



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY FINANCE AND SERVICES

DECEMBER 11 AND 12, 2024

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 9:34 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall. Subsequently, the Committee recessed and reconvened on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:02 pm. This Council meeting was convened in person and via electronic means as authorized under the Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law*.

- PRESENT:** Councillor Lenny Zhou*, Chair (Leave of Absence on December 12, 2024)
Mayor Ken Sim
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung*
Councillor Mike Klassen, Vice-Chair
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Peter Meiszner
- ABSENT:** Councillor Rebecca Bligh (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons)
Councillor Christine Boyle** (Leave of Absence – Personal Reasons on December 11, 2024)
Councillor Lisa Dominato (Medical Leave)
- CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE:** Paul Mochrie, City Manager
- CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:** Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Tamarra Wong, Manager, Business and Election Services
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**Denotes resignation from Council as of December 12, 2024.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT – COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE BOYLE

Mayor Sim and Council recognized Councillor Christine Boyle's contributions, dedication and legacy as a Council Member for the City of Vancouver over the span of six years and wished her success in her upcoming role as the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation for the Province of British Columbia. She was invited to the podium to receive a handcrafted ceramic pot, featuring an orca design, by Squamish artist Stewart Jacobs and she shared a few words of appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council adopt Reports 2, 3 and 5 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Following matters adopted on consent, it was

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

That the Committee vary the agenda and move Report 1. Broadway Plan Review and Implementation, to the end.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

For ease of reference, minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Vancouver Plan Implementation Update

The General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided an introduction and the Director of Community Planning, along with the Director of Housing Policy and Regulation, provided a presentation and responded to questions.

REPORTS

2. **Building By-law Harmonization Opportunities December 11, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT Council direct the Chief Building Official to report back to Council in Q1 of 2025, with a proposal for a new Vancouver Building By-law (2025) to take effect on May 01, 2025, that:

- i. Repeals Building By-law #12511 and its amendments;
- ii. Adopts the 2024 British Columbia Building Code, as amended from time to time, as a base document; and
- iii. Adopts local amendments generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Report dated December 11, 2024, entitled "Building By-law Harmonization Opportunities," harmonized with the BC Building Code, and consistent with the existing building policy, with further enhancements and refinements supportive of City priorities and objectives in the area of fire & life safety, security, accessibility, resilience, and energy & water efficiency.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10422)

3. **Contract Award for Construction Services – City-wide Cut Repair Project November 13, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for Construction Services for the City-wide Cut Repair Project with All-Roads Construction Ltd. for an estimated contract value of \$5,423,380.00 over the initial one-year term (pilot). If the pilot is successful and all extension terms are executed by the City, the estimated total contract value, including the first-year pilot, will be approximately \$30,000,000, which will be funded from the Engineering Public Works Operating Budget, from Billed Cut Fees collected in the Street Cut Reserve.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Engineering Services.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B above unless and until the City executes and delivers the Agreement.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10423)

**4. Contract Award for the Construction of the Early Works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks
November 12, 2024**

The Committee asked questions to staff and heard from two speakers who spoke in opposition to the report recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Board of Parks and Recreation, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Canadian Turner Construction Co. Ltd. as general contractor for the early works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney Park the "Project", for a term lasting until services are complete (estimated at approximately December 2026), with an estimated total contract value of \$ 16.25M, plus GST over the term of the project. The source of funding is the approved capital budget for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks.
- B. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Board of Parks and Recreation, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into a contract with Canadian Turner Construction Co. Ltd. as general contractor for the early works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Memorial South Park; the "Project", for a term lasting until services are complete (estimated at approximately December 2026), with an estimated total contract value of \$8.75M, plus GST over the term of the project. The source of funding is the approved capital budget for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks.
- C. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Board of Parks and Recreation be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contracts contemplated by A and B above.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of B and C above unless and until such contracts have been duly executed by authorised the City signatories identified in these Recommendations.

CARRIED (Vote No. 10414)
(Councillors Carr and Fry opposed)

**5. Contract Award for Golf Course Operators
November 20, 2024**

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for supply of golf course operator services with Monaghan Golf Inc. for an estimated total contract value of \$4,357,401.37 over the initial 3-year term plus the possible two 1-year extension options exercisable by the City, for a total of 5 possible years which will be funded from the operating budget.
- B. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute the Agreement to the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Board of Parks and Recreation.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's approval of A and B above and until the City executes and delivers the Agreement.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT (Vote No. 10424)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Support for Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre at Hastings Park

The Committee heard from five speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

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During debate and discussion, it was

*MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Montague*

THAT per section 2.8 (a) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting past noon in order to complete Members' Motion 1, "Support for Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre at Hastings Park."

