Budget Public Consultation Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 1
November 25, 2020, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Live streamed

Members	Councillor Amanda Collucci, Chair Councillor Andrew Keyes, Vice-Chair Mayor Frank Scarpitti (ex-officio) Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Regional Councillor Jack Heath	Regional Councillor Jim Jones Councillor Keith Irish Councillor Reid McAlpine Councillor Isa Lee Lisa Chen, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting, Financial Services
Regrets	Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Alan Ho	Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Khalid Usman
Roll Call	Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer Trinela Cane, Commissioner, Corporate Services Arvin Prasad, Commissioner Development Services Claudia Storto, City Solicitor and Director of Human Resources Joel Lustig, Treasurer Bryan Frois, Chief of Staff	Brian Lee, Director, Engineering Biju Karumanchery, Director of Planning and Urban Design Morgan Jones, Director, Operations Laura Gold, Council and Committee Coordinator Christina Kakaflikas, Director of Economic Growth, Culture &

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Public Consultation Meeting convened at 7:05 PM with

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. BUDGET PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING PRESENTATION

The Mayor provided his sincere appreciation to Councillor Amanda Collucci, Budget Chief, Councillor Andrew Keyes, Vice-Chair of Budget Committee, and other Members

of the Budget Committee for their thoughtful considerations during the review of the 2021 Budget.

The Mayor also provided his sincere appreciation to Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Joel Lustig, Treasurer, Lisa Chen, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting, and to the rest of the Finance Team for their hard work and dedication in the preparation of the 2021 Budget.

Councillor Amanda Collucci, Budget Chief provided her sincere appreciation to Andy Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, Trinela Cane, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Joel Lustig, Treasurer, Lisa Chen, Senior Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting, and to the rest of the Finance Team for their hard work and dedication in the preparation of the 2021 Budget.

Councillor Amanda Collucci, Budget Chief also provided her sincere appreciation to Members of Budget Committee, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Regional Councillor Jim Jones. Regional Councillor Jack Heath, and Councillor Isa Lee for their thoughtful considerations during the review of the 2021 Budget.

Moved by Councillor Andrew Keyes
Seconded by Mayor Frank Scarpitti

1) That the Budget Public Consultation presentation be received;

2) That the 2021 Budget report be tabled at the December 9th, 2020 Council meeting; and,

3) That the minutes from the November 25th, 2020 "Public Budget Consultation Meeting" be tabled at the December 9th, 2020 Council meeting; and further,

4) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS

A Member of the Public asked how the pandemic impacted the Budget?

Joel Lustig Treasurer advised that the City was able to mitigate a 2020 Budget shortfall by measures taken by staff, and with funding received from other levels of government.

The pandemic will continue to have an impact on the 2021 Budget. Measures have been put in place to help mitigate the pressure, and staff will continue to monitor the Budget in 2021 and implement new measures if required.

The Budget Committee has approved a 0% tax rate increase for 2021 recognizing the challenges the pandemic has had on its residents, and businesses.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Public Consultation meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.