



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing speakers to the 2015 Budget.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor George Affleck
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Raymond Louie*
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Elizabeth Ball (Sick Leave)
Councillor Kerry Jang (Sick Leave)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
Sadhu Johnston, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. 2015 Budget

The General Manager of Financial Services, Chief Constable, Chief Librarian, General Manager of Parks and Recreation, Deputy Chief, Fire and Rescue Services, General Manager of Engineering Services, Chief Housing Officer, General Manager of Community Services, General Manager of Planning and Development Services, and the Deputy City Manager, presented the

2015 Budget and, along with the Director of Transportation, Managing Director of Cultural Services, City Manager, Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects Division, General Manager of Human Resources, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management and Director of Housing Policy and Projects, responded to questions.

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At 12 pm, it was

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

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Council heard from the following five speakers who noted concerns regarding staffing cuts and attrition and the increased demand in services associated with a growing population.

Gerard Batty, President, CUPE 391 (Vancouver, Gibsons and Sechelt Public Library Workers)
Rob Weeks, President, Vancouver Fire Fighters' Union Local 18
Leanne Toderian, President, CUPE 15
Andrew Ledger, President, CUPE 1004
Mary Lynn Baum, Chair, Vancouver Public Library Board

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The Council recessed at 12:34 pm and reconvened at 1:35 pm.

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Following questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT discussion and decision on the Administrative Report dated January 30, 2015, entitled "2015 Budget", be referred to the Regular Council meeting on March 3, 2015, as Unfinished Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Reimer
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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