Special General Committee Minutes

Meeting Number: 10
April 24, 2019, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Rouge River Community Centre

Roll Call	Mayor Frank Scarpitti	Councillor Reid McAlpine
	Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton (arrived at 11:50 AM)	Councillor Karen Rea
	Regional Councillor Jack Heath	Councillor Andrew Keyes
	Regional Councillor Joe Li	Councillor Amanda Collucci
	Regional Councillor Jim Jones	Councillor Khalid Usman
	Councillor Keith Irish	Councillor Isa Lee
	Councillor Alan Ho	

Staff	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer	Josh Machesney, Elections & Committee Coordinator
	Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
	Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services	Fred Rich, Manager, Strategy & Insurance Risk Management
	Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services	Meg West, Manager, Business Planning & Projects
	Catherine Conrad, City Solicitor and Acting Director of Human Resources	Mona Nazif, Senior Manager, HR Client Services
	Joel Lustig, Treasurer	Mark Visser, Senior Manager, Strategy, Innovation & Investments
	Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk	Sara Tam, Manager, Business Planning & Innovation
	Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer	Stephanie DiPerna, Manager, Plans Review
	Dave Decker, Fire Chief	Andrea Berry, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications & Community Engagement
	Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services	Catherine Biss, CEO, Markham Public Library
	Brian Lee, Director, Engineering	Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste Management & Environment
	Morgan Jones, Director, Operations	
	Graham Seaman, Director, Sustainability & Asset Management	
	Biju Karumanchery, Director, Planning & Urban Design	

John Yeh, Manager, Policy & Research

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special General Committee meeting Council Strategy Session 2 convened at 9:03 AM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath in the Chair.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti provided opening remarks and welcomed Members of Council and Staff.

General Committee recessed at 12:20 PM and reconvened at 1:03 PM.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None disclosed.

3. EDUCATION & TRAINING SESSION

3.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

3.1.1 DEREK BURLETON, VICE PRESIDENT & DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST, TD BANK GROUP

Derek Burleton, Vice-President and Deputy Chief Economist, discussed the current economic outlook in Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Mr. Burleton also provided insight into the key economic drivers over the next 10 years.

3.1.2 DANIELE ZANOTTI, UNITED WAY

Mayor Frank Scarpitti introduced Daniele Zanotti, MSW, United Way, Greater Toronto Area.

Mr. Zanotti discussed the comparative poverty landscape in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including the City of Toronto, Peel Region, and York Region. In particular, Mr. Zanotti spoke in-depth about the following:

- Income inequality in York Region;
- Affordable housing in Markham and York Region; and,
- Helping youth access the labour market.

Mr. Zanotti thanked Staff and Members of Council for the City's leadership and contributions to the United Way over the past several years, particularly the City's leadership in establishing a network for new immigrants attempting to access affordable housing and employment opportunities in Markham.

3.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING (FACILITATED DISCUSSION)

Joanne Berry, Facilitator, discussed the strategic planning process overview. Ms. Berry asked participants to brainstorm and discuss the following key business drivers that impact the City's strategic planning process:

- Political and regulatory;
- Economic;
- Social and demographic;
- Technology; and,
- Environmental.

Staff and Members of General Committee participated in an organizational SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis exercise. Participants were also asked to brainstorm the prominent issues and opportunities that are facing the community and they were discussed in open session.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Frank Scarpitti provided closing remarks and thanked the guest speakers and the facilitator for their time and for coming to speak to Staff and Members of General Committee.

The Special General Committee meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Moved By Councillor Amanda Collucci
Seconded By Councillor Khalid Usman

1. That the April 24, 2019 Special General Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried