



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2 AND 3, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 9:31 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing from speakers on the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget. Due to time constraints, the meeting reconvened on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 9:33 am. Subsequently, the meeting also reconvened on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 9:33 am. This Special Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law* and the *Vancouver Charter* and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of the Province of British Columbia – *Emergency Program Act*, updated Ministerial Order No. M192.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Kennedy Stewart* – Leave of Absence
December 2, 2020, 9:30 to 1:30 pm and December 3, 2020,
9:30 am to 3 pm
- Councillor Rebecca Bligh
- Councillor Christine Boyle* - Leave of Absence
December 2, 2020, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- Councillor Adriane Carr
- Councillor Melissa De Genova
- Councillor Lisa Dominato* - Leave of Absence
December 3, 2020, 9:30 am to 11 am
- Councillor Pete Fry
- Councillor Colleen Hardwick
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
- Councillor Jean Swanson
- Councillor Michael Wiebe

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rosemary Hagiwara, Deputy City Clerk
David Yim, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor 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 Mayor 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.

Prior to the start of Item 1 on December 1, 2020, at 9:44 am, Councillors De Genova and Kirby-Yung declared conflict of interest, as both Councilors have immediate family members as sworn officers of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). Councillors De Genova and Kirby-Yung left the meeting during discussion of the VPD budget and the hearing of speakers representing the VPD.

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On December 1, 2020, at 9:46 am, it was,

*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova*

THAT Council ask questions of staff regarding the 2021 Budget report after hearing from the registered speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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1. 2021 Capital and Operating Budget

The following members of the City's Leadership Team, along with the Director of City-wide Financial Planning and Analysis, presented highlights on the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget:

- Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk & Supply Chain Management/CFO;
- Adam Palmer, Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department (VPD);
- Gurkiran Marohn, Fire Chief, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services;
- Lon LaClaire, General Manager, Engineering Services;
- Steve Jackson, Deputy General Manager, Parks & Recreation;
- Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Public Library (VPL);
- Gil Kelley, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability;
- Jessie Adcock, General Manager, Development, Building & Licensing; and
- Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services.

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During the staff presentation on December 1, 2020, Council recessed at 12:01 pm and reconvened at 1:01 pm.

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Council heard from 140 speakers on the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget; twelve who spoke in general support with suggestions, 87 who spoke in opposition, and 41 who provided general comments on the 2021 budget; concerns raised included the proposed increases to property taxes and the VPD budget.

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During the hearing of speakers on December 1, 2020, Council recessed at 4:46 pm and reconvened at 6:01 pm.

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On December 1, 2020, at 7:29 pm, it was,

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung*

THAT Council will hear from speaker number 25 after the current speaker.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Due to time constraints, Council recessed on December 1, 2020, at 9:58 pm and reconvened on December 2, 2020, at 9:33 am, in order to continue hearing from speakers, with Deputy Mayor Bligh in the Chair. On December 2, 2020, at 2:30 pm, the Mayor resumed as Chair.

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During the hearing of speakers on December 2, 2020, at 10:25 am, Councillor Hardwick rose on a point of order, under Section 6.1(b) of the *Procedure By-law*, noting that the current speaker's language is impugning the character of a group of people. The Chair ruled in favour of Councillor Hardwick's point of order and reminded the speaker to not use impugning language.

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During the hearing of speakers on December 2, 2020, Council recessed at 11:59 am and reconvened at 1 pm. Subsequently, due to time constraints, Council recessed on December 2, 2020, at 4:44 pm and reconvened on December 3, 2020, at 9:33 am, in order to continue hearing from speakers, with Deputy Mayor Bligh in the Chair. On December 3, 2020, at 1:03 pm, the Mayor resumed as Chair.

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On December 3, 2020, at 11:51 am, it was

MOVED by Councillor Carr

THAT Council extend the meeting past noon in order to hear from the remaining speakers.

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The amendment, having not received a SECONDER, was not put to vote.

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During the hearing of speakers on December 3, 2020, Council recessed at 11:56 am and reconvened at 1:02 pm.

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Following the hearing of speakers, the City Manager, along with members of the City's Leadership Team responded to questions.

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On December 3, 2020, at 2:08 pm, it was,

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung*

THAT Council ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On December 3, 2020, at 2:48 pm, it was,

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick*

THAT Council ask a third round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Note: discussion and decision on the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget is scheduled for the Council meeting on December 8, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Bligh*

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council meeting adjourned on December 3, 2020, at 3:14 pm.

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