
TOWN OF SIDNEY
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2017
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey
Mayor S. Price & Councillors: E. Bremner-Mitchell, T. Chad, B. Fallot, C. McLennan
and P. Wainwright

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services
T. Tanton, Director of Development Services, Engineering, Parks & Works
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief
M. Harman, Deputy Fire Chief
B. Robinson, Manager of Public Works & Parks
T. Restell, Manager of Finance
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor C. McLennan, seconded by Mayor S. Price, that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PRESENTATION

4. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

a. 2017-2021 Financial Plan – Preliminary Discussions

i. Special Public Participation Period

There were no public speakers.

ii. Preliminary Discussions

Mr. A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the draft 2017 Budget highlighting on the following:

- \$10 million cost over two years for construction of the Community Safety Building; borrowing estimated at \$6.3M, potentially reduced by additional proceeds from sale of existing Fire Hall site.
- \$500,000 for construction of an Employee Parking Lot, which is proposed to be funded through Gas Tax Funding and not borrowing;
- \$60,000 increase in funding to the Infrastructure Reserve still being recommended;
- \$716,990 allocated for Community Support Funding for our community partners, including the Mary Winspear Centre, Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea, the Museum, and for economic development;
- \$265,000 in Amenity (Bonus Density) funding has been collected over the past 8 years and has been used for various projects (\$125,000 expected to be collected in 2017);
- Projected tax increase for 2018 expected to be over 3%, due to borrowing for Community Safety Building; however, may be partially reduced if development revenues increase.

Projected 2017 general tax increase = 1.14%

Mr. Hicik noted that any changes recommended tonight would be incorporated and presented at the next Budget Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Supplemental Reports:

1. Carshare Service in Downtown

Moved by Mayor S. Price, seconded by Councillor P. Wainwright, that the Committee recommend to Council:

1. *That a budget allocation from the Off-Street Parking Reserve to assist in establishing a downtown carshare service in the 2017 budget be approved; and*
2. *That staff be authorized to negotiate and enter into a service agreement with Modo Carshare Coop when funding allows.*

**OPPOSED: Councillor T. Chad
MOTION CARRIED 6:1**

2. Ocean Spray Park Sign

Moved by Mayor S. Price, seconded by Councillor P. Wainwright, that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposed sign be approved and installed in Ocean Spray Park for a cost of \$7,000.

**OPPOSED: Councillors: E. Bremner-Mitchell & B. Fallot
MOTION CARRIED 5:2**

Moved by Mayor S. Price, seconded by Councillor C. McLennan, that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be authorized to re-allocate \$20,000 of the budget for Gateway signage to fund the following Property Tax funded projects:

1. *Decorative Street Lighting (\$16,200); and*
2. *Council Chambers Upgrades (\$3,800).*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Additional Budget Notes

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the Committee recommend to Council that an increase of \$2,800 to the Museum be approved in the 2017 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the Committee recommend to Council that \$15,000 for Water Fountain Stations be funded from Community Amenity Funds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Gas Tax Funding

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the Committee recommend to Council that \$500,000 of Gas Tax funding allocated for the Bevan Fishing Pier Metal Painting be reallocated and used as the funding source for Phase 1 of the Employee Parking Lot.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. McLennan, that the Committee recommend to Council that the remaining projects allocated for Gas Tax Funding be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Utility Budgets

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the Committee recommend to Council that the Water Operating and Capital and the Sewer Operating and Capital budgets be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Projected 2017 general tax increase = 0.66%

iii. Follow Up - Special Public Participation Period

1. **J. Blair, 2312 Henry Avenue** – expressed concerns regarding the proposed new LED message board sign for the SHOAL Centre (noting that it would be a disturbance to the neighbors, a dangerous distraction to an already busy traffic area, and detract from the beautification of the area) and requested Council not to permit the erection of the sign.
2. **J. Treleven, 10134 Third Street (on behalf of the Grumpy Taxpayers of Greater Victoria)** – advised that they wish to dedicate their February newsletter issue to Sidney; thanked the Town for the reply to the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce' letter respecting commercial tax rates; and suggested that the Town review the impacts of the residential vs. commercial/industrial tax rates over the past 10 years.
3. **S. Duck, 9805 Second Street** – requested clarification regarding the proposed tax revenue expected from the Gateway project for 2018 and 2019; expressed support for the Modo carshare program, also encouraging a location at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal; and suggested that the Town redesign the proposed sign for Ocean Spray Park or else consider not installing one altogether.

5. PARKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

6. PROTECTIVE SERVICES

7. DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. MOTION TO GO “IN-CAMERA” (closed meeting) - Not required.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor C. McLennan, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER