



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 19, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.
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
Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Wendy Kinsella, Director, Communications & Marketing
Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management
Barb Gamble, Director, Family & Community Support Services
Barb Shuman, Director, Recreation Services
Patty Walker, Director, Corporate Strategy
Susan Morrissey, Director, Finance
Trevor Harder, Director, Information Technology
Renee Fitzsimmons, Director, People Services
Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development
Ian Gray, Director, Infrastructure Management
Shannon Andruchow, Senior Accountant, Budget & Reporting
Len Mueller, Senior Accountant, Budget & Reporting
Sheryl Exley, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. 2016 Budget

Grant Schaffer, Director, Project Management highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments and Capital Projects.

R203-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #32-0017 – Transportation Master Plan update in the amount of \$275,000.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favor: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen

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

DEFEATED

R204-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that a maximum of \$60,000.00 be allocated to the November 18, 2015 Heartland Housing Foundation request for parking construction in front of Dr. Turner Lodge to be funded 50% from the Heartland Housing Foundation and 50% from the Self-Financing Stabilization Reserve.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 9:58 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

Barb Gamble, Director, Family & Community Support Services highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments.

Barb Shuman, Director, Recreation Services highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 11:12 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 11:55 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

Patty Walker, Director, Corporate Strategy highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments.

Susan Morrissey, Director, Finance Services and Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments and Capital Projects.

Councillor Bossert vacated the Council Chambers at 1:05 p.m.

Councillor Bossert re-entered the Council Chambers at 1:07 p.m.

R205-15 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that request #12-0104 – Multi-Year Budget Implementation Investigation in the amount of \$50,000.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R206-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that the City continue to move forward with the multi-year budgeting process analysis and that \$50,000.00 be allocated by the City Manager from within the current base budget to support that analysis.

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

Against: Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 2:18 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments.

Trevor Harder, Director, Information Technology highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments and Capital Projects.

Wendy Kinsella, Director, Corporate Communications highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 3:40 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 3:48 p.m.

Renee Fitzsimmons, Director, People Services highlighted the department's 2016 Budget Adjustments.

R207-15 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that request #12-0053 – Learning Culture Development Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Arjun Randhawa

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

R208-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #12-0080 – Compensation Review in the amount of \$20,000.00 be funded within the existing 2016 Budget and not through the Human Resources Reserve.

In Favour: Frank Garritsen

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

DEFEATED

R209-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that the policy for non-union compensation be amended to include an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) on January 1st based on the average of the following comparators:

- i. Cities: Spruce Grove, Camrose, Leduc, Lloydminster, Airdrie
- ii. Towns: Okotoks, Cochrane

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 4:40 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 4:47 p.m.

Ian Gray, Director, Infrastructure Management presented the cemetery fees and charges increase.

MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the Cemetery fees be adjusted to the revised schedule distributed to Council on November 19, 2015 and adopted by Council.

Councillor Bossert withdrew his motion.

R210-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the Cemetery Fees and Charges be adjusted by 33% based on the revised schedule distributed to Council on November 19, 2015

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Janel Smith-Duguid, Director, Planning & Development presented additional information on the Safety Code Services Review.

R211-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #12-0081 – Front Counter Support Clerk II in the amount of \$68,250.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Ed Sperling

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa

DEFEATED

R212-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that request #12-0099 – Land Management Program in the amount of \$165,372.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R213-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #23-0007 – Safety Codes Inspections in the amount of \$93,150.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Frank Garritsen

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

DEFEATED

R214-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #61-0024 – Planning Casual Relief in the amount of \$9,100.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen, Ed Sperling

Against: Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa

CARRIED

R215-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #72-0050 – Parks Positions be reduced by \$75,000.00 in the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Ed Sperling

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa

DEFEATED

3. Adjournment

R216-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the regular Council Meeting adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services