

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021 AT 10:30 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Chrest In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Ron W. Brown, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Jan Chaboyer, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Jeff Fawcett, Councillor John LoRegio, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker

ABSENT: Nil

It was noted that in accordance with Section 109 of Procedure By-law No. 6634, Councillor LoRegio participated in the meeting electronically.

READING OF THE CALL:

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk advised that notice of this meeting had been provided to all members of City Council advising that a Special Meeting of City Council would be held this date to deliberate the City's 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

The City Clerk confirmed that in view of the above compliance and there being quorum, it was lawful to proceed with this Special Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2021 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Parker-Cameron

923 That the 2021 Operating and Capital budgets be approved;

and further, that Administration prepare the required Financial Plan in accordance with the above noted budgets. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Chaboyer

924 That the main motion be amended by adding following the word: "approved", the words: "subject to:

- (1) (a) the deletion of \$107,490 as an operating budget expense from Community Grants for the Regional Library per capita levy;
- (b) the deletion of \$28,585 as an operating budget expense from Information Technology as salary costs;
- (c) the deletion of \$7,000 as an operating budget expense from Transit Operations as salary costs;

- (d) the deletion of \$1,000 as an operating budget expense from the Municipal Airport for radio costs;
- (e) the deletion of \$12,475 as an operating budget expense from Building Maintenance for cleaning contracts;
- (f) the addition of \$27,000 as an operating budget expense to Environment Initiatives for the environmental levy expense;
- (g) the deletion of the transfer of \$200,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve to Affordable Housing Grants and the corresponding capital grant to the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation for housing projects at 341 – 3rd Street and 537 – 6th Street;
- (h) the deletion of the transfer of \$37,800 from the Affordable Housing Reserve and the corresponding operating budget expense from Affordable Housing Grants for the tax-offsetting grant to 19 - 13th Street;
- (i) the deletion of the transfer of \$18,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve and the corresponding operating budget expense from Affordable Housing Grants for the tax-offsetting grant to 338 Louise Avenue;
- (j) the deletion of \$15,500 as a utility operating budget expense from Utility Administration for software and license contracts;
- (k) the addition of \$149,237 as a utility operating budget expense to Utility Admin Engineering for salary costs;
- (l) the deletion of \$133,737 as a utility operating budget expense from Utility Admin Engineering for the appropriation to the Water Distribution Reserve;
- (m) the addition of \$5,000 as a capital budget expense for a materials lab exhaust fan to be funded from the Capital Development Reserve;
- (n) the addition of \$6,000 as a capital budget expense for the police in-car camera installation to be funded from the Police Equipment Reserve;
- (o) the deletion of \$20,000 as a capital budget expense for the Airfield Lighting System;
- (p) the deletion of \$120,000 as a capital budget expense for the Cart Storage Compound;
- (q) the addition of \$5,000 as a capital budget expense for the Andrews Field Sound System to be funded from the Andrews Field Reserve; and
- (r) the addition of \$50,000 as a capital budget expense for City Hall security upgrades to be funded from the Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve. “

CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-Luebke

925 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(2) the deletion of \$157,000 as an operating budget expense from the Police Services budget;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cullen-Berry

926 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(3) the deletion of \$142,280 as an operating budget expense for the Downtown Security Patrol contract, and the addition of \$142,280 to the Brandon Police Service budget;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

927 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(3) the addition of \$12,000 as an operating budget expense to Transit Operations for the provision of transit services on statutory holidays;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

928 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the following: “to be funded from the COVID-19 Restart Transit Reserve”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

929 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(4) the transfer of \$193,131 from the COVID-19 Restart General Reserve to the Accommodation Tax Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Berry

930 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(5) the addition of \$45,000 as an operating budget expense to Street & Walkway Maintenance for additional back lane dust control;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cameron

931 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(6) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense for funding to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Parker

932 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(7) the deletion of \$14,000 as an operating budget expense from Council Expenses for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention expenses;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Chaboyer

933 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of \$75,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Land Acquisition Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Cullen

934 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(9) the addition of \$100,000 as an operating budget expense for a Sump Pump/Back Valve Program to be funded from the Water Distribution Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Luebke

935 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(10) the deletion of \$600,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Parks Reserve; and the deletion of \$800,000 as a capital budget expense from the Parks Reserve for the Outdoor Sports Complex detailed design project;”. CARRIED.

Parker-Luebke

936 That up to \$6,000,000 in debenture funding be pursued for the Outdoor Sports Complex project. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

937 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(11) the addition of \$510,000 as an operating expense for the grant to the Keystone Centre capital funding to be funded through the Accommodation Tax Reserve;”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Chrest-Cullen

938 That the above amending motion be further amended by deleting the figure: “\$510,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$500,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Luebke

939 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(12) the addition of \$5,000 as an operating budget expense to Community Grants for the Brandon Bear Clan subject to the organization submitting an application to the Grants Review Committee and following the review process;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Luebke

940 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(13) the deletion of \$94,200 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Affordable Housing Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Berry

941 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(14) the deletion of \$300,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Machinery & Equipment Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Cameron

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(15) the transfer of \$75,000 from the COVID-19 Restart General Reserve to Transit Operations;”. NOT VOTED ON.

