

Council Caucus Room  
November 2, 2011 5:30 p.m.

**A meeting of Guelph City Council.**

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

Staff Present: Ms. A. Pappert, 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. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; and Ms. T. Agnello, Acting Clerk

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

**Non-Union Employee Compensation - 2012**

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

**Chief Financial Officer Update**

S. 239 (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk

Council Caucus Room  
November 2, 2011 5:32 p.m.

**A meeting of Guelph City Council closed to the public.**

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Burcher (arrived at 5:50 p.m.), Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein

Staff Present: Ms. A. Pappert, 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. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; and Ms. T. Agnello, Acting Clerk

**DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There were no declarations.

**Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations**

Mr. M. Amorosi

- 1. Moved by Councillor Hofland  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw  
THAT the report of the Executive Director of Corporate and Human Resources dated November 2, 2011, regarding Non-Union Compensation for 2012 be received.

Carried

**Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal update.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk

Council Chambers  
November 2, 2011

**Council reconvened in formal session at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Staff Present: Ms. A. Pappert, 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. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director of Community & Social Services; Ms. S. Aram, Acting City Treasurer; Ms. T. Agnello, Acting Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

### **DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

The Mayor reviewed the budget process to date and outlined the process for the adoption of the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget.

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget. She advised that the proposed budget achieves the 3% guideline set by Council and focused on affordability. She highlighted the innovative projects included in the proposed budget and the challenges faced. She also highlighted the growth related items and new services in the various areas not funded.

The Acting City Treasurer outlined the breakdown of the use of the municipal tax dollars and advised that Council has control only over 65% of the budget. She provided a history of the tax increases since 2004 and a financial comparison overview with other municipalities relating to household income and various residential property taxes. She provided information on operating related reserves, the total annualization and impact from capital costs, general expenditures, capital financing and cross charges along with general revenues and grants.

The Executive Director of Corporate & Human Resources provided information on compensation, benefits and training impacts on the budget.

The Executive Director of Planning, Building, Engineering & Environment provided information on purchases goods and services.

The Executive Director of Operations & Transit provided information on the proposed increase to revenues.

The Interim Executive Director of Community & Social services provided information on the quality of life improvements included in the proposed budget.

Staff were asked to provide comparator financial overview information with respect to the other approved comparators.

1. Moved by Councillor Findlay  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland

Ms. S. Aram  
Ms. C. Clack  
Mr. D. McCaughan

THAT the matter with respect to including the affordable bus pass in the amount of \$256,200 in the 2012 operating budget be referred to staff to report back on how this program could be included in the 2012 operating budget and the impacts of including this program.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond, Wettstein and Mayor Farbridge (12)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Councillor Kovach was not present in the Council Chambers when the vote was taken.

Carried

2. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

Ms. S. Aram  
Mr. I. Panabaker

THAT the matter with respect to an increase in the amount of \$100,000 for the Downtown Improvement Program be referred to staff to report back on the impact of including this in the 2012 operating budget;

AND THAT staff include the estimate of increase to the assessment base when reporting back.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Furfaro, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (8)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Guthrie, Kovach and Mayor Farbridge (5)

Carried

Ms. S. Aram  
Mr. D. McCaughan

3. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Bell  
THAT staff be directed to investigate and report back whether funding of \$100,000 could be included in the 2012 operating budget for the Comprehensive Parking Strategy.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Burcher, Furfaro, Guthrie, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (7)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Dennis, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Piper and Wettstein (6)

Carried

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland  
THAT the matter of reinstating \$123,000 to Training and Development in the 2012 Operating Budget be referred back to staff.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Hofland, Laidlaw, Piper and Mayor Farbridge (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillor Bell, Dennis, Findlay, Furfaro, Guthrie, Kovach, Van Hellemond and Wettstein (8)

Defeated

5. Moved by Councillor Piper  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the Zoning Inspector for Shared Rental Housing in the amount of \$120,900 be referred back to staff to investigate how the position could be included in the 2012 operating budget with the possibility of the position commencing at an appropriate time such as midyear.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Guthrie, Piper and Wettstein (5)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond, and Mayor Farbridge (8)

Defeated

Ms. S. Aram

6. Moved by Councillor Wettstein  
Seconded by Councillor Burcher  
THAT the position of Manager – Internal Audit in the amount of \$132,700 be referred to staff to provide additional information on including this position in the 2012 operating budget.

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

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

Carried

Ms. S. Aram

7. Moved by Councillor Burcher  
Seconded by Councillor Hofland  
THAT the 2012 Tax Supported Operating Budget with a net levy requirement of \$174,629,567 be received for information.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed November 28, 2011.

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Mayor

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Acting Clerk