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. From the late 1800s Japanese “Issei” immigrants to British Columbia found employment in fishing, lumber, and farming contributing to the growth of the province’s nascent resource industries. These Issei settled and established themselves in historic communities throughout BC’s coast and in Vancouver notably around the False Creek and Hastings Mills at Fairview and Powell Street respectively;
2. By the late 1930’s, Japanese Canadians had well established themselves in British Columbia, with local-born “Nisei” finding success and assimilation in business and education, even enlisting to fight for the Canadian Forces in World War I. With 90% of Japanese Canadians living in British Columbia and 32% of the total population living in Vancouver, the cultural heart was centered in the area of Powell Street, known as Paueru-gai or formerly referred to Japantown, which nurtured community and commerce, education, spirituality, and the legendary champion Asahi baseball team;
3. Following Canada’s declaration of war with Japan on February 16, 1942, Vancouver City Council unanimously resolved that “*Vancouver City Council representing the citizens of Canada’s largest Pacific Coast City implores the Federal Government to remove all residents of Japanese racial origin and enemy aliens to areas of Canada well-removed from the Pacific Coast.*”¹ Subsequently, the Canadian government decreed all persons of Japanese racial origin living within 100 miles of the Pacific Coast be forcibly removed, detained and incarcerated without evidence, charge or trial, and dispossessed of their property and assets, in the name of national security;
4. From 1942 to 1943, prior to their incarceration away from the coast, over 8,000 Japanese Canadians including many Vancouverites were confined in livestock barns and exhibition halls at the Pacific National Exhibition at Hastings Park. Hospital patients with tuberculosis were transferred into a ward next to healthy women and children and some patients died there. These residents of Japanese descent were unable to return to the City of Vancouver until 1949, four years after the end of World War II, and after most of their assets had been liquidated (up to 1952) and reimbursed pennies on the dollar;

¹ Landscapes of Injustice--Vancouver Archives Vol 44: Council Minute Book, 1942-1943
https://landscapesofinjustice.uvic.ca/archive/media/TINA/facsimile/cvan_s031_box_23-d_vol_39.pdf

5. In 1988, the Government of Canada formally apologized to Japanese Canadians for wartime atrocities. In 2013, the City of Vancouver apologized *“for its complicity, its inaction, and for failing to protect her residents of Japanese descent,”* pledging to *“do all it can to ensure such injustices will not happen again to any of its residents, thereby upholding the principles of human rights, justice and equality now and in the future;”*²
6. The historic Livestock Barns at Hastings Park still stand today and remain a powerful and painful testament to past injustices:

*For many Japanese Canadians, this was a terrible, fearful experience. They were forcibly removed from their homes, lost all of their belongings and many families were separated. The conditions at Hastings Park were extremely primitive and unsanitary. The primary memory for many people was the horrible smell, followed by the noise, the boredom and the terrible food.*³
7. Despite some formal acknowledgements and plaques, the experience of Japanese Canadians in Hastings Park continues to be largely unknown to the general public. Civil society groups including National Association of Japanese Canadians, Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, Tonari Gumi, Powell Street Festival Society and others have advocated and fundraised for a permanent and comprehensive commemorative project at Hastings Park acknowledging the 1942-1949 incarceration;
8. In an agreement dated July, 2024 the Pacific National Exhibition (the PNE) have acknowledged the significance of their location in the context of the 1942-1949 internment, and wish to license the construction of an interpretative monument, ramp and display booth (collectively, the “Interpretive Centre”) within Hastings Park in a portion of the Livestock Barns for a nominal license fee and in perpetuity to the Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre Society (the licensee); and
9. The *Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre Society* (JCHPICS) have developed an architectural plan and cost schedule for renovating an Interpretive Centre in the Livestock Barn (\$2.7m - \$3.3m) with partial funding from the *Japanese Canadian Legacy Society* (JCLS). They are currently and actively seeking an additional \$1m grant from the JCLS by year end 2024, and moving forward will require supplemental fundraising within the Japanese Canadian community and financial sponsorship from the City of Vancouver and senior governments.

² Apology for the City of Vancouver’s Role in the 1942 Internment of Japanese-Canadians, 2013
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20130924/documents/motionb7.pdf>

³ Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Commemoration and Education Project |
<http://hastingspark1942.ca/>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council approves in principle, a commitment to support a Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre, located within Hastings Park in a portion of the Livestock Barns, and subject to senior government agreements, partial funding thereof;

FURTHER THAT in contemplation of any support or direct funding contribution, Council direct staff to work with the Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre Society and PNE and report back with further considerations for decision in Q1 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT Council empowers the Mayor to write to the appropriate Provincial and Federal government Minister(s) and Ministries, the *Japanese Canadian Legacy Society* and any other identified funding partners to advise them of Council's support for a Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10415)

2. The East Van Cross: Making Vancouver's Iconic Landmark More Vibrant and Accessible

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On December 11, 2024, following the introduction of Members' Motion 2, "The East Van Cross: Making Vancouver's Iconic Landmark More Vibrant and Accessible," the Committee recessed at 11:59 am and reconvened at 1:06 pm.

