



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Special Council Meeting (Budget Committee of the Whole)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

3:00 PM Council Chambers

Attendance (at start of meeting)

PRESENT:

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

Staff

K. Scoble, City Manager
D. Bendfeld, General Manager, Community and
Protective Services
M. Bonnici, General Manager, Corporate Services
G. Tompolski, General Manager, Infrastructure and
Development Services
C. Belke Chief Legislative Officer
C. Wong, Legislative Officer

Adoption of Agenda

AR-17-430 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Hughes
That the November 14, 2017 Agenda be adopted as
presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: 7 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes, Joly,
MacKay, and Watkins

Budget Information Requests and Postponed Motions Received to Date

The Mayor read into the record Postponed Motions received to date.

Public Input, Plan and Budget Review

Arts & Heritage Foundation

Barry Bailey, Vice-Chair, Arts & Heritage Foundation provided a presentation to Council outlining the Foundation's 2017 highlights and its 2018 initiatives; the Foundation is requesting \$1,727,457 for 2018.

St. Albert Library

Janice Marschner, Chair, St. Albert Library Board, provided a presentation outlining the Board's 2017 highlights and its 2018 initiatives; the Board is requesting \$4.26m for 2018.

St. Albert Housing Authority

Cheryl Dumont, Director, St. Albert Housing Society, provided an overview of the Society's 2017 accomplishments and its 2018 initiatives. The Society is requesting that the City reinstate its funding by way of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Committee of the Whole recessed from 4:34 to 5:02 p.m.

Divisional Presentations

Community and Protective Services

The General Manager of Community and Protective Services provided an overview of the Division's 2017 accomplishments and its proposed 2018 budget.

BIRs, PMs, and Flagged Items

Budget Information Request

What would the cost difference be for a regular 2nd large item pick up vs the response in BIR 06, which provided it one time, in 2018 only?

Budget Information Request

Provide alternate options that admin also considered for aquatic recreation improvements for a similar or lesser cost to the proposed aquatic climbing wall, (Coun-034) and their estimated cost.

Budget Information Request

Provide a copy of the bylaws or specific signed agreements between Council and the Library Board that permit the Library Board to reallocate the library operating surpluses to another reserve or fund without Council's approval.

Budget Information Request

How much was the library fine revenue component in 2016, and the year to date and projected fine revenue for 2017, and budgeted amount in 2018.

Budget Information Request

The amount of library surplus in 2014-2017, if any, and where the surplus was reallocated to.

Budget Information Request

The amount of AHF surplus in 2014-2017, if any, and if

there was a surplus, where it was reallocated.

Budget Information Request

Provide the cardholder statistics for the library from 2007 to 2017 that were provided to the Alberta government for their record keeping.

Budget Information Request

Provide the number of program attendees for programs that occurred only within the 2 programming rooms in the library from 2007 to 2017.

Budget Information Request

Provide the average number of hours a day the library programming rooms were being used for programs from Sept to June from 2012 to 2017, with any additional breakdown types where possible.

Budget Information Request

The number of employed staff hours a week dedicated to library programming for 2015-2017.

Budget Information Request

Provide a procedure for how Council can address any differences for the library and AHF budgets between the requested salary and wage increase budgets, and the actual Council approved wage increases in March for no-union staff, so that if there are surpluses between the budget request and approved wage adjustment, the difference is returned to the city the same budget year.

Budget Information Request

Provide a breakdown of the increased 2018 library staffing costs that are being requested for pay raises from contract renegotiations and for annual step

increases.

Budget Information Request

What is the average handibus capacity in the local and in the commuter routes? Are they on average 25% full, 50% full, etc? If there are substantial differences between weekends vs days, please provide that notation.

Budget Information Request

What is the process to ensure salary increases proposed by outside agencies for their staff in 2018 - specifically those traditionally aligned with City staff compensation rates - do not exceed the Council authorized salary increases for City Staff.

Budget Information Request

What would be the additional cost to have garbage pick up weekly from April - October, and year round weekly garbage pick up? And are there opportunities for this additional service to be done through a contractor, with their own trucks?

Committee of Whole recessed at 6:29 p.m. to
Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.