



Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Date: November 2, 2023
Time: 1:05 p.m.
Location: Hybrid meeting- virtual and Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Kelvin Galbraith, Lisa Kearns, Rory Nisan, Shawna Stolte, Paul Sharman, Angelo Bentivegna

Staff Present: Tim Commisso, Richard Bellemare (Audio/Video Specialist), Debbie Hordyk, Kevin Arjoon (Clerk)

Note: This City Council meeting was conducted using a hybrid model, allowing members of Council, city staff and delegations the option of participating remotely or in-person.

1. Call to Order:

2. Land Acknowledgement:

3. Regrets:

None.

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Delegations:

5.1 Anne and Dave Marsden spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

5.2 Amy Schnurr representing Burlington Green spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

5.3 Lydia Thomas spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

5.4 Eric Stern spoke regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

6. Petitions:

Link to [Petition](#)

6.1 STOP the Proposed 2024 Property Tax Increase - City of Burlington

Kevin Arjoon, City Clerk read the following into the record:

Petition received, On October 30, 2023 baring approximately 1650 signatures entitled " Stop the proposed 2024 Property Tax Increase - City of Burlington"

"We the undersigned do not agree to this proposed increase in property taxes for 2024. We the undersigned do not agree to any property tax increase over 3%."

Received and Filed

7. Recommendations from Standing Committees:

7.1 Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services meeting of November 2, 2023

a. Dispatch agreement extension (BFD-10-23)

Direct the Burlington Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to negotiate and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an extension of the Dispatch Agreement for a term of up to one year upon approval of the Fire Chief and Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

7.2 Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability meeting of November 1, 2023

Items a, c and d were voted upon by way of one consent vote.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

a. Pipeline to Permit Committee Terms of Reference (CM-15-23)

Approve the Pipeline to Permit Committee Terms of Reference as attached as Appendix A to city manager's office report CM-15-23; and

Appoint the following members of Council to Pipeline to Permit Committee for a two year term, ending November 30, 2025:

- Councillor Stolte (Deputy Mayor for Housing)
 - Councillor Galbraith (Deputy Mayor for Business and Red Tape Reduction)
 - Councillor Sharman (Deputy Mayor for Strategy and Budgets);
- and

Appoint Councillor Stolte as the second Co-Chair to the Pipeline to Permit Committee; and

Direct the City Clerk to forward this recommendation to the November 2, 2023, Council meeting for final approval.

CARRIED

c. Confidential legal update on a litigation matter regarding Tremaine Dundas (Evergreen Community)(L-69-23)

Instruct the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel, or his designate, to proceed in accordance with the instructions sought in confidential legal department report L-69-23.

CARRIED

d. Confidential legal update on a litigation matter regarding New OP Appeal (L-53-23)

Instruct the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel or his designate to proceed in accordance with the instructions sought in Confidential Legal Report L-53-23.

CARRIED

b. Confidential legal update on a litigation matter regarding 1010 Downsview Road and 355 Plains Road East (L-47-23)

Instruct the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel, or his designate, to proceed in accordance with the

instructions sought in confidential legal department report L-47-23;
and

That Council waive privilege to the planning rationale for the applications at 1010 Downsview Road and 355 Plains Road East contained in Appendix B of Report L-47-23 and confirm that the City has accepted the Offer to Settle, and that solicitor client privilege continue to apply for all purposes for the balance of the report L-47-23.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

8. Urgent Business:

8.1 Mayor's Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting after delegations.

Mayor Meed Ward passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Kelvin Galbraith to chair this portion of the meeting so she may answer questions regarding the Mayor's Budget 2024 (MO-02-23) through the Chair.

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Receive the Mayor's 2024 Operating Budget with a proposed net tax levy amount of \$243,400,298, and present the budget to the Nov. 21 and Nov. 23 (if required) CSSRA - Budget Committee for review and any amendments made by Council; and

Receive the Mayor's 2024 Capital Budget with a gross amount of \$88,556,830, a debenture requirement of \$6,900,000, and the 2025-2033 capital forecast with a gross amount of \$859,123,570, and a debenture requirement of \$24,950,000 as outlined in the 2024 Financial Needs and Multi-Year Forecast (F-35-23) as amended by Council; and

That the following items a, b, c and d are subject to any amendments made at the CSSRA Budget Committee November 21, and November 23 and associated Council meeting:

a. Administer the debenture in the amount of \$6,900,000 in 2024 as

tax supported debt; and

b. Incorporate the 2024 financial needs and multi-year forecast overview (F-35-23) and accompanying reference document into the Mayor's 2024 Budget, as amended and noted; and

c. Approve that any surplus or deficit resulting from a difference between the actual net assessment growth and the estimated 0.75% net assessment growth be transferred to/from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund; and

d. Declare that, in accordance with sis. 5(1)5 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and s. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is council's clear intention that the excess capacity provided by the above-referenced works will be paid for by future development charges.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

That Item 8.1 Mayors Budget 2024 - be amended to insert the following paragraph " **That the following items a, b, c and d are subject to any amendments made at the CSSRA Budget Committee November 21, and November 23 and associated Council meeting: "** and that the subsequent clauses be lettered accordingly.

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IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Deputy Mayor Galbraith passed the gavel back to Mayor Meed Ward to continue chairing the meeting.

9. Confidential Items and Closed Session:

None.

10. Rise and Report:

None.

11. Motion to Receive and File Information Items:

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Receive and file Information items, having been considered by Council:

CARRIED

11.1 Delegation notes from Amy Schnurr regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

11.2 Delegation notes from Lydia Thomas regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

11.3 Correspondence regarding Mayors Budget 2024 from Bay Area Climate Change Council (MO-02-23)

11.4 Correspondence from Heather Alexander regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

11.5 Correspondence from Lydia Thomas regarding Mayors Budget 2024 (MO-02-23)

12. Notice of Motion:

None.

13. Confirmatory By-law:

Moved by: Councillor Nisan

Seconded by: Councillor Bentivegna

Enact and pass By-law Number 68-2023 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held November 2, 2023 being read a first, second and third time.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

14. Statements by Members:

15. Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Councillor Nisan

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Adjourn this Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

2:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Kevin Arjoon

Clerk

Marianne Meed Ward

Mayor