



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

JULY 8, 2020

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. This Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized under the Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of the Province of British Columbia – Emergency Program Act, Ministerial Order No. M192.

PRESENT: Councillor Melissa De Genova, Chair
Mayor Kennedy Stewart
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Lisa Dominato*
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk
Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

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WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

The Chair also recognized the immense contributions of the City of Vancouver's staff who work hard every day to help make our city an incredible place to live, work, and play.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council adopt Item 1, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Contract Award for Supply and Maintenance of Sewage Heat Recovery Heat Pump July 8, 2020

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Engineering, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Johnson Controls Canada LP, for the supply and maintenance of a fully packaged sewage heat recovery heat pump that will achieve 6.9 megawatt of thermal output for a term of 10 years with an estimated contract value of \$6,581,726.50, plus applicable taxes over the term; \$5,161,800.50 to be funded through approved multi-year NEU Waste Heat Recovery Expansion Capital Project Budget and the balance, \$1,419,926, from ongoing annual operating budgets via the NEU Rates over the 10 year term.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Engineering be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 06188)

2. 2021-2025 Budget Outlook June 26, 2020

Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk & Supply Chain Management, and Colin Knight, Director, City-wide Financial Planning and Analysis, presented the 2021-2025 Budget Outlook and responded to questions along with the following members of the City's Leadership Team:

- Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
- Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Public Library
- Howard Chow, Deputy Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department (VPD)
- Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services

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At 10:46 am, during questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the Committee enter into a second round of questions to staff on Item 2 "2021-2025 Budget Outlook".

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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During questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the meeting be extended past noon to complete hearing from speakers on Item 2.

*CARRIED (Vote No. 06187)
(Councillors Boyle, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart Opposed)*

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The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke to other aspects of the report relating to the urgency around an inclusive restart of public services throughout the City.

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The Committee recessed at 12:31 pm and reconvened at 2:36 pm.

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*MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
THAT the Committee recommend to Council*

- A. THAT Council receive for information the 2021 Budget Outlook.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to develop a comprehensive "environmental risk assessment" related to the coronavirus and the range of impacts it could have on the City's operations and finances in 2021 and beyond, including:
 - potential impacts on revenues and expenditures in the Operating Budget;
 - an assessment of health of the local economy and its ability to support existing and new civic programs;

- identification of any new short or long term priorities that should inform development of 2021 service plans and budgets and where they should fit in Council's overall direction for developing the 2021 Budget;

FURTHER THAT that the report be brought for Council consideration before October 1, 2020.

- C. THAT Council direct staff to develop the first iteration of the 2021 Budget based on the decisions arising from the assessment requested in Recommendation B and options from cost of living increase (COLI) to a maximum 5% property tax increase including different scenario options for amended service levels already approved or newly requested for 2021.
- D. THAT Council direct staff to provide the report set out in Recommendation C to Council for information in late November and to schedule consideration and debate during January 2021, with final approval of the budget to be scheduled before February 28, 2021.
- E. THAT Council confirm support for the recommendations of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for senior government support to major cities impacted by COVID-19 to address significant funding shortfalls and enable a successful restart and recovery program.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

- A. THAT Council receive for information the 2021-2025 Budget Outlook.
- B. THAT Council endorse the priorities proposed in the 2021-2025 Budget Outlook for staff to reference in developing the 2021-2025 Service Plans, and the 2021 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a proposed 2021 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan within a tax increase of 5% that supports Council's priorities. For the median single-family home assessed at \$1.6M, this would result in a \$146 increase in tax in 2021.
- D. THAT Council confirm support for the recommendations of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for senior government support to major cities impacted by COVID-19 to address significant funding shortfalls and enable a successful restart and recovery program.

CARRIED (Vote No. 06189)
(Councillors Dominato and Hardwick opposed)
(Councillor Bligh abstaining from the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the following be added to the end as E:

THAT Council direct staff to maintain the current moratorium on hiring new staff and filling vacancies for the 2020 fiscal year;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to place a moratorium on filling vacancies and hiring new staff across all departments in the 2021 Budget until such time as City revenues have returned to 2019 pre-COVID levels.

not put

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the phrase “until such time as City revenues have returned to 2019 pre-COVID levels” be struck and replaced with the phrase “with the Board of Administration empowered to authorize hiring for critical positions”.

LOST (Vote No. 06190)

(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and LOST (Vote No. 06191) with Councillors Bligh, Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Dominato

THAT the following be added to the end as E:

THAT Council direct staff to identify and report back in Q3 2020 on tax funded housing initiatives that can alternatively be funded from the City’s Vacancy Tax (Empty Homes Tax) in order to mitigate the pandemic-related financial shortfall and minimize the tax burden on residents.

LOST (Vote No. 06192)

(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry, Swanson, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT in C, the word “within” be struck and replaced with the phrase “with options for” and the word “this” be struck and replaced with the phrase “a 5% tax increase”.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bligh

THAT the words “up to” be inserted after the phrase “with options for a tax increase of”.

FURTHER THAT the following clause be added to the end of C:

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to provide the first iteration of the 2021 Budget for information in late October.

