

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



JANUARY 17, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 9:38 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Gregor Robertson
- Councillor George Affleck
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball
- Councillor Adriane Carr*
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Kerry Jang*
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Geoff Meggs
- Councillor Andrea Reimer
- Councillor Tim Stevenson*
- Councillor Tony Tang

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

- Penny Ballem, City Manager
- Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

- Marg Coulson, City Clerk
- Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The proceedings in the Council Chamber began with welcoming remarks from Councillor Jang.

CONDOLENCES: MILTON WONG, RECIPIENT OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER FREEDOM OF THE CITY AND CIVIC MERIT AWARDS

The Mayor expressed condolences on behalf of City Council to the family and friends of Milton Wong, past recipient of the City of Vancouver's Freedom of the City Award, and noted Mr. Wong's significant contributions to the city of Vancouver in the fields of finance, entrepreneurship, arts and culture, sustainability, volunteerism, community development, multiculturalism, academia and philanthropy.

PROCLAMATION: LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION WEEK

The Mayor proclaimed the week of January 23 to January 29, 2012, as Lunar New Year Celebration Week in the city of Vancouver and invited the following people to the podium to accept the proclamation and say a few words:

- Mike Jang - Chinese Benevolent Association and Chinese Cultural Centre
- Tony Lam - Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association
- Hilbert Yiu - Chinese Freemasons
- Chi-sheng Ng - Shon Yee Benevolent Association
- Terry Yung - SUCCESS.

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day and/or on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (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;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2011

Council made the following appointments to civic agencies:

Family Court/Youth Justice Committee

- Darcie Bennett
- Deanna Campbell
- Michelle Chiu
- Angela Godber
- Colin Siu
- Drew Stewart
- Sarah Stewart
- Veronica Tsemak
- Brandon Woo
- Vanessa Yee

Neighbourhood Energy Utility Expert Review Panel

- Ronald Cliff

Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) Board

- Cheryl Carline (Prepchuk)
- Peter Legge
- Richard Saunders

Vancouver Athletic Commission

- Michael Pattenaude
- David Rudberg
- Frank Scheuermeyer
- Jonathan Tweedale
- Dr. Jerome Yang

Vancouver Public Library Board

- Mary Lynn Baum
- David Chariandy
- Erfan Kazemi
- Debbie Millward
- John Swift.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council - December 13, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

2. Regular Council (City Finance and Services) - December 15, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

3. Regular Council (Planning, Transportation and Environment) - December 15, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 and A3 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Application December 22, 2011

THAT Council approve the submission of a \$20,000 Age-Friendly Community Planning grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

2. 2012 Advance Grant Instalments to Cultural Operating Organizations November 17, 2011

MOVED by Councillor Deal

A. THAT Council approve advance Cultural Grants Operating instalments in the amount of \$1,101,840 to 85 cultural organizations, in advance of their 2012 annual operating review, as listed in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated November 17, 2011, entitled "2012 Advance Grant Instalments to Cultural Operating Organizations".

B. THAT Council approve quarterly grant instalments in the amount of \$989,500 to the five Major Exhibiting Institutions beginning January 2012, in advance of their annual operating review, as listed in Table 1 of the Administrative Report dated November 17, 2011, entitled "2012 Advance Grant Instalments to Cultural Operating Organizations".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**3. Artist Live/Work Studio Awards 2012-2015
December 20, 2011**

- A. THAT Council approve the Artist Live/Work Studios Awards for the 2012-2015 term as outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 20, 2011, entitled "Artist Live/Work Studio Awards 2012-2015" and Appendix A of said report.
- B. THAT Council approve the leasing of the four studios as follows, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix B of the Administrative Report dated December 20, 2011, entitled "Artist Live/Work Studio Awards 2012-2015", and to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Cultural Services and the Directors of Real Estate, Facilities Design & Management and Legal Services:
1. Award Studio 1 - #303 - 272 East 4th Avenue: for a lease term of three years less two weeks, awarded free of rent, excluding all utilities;
 2. Rental Studio 2 - #223 - 428 West 8th Avenue: for a sub-lease term of three years less two weeks, at a monthly rent equal to the maximum BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) shelter allowance for single persons (currently \$375 per month), excluding all utilities;
 3. Rental Studio 3 - #367 - 485 West 8th Avenue: for a sub-lease term of three years less two weeks, at a monthly rent equal to the maximum BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) shelter allowance for single persons (currently \$375 per month), excluding all utilities; and
 4. Rental Studio 4 - #106 - 1202 East Pender Street: for a lease term of three years less two weeks, at a monthly rent equal to the maximum BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA) shelter allowance for single persons (currently \$375 per month), excluding all utilities.
- C. THAT Council approve A and B above on the basis that no legal rights or obligations are hereby created and none shall arise hereafter except upon execution of all necessary legal documents by all parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

