

Regular Council Meeting
April 1, 2008
Extract from the Minutes

Supports Item No. 1
Special CS&B
Committee Agenda
April 9, 2008

REPORT REFERENCE

1. **2008 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results**
(VanRIMS No. 05-1000-30)

Estelle Lo, General Manager of Corporate Services, and Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, provided an update on the public consultation process and interim budget estimates for the 2008 Operating Budget, and sought final direction from Council on the 2008 Operating budget estimates, including new funding requests.

Jami Koehl, representing the Mustel Group, and Judy Kirk, representing Kirk & Co., presented the results of this year's public consultation process.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT Council approve the following motions on the 2008 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates in principle, refer them to the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on April 9, 2008 to hear from delegations, and refer confirmation of the Interim Budget decision to the April 15 Council meeting:

- A. THAT Council approve the 2008 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates as outlined in the Administrative Report *2008 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results*, dated March 18, 2008, and detailed in Appendix 1 of the Administrative Report, and instruct the Director of Finance to bring the budget into balance with a 2.42% general purposes tax increase before the application of the 2007 Work Stoppage savings, reflecting an increase of:
 - 2.14% related to growth in City costs;
 - 0.28% cost of outside agencies.

FURTHER THAT Council approve the revenue increases totaling approximately \$90,000, as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Administrative Report *2008 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results*, dated March 18, 2008, effective May 2008, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to amend the Impounding By-Law No. 3519 to reflect the increase in storage fee from \$5 to \$8 for the first day, or a portion thereof, that the vehicle remains impounded.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$59,339,100 which includes approximately \$444,600 of added Basic and one-time adjustments in the Park Board estimates.

- B. THAT Council approve the following non-police funding requests, increasing property taxes by 0.56%:
1. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Human Resource Consultant III position within the Attraction, Retention, Recognition, and Succession Planning Strategic Initiative Program at an annual cost of \$100,000, including benefits, offset by existing program funding with no net budget impact.
 2. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Human Resource Consultant II position within Human Resource Services' Occupational Health & Safety Division at an annual cost of \$80,000, including benefits, offset by existing program funding with no net budget impact.
 3. THAT Council approve the establishment of two Regular Full Time Legal Assistant positions within Legal Services at an annual cost of \$92,000, including benefits, offset by contribution from the Property Endowment Fund with no net budget impact.
 4. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Office of the Chief Building Official Resource Proposal - Green Building Engineer Position* dated November 16, 2007, at an adjusted cost of \$67,000 offset by a reduction in the Structural Review Program budget with no net budget impact in 2008 and \$20,000 increase to the 2009 Operating Budget without offset:
 - THAT Council approve the establishment of one regular full time Engineer position in the Office of the Chief Building Official at an estimated cost of \$67,000 for 2008 and \$99,000 for 2009 and beyond (including benefits), partially offset by an ongoing \$75,000 reduction from the Structural Review program.
 5. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Information Technology Security Analyst position within Corporate Services at an annual cost of \$91,000, with benefits, offset by a reduction in the existing Temporary Help budget with no net budget impact.
 6. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Asset Coordinator/Buyer position within Corporate Services' Information Technology Division at an annual cost of \$68,000, including benefits, offset by maintenance savings with no net budget impact.

7. THAT Council approve the regularization of two existing Temporary Full Time Civil Engineer I positions with Engineering Services' Equipment Services Branch at a cost of \$181,000, including benefits, offset by a reduction in existing Temporary Help Budget of \$81,000 and anticipated maintenance savings of \$100,000 with no net budget impact.
8. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Landscape Designer position within Engineering Services at an annual cost of \$68,200, including benefits, offset by a reduction in the existing Temporary Help budget of \$30,900 and contribution from Capital of \$37,300 with no net budget impact.
9. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Carnegie Centre - Cashier Positions and Outreach Program* dated November 14, 2007, at a cost of \$277,600 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.05%:
 - 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); AND FURTHER THAT the Carnegie Centre be instructed to report back in 2010.
10. THAT Council approve one-time funding of \$300,000 for Project Civil City to continue with the work program in 2008 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.06%.
11. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Human Resources Services Staffing Request* dated November 27, 2007, at an adjusted cost of \$208,100 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.04%:
 - THAT 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 \$208,100 for 2008 and \$290,000 for 2009 and beyond (including benefits, at April 2006 rates) to be added to the Operating Budget without offset subject to budget review.

12. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Assistant Director position within City Clerk's Department's Corporation Communications Division at an annual cost of \$111,000 (2008 pro-rated cost - \$71,000), including benefits, as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.01%.
13. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Manager position within City Archives at an annual cost of \$101,000, including benefits, as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.02%.
14. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Planning Department Resource Proposals* dated November 21, 2007, at a cost of \$316,600 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.06%:
 - i) THAT Council approve 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;
 - 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.
 - ii) THAT Council approve 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.
 - iii) THAT Council approve 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.
15. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Planning Assistant III position in Community Services Group's Planning Division to support the Financing Growth Program and Business Improvement Areas Program at an annual cost of \$58,000, (2008 pro-rated cost - \$37,000), including benefits, as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.01%.

16. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Carnegie Centre - Cashier Positions and Outreach Program* dated November 14, 2007, at an adjusted cost of \$75,000 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.02%:
 - 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, at an estimated annual cost of \$109,300 (prorated for 2008 - \$75,000).

17. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Facilities Design and Management Reorganization* dated November 14, 2007, at an adjusted cost of \$179,000 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.04%:
 - THAT Council approve the following staff additions and changes to the Facilities Design and Management Department Structure at an estimated cost of \$179,000 for 2008 and \$161,000 ongoing, including benefits, to meet current and forecasted work loads:
 - THAT two (2) regular/ full-time, exempt positions be created for a Manager, Facilities Planning and Manager, Capital Maintenance within the Facilities Development Division.
 - 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.
 - THAT one (1) CUPE 15 Maintenance Technician III position be reclassified to a regular, full-time, CUPE 15 position of Construction Assistant (Facilities Planner).
 - THAT three (3) CUPE 15 temporary, full-time, Construction Assistant positions be created for a period of 23 months.
 - THAT two (2) temporary full-time, exempt Project Manager positions be converted to regular/full-time.

18. THAT Council approve the establishment of a 2-year Temporary Full Time Capital Asset Accountant position within Corporate Services' Financial Services Division to implement the Public Sector Accounting Board's Capital Asset Reporting Requirements at a cost of \$188,000 (2008 - \$61,000, 2009 - \$94,000, 2010 - \$33,000), including benefits, as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.01%.

19. THAT Council approve conversion of an existing Claims Investigator position within Corporate Services' Risk Management Division from Regular Part Time to Regular Full Time at an incremental annual cost of \$38,300, including benefits, offset by contributions from the Liability Reserve (\$26,800) and Property Endowment Fund (\$7,700) with net funding of \$4,000 (2008 pro-rated cost - \$2,000) as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0%.
20. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Emergency Management Priorities* dated November 14, 2007, at a adjusted cost of \$281,000 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.06%:
 - THAT Council approve 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 \$281,000 (including benefits and incidental costs) to support the Emergency Management Program.
21. THAT Council approve one-time funding of \$200,000 for the Downtown Eastside Street Cleaning Initiative as per Council Motion on January 15, 2008 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.04%.
22. THAT Council approve on-going funding of \$125,000 for consultancy services for the Bridge Inspection Program offset by Street Leaf Removal Program internal efficiencies of \$50,000; net funding of \$75,000 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.01%.
23. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Economic Development Commission: 2008 Business Plan and Budget*, dated November 21, 2007:
 - i) THAT Council approve the Vancouver Economic Development Commission (VEDC) one-time 2008 funding request of \$125,000, to be applied toward Phase 2 of the VEDC Economic Development Strategy as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.02%.
 - ii) THAT Council approve the request for \$828,000 in funding to maintain the existing service level; funding of \$828,000 has already provided for in the 2008 Interim Operating Budget.

- iii) 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 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.04%.
 - iv) 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, as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.04%.
- C. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Police Department Operational Review*, dated December 5, 2007, at an adjusted cost of \$3,348,000 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.66%:
 - i) THAT Council approve an increase to the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) authorized strength by 48 sworn officers to complete the deployment requested from the Patrol Deployment Study reported to Council in February 2007 and also implement the internal efficiencies identified (Stage 1); with deployment to be achieved in 2008 at an ongoing annual cost of approximately \$4.9 million (2010) including salaries, benefits and one-time and ongoing outfitting and equipment costs; with costs to be added to the budget beginning 2008 (\$1.3 million); 2009 (\$3.9 million) and 2010 (\$4.9 million); subject to annual budget review. Funding to be reduced by any federal government contribution that would finance the deployment needs in the Administrative Report *Vancouver Police Department Operational Review* dated December 5, 2007.
 - ii) THAT Council approve an additional increase to the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) authorized strength by 48 sworn officers and 22 civilian employees to implement the highest priority requirements arising from the Investigative and Administrative Deployment Study completed in 2008; with deployment to be achieved in stages over 2008 and 2009 at an ongoing annual cost of \$5.9 million including salaries, benefits and one-time and ongoing outfitting and equipment costs; with costs to be added to the budget beginning 2008 (\$2.1 million); 2009 (\$4.2 million) and 2010 (\$5.9 million); subject to annual budget review.

- iii) THAT all vehicles identified after applying the Key Vehicle Ratios to the increased staffing complement approved as part of (i) and (ii) above be purchased through the Plant and Equipment Reserve (Plant Account) based on the VPD Master Schedule and after a thorough analysis done by EQS and VPD Fleet Services to determine the exact number of vehicles necessary. Final approval of the purchases will be subject to final approval of the City Manager.
 - iv) 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, including an update on how new initiatives such as Project Civil City contributions, strategies around supporting people with mental illness, the returnable warrants program (ConAir), have also had an impact.
 - v) THAT Council approve a one-year extension of the service agreement between the City, Police Board and the Community Policing Centres at a cost of \$979,900 AND THAT the Police Board and the Community Police Centres be instructed to report back before the funding is renewed for 2009 on a service agreement revision which includes:
 - Identification of common goals and objectives between the department and the CPCs;
 - A regular process for ensuring that the policies and direction of the CPCs and the VPD are coordinated;
 - Establishment of appropriate performance indicators to ensure the effectiveness of the City's investment in the CPCs; and
 - A recommended funding level for the following five years and a recommended resource allocation from the department.
- D. THAT Council approve the following as recommended in the Administrative Report *Granville Entertainment District*, dated October 30, 2007, at an adjusted cost of \$460,000 as an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget, increasing the 2008 property taxes by 0.09%:
- 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 \$225,000 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 \$235,000 in 2008. Source of funding to be an increase to the annual Operating Budget without offset.
- iii) THAT Council direct the Vancouver Police Department report back in the fall of 2008 of the effectiveness of the deployment described above in (i) and (ii).
- 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.

All positions in B to D above are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.

CARRIED

(Councillors Cadman, Chow, Deal, Louie and Stevenson opposed to B.10)

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