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The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The *Monument to East Vancouver* (also known as the East Van Cross) by artist Ken Lum was installed in January 2010 and has become Vancouver's most iconic public artwork, symbolizing the city's pride, resilience, and the rich cultural history of East Vancouver;
2. The East Van cross symbol dates back to the 1940s and is rooted in graffiti culture. The symbol reflects themes of marginality, defiance, and hope for East Vancouver, representing the diverse immigrant and working-class communities that have defined the area;
3. The East Van Cross is currently situated at the intersection of Clark Drive and East 6th Avenue, a location with a view now partly obscured by nearby

development and limited by private property constraints, which reduce public visibility and accessibility;

4. Relocating the monument to a more accessible and visible location would enhance its symbolic significance and provide residents and visitors with a dedicated space to experience, photograph, and engage with the artwork;
5. Relocating the East Van Cross would tangibly reaffirm the City's commitment to public art and the legacy of East Vancouver's cultural history;
6. The relocation project could be financed through a combination of developer-funded public art programs and philanthropic contributions, avoiding reliance on general City of Vancouver revenues;
7. A new site for the East Van Cross could potentially incorporate opportunities for commercial revenue through merchandise sales and food/beverage services, further supporting the monument's upkeep and community engagement; and
8. Relocating the East Van Cross to a more accessible and visible location represents an opportunity to celebrate the cultural identity of East Vancouver while also addressing current challenges of visibility and accessibility. By engaging with the artist and Vancouver's arts community, as well as potential sponsors, the City can ensure that Ken Lum's *Monument to East Vancouver* (East Van Cross) public artwork will continue to inspire and connect with Vancouverites and visitors for generations to come.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to explore options for relocating the *Monument to East Vancouver* (East Van Cross) to a prominent, highly visible and accessible location on the city's east side, so that the monument continues to serve as a cultural and geographical landmark for East Vancouver for generations to come;

FURTHER THAT the relocation plan should include, but not be limited to:

- i. Public access and amenities to allow visitors to experience the monument and take photographs safely and conveniently;
- ii. A design that respects the monument's original intent and artistic vision while integrating it with the chosen site; and
- iii. Opportunities for revenue generation, such as branded merchandise or on-site food and beverage offerings that support the monument's upkeep and enhance community engagement;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back by Q3 2025 with a proposed relocation plan, timeline, and funding strategy, developed in consultation with artist Ken Lum and relevant stakeholders including local First Nations, with a plan for the relocation project that prioritizes private revenue

sources, including developer contributions through the Public Art Program and other philanthropic partnerships.

- B. THAT Council direct the *Monument to East Vancouver* relocation project be included in the City's sponsorship and naming rights efforts to help attract potential sponsors and donors to the initiative, while preserving the monument's artistic integrity and established public significance.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

The motion was put with A having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10416) with Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote; and with B having CARRIED (Vote No. 10417) with Councillors Carr and Fry opposed, and Councillor Kirby-Yung absent for the vote.

3. Preserving of the City's Purchasing Power Through Diversification of Financial Reserves – Becoming A Bitcoin Friendly City

The Committee heard from 26 speakers who spoke in support of the motion and three speakers who spoke in opposition of the motion.

Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Montague

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver holds financial reserves intended to serve as a safeguard for the city's fiscal health;
2. The City of Vancouver has a fiduciary responsibility to manage its financial reserves prudently and to safeguard the purchasing power of its funds;
3. The purchasing power of traditional fiat currencies through centralized monetary systems has faced increasing challenges in recent years due to inflationary pressures, expansive monetary policy (i.e., excessive money printing), and economic instability, leading to significant currency debasement;

4. In 2008, Satoshi Nakamoto (a pseudonym) published the famous Bitcoin whitepaper titled *Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System* which laid out the foundational principles of Bitcoin as a decentralized, digital currency impervious to the ups and downs of centralized monetary systems;⁴
5. As an open, decentralized, and secure digital asset, Bitcoin has been recognized by many financial experts and analysts as a potential hedge against inflation and currency debasement and represents a viable store of value due its capped supply and growing adoption in the global economy;
6. As regulatory frameworks have evolved over the course of Bitcoin's 16-year existence, and the use of Bitcoin has diversified, Bitcoin has earned a solid reputation and gained broad acceptance and garnered institutional interest. Bitcoin has been the number one best performing financial asset over the past 16 years, and major institutions and investors are increasingly coming to see Bitcoin as a legitimate, long-term store of value. Examples include Fidelity, BlackRock, Charles Schwab, Deutsche Bank, Agricole, and Banco Santander, all of which have become Bitcoin investors / supporters, as well as various exchange-traded funds (ETF);
7. A growing number of cities globally have begun to explore the integration of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies into their financial strategies, demonstrating proactive measures to preserve capital in a changing economic landscape, enhance the stability and growth of their financial reserves, and even by integrating Bitcoin into everyday transactions within their local economies such as accepting Bitcoin as a method of payment. This including payment for municipal services and fees;
8. A review of cities and other jurisdictions that have explored and/or adopted Bitcoin highlights the diverse ways it is being embraced globally, whether it be tourism initiatives or addressing local economic challenges, including making it a key component in day-to-day and long-term financial activities. Examples include:
 - Zug, Switzerland – dubbed "Crypto Valley" – was one of the first municipalities to accept Bitcoin for public services and taxes. This small city with a population of fewer than 30,000 people has since become a global center for blockchain and crypto startups due to Switzerland's supportive regulatory environment. It is now considered to be one of the most technologically advanced cities in the world.
 - Seoul, South Korea has embraced digital currencies, with local government initiatives exploring blockchain integration in municipal operations. Residents can use Bitcoin for various payments and services, supported by local exchanges and innovative fintech companies.

⁴ On January 3, 2009, Nakamoto mined the first block, known as the genesis block or Block 0, marking the start of the Bitcoin blockchain and the creation of the first bitcoins. Bitcoin has gone from being a niche experiment to a significant global asset and the foundation of a multi-billion-dollar cryptocurrency industry.

- El Salvador became the first country to make Bitcoin legal tender in 2021, primarily in the coastal town of El Zonte, also known as "Bitcoin Beach." This initiative has encouraged widespread Bitcoin use, supported by government wallets and tax incentives for crypto-based businesses. These innovative financial strategies have helped El Salvador earn two bond upgrades since adopting Bitcoin as legal tender and committing to buying 1 Bitcoin per day since 2021. El Salvador's Bitcoin strategy has contributed significantly to the country's economic growth, with projections suggesting El Salvador may achieve debt freedom by 2028. In contrast, the U.S. has faced two bond downgrades during this same period.
 - Lugano's Plan B is a joint initiative between the City of Lugano and Tether to accelerate the use of and leverage bitcoin technology as the foundation to transform the city's financial infrastructure. The plan will scale blockchain and Bitcoin throughout the city to positively impact all facets of daily life for the residents of Lugano. From small transactions with local merchants to larger efforts – such as paying annual taxes – blockchain will serve as the foundation for the city's financial exchanges.⁵
<https://planb.lugano.ch/>
 - The Pennsylvania House of Representatives recently passed a bitcoin legislation bill to position the state at the forefront of digital asset regulation and to foster innovation in the sector in recognition of blockchain technology's transformative potential. Bill 2481 enshrines the rights of individuals and businesses to self-custody digital assets, operate blockchain nodes, and conduct transactions without interference from restrictive municipal ordinances. Additional legislation under consideration (i.e., the *Pennsylvania Bitcoin Strategic Reserve Act*), would enable the state treasurer to allocate up to 10% of Pennsylvania's General Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and State Investment Fund into bitcoin and crypto-based exchange-traded products (ETPs) – up to \$970 million – to leverage Bitcoin's potential as both a hedge against inflation and a long-term growth asset. Ten other states are reportedly exploring similar legislation to enable adding Bitcoin to their strategic reserves as is the incoming federal administration in Washington, DC on the national level.
9. For people living in underdeveloped countries in Africa, where over 600 million people live without electricity, Bitcoin mining provides a significant social impact pathway. A prime example is the village of Bondo in Malawi where [Gridless](#) – a Kenyan company that designs, builds, and operates Bitcoin mining sites – installed a micro-hydro mini-grid in the village. The micro-hydro mini-grid harnesses renewable, clean power of the plentiful water resources in the mountainous region to generate electricity and mine Bitcoins. Gridless not only earns income to sustain the mini-grid, the organization also provides affordable electricity now to over 1,800 homes in Bondo. Villagers have access to electricity

⁵ The City of Lugano 'does not manage cryptocurrency treasury' and that 'any amount paid in cryptocurrency will be immediately converted into Swiss francs.' <https://www.globalgovernmentfintech.com/swiss-city-lugano-starts-accepting-bitcoin-and-tether-for-all-municipal-payments/>

now to power light bulbs, fridges, TVs, and phones and are also starting new businesses, and preserving food, storing medicine, and being able to study at night;