**4. 2012 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference - February 8-10, 2012 - Ottawa, ON
January 9, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT Council authorize Councillor Andrea Reimer to attend the 2012 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference. Conference to be held in Ottawa from February 8-10, 2012, with expenses estimated at \$1720.75 to be funded from the Councillor's 2012 Travel Budget.

CARRIED
(Councillor Affleck opposed)
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

5. **Municipal Infrastructure Forum - February 7, 2012, and 2012 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference - February 8-10, 2012 - Ottawa, ON
January 9, 2012**

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council authorize Councillor Raymond Louie to attend the 2012 FCM Municipal Infrastructure Forum on February 7, 2012, and the 2012 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference from February 8-10, 2012, to be held consecutively in Ottawa, ON with expenses estimated at \$2,082.25, to be funded from the 2012 Councillors Travel Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

BY-LAWS

Councillor Jang rose and advised that he had reviewed the relevant proceedings in relation to By-law No. 1 and would therefore be voting on the By-law.

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT Council, except for those members ineligible to vote as noted below, enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1-3 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

1. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 to rezone an area to CD-1 (7101-7201 Granville Street) (By-law No. 10413)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball, Carr and Tang ineligible for the vote)
2. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 regarding the North East False Creek event zone (By-law No. 10414)
3. A By-law to enact a Housing Agreement for 2305-2325 West 7th Avenue (By-law No. 10415)
(Councillors Affleck, Ball, Carr and Tang ineligible for the vote)

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

None.

B. Motions on Notice

1. Water Meter Analysis

The following Motion contains a revision to the original Motion on Notice, which was accepted by the Council.

MOVED by Councillor Affleck
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver wants to ensure its practices are environmentally friendly and sustainable;
2. Water meters have been adopted by Council as a requirement in new home construction;
3. Meters were presented to Council as a tool which will get residents to save water, although no analysis was presented to Council to support that proposition;
4. Staff will be reporting back shortly with a proposal for putting meters on all single family homes, with the goal that all 90,000 single family homes install meters;
5. Meters are estimated to cost homeowners \$80 per year; or about \$7.2 million per year for all single family homes in Vancouver;
6. Metro Vancouver is the supplier of water to Vancouver. Its budget for water is about \$220m a year, with virtually the entire budget paying fixed costs;

7. When Metro Vancouver residents use less water, the unit price of water must increase to cover the fixed costs to deliver said water; and
8. It would appear that the net result of universal metering is that all households will pay an extra \$80 a year for water.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff are requested to report back with a complete financial analysis of residential water meters, including:

- How much water does a homeowner have to conserve in order to recover the extra \$80 annual fee?
- How does a meter persuade a homeowner to conserve water? Is it a financial incentive? Or are there non-tangible incentives?
- If all the residents of Metro Vancouver use less water, what is the impact on water rates?
- Information on the amount of staff time to prepare this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

2. Online Rental Database

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS

1. 52% of Vancouver residents are renters;
2. there are approximately 4,900 purpose-built rental buildings in Vancouver;
3. many of these rental buildings are several decades old, and require regular maintenance to maintain the safety and livability for tenants;
4. information on these buildings, such as property violations, currently exists in the public domain but is difficult to access;
5. the City of Vancouver is striving to be a leader in implementing open source standards and applications; and
6. other cities, including New York, have created online, searchable databases that include information on the history of rental apartment buildings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City staff report back on creating an online, searchable database of rental apartments in Vancouver, which would:

- utilize existing publicly available information collected by the City; and
- include information such as building owner, outstanding work orders, and property violations, if any.

referred

The Mayor noted that requests to speak to this motion had been received.

