



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - UNADOPTED

Monday, December 21, 2020

2:00 PM conducted electronically via Zoom

1. Attendance (at start of meeting)

This meeting was conducted Electronically Via ZOOM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Heron
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor Hansen
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Joly
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Watkins

STAFF:

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Director, Legal & Legislative Services/Chief
Legislative Officer
D. McMordie, Director, Finance & Assessment/Chief
Financial Officer
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk
T. Dallimore, Legislative Officer

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 AR-20-424 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That the December 21, 2020 Agenda be adopted as
presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Presentations, Delegations, and Announcements

Barb Baumann, resident, spoke regarding the Face Coverings Bylaw Update.

Nick Legault, St Albert Disc Golf, made a proposal for a permanent course.

David Niebach, Chair, Economic Sustainability Advisory Board, spoke regarding the Energy Corp Feasibility Report.

Jen Cote, resident, spoke regarding the Face Coverings Bylaw Update.

Joyce S, resident, spoke regarding the Face Coverings Bylaw Update.

Mike Killick, resident, spoke regarding the Energy Corp Feasibility Report.

Jessa-Lynn Dubrule, resident, spoke regarding the Face Coverings Bylaw Update.

Teresa, resident, spoke regarding the Face Coverings Bylaw Update.

Mark Peskleweis, resident, spoke regarding the Face Coverings Bylaw Update.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 CA-20-025 Consent Agenda

Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by Councillor Joly

That the recommendations in the following agenda reports be approved:

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020 and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of November 3, 5, 24 and December 1, 2020

7.4 2021 Municipal & Utility Budgets

7.5 Rapid Housing Initiative

- 7.6 2021 Alberta Community Partnership
 - 7.7 2021 Election - Appointment of Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer
 - 7.8 Financial Forecast Update - November/December Provincial COVID-19 Orders
 - 7.9 Alberta Environment and Parks - Flood Mitigation Risk Assessment
 - 8.3 Bylaw 20/2020 Municipal Development Plan (1st Reading)
 - 10.1 Civic and External Agency - Councillors' Updates
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adoption of Minutes

- 6.1 MIN-20-049 Regular Council Meeting - December 7, 2020, and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of November 3, 5, 24 and December 1, 2020

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the Regular Council Minutes of December 7, 2020 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of November 3, 5, 24 and December 1, 2020, be adopted as presented.

7. Business Items

- 7.1 AR-20-381 Property Tax Relief Requests
Presented by: Diane McMordie, Diane McMordie, Director, Finance & Assessment/CFO

In Attendance:

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer (Advice and Information)
D. Leflar, Director, Legal & Legislative Services/Chief Legislative Officer (Advice and Information)
D. McMordie, Director, Finance & Assessment/Chief Financial Officer (Advice and Information)
S. Bannerman, Senior Manager, Assessment &

Taxation (Advice and Information)

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Council go in camera to consider outstanding 2020 requests for property tax relief, pursuant to s. 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (requirement to maintain confidentiality of personal information)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That Council reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 3:16 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the details of the in camera discussion remain confidential pursuant to s. 153(e) of the Municipal Government Act.)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 3:18 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

7.2 AR-20-379

COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Update

Presented by: Trevor Duley, Manager, Government Relations

A. Thom and S. Beach-McCutcheon, members of the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force, provided an update of the Task Force.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force's Interim Report attached to the December 21, 2020 agenda report be

received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 AR-20-431

Regional Transit Services

Presented by: Trevor Duley, Manager, Government Relations

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

The City of St. Albert agrees to establish a regional services commission jointly with the other Members and specifies that:

1. the name of the regional services commission is the "Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission";
2. the names of the Members of the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission are:
 - (a) the City of Beaumont,
 - (b) the Town of Devon,
 - (c) the City of Edmonton,
 - (d) the City of Fort Saskatchewan,
 - (e) the City of Leduc,
 - (f) the City of Spruce Grove,
 - (g) the City of St. Albert, and
 - (h) the Town of Stony Plain;
3. the names of the members of first board of directors of the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission are:
 - (a) Sam Munckhof-Swain
 - (b) Ray Ralph
 - (c) Michael Walters
 - (d) Gordon Harris
 - (e) Glen Finstad
 - (f) Chantal McKenzie
 - (g) Wes Brodhead; and
 - (h) Justin Laurie;
4. The name of the first chair of the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission is Wes