10. Bitcoin mining has shown environmental benefits by consuming low-cost, excess energy from stranded renewable sources and waste methane, thus reducing emissions and supporting grid stability. Research indicates that Bitcoin miners seek the cheapest power available, frequently opting for intermittent renewable energy that would otherwise go unused thanks to the "interruptible" nature of Bitcoin mining. The energy use profile of Bitcoin mining not only helps to balance electricity demand and avoid peak strains on infrastructure, Bitcoin also makes renewable energy projects financially viable (and in fact helps renewable energy projects get built that would not otherwise be built) while also stabilizing energy prices and advancing global decarbonization efforts;
11. Vancouver is recognized as an important hub for blockchain and cryptocurrency innovation in Canada, with a vibrant blockchain ecosystem that gained international recognition when the world's first Bitcoin ATM was installed in a Vancouver coffee shop in 2013. Vancouver is also home to a number of prominent blockchain companies, such as Dapper Labs (creator of CryptoKitties), HIVE Blockchain, and Victory Square Technologies, which have contributed to advancing blockchain-based applications across sectors like digital collectibles, cryptocurrency mining, and AI-driven solutions. By becoming a Bitcoin friendly city, it ensures that Vancouver plays a leadership role in fostering new jobs and creating economic value similar to Silicon Valley's role in the development of the internet and signals Vancouver's willingness to embrace innovation;
12. Diversifying the City of Vancouver's financial reserves and payment options to include Bitcoin would not only enhance the resilience of our City's financial portfolio it would ultimately benefit the city's taxpayers by preserving the value and purchasing power of precious tax dollars and other financial resources against the volatility of traditional currencies while also aligning the City with the innovative financial strategies and approaches needed to combat economic challenges in the digital age, including currency debasement and inflation, and
13. It would be irresponsible for the City of Vancouver to not look at the merits of adding Bitcoin to the City's strategic assets to preserve the City's financial stability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to explore options to make Vancouver a "Bitcoin Friendly City" by undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the potential to integrate Bitcoin into the City of Vancouver's financial strategies, such as (but not limited to) accepting taxes and fees in Bitcoin as well as the potential conversion of a portion of the City's financial reserves into Bitcoin to preserve purchasing power and guard against the volatility, debasement, and inflationary pressures of traditional currencies, and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility, risks, and potential benefits of such a “Bitcoin Friendly City” strategy by the end of Q1 2025, with specific direction to, but not be limited to:

- i. consulting with financial advisors, cryptocurrency experts, and relevant stakeholders to:
 - a. ensure a thorough understanding of the implications of asset conversion and establishing a safe and secure method for managing the assets acquired through Bitcoin, including any legislative changes that may be required;
 - b. develop a comprehensive framework for the management, storage, and potential liquidation of Bitcoin assets to ensure full transparency and accountability to the citizens of Vancouver by implementing appropriate policies and guidelines to govern the procurement and holding of Bitcoin reserves;
 - c. engage with the wider community, including local stakeholders, residents, and experts in the cryptocurrency space, to gather feedback and foster an informed dialogue regarding this strategic proposal; and
 - d. promote transparency in this initiative by keeping the public informed about developments and engaging citizens in discussions about the potential impact of this strategic shift.

CARRIED (Vote No. 10418)
(Councillors Carr and Fry opposed)

4. Partnering on a Carbon Offset Project to Fund Energy Retrofits of Non-Profit Housing

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the motion.

MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

WHEREAS

1. During the 2021 “heat dome” 619 people died in BC; more than 100 in Vancouver. Most of the deaths occurred amongst older residents in older buildings without cooling;
2. The City of Vancouver has developed a *Climate Emergency Action Plan* and associated policy that has been widely praised for its focus on reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The largest source (about 57 percent) of Vancouver’s GHG emissions is buildings – specifically the heating of space and hot water. Policy to date has largely focused on regulating new building

construction—the easiest, least costly and most effective strategy. More challenging is the energy retrofit of existing buildings. A Council decision on November 26, 2024, maintained policy that restricts the use of fossil fuels in new housing which will mean fewer buildings in the future will need to be retrofitted, leaving the focus on older buildings, which largely contain the most affordable housing, constructed prior to the policy’s implementation;

3. Vancouver City Council has allocated \$5M in capital budgets that helped to retrofit civic buildings which resulted in almost all of the city’s Branch libraries getting air cooling equipment (HVAC or heat pumps), enabling them to serve as “safe places of retreat” for vulnerable residents during extreme heat events;
4. Amongst the most challenging, and most impactful, of existing buildings to retrofit include affordable, non-profit housing, where it’s important to ensure that the cost of retrofits doesn’t fall on residents or affect the affordability of the housing;
5. A working group, established by Councillor Carr in 2023 and originally comprised of representatives from Vancouver City (Council and Mayor’s office), Metro Vancouver, the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC) and Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR), began exploring strategies to establish a voluntary carbon offset program to offer YVR air travellers. That work has continued through 2024 and expanded to include the BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA);
6. BCNPHA is an independent society that receives no government funding for its own operation. It supports non-profit housing providers that own and/or operate affordable housing in Vancouver and other BC municipalities, including affordable, transitional, supportive and subsidized housing. The society is engaged in assisting in the retrofits of buildings, including in measuring GHG reductions to enable reporting on outcomes;
7. YVR, as part of the working group in developing this project, has indicated its interest in pursuing a trial “carbon offset” program that could include offering travellers to and from Vancouver an opportunity to voluntarily purchase carbon offsets to support energy retrofits in local non-profit housing that achieve measurable carbon reductions, possibly in the time period around FIFA 2026; and
8. To date the project has been facilitated off the side of a Councillor’s desk. There is a need for a lead coordinating body to facilitate the communications between project partners, coordinated implementation and follow-up.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council directs staff to:

- i. Engage partners, including Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR), BC Non-Profit Housing Association and others if appropriate, in developing a trial voluntary carbon offset project that would offer YVR air travellers, possibly in the period of time around the FIFA 2026 games the opportunity to offset the carbon emissions associated with their air travel,

with the funds raised being used for projects that would include the energy retrofits of non-profit housing in our area; and