REFERRAL MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Affleck

THAT the motion be referred to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting to be held later this day, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Carr absent for the vote)

3. BC Place Stadium Digital Signs

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. residents around BC Place Stadium continue to report significant negative impact from the installation of large digital signs at three locations around the stadium;
2. these signs were not installed with advance public consultation and public input, as would have been required on a similar project under City jurisdiction;
3. efforts by Mayor Robertson to resolve public concerns through correspondence with Minister Pat Bell have not produced results; and
4. claims by PAVCO that they have mitigated the impact and reduced brilliance and intrusiveness of the lighting have not produced the improvements sought by residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the City Manager to advise PAVCO that the City requires a clear action plan by PAVCO to bring the signs into compliance with City standards and processes, failing which the City will seek further remedies to reduce neighbourhood impact.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

WHEREAS

1. Residents around BC Place Stadium continue to report significant negative impact from the installation of large digital signs at three locations around the stadium;
2. These signs were not installed with advance public consultation and public input, as would have been required on a similar project under City jurisdiction;
3. Council supports all efforts by Mayor Robertson to resolve public concerns through dialogue and correspondence with Minister Pat Bell and PAVCO staff;
4. PAVCO's mitigation efforts to minimize the impact with reduced brilliance and different timing have not yet produced the improvement sought by residents;
5. Council endeavours to work in co-operation with other orders of government and in this spirit is pleased to provide the Minister with information which will aid in a speedy solution to this concern;
6. Light at night not only disrupts sleep but also interferes with circadian rhythms. Research indicates that intrusive lighting may reduce the production of melatonin, a hormone, resulting in increased rates of breast and other cancers;
7. Excessive or misdirected lighting can intrude on the privacy of others when light or glare trespasses over property lines; and
8. Lighting that is too bright interferes with the eye's ability to adapt to darker areas. Unsafe glare can hinder visibility and contribute to accidents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct City staff to provide the Mayor with reports and research on the health, trespass and safety issues caused by exposure to the high levels of illumination and glare that exist at BC Place Stadium. Council also requests that staff provide the Mayor with documented levels of light encroaching upon residents in their homes. Council expects that given such reports the Mayor will be successful in negotiation. However, should further action be required, the City will be well prepared.

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer, Stevenson, Tang and Mayor Robertson opposed)

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Request for Leaves of Absence - Councillor Heather Deal

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Reimer

THAT Councillor Heather Deal be granted Leaves of Absence for Civic Business from all meetings to be held on April 18, May 2, May 16, September 19, October 3, and October 17, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Request for Leaves of Absence - Councillor Tim Stevenson

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

THAT Councillor Tim Stevenson be granted Leaves of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meetings to be held on February 15, June 13, July 11, October 17 and November 14, 2012;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Tim Stevenson be granted Leaves of Absence for Personal Reasons from all meetings to be held on March 27 and 28, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Jang absent for the vote)

6. Improve the Efficiency of the Permit Process at City Hall

MOVED by Councillor Tang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. The issuing of permits is a key function of the City of Vancouver's service to its citizens;
2. Delays in permits can lead to increased costs for citizens and local businesses, particularly for new housing; and
3. The City is committed to improving and enhancing the efficiency of the services it provides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to undertake a review of City regulations and permitting processes, with the goal of supporting local businesses through updated regulations, improved speed and greater efficiency of processes;

FURTHER THAT staff specifically review the permitting process related to home building construction, and provide recommendations for achieving a turnaround benchmark of six weeks for all home construction permits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence - Mayor Gregor Robertson

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Mayor Gregor Robertson be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from all meetings to be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor Raymond Louie

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Tang

THAT Councillor Raymond Louie be granted Leave of Absence for Civic Business from all meetings to be held on April 18, May 16, September 19 and October 17, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. The Cities Summit - Vancouver 2012

Councillor Ball enquired on whether Council can participate in the upcoming Cities Summit and requested more information.

The City Manager advised that the Vancouver Economic Commission is sponsoring the event and that it is their intention to invite Council to participate. She also advised an information package will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Mayor Robertson referred Council to the website at: <http://www.vancouvercitysummit.org/>.

2. Citizens Advisory Committees and Agencies: Applications Open

Councillor Reimer reminded Council that applications are open for positions on various citizen advisory committees and agencies and that the deadline is Sunday, January 22, 2012.

The Council adjourned at 11:17 am.

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