



**Minutes of Guelph City Council
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Mayor Farbridge
Councillor Bell
Councillor Dennis
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Furfaro
Councillor Guthrie

Councillor Hofland
Councillor Kovach
Councillor Laidlaw
Councillor Piper
Councillor Van Hellemond
Councillor Wettstein

Absent: Councillor Burcher

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Amorosi, Executive Director, Corporate & Human Resources
Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director, Finance & Enterprise
Ms. J. Laird, Executive Director, Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment
Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director, Operations, Transit & Emergency Services
Mr. D. Thomson, Executive Director, Community & Social Services
Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk
Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Farbridge called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Ms. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Mr. Derrick Thomson, Executive Director of Community & Social Services.

2014-2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget & Forecast

The Mayor provided introductory remarks to the budget process and advised that the purpose of the meeting is to receive information regarding the capital budget and decisions are being referred to the December 5th budget meeting.

Ms. A. Pappert, CAO, gave a brief outline of the key points of the budget forecast.

Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director of Finance & Enterprise/Chief Financial Officer, provided an outline of the Capital budget including: assumptions and strategy, budget highlights, challenges and future work, and the process and next steps. He also noted the contents of the council budget packages.

Chief Larkin, Guelph Police Services, explained the increased funding request for the expansion of the Guelph Police Headquarters and advised that they have not at this time completed any Community engagement and will have a business case completed in the 1st quarter of 2014.

Councillor Kovach retired from the meeting. (6:44 p.m.)

A discussion ensued regarding the projects that are being brought forward for approval in the capital budget and the desire for more detail regarding the projects, those that did not make the list, and the criteria to determine how those decisions were made. Assessment growth numbers were also discussed. Staff advised that they will be posting the detailed information sheets on the intranet and providing assessment figures for the past few years.

Staff provided information regarding various budget items such as Public Health facility financing, Active Transportation, urban forestry, upgrades to Recreation facilities and park upgrades, Public Works yard expansion, transit facility requirements, the Farmer's Market, and road and sidewalk improvement projects.

Delegations

Ms. Judy Martin, Sierra Club, provided statistics regarding the financial benefits of a green infrastructure and requested more funding. She suggested money be allocated to watershed plans and updating the naturalization policy.

Ms. Sue Rietschin, Guelph Urban Forest Friends (GUFF), believes that green infrastructure is not valued as it should be and suggested that money be invested to implement the Urban Forest Management Plan and education take place regarding the emerald ash borer.

Mr. Ted Pritchard, Fair Taxes Campaign-Guelph, requested the purchase of garbage trucks, rear loading dump trucks or pick-up trucks that can be used on condominium properties. He suggested the City consider collecting garbage in different ways to accommodate the various needs to be able to provide all services to all home owners paying the same taxes.

Ms. Yvette Tendick, Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation (GCAT), noted that money should be provided for trails and active transportation since walking and cycling are ranked high as a priority by the citizens of Guelph.. She suggested more bicycle lanes are needed and noted Woodlawn Road as a critical area.

Mr. Luke Weiler was not present.

Main Motion

1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
 1. That the 2014-2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast, in the amount of \$545,890,300, including \$79,740,600 for 2014, be received for information.
 2. That the 2014-2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget be referred to the December 5, 2013 Council meeting for final deliberation and approval of the 2014 requirements.

First Amendment

2. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie

That staff examine advancing the Dakota Park project in the capital budget timeline and the implications of doing that and report back to Council on or before the December 5th budget meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Dennis (1)

CARRIED

Second Amendment

3. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie

That staff examine advancing the leash free parks project in the capital budget timeline and the implications of doing that and report back to Council on or before the December 5th budget meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Dennis (1)

CARRIED

Third Amendment

4. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Guthrie

That staff examine advancing the Woodlawn Road active transportation project in the capital budget timeline and the implications of doing that and report back to Council on or before the December 5th budget meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Dennis (1)

CARRIED

Fourth Amendment

5. Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Findlay

That staff report back regarding the impacts of implementing a strategy to increase the green infrastructure capital funding to increase the canopy.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Dennis (1)

CARRIED

Main Motion as Amended

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Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
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VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (10)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Dennis (1)

CARRIED

Adjournment (9:10 p.m.)

7. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Minutes to be confirmed on October 28, 2013.

Mayor Farbridge

Deputy Clerk