Brodhead.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, MacKay,
and Watkins

Against: 1 - Hughes

7.4 AR-20-439

2021 Municipal & Utility Budgets

Presented by: Diane McMordie, Director, Finance &
Assessment/CFO

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the 2021 Consolidated Municipal and Utility Budget in
the amount of \$288,019,200 and the Net Tax Requirement
of \$111,975,200 as shown in the attachment titled “2021
Consolidated Budget” be approved.

That the 10 Year Municipal Growth Capital Plan provided
as an attachment to the December 21, 2020 agenda report
titled “2021 Municipal & Utility Budgets” be approved.

That the 10 Year Utility Growth Capital Plan provided as
an attachment to the December 21, 2020 agenda report
titled “2021 Municipal & Utility Budgets” be approved.

7.5 AR-20-443

Rapid Housing Initiative

Presented by:

Catriona Gunn-Graham, Senior Manager, Community
Services

Lory Scott, Affordable Housing Liaison, Planning and
Development

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That AR-20-405 be rescinded.

“That a grant application for the Rapid Housing Initiative
(RHI) towards the transitional youth home housing model
be approved in principle, including the requirement for a
municipal financial contribution towards the project.

That Administration return to Council with specific details on the City's application prior to submitting to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for funding consideration."

That Administration continue working on the Youth Transitional Housing initiative, and apply for any future funding if it becomes available.

- 7.6** **AR-20-447** 2021 Alberta Community Partnership
Presented by: Trevor Duley, Manager Government Relations

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That Council support Sturgeon County's submission of the proposed "City of St. Albert/Sturgeon County Intermunicipal Development Plan" grant application to the Government of Alberta's Alberta Community Partnership program.

That Council support the City of St. Albert's submission of the proposed "City of St. Albert/City of Edmonton Intermunicipal Planning Framework" grant application to the Government of Alberta's Alberta Community Partnership program.

- 7.7** **AR-20-463** 2021 Election - Appointment of Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer
Presented by: David Leflar, Director of Legal and Legislative Services

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the City employee holding the position of Chief Legislative Officer/City Clerk be appointed as Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election.

That the City employee holding the position of Deputy City Clerk be appointed as Substitute Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election.

- 7.8** **AR-20-468** Financial Forecast Update - November/December
Provincial COVID-19 Orders
Presented by: Diane McMordie, Director of Finance and
Assessment/CFO
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That the December 21, 2020 agenda report titled
“Financial Forecast update - November/December
Provincial COVID-19 Orders”, be received as information.
- 7.9** **AR-20-469** Alberta Environment and Parks - Flood Mitigation Risk
Assessment
Presented by: Christian Benson, Manager, Environment,
Utilities & Environment Department
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That Council supports the application by Alberta
Environment and Parks to Public Safety Canada for grant
funding under the National Disaster Mitigation Program,
and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to write a
letter to Alberta Environment and Parks expressing
Council’s support.

8. Bylaws

- 8.1 BL-20-054 Face Coverings Bylaw 44/2020 (1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings)
Presented by: Percy Janke, Director of Emergency Management, EOC

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Bylaw 44/2020, a bylaw to amend the Face Coverings Bylaw, be read a first time.
CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, MacKay, and Watkins

Against: 1 - Hughes

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Bylaw 44/2020 be read a second time.
CARRIED

For: 5 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, and
Watkins

Against: 2 - Hughes, and MacKay

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That unanimous consent be given for consideration of third
reading of Bylaw 44/2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Bylaw 44/2020 be read a third time.
CARRIED

For: 5 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, and
Watkins

Against: 2 - Hughes, and MacKay

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Administration bring to Council a recommendation
with respect to the Face Coverings Bylaw not later than 14
days following the day on which the Bylaw comes back into
effect as a result of the Provincial mask regulations
ceasing to be in effect in St. Albert.
CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes,
MacKay, and Watkins

Against: 1 - Joly

8.2 **BL-20-053** Bylaw 43/2020 Utility Bylaws (1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings)
Presented by: Diane McMordie, Director, Finance &
Assessment/CFO

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That Bylaw 43/2020 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That Bylaw 43/2020 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Watkins

That unanimous consent be given for consideration of third reading of Bylaw 43/2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That Bylaw 43/2020 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8.3** BL-20-050 Bylaw 20/2020 Municipal Development Plan (1st Reading)
Presented by: Katie Mahoney, Senior Long Range
Planner, Planning & Development

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That Bylaw 20/2020, being a bylaw to adopt a Municipal Development Plan, be read for a first time.