- ii. Report back to Council periodically on the progress of the project and, on the completion of the trial project, with an analysis of outcomes and set of recommendations regarding potential follow-up.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following in subclause i be struck:

“developing a trial voluntary carbon offset project that would offer YVR air travellers, possibly in the period of time around the FIFA 2026 games the opportunity to offset the carbon emissions associated with their air travel, with the funds raised being used for projects that would include the energy retrofits of non-profit housing in our area;”

FURTHER THAT the following be inserted at the end of subclause i:

“exploring the opportunity to offset the carbon emissions associated with their air travel as part of potential sustainability initiatives around FIFA 2026;”

FURTHER THAT the following phrase in subclause ii “periodically on the progress of the project and, on the completion of the trial project, with” be replaced with “in Q1 of 2025 on the feasibility of the possible trial project including;”

AND FURTHER THAT the following be inserted at the end of subclause ii:

“needed to implement the project, to be followed by a Report back to Council periodically on the progress of the voluntary trial project once implemented and, on completion of the trial project, with an analysis of outcomes and set of recommendations regarding potential follow-up.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10419)

Following the completion of the main motion as amended for Members’ Motion 4, “Partnering on a Carbon Offset Project to Fund Energy Retrofits of Non-Profit Housing,” it was

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT the following be added to the end of WHEREAS clause 6:

“that would engender trust in the air travellers who want evidence that their offset purchase would actually reduce carbon emissions;”

FURTHER THAT WHEREAS clause 7 be replaced with:

“YVR is exploring ways to enable airport users to join collaborative efforts to reduce travel-related carbon footprints during the FIFA games. Currently in the exploratory phase, YVR will continue to work with the City of Vancouver on sustainability initiatives related to FIFA and beyond.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10421)

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

WHEREAS

1. During the 2021 “heat dome” 619 people died in BC; more than 100 in Vancouver. Most of the deaths occurred amongst older residents in older buildings without cooling;
2. The City of Vancouver has developed a *Climate Emergency Action Plan* and associated policy that has been widely praised for its focus on reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The largest source (about 57 percent) of Vancouver’s GHG emissions is buildings – specifically the heating of space and hot water. Policy to date has largely focused on regulating new building construction—the easiest, least costly and most effective strategy. More challenging is the energy retrofit of existing buildings. A Council decision on November 26, 2024, maintained policy that restricts the use of fossil fuels in new housing which will mean fewer buildings in the future will need to be retrofitted, leaving the focus on older buildings, which largely contain the most affordable housing, constructed prior to the policy’s implementation;
3. Vancouver City Council has allocated \$5M in capital budgets that helped to retrofit civic buildings which resulted in almost all of the city’s Branch libraries getting air cooling equipment (HVAC or heat pumps), enabling them to serve as “safe places of retreat” for vulnerable residents during extreme heat events;
4. Amongst the most challenging, and most impactful, of existing buildings to retrofit include affordable, non-profit housing, where it’s important to ensure that the cost of retrofits doesn’t fall on residents or affect the affordability of the housing;
5. A working group, established by Councillor Carr in 2023 and originally comprised of representatives from Vancouver City (Council and Mayor’s office), Metro Vancouver, the Zero Emissions Innovation Centre (ZEIC) and Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR), began exploring strategies to establish a voluntary carbon offset program to offer YVR air travellers. That work has continued through 2024 and expanded to include the BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA);
6. BCNPHA is an independent society that receives no government funding for its own operation. It supports non-profit housing providers that own and/or operate affordable housing in Vancouver and other BC municipalities, including affordable, transitional, supportive and subsidized housing. The society is engaged in assisting in the retrofits of buildings, including in measuring GHG

reductions to enable reporting on outcomes that would engender trust in the air travellers who want evidence that their offset purchase would actually reduce carbon emissions;

7. YVR is exploring ways to enable airport users to join collaborative efforts to reduce travel-related carbon footprints during the FIFA games. Currently in the exploratory phase, YVR will continue to work with the City of Vancouver on sustainability initiatives related to FIFA and beyond;
8. To date the project has been facilitated off the side of a Councillor's desk. There is a need for a lead coordinating body to facilitate the communications between project partners, coordinated implementation and follow-up.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council directs staff to:

- i. Engage partners, including Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR), BC Non-Profit Housing Association and others if appropriate, in exploring the opportunity to offset the carbon emissions associated with their air travel as part of potential sustainability initiatives around FIFA 2026; and
- ii. Report back to Council in Q1 of 2025 on the feasibility of the possible trial project including an analysis of outcomes and set of recommendations regarding potential follow-up needed to implement the project, to be followed by a Report back to Council periodically on the progress of the voluntary trial project once implemented and, on completion of the trial project, with an analysis of outcomes and set of recommendations regarding potential follow-up.

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On December 11, 2024 at 3:41 pm, following the completion of Members' Motion 4, "Partnering on a Carbon Offset Project to Fund Energy Retrofits of Non-Profit Housing," the Committee took a brief recess and reconvened at 3:51 pm, prior to the start of Report 1, "Broadway Plan Review and Implementation."

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REPORTS

1. **Broadway Plan Review and Implementation November 29, 2024**

Staff from Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability provided a presentation and along with staff from Engineering Services and Boards of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions.

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During questions to staff, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Fry*

THAT per section 5.4(e) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee be permitted to ask a second round of questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequently, on December 11, 2024, during questions to staff, the Committee recessed at 4:58 pm and reconvened at 6:01 pm.

Furthermore, during the hearing of speakers, it was

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Fry*

THAT per section 2.8 (c) of the Procedure By-law, the Committee extend the meeting past 10 pm in order to complete hearing from all available registered speakers for Report 1, "Broadway Plan Review and Implementation".

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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The Committee heard from 11 speakers who spoke in support of the report recommendations, 75 speakers who spoke in opposition to the report recommendations, and eight speakers who spoke to other aspects of the report.

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On December 11, 2024, following the conclusion of hearing from all available registered speakers, the Committee recessed at 11:36 pm and reconvened on December 12, 2024, at 6:02 pm.

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On December 12, 2024, the Clerk called the meeting to order. At the request of Vice-Chair Klassen, who was attending virtually, Councillor Fry, who was present in the Council Chamber, was selected, by consensus, to Chair the reconvened meeting.

*MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner*

- A. THAT Council receive for information the update on Broadway Plan implementation actions, as attached in Appendix A of the Report dated

November 29, 2024, entitled “Broadway Plan Review and Implementation.”

- B. THAT Council approve the Broadway Plan amendments, generally as presented in Appendix B of the Report dated November 29, 2024, entitled “Broadway Plan Review and Implementation,” to update and align policies based on the Province’s Transit-Oriented Areas legislative requirements, early learnings from Plan implementation, recent Council decisions and priorities, integration of the C-3A Guidelines for the Plan area, and other miscellaneous amendments.
- C. THAT subject to Council approval of B above for Broadway Plan amendments to integrate the C-3A Guidelines, Council repeal the Broadway-Arbutus C-3A and 2000 Block West 10th Avenue (North Side) Guidelines, Burrard Slopes C-3A Guidelines, Cambie Street (East Side) C-3A Guidelines, Central Broadway C-3A Urban Design Guidelines, Main Street C-3A Guidelines and North Burrard C-3A Guidelines.
- D. THAT Council approve the Broadway Plan amendments, generally as presented in Appendix C of the Report dated November 29, 2024, entitled “Broadway Plan Review and Implementation,” to include Civic District policies to guide future rezonings and redevelopment of the Civic District (City Hall Campus).
- E. THAT Council approve the Broadway Public Realm Plan, generally as attached in Appendix D of the Report dated November 29, 2024, entitled “Broadway Plan Review and Implementation,” to guide the delivery of public open space and street improvements in the Broadway Plan area, including the transformation of Broadway into a “Great Street”.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the following paragraphs be added to the end of E:

FURTHER THAT as part of the work that is underway to implement Amenity Cost Charges pursuant to Bill 46, Council direct staff to explore and report back on options to support the delivery of the Broadway Public Realm Plan and public space and amenities that contribute to neighbourhood and area livability;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to consider opportunities in key locations (such as major intersections or larger sites) utilizing the flexibility in the Broadway Plan where increases in density could generate cash amenity charges that could be used to support public realm investments to support area residents. And that Council directs staff to advise Council of any explicit policy changes that could be beneficial in future updates to the Broadway Plan;

FURTHER THAT the following be added as F:

THAT Council direct staff to report back in conjunction with the upcoming report on citywide policy changes to incentivise hotel development in Q2 2025, with

amendments that would provide flexibility on reducing the 99-foot site frontage requirement for hotel applications in non-residential areas, and considering any consequential amendments to the Broadway Plan as appropriate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10425)
(Councillor Zhou absent for the vote)

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Following a proposed amendment to Report 1. Broadway Plan Review and Implementation, Chair Fry relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Klassen in order to participate in debate and discussion. Chair Fry resumed the role of Chair prior to calling the vote on the amendment.

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AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT the following be added as G:

THAT Council direct staff to report back on suitability of and a potential amendment to section 1.2 (a) of the Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy, to reassess eligibility in the event that no Development Permit application has been submitted after a specified period of time following rezoning;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to regularly and proactively report back quarterly on Broadway Plan area tenancies (inclusive of TRPP-eligible and TRPP-ineligible) and housing typologies that may be impacted at time of rezoning application, and the availability of suitable replacement units in the City of Vancouver;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to investigate and report back to Council on recommendations regarding the tenant protections provided by the City of Burnaby, particularly the securing of tenant protection through a bond provided by a developer and held and used by the city in case of the developer defaulting on required tenant protections;

FURTHER THAT the following be added as H:

