CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Monday, November 21, 2016 - 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers – City Hall

Present:
Members of Council:
Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Birgit Blizzard (via telephone)
Councillor Sheldon Bossert
Councillor Frank Garritsen
Councillor Stew Hennig
Councillor Arjun Randhawa
Councillor Ed Sperling

Administration:
Kelly Kloss, City Manager
Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Richard Gagnon, Director, Infrastructure Management
Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management
Wendy Kinsella, Director, Corporate Communications
Len Mueller, Senior Accountant, Budget & Reporting
Tony Kurian, Senior Accountant, Budget & Reporting
Sheryl Exley, Recording Secretary

In accordance with Section 199 of the *Municipal Government Act*, notice is hereby given that telephone conferencing will be used to connect Councillor Birgit Blizzard from a remote location.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. 2017 Budget

R196-16 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that $50,000 for request #74-0002 – Library Grant Funding be removed from the 2017 Budget.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 9:10 a.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 9:11 a.m.

Council Resolution #R196-16 as introduced by Councillor Garritsen was voted on, and

DEFEATED

In Favour: Frank Garrtisen

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

R197-16 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that the Mayor and Councillors Promotions Budget be reduced by 25% in the 2017 Budget.

In Favour: Sheldon Bossert, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig,

DEFEATED

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that Council Resolution #197-16 be amended by reducing each of the Councillors Promotions Budget by $200.00 and that the Mayors Promotion Budget amount be confirmed in the 2017 Budget.

Mayor Katchur did not accept Councillor Garritsen's amending motion, as it significantly changed the intent of the main motion.

R198-16 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that request #72-0110 – Curling Rink Revitalization – Operating Impact in the amount of $155,000 be removed from the 2017 Budget.

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

Against: Frank Garritsen

CARRIED

Councillor Sperling vacated the Council Chambers at 10:07 a.m.

Councillor Sperling re-entered the Council Chambers at 10:09 a.m.

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 11:37 a.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 12:28 p.m.

R199-16 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council approve the Full Scope Funding in Option #1 for the 2017 Recreation Project Capital Budget, which includes the Curling Rink Revitalization in the amount of $2,500,000, the Harbour Pool Universal Change Room in the amount of $1,030,000, and the High Performance Sports Field/Transit Park & Ride in the amount of $1,521,283, as presented:

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig

Against: Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED

R200-16 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the City of Fort Saskatchewan institute a program regarding naming rights and sponsorship for buildings, components, sports fields and events no later than the first quarter of 2017, and further that stakeholders be invited to participate with the City to solicit these funds.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R201-16 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the Travel, Meals and Accommodations Budgets be reduced by $100,000, and that the Courses, Conferences and Seminars Budgets also be reduced by $100,000 for Council and Administration corporate-wide.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R202-16 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that $200,000 in on-going, unallocated one-time Operating Reserve funding be removed from the 2017 Budget.

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

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 1:53 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 2:22 p.m.

R203-16 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that the 2017 budget be based on an equal distribution of tax reductions between residential and non-residential sectors.

R204-16 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council Resolution #203-16 be referred to the December 13, 2016 regular Council Meeting.

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

Against: Frank Garritsen

CARRIED

3. Adjournment

The regular Council Meeting of November 21, 2016 adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

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Mayor

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Director, Legislative Services