CARRIED (Vote No. 06193)
(Councillor Swanson opposed)
(Councillors Boyle and De Genova abstained from the vote)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06194) with Councillor De Genova abstaining from the vote and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the following be added to the end as E:

THAT Council direct staff to arrange and schedule separate quarterly briefings in Q3 and Q4 from the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Police Department and the Vancouver Police Board, and the Vancouver Public Library and the Vancouver Public Library Board, to help inform budget decisions of Council for 2021.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the phrase “Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and other key bodies” be inserted after “Vancouver Public Library Board”.

carried

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At 4:50 pm, while in debate of an amendment to an amendment, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be extended past 5 pm to complete the business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

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After the approval of extending the meeting past 5 pm, the Chair took a brief recess to confirm with Legal staff that the amendment to the amendment was in Order. Subsequently, following the confirmation that the amendment to the amendment was in Order, the amendment to the amendment was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 06195) with Mayor Stewart opposed and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Swanson

THAT the words “and civic unions” be inserted after the words “other key bodies”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06196)
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 06197) with Mayor Stewart opposed and Councillor Dominato absent for the vote. Subsequently, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 06198) with Councillor Dominato absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT Council receive for information the 2021-2025 Budget Outlook.
- B. THAT Council endorse the priorities proposed in the 2021-2025 Budget Outlook for staff to reference in developing the 2021-2025 Service Plans, and the 2021 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a proposed 2021 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan with options for a tax increase of up to 5% that supports Council’s priorities. For the median single-family home assessed at \$1.6M, a 5% tax increase would result in a \$146 increase in tax in 2021;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to provide the first iteration of the 2021 Budget for information in late October.
- D. THAT Council confirm support for the recommendations of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for senior government support to major cities impacted by COVID-19 to address significant funding shortfalls and enable a successful restart and recovery program.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to arrange and schedule separate quarterly briefings in Q3 and Q4 from the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Police Department and the Vancouver Police Board, the Vancouver Public Library and the Vancouver Public Library Board, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and other key bodies and civic unions to help inform budget decisions of Council for 2021.

The Committee adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES**

JULY 8, 2020

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 5:08 pm, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Mayor Kennedy Stewart
Councillor Rebecca Bligh
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Melissa De Genova*
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe

ABSENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk
Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, July 8, 2020

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

1. Contract Award for Supply and Maintenance of Sewage Heat Recovery Heat Pump
2. 2021-2025 Budget Outlook

Items 1 and 2

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of July 8, 2020, as contained in items 1 and 2, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Prior to the start of Unfinished Business, it was

MOVED BY Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED BY Councillor Fry

THAT the meeting be extended to complete the business on the agenda.

CARRIED AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Hardwick and Wiebe opposed)

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AMENDMENTS to the False Creek Area Plan for Area 10B

At the Public Hearing on July 7, 2020, Council heard from speakers for the above-noted application and referred questions to staff, debate and decision as Unfinished Business to the Council portion following the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on July 8, 2020.

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At 5:34 pm, during questions to staff, it was

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Council enter into a second round of questions to staff on Unfinished Business item 1 "AMENDMENTS to the False Creek Area Plan for Area 10B".

CARRIED (Vote No. 06201) AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Fry and Swanson opposed)

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Council Decision

MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the application to amend the False Creek Area Development Plan for Area 10B (By-law No. 5478) in order to create a new Development Area for the site located at 1595 West 2nd Avenue (1700 Fir Street) [*Parcel A, False Creek Plan, BCP19152; Parcel 1, Block 220 District Lot 526, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan, LMP27720; Parcel 2, Block 220, District Lot 526, Group 1, New Westminster District Plan LMP27720; PIDs: 026-380-641, 023-378-085, 023-378-093 respectively*]; generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated March 17, 2020, entitled "Amendments to the False Creek Area Development Plan for Area 10B" be approved.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Hardwick

THAT the following be added at the end:

THAT staff ensure that sufficient space is set aside to enable the double-tracked surface rail connections between the False Creek alignment and the Arbutus Corridor and the Senakw Lands, Molson Lands, and Kitsilano Point/Vanier Park.

THAT Title to Parcel "F" includes a notation to potential purchasers, developers, and occupants that future public transit trains will operate close to the property.

After a brief recess and conferring with Legal staff, the Mayor ruled the amendment out of order as the proposed application does not have the ability to secure any other lands not contained within the application including any private properties.

The amendment having been ruled out of order, the motion was put and CARRIED (Vote No. 06202) with Councillors Hardwick and Kirby-Yung opposed and Councillors De Genova and Dominato absent for the vote.

URGENT BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence Request

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh

A. THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings between 1 pm to 2:30 pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2020;

FURTHER THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings between 4 pm to 6 pm, on Wednesday, July 22, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Bligh be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings between 11 am to 12 pm on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

- B. THAT Councillor Boyle be granted Leaves of Absence for civic business from meetings as follows:
- Wednesday, July 15, 2020 between 3 pm to 4 pm;
 - Friday, July 17, 2020 between 3:20 pm to 5 pm; and
 - Tuesday, July 21, 2020 between 1 pm to 5 pm;
- C. THAT Councillor De Genova be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings between 9:30 am to 1 pm on Friday, July 31, 2020.
- D. THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings between 9:30 am to 12 pm on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

FURTHER THAT Councillor Dominato be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on Friday, July 31, 2020.

- E. THAT Councillor Fry be granted Leaves of Absence for civic business from meetings as follows:
- Wednesday, July 15, 2020;
 - Thursday, July 16, 2020 between 1 pm to 2 pm; and
 - Friday, July 17, 2020;
- F. THAT Councillor Kirby-Yung be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings between 1 pm to 2 pm on Thursday, July 9, 2020.
- FURTHER THAT Councillor Kirby-Yung be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on Friday, July 10, 2020.
- G. THAT Councillor Wiebe be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings between 9:30 am to 1 pm on Friday, July 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor De Genova absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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