

Council Caucus Room
February 22, 2011- 6:30 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. 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; Ms. D. Jaques, General Manager of Legal Services/City Solicitor; and Mrs. L.A. Giles, General Manager of Information Services/City Clerk

- 1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

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 6:31 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

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1. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

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

A recorded vote was requested, which resulted as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Kovach and Van Helemond (4)

Carried

2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

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

A recorded vote was requested, which resulted as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw and Piper (4)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (9)

Defeated

- 3. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

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A recorded vote was requested, which resulted as follows:

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Findlay, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Dennis, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach and Van Hellemond (6)

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Chambers
February 22, 2011

Council reconvened in formal session at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: 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; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

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

DELEGATIONS

Anastasia Ziprick was present on behalf of the Guelph Jazz Festival and advised that the organization is finding it difficult to cover their expenses. She advised that unless they receive reduced fees for the use of the River Run Centre they will not be in a position to stage events at the facility.

Sandy Ferguson-Escott on behalf of the Guelph Non Profit Housing Corporation provided a brief history on their operations. She advised of the funding difficulties relating to their property at 747 Paisley Road. She requested that the City broaden the tax exemption for the property to include education taxes and to extend the tax exemptions for both municipal and education purposes to December 31, 2035.

Terry O'Connor of the Income Security Action Group, a committee of the Poverty Task Force, encouraged Council to implement a reduced bus rate pass for persons on low income.

Erinn White of the Guelph & District Labour Council was not present.

Ben Bennett requested Council to not raise the transit fares or reduce the service levels. He suggested that the use of transit reduces costs elsewhere such as on road maintenance and asked the City to provide a skeleton transit service on statutory holidays.

Barb McPhee of Community Voices was present and expressed concern with the proposed changes to transit services with respect to holiday service and the fare increase. She requested that Council give consideration to not increasing the transit fare and to work with the community to provide an affordable bus pass for those in need.

Konnie Peet was present on behalf of the Guelph-Wellington Drug Strategy Committee, and requested that the City increase their funding to \$22,890.

Andrew Seagram on behalf of the Guelph Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination expressed concern with the proposed transit service reductions and requested that the service not be cancelled on holidays. He further

requested that the City create a new low income rate for those persons requiring income assistance.

Paul Clarkson requested that the City not increase the transit fares and to make sure that there is bus service provided on statutory holidays. He urged Council to work with community members to create an affordable bus pass program.

Paul Reeve, Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee requested that the City fund the FAIR, fee assistance in recreation program in the amount of \$25,000 as this program assists many people with disabilities to participate in recreation programs. He also urged Council to retain \$100,000 in the budget towards activating changes to city facilities to meet accessibility standards.

Peter Mac Neill of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1189 was present and expressed concern of the impact that reduced transit service would have on the community and the transit employees. He further expressed concern with the one hour transfer time and that the projected revenues are based on the current ridership and the effect reduced ridership would have.

Jacqueline Dixon was not present.

Lloyd Longfield was present on behalf of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce. He expressed concern with:

- number of full time employees being added to the budget and suggested that only positions which are absolutely necessary to help manage growth or to provide support of revenue growth be considered;
- revenue growth coming from residential and business development;
- number of infrastructure programs included in the budget and suggested that there should be a gap in projects so that the debt incurred during the stimulus program can be paid;

He suggested that marketing assistance should be sought for promotion of the Sleeman Centre and the River Run Centre.

Steven Petric expressed concern with the proposed increase to transit fares and suggested that rush hour service should be implemented instead of all day 20 min service in the summer. He further suggested that the Guelph Transit Advisory Committee should be revived.

Lou Maieron, Mayor of the Town of Erin was present with respect to the ambulance service provided to the Town of Erin. He suggested that the City consider moving the new

ambulance to be purchased to the empty bay that is present in the Town of Erin.

- Mr. D. McCaughan
1. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
- THAT the following matters be referred to the Operations & Transit Committee:
- the work, resources and timelines required to implement a low rate bus pass for persons on low income
 - review of the 1 hour transit transfer time

AND THAT staff be directed to work with the Guelph Wellington Poverty Task Force in consideration of a low rate bus pass.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

- Ms. M. Neubauer
2. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw
- THAT the request from the Guelph Non-Profit Housing Corporation to broaden and extend the tax exemption for 747 Paisley Road be referred to the Finance Department for a report back to the Corporate Administration, Finance & Emergency Services Committee.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (13)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

The following information was requested:

- Separate out increases to revenues from the remainder of the budget.
- Identify what the actual amounts for rental would be with and without the reduction to the Guelph Jazz Festival costs for the River Run Centre

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed March 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk