevelopment; and

WHEREAS the current enhanced rent subsidy program is limited and is not sufficiently efficient to react to local rental opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council send a letter to the Provincial Government, encouraging them to:

1. Make available an enhanced market rental subsidy to all current residents (including seniors and people with disabilities) of the Little Mountain Housing site, not just persons with school aged children.
2. Fully define what "reasonable" market rent is.
3. Create a rental pre-approval process in order to facilitate renting in the local area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Staff Appreciation** (VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-01)

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council thank staff for their ongoing excellent service, hard work and dedication to the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. **Update on Finance Reform Disclosure** (VanRIMS No.: 08-1000-01)

Councillor Chow requested an update on the finance reform disclosure motion, and indicated he would talk to the City Clerk.

2. **Vancouver Animal Shelter 2008 Calendar** (VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-01)

Councillor Capri noted the 2008 Vancouver Animal Shelter Calendars are available and that any proceeds go to the shelter.

The Council adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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