

Council Caucus Room
February 14, 2011 5:00 p.m.

A meeting of Guelph City Council.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal Services; Ms. A. Pappert, Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Mrs. L.A. Giles, General Manager of Information Services/City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

- 1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Findlay
THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

Labour Relations/Employee Negotiation

S. 239 (2) (2) (d) Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

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DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There were no declarations.

Labour relations or employee negotiations

The Executive Director of Human Resources provided the Committee with information.

- 1. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT direction be given to staff with respect to non-union compensation adjustments in the 2011 operating budget.

Carried

- 2. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the closed meeting be recessed and resumed on February 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Chambers
February 14, 2011

Council reconvened in formal session at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal Services; Dr. J. Laird, Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. A. Pappert, Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. M. Neubauer, Chief Financial Officer/ City Treasurer; Mrs. L.A. Giles, General Manager of Information Services/City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

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There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear staff presentations with respect to the 2011 Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets.

Community & Social Services Department

The Executive Director of Community & Social Services Department provided a departmental overview. She outlined the budget challenges faced for 2011 and provided information relating to the 2011-2014 service reviews/efficiencies priorities. She also highlighted the impact of new facilities and growth on the proposed budget and provided information on the requested new staff positions and new services requested for 2011. She also provided information on the proposed capital budget, then outlined the 2011 budget risks.

Ms. A. Pappert
Ms. M. Neubauer

Staff were directed to provide options to achieve a 5% reduction to the 2011 budget of the Community & Social Services Department.

Operations & Transit Department

The Executive Director of Operations & Transit Department provided a financial overview of their budget and the operating base budget highlights. He outlined the impacts faced by the department due to growth, new facilities and the capital budget. He reviewed the proposed new services and revenues proposed for 2011. He briefly outlined the 2011 budget risks and reviews proposed to be undertaken to address cost containment.

He addressed the 2011 capital budget highlights and concerns.

Ian Panabaker, Corporate Manager of Downtown Renewal provided information on the Master Parking Study.

Mr. D. McCaughan
Ms. M. Neubauer

Staff were directed to:

- identify adjustments to the 2011 operating budget to allow the continuation of 20 minute bus service during the summer months and the operation of bus service on the July 1st statutory holiday until the transit growth strategy is implemented
- review the proposed transit fare increase until the new service routes are in place and the transit terminal is operational
- list of statutory holidays and the cost of providing transit service on those dates
- provide a breakdown of the projected transit cash fare of \$200,000
- review the master parking study in regards to moving forward the Wilson Street parkade
- breakdown of the parking operating and capital budgets
- the status of the parking reserve fund
- additional detailed information on the \$140,000 master parking study and the implications on the downtown, and the linkage to the growth plan
- how much money has been spent on parking plans especially in the downtown over the last 5 years
- information on staffing on pages 5.15 and 9.1
- information relating to cost recovery with respect to by-law infractions
- cost of changing the standard for snow clearing to 10 cm from the existing 8 cm standard
- cost of the elimination of the spring yard waste clean up
- clarification on the Community Responder position (pg. 7.4 and 7.8)
- clarification on the forest service \$85,200 (pg 9.5) – staff or contract position and types of services provide
- any background reasoning for the Central Student Association's request to fund the late night bus service

Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services

The Executive Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services provided a departmental overview. She outlined the impacts to the 2011 operating budget with respect to operating pressures, growth, new facilities and new services. She also provided information on the projected increases to revenues. She provided highlights of the proposed 2011 capital budget.

Dr. J. Laird
Ms. M. Neubauer

Staff were directed to provide:

- background information on the IMICO site with respect to what has taken place since the City assumed ownership with respect to types of remediation, status of the remediation, and what more needs to be done in order for the city to be in a position to talk with potential developers
- cost benefit analysis with respect to purchase of 4 vehicles versus rental
- clarification on midyear FTEs adjustment
- clarification on hiring FTE at \$0 are all the costs included
- options for a 5% reduction to the Planning, Engineering & Environmental Services Department proposed 2011 budget

Human Resources & Legal Services Department

The Executive Director of Human Resources & Legal Services provided a departmental overview. He highlighted the changes to the proposed 2011 departmental operating budget. He also provided information on the impact new facilities and growth has on the proposed budget.

Mr. M. Amorosi
Ms. M. Neubauer

Staff were directed to provide:

- information on the POA revenues – do they include fines relating to shared rental housing
- how much in outstanding fines are owed to the City
- how many fines relating to shared rental housing were issued with respect to the 57 complaints to the University of Guelph

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed March 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Clerk