



**CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers – City Hall**

Present:

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Birgit Blizzard
Councillor Sheldon Bossert
Councillor Frank Garritsen
Councillor Stew Hennig
Councillor Arjun Randhawa
Councillor Ed Sperling

Administration:

Kelly Kloss, City Manager
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Wendy Kinsella, Director, Corporate Communications
Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development
Reade Beaudoin, Digital Media Coordinator
Sheryl Exley, Legislative Officer
Barb Aitken, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2016 to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

R38-16 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the minutes of the March 8, 2016 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Delegations

Mrs. Barb Bouwman, Past President, Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to update Council and Administration on the economic climate for Fort Saskatchewan businesses.

Mrs. Karen Welk, resident, was in attendance to express concern regarding the proposed Downtown Land Use Bylaw, specifically in relation to single family homes being allowed as a discretionary use in the Transitional Residential Downtown district.

5. New Business

5.1 Downtown Land Use Bylaw - Request for Decision

Presented by: Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development

R39-16

MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council directs Administration to include single detached dwellings as a permitted use under the Transitional Residential – Downtown (TR-D) district.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Ed Sperling

Against: Frank Garritsen, Sheldon Bossert

CARRIED

R40-16

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council directs Administration to amend the regulations within the Downtown Land Use Bylaw to encourage, as opposed to require, canopies and awnings throughout the downtown.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R41-16

MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council directs Administration to amend the regulations within the Downtown Land Use Bylaw to maintain the Downtown Parking Overlay, with a relaxation of 80 percent.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

Against: Frank Garritsen

CARRIED

R42-16

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that Council directs Administration to bring forward information to Council to restrict pawn shops and payday loan businesses within the City.

In Favour: Frank Garritsen

Against: Gale Katchur, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 7:36 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

6. Bylaws

6.1 Bylaw C5-16 - Amend Fees & Charges Bylaw C23-15 - Planning & Development and Facility Rental Fees - 3 readings

Presented by: Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services

R43-16

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council give first reading to Bylaw C5-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.

In Favour: Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur

CARRIED

R44-16

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council give second reading to Bylaw C5-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.

In Favour: Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur

CARRIED

R45-16

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw C5-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Stew Hennig, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

Against: Frank Garritsen, Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

Since Bylaw C5-16 did not receive unanimous consent for presentation of third reading, third reading of Bylaw C5-16 will be presented at the April 12, 2016 regular Council Meeting.

7. Notice of Motion

Councillor Randhawa gave notice that he will introduce the following motion at the April 12, 2016 regular Council Meeting:

“That Council direct Administration to bring back a report by June 1, 2016 with policy proposals outlining the possibility of aiding in aquatic program subscription issues by looking at an advance registration period for residents.”

Councillor Sperling gave notice that he will introduce the following motion at the April 12, 2016 regular Council Meeting:

“That Council implement a hiring freeze at the City of Fort Saskatchewan due to the current economic conditions within Alberta. All positions are to be managed within the City’s current position allocations and salary budgets, and further that the hiring freeze be reviewed after December 31, 2017.”

8. Points of Interest

Members of Council were given the opportunity to bring forward information that would be of interest to the public.

9. Councillor Inquiries

Members of Council were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide concerns and comments.

10. Adjournment

The regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2016 adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services