THAT Council direct staff to report back with recommended amendments to reduce development pressure on village high streets in the Broadway Plan area within mandated Transit Oriented Areas, by restricting new tower height and density policies to 100 per cent social housing, until such a time as financial modelling can demonstrate the impacts of new tower form speculation and assessments on local small business viability;

FURTHER THAT Council request that the Mayor write to ministers and ministries within the Provincial and Federal Governments requesting specific and targeted investment for new social housing in Transit Oriented Areas.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the amendment as follows:

- G, THAT - having CARRIED (Vote No. 10426), with Councillor Montague opposed and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote;
- G, FURTHER THAT - having CARRIED (Vote No. 10427), with Councillor Montague opposed and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote;
- G, AND FURTHER THAT - having CARRIED (Vote No. 10428), with Councillor Montague opposed and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote;
- H, THAT - having LOST (Vote No. 10429), with Councillors Kirby-Yung, Klassen, Meiszner, Montague and Mayor Sim opposed; and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote; and
- H, FURTHER THAT - having CARRIED (Vote No. 10430), with Councillor Montague and Mayor Sim opposed; and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote.

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During closing comments on the motion as amended for Report 1. Broadway Plan Review and Implementation, Chair Fry relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Klassen in order to participate in debate and discussion. Chair Fry resumed the role of Chair prior to calling the vote on the motion as amended.

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Following discussion, the Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion as amended.

The motion as amended was put with B and C having CARRIED (Vote No. 10431) with Councillor Carr opposed, Councillor Fry abstained, and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote; with G and H having CARRIED (Vote No. 10433) with Councillor Montague opposed, and Councillor Zhou absent for the vote; and with A, D, E and F having CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 10434) with Councillor Zhou absent for the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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- F. THAT Council direct staff to report back in conjunction with the upcoming report on citywide policy changes to incentivise hotel development in Q2 2025, with amendments that would provide flexibility on reducing the 99-foot site frontage requirement for hotel applications in non-residential areas, and considering any consequential amendments to the Broadway Plan as appropriate.
- G. THAT Council direct staff to report back on suitability of and a potential amendment to section 1.2 (a) of the *Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy* (TRPP), to reassess eligibility in the event that no Development Permit application has been submitted after a specified period of time following rezoning;

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- H. THAT Council request that the Mayor write to minsters and ministries within the Provincial and Federal Governments requesting specific and targeted investment for new social housing in Transit Oriented Areas.

On December 12, 2024, the Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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

DECEMBER 11 AND 12, 2024

A meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 11:36 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. Subsequently, Council recessed and reconvened on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 7:20 pm.

PRESENT:

Mayor Sim
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Pete Fry
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
Councillor Peter Meiszner
Councillor Brian Montague
Councillor Mike Klassen
Councillor Lenny Zhou* (Leave of Absence on
December 12, 2024)

ABSENT:

Councillor Rebecca Bligh (Leave of Absence – Personal
Reasons)
Councillor Christine Boyle** (Leave of Absence - Personal
Reasons on December 11, 2024)
Councillor Lisa Dominato (Leave of Absence – Medical Leave)

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE:

Paul Mochrie, City Manager

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Tina Penney, Deputy City Clerk
Tamarra Wong, Manager, Business and Election Services
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**Denotes resignation from Council as of December 12, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (*reconvening on December 12, 2024*)

On December 11, 2024, Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. Its items of business included:

Presentations:

1. Vancouver Plan Implementation Update

Reports:

2. Building By-law Harmonization Opportunities
3. Contract Award for Construction Services – City-wide Cut Repair Project
4. Contract Award for the Construction of the Early Works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks
5. Contract Award for Golf Course Operators

Council Members' Motions:

1. Support for Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre at Hastings Park
2. The East Van Cross: Making Vancouver's Iconic Landmark More Vibrant and Accessible
3. Preserving of the City's Purchasing Power Through Diversification of Financial Reserves – Becoming A Bitcoin Friendly City
4. Partnering on a Carbon Offset Project to Fund Energy Retrofits of Non-Profit Housing

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of December 11, 2024, as contained in Presentation 1, Reports 2 through 5 and Council Members' Motion 1 through 4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URGENT BUSINESS

MOVED by Councillor Fry
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT Councillor Zhou be granted a Leave of Absence for personal reasons from meetings on December 12, 2024, from 6 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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On December 11, 2024, Council recessed at 11:40 pm and reconvened on December 12, 2024, at 7:20 pm.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
Thursday, December 12, 2024 (*reconvening from December 11, 2024*)

On December 12, 2024, Council considered Report 1, Broadway Plan Review and Implementation containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services.

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Meiszner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services at its meeting of December 12, 2024 (reconvening from December 11, 2024), as contained in Report 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Zhou absent for the vote)

URGENT BUSINESS

MOVED by Mayor Sim
SECONDED by Councillor Kirby-Yung

THAT Mayor Sim be granted a Leave of Absence for civic business from meetings on January 21, 2025, from 5 pm onwards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Zhou absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Zhou absent for the vote)

On December 12, 2024, Council adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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