That Bylaw 20/2020 be referred to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) for approval.

That Administration be directed to propose to Council a date and time for a Public Hearing on Bylaw 20/2020 during the first or second quarter of 2021 after the date of the anticipated approval decision of the EMRB is known.

Council recessed at 4:52 p.m.

Council reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

- 8.4** BL-20-055 Bylaw 46/2020 Master Rates Bylaw (1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings)
Presented by: Adryan Slaght, Director of Planning & Development

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That Bylaw 46/2020, being a bylaw to amend the Master Rates and Bylaw Fees, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That Bylaw 46/2020 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That unanimous consent be given for consideration of third reading of Bylaw 46/2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That Bylaw 46/2020 be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Civic and External Agencies - Councillors' Updates

10.1 AR-20-425 Civic and External Agency - Councillors' Updates

The following item was approved on Consent Agenda:
Councillors provided updates on the work and activities of the civic and external agencies on which they serve as Council's representatives.

11. Council Motions

11.1 CM-20-039 Energy Corporation Feasibility Report

Notice given by: Councillor Watkins

Moved by Councillor Watkins

That by June 30, 2021 Administration provide a feasibility report, including recommendations, for Council to consider next steps in establishing an energy corporation as a means to generate new revenue to offset declining traditional sources of revenue.

The feasibility report is to include, at minimum, an

evaluation of:

- Net income projections
- The suite of potential energy generation and marketing opportunities, focusing on green energy with the objective of carbon neutral or carbon credit generating operations
- Financing methods available to raise capital independently of the City of St. Albert so as not to impact taxes, rates or debt
- Opportunities to work collaboratively with regional partners and the private sector
- Integration opportunities with regulated utilities in new developments and/or offsetting of costs associated with traditional offsite infrastructure development methods, and
- The required process, decision gates/offramps, timelines and cost to establish the energy corporation.

That the feasibility report be prepared in conjunction with or as a component of the Operational and Fiscal Review being conducted by Ernst and Young, if project budget and schedule permit, and that if additional funds beyond the funds previously allocated for the Operational and Fiscal Review are needed to support the feasibility report as an adjunct to or a component of the Operational and Fiscal Review then additional funds be provided for this purpose to a maximum of \$75,000 drawn from the Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, MacKay,
and Watkins

Against: 1 - Hughes

11.2 CM-20-040 Skating on the River

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor

Hughes.

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the 21 day advance notice period for consideration of a Council member's motion be waived for the aforesaid motions in accordance with Section 23.8 of the Procedure Bylaw, and that the motions be debated by Council at the scheduled Council meeting on December 21, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Hughes requested that the motion be split.

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the following item be approved for funding through the Stabilization Reserve:

\$8,000 to construct a small Freezeway Loop in Lions Park for the 2020/2021 winter season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the following item be approved for funding through the Stabilization Reserve:

\$34,000 to construct a small Freezeway Loop in Rotary Park for the 2021/2022 winter season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the following item be approved for funding through the Stabilization Reserve:

\$11,000 to hire a consultant who is certified in ice structures on natural ice surfaces to assist the city to design and implement skating on the Sturgeon River in 2022. In addition the associated business case for what ever construction and operating cost are required for skating on the river be presented to council during the 2022 budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

12. Information Requests / Notices of Motion / Announcements

Mayor Heron, Councillor MacKay and Councillor Hughes acknowledged that this would be Anthony Lake, Director of Public Works and Transit's last Council meeting. They thanked Anthony for all he has done for the Community and the Corporation and wished him well, as he enters retirement.

16. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER