

Council Caucus Room
November 30, 2009 5:00 p.m.

A meeting of Guelph City Council.

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Billings, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

Absent: Councillors Beard, Burcher, Kovach and Laidlaw

Staff Present: Mr. H. Loewig, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. M. Amorosi, Director of Human Resources; Chief S. Armstrong, Director of Emergency Services; Dr. J. Laird, Director of Environmental Services; Mr. D. McCaughan, Director of Operations; Ms. M. Neubauer, Director of Finance; Ms. A. Pappert, Director of Community Services; Ms. L.E. Payne, Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor; Mr. J. Riddell, Director of Community Design and Development Services; Mrs. L.A. Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk; and Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Co-ordinator

- 1. Moved by Councillor Hofland
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the Council of the City of Guelph now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to:

Labour Relations

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

Litigation Settlement

S. 239 (2) (e) and (f) litigation or potential litigation; advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege.

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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November 30, 2009 5:02 p.m.

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DECLARATIONS UNDER MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

There were no declarations.

The Director of Corporate Services/City Solicitor provided information with respect to a proposed litigation settlement.

Litigation or Potential Litigation / Advice that is subject to Solicitor/Client Privilege

Ms. L.E. Payne

1. Moved by Councillor Findlay
Seconded by Councillor Burcher
That Council authorize the execution of the Settlement Proposal with respect to MTA Architects regarding litigation relating to the New City Hall.

Carried

Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

Staff responded to questions of the Committee.

Mr. M. Amorosi

2. Moved by Councillor Kovach
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw
THAT staff be given direction with respect to labour relations relating to the 2010 budget.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 o'clock p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk

Council Chambers
November 30, 2009

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

Present: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Beard, Bell, Billings, Burcher, Farrelly, Findlay, Hofland, Kovach, Laidlaw, Piper, Salisbury and Wettstein

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The Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear the staff presentation on the 2010 budgets.

The Chief Administrative Officer provided information on the proposed 2010 operating budget and advised that the City is not in a unique situation as other municipalities across the country are experiencing the same challenges. He advised that the primary factor impacting the budget is the \$8.1 million revenue loss with the overall increase over 2009 of 9.2%. He further advised that the recommended proposals reduce the increase to 4.48%.

He outlined the principles considered when putting forward proposals to reduce the increase to the budget, such as the protection of core services, minimizing the impact on services to the community, mitigating the

impact to City staff relating to job losses and sensitivity to the taxpayer regarding a tax increase. He briefly reviewed the proposed reductions.

The Director of Finance advised that the proposed 2010 capital budget complies with the recently adopted policies. She advised that the capital from current/reserves funding remains the same as in 2009, but the use of an "envelope" system has been introduced for 2010. She then advised that 2010 will be focused on completing prior approved works, stimulus projects and ongoing maintenance, with the Hanlon Creek Business Park development and sale of serviced land providing capacity for other works in later years.

The Director of Community Services provided information with respect to the Guelph Public Central Library and the South End Community Centre. She advised that both projects are not "shovel" ready and that the Central Library needs to be looked at separately from Baker Street. She advised that staff will be recommending that work continue on these projects so that they will be ready in order to respond to any future funding opportunities and partnerships that arise.

In response to questions by members of Council, staff provided detailed information.

Staff were requested to provide the following information:

- Chief Administrator Office to speak with the agencies in an effort to reduce their budgets
- Report back on what is projected savings for utilities/conservation efficiencies and the rationale for the overall projections in the budget
- Obtain information with respect to contracting fuel services
- Forward a list of municipalities which do not clear sidewalks
- List of streets where sidewalk snow removal will continue
- Report back on the operation of the proposed revised household hazardous waste operations and the potential fee for service
- Report back on operating summer day camps on a revenue neutral basis
- Provide information on what a 3%, 5% and 7% transit fare increase would be
- Comparison on other municipalities transit fare increases
- Statistics of transit ridership on various statutory and civic holidays and the revenues versus operating costs

- Report back on a refined youth subsidy criteria
- Comparison of the youth subsidy in relation to other municipalities
- Information on the amount of revenue that would be received with a 10% ice rental fee at Centennial Park and the impact of the youth subsidy reduction
- Breakdown of the purchased services specifically MPAC and insurance fees
- Report back on the impact of no contract hirings
- Report back on alternative methods of delivering dining room services at the Evergreen Senior Centre and what would be involved in moving toward operating on a cost recovery basis
- Impact of a reduction to the Macdonald Stewart Art Gallery agreement
- Parking garages not being operated by the city

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 o'clock p.m.

Minutes read and confirmed December 21, 2009.

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Mayor

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Clerk