



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 9:32 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of hearing from speakers on the 2022 Capital and Operating Budget. Subsequently, the meeting recessed and reconvened at 9:34 am on Thursday, December 2, 2021. This Special Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized in Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

PRESENT: Mayor Kennedy Stewart (Absent for Civic Business on December 2, 2021 from 9:30 am to 6 pm)*
Councillor Rebecca Bligh*
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Adriane Carr
Melissa De Genova, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Lisa Dominato*
Councillor Pete Fry*
Councillor Colleen Hardwick
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Jean Swanson
Councillor Michael Wiebe*

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk
Lesley Matthews, Chief, External Relations and Protocol
Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The Mayor noted that December 3, 2021, is International Day of Persons with Disabilities and recognized the contributions of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee members for providing advice and guidance to staff and Council about improving accessibility, inclusion, and universality and removing barriers that prevent the full participation of persons with disabilities in community life.

The Mayor also recognized the tremendous historical and current work of local people with disabilities, advocates and non-profit organizations throughout Vancouver who work every day to create an accessible city for all.

It was noted that on December 3, 2021, City Hall and Burrard Bridge will be illuminated in purple to mark this occasion.

1. 2022 Capital and Operating Budget

- a. 2022 Engineering Fees
- b. 2022 Annual Review of Water Rates and Water Works By-law Amendments
- c. 2022 Annual Review of Sewer Rates under the Sewer and Watercourse By-law
- d. 2022 Solid Waste Utility Fees and By-law Changes
- e. 2022 False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility (“NEU”) Customer Rates
- f. 2022 Capital and Operating Budget

The City Manager provided opening remarks and the following members of the City’s Leadership Team, along with staff from Metro Vancouver, presented highlights on the 2022 Capital and Operating Budget:

Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management
Colin Knight, Director, Financial Planning and Analysis
Jerry Dobrovlny, Chief Administrative Officer, Metro Vancouver
Dean Rear, General Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Metro Vancouver
Adam Palmer, VPD Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department
Karen Fry, Fire Chief and General Manager, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services
Lon LaClaire, General Manager, Engineering Services
Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Vancouver Parks and Recreation
Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian, Vancouver Public Library
Theresa O’Donnell, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability
Andrea Law, General Manager, Development, Buildings and Licensing
Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services
Maria Pontikis, Chief Communications Officer, Civic Engagement and Communications

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During the presentation, it was

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT the meeting be extended past noon in order to finish hearing the staff presentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Council recessed on December 1, 2021, at 12:13 pm and reconvened at 1:18 pm.

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Staff from the City's Leadership Team, along with the City Manager, responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova*

THAT under section 5.4(d) of the Procedure By-law, Council ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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During the second round of questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Fry*

THAT Council suspend the rules of the Procedure By-law and ask a third round of questions to staff.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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During the third round of questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor De Genova
SECONDED by Councillor Dominato*

THAT Council suspend the rules of the Procedure By-law and ask an additional round of questions to staff after hearing from all the speakers.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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Council heard from eighty-four speakers on the 2022 Capital and Operating Budget; fifteen who spoke in support of the recommendations with suggestions, thirty-four who spoke in opposition to the recommendations, and thirty-five who identified their position as other and provided comments on the 2022 budget. Concerns raised included the police budget being over-funded, the police budget being under-funded, funding required for reconciliation, high property taxes, cut library hours, safety, inequality, work needing to be done on the age friendly city initiative, and climate change. Suggestions included support for vacancy control regulations in single room accommodations, and support for becoming a Restorative City.

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT Council extend the meeting past 5 pm in order to hear speaker 6.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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During the hearing of speakers on December 1, 2021, Council recessed at 5:15 pm and reconvened at 6:17 pm.

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Boyle
SECONDED by Councillor Carr*

THAT Council hear speaker 42 after speaker 27.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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During the hearing of speakers on December 1, 2021, Councillor Dominato rose on a point of order regarding offensive and inappropriate comments from the speaker. The Mayor asked the speaker to keep their comments germane to the budget report.

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After hearing speaker 29, at 9:56 pm, Council recessed on December 1, 2021, and reconvened at 9:34 am on December 2, 2021.

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On December 2, 2021, from 9:30 am to 6 pm, Councillor De Genova assumed the role of Chair, as the Mayor was absent for Civic Business.

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After hearing speaker 54, at 12 pm, Council recessed on December 2, 2021, and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

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During the hearing of speakers on December 2, 2021, Councillor Hardwick rose on a point of order three times under section 4.4 (a) of the Procedure by-law regarding public decorum and inflammatory language. The Chair cautioned the specific speakers, and all speakers, not to use derogatory language that could impact staff or certain groups.

Councillor Swanson rose on a point of order to inquire if the third point of order regarding public decorum was correct as the speaker's comments were factual. After a short recess the Chair gave speakers a general reminder to be mindful of language that could impact organizations negatively.

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Council recessed on December 2, 2021, at 3:45 pm and reconvened at 4:02 pm.

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During the hearing of speakers, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick*

THAT Council hear speaker 7, who had previously missed their turn, after speaker 92.

*CARRIED
(Councillor Kirby-Yung opposed)
(Councillor De Genova abstained from the vote)
(Councillors Fry, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)*

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*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick*

THAT Council reconsider the previous vote on December 1, 2021, regarding asking an additional round of questions to staff after hearing from all the speakers.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Wiebe and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)*

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After hearing from speaker 92, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick*

THAT Council suspend the rules of the Procedure By-law and ask an additional round of questions to staff after hearing from all the speakers.

*LOST
(Councillors Boyle, Carr, Dominato, De Genova, Hardwick, Kirby-Yung, and Swanson opposed)
(Councillors Bligh, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)*

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*MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Hardwick*

THAT Council extend the meeting past 5 pm in order to hear speaker 7.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Bligh, Wiebe and Mayor Stewart absent for the vote)*

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Council recessed on December 2, 2021, at 5:11 pm and reconvened at 6:12 pm to complete hearing from speakers.

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ADJOURNMENT

*MOVED by Councillor Hardwick
SECONDED by Councillor De Genova*

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Dominato absent for the vote)*

The Special Council adjourned at 7:37 pm on December 2, 2021.

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