Luebke-Desjarlais

942 That the pending motion with respect to the transfer of COVID-19 Reserve funds to Transit Operations be laid on the table. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Parker

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(15) the deletion of \$100,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Technology Reserve;”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

944

Chrest-Desjarlais

That the above amending motion be further amended deleting the figure: “\$100,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$50,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Parker-Luebke

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Civic Services Complex Reserve;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

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Cullen-Desjarlais

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$175,000 as a capital budget expense for the Engineering traffic movement study;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

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Luebke-Cameron

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(16) the addition of \$10,000 as an operating budget expense to Operations Administration for surface drainage education;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Chrest

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(16) the addition of \$30,000 as an operating budget expense to Environmental Initiatives for surface drainage education, a residential rain barrel program and a rain garden project;”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

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Desjarlais-Chaboyer

That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$30,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$40,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Desjarlais

950 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(17) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense to Community Grants for the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum;”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Berry

951 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$50,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "25,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Brown

952 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(18) the addition of \$12,000 as an operating budget expense to Council Expenses for the Age Friendly Committee;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Cameron

953 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(19) the addition of \$10,000 as an operating budget expense to Community Grants for an increase in the grant to Brandon Museum Inc. (Daly House Museum);”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Desjarlais

954 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(20) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating expense to Community Grants for community centres;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cullen

955 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(21) the addition of \$10,000 as an operating budget expense to Environmental Initiatives for advertising for educational initiatives relating to the environment, composting and recycling;. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Parker

956 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(22) the addition of \$40,000 as an operating budget expense to Community Grants for funding to Brandon General Museum & Archives Inc.;;” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Brown-Luebke

957 That the above amending motion be further amended by deleting the figure: “\$40,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$55,000”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Desjarlais

958 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(23) the addition of \$100,000 as a utility budget expense to Water Services for a Lead Pipe Replacement Program to be funded from the Water Distribution Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Cameron

959 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(24) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense to Community Grants as a grant to the Natural Conservancy of Canada for the Lady's Slipper Project;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Fawcett

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(25) the transfer \$750,000 from 8th Street Bridge Reserve to the General Operating fund whereby \$250,000 shall fund the downtown angle parking project; \$250,000 shall be transferred to the Sportsplex Reserve for accessibility upgrades; and \$250,000 shall be transferred to the Parks Reserve for the creation of a green space upon the demolition of the Park Community Centre;”. NOT VOTED ON.

Luebke-Cameron

960 That the pending motion with respect to the reallocation of the 8th Street Bridge Reserve funds be laid on the table. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Desjarlais

961 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(25) the deletion of \$1.2 Million as a capital budget expense for the 8th Street Bridge Detailed Design;”. CARRIED.

Berry-Luebke

962 That the pending motion with respect to the reallocation of the 8th Street Bridge Reserve funds be taken from the table. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Fawcett

963 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(26) the transfer \$750,000 from 8th Street Bridge Reserve to the General Operating fund whereby \$250,000 shall fund the downtown angle parking project; \$250,000 shall be transferred to the Sportsplex Reserve for accessibility upgrades; and \$250,000 shall be transferred to the Parks Reserve for the creation of a green space upon the demolition of the Park Community Centre;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

964 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(26) the transfer of \$85,000 from the Parks Reserve for the South End Community Centre Demolition to the Park Community Centre Project;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

965 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(26) the transfer of \$75,000 for the Park Community Centre Amenities Project from the 2022 Capital Plan to 2021 Capital Plan, to be funded from the Parks Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

966 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(27) the transfer of \$95,000 from the Perpetual Care Reserve to Cemetery Operations operating budget;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Parker

967 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(28) the addition of \$75,000 as an operating fund expense for sidewalk construction, repair and curb cuts to be funded from the Gas Tax Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chrest-Desjarlais

968 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(29) the addition of \$100,00 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Library Building Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Chrest

That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(30) the addition of \$400,000 to create a Back Lane Maintenance Reserve;”. NOT VOTED ON.

Desjarlais-Cameron

969 That the pending motion with respect to the creation of a Back Lane Maintenance Reserve be laid on the table motion. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Desjarlais

970 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(30) the addition of \$10,000 as an operating budget expense to Council Expenses for the Poverty Committee;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Fawcett

971 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(31) the deletion of \$104,250 from the transfer of funds from the COVID Restart General Reserve to the general operating fund;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

972 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(31) the transfer \$115,000 from the Capital Development Reserve to the general operating fund;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

973 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(31) the transfer of \$85,000 from the Capital Development Reserve to Park Community Centre project;”. CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

974 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(32) the addition of \$200,000 to the Vacancy Allowance;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

975 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(32) the addition of \$20,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Andrews Field Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Chaboyer

976 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(33) the addition of \$10,000 as an operating budget expense for Transit advertising to be funded from the COVID Restart Transit Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Luebke

977 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(34) the addition of \$100,000 as an operating budget expense for an audit of staff operations;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Desjarlais

978 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(34) the addition of \$60,000 as an operating budget expense to Transit Operations for enhanced Sunday service;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

979 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(34) the deletion of \$10,000 as an operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Airport Reserve;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

980 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following thereto:

“(35) the deletion of \$135,000 for the Community Centre Feasibility Study from the 2022 Capital Plan;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Cameron

981 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following thereto:

“(36) the transfer of \$400,000 from the 2020 surplus to the 2021 Operating Budget;”. CARRIED.

Chaboyer-Luebke

982 That the pending motion with respect to the transfer of COVID reserve funds to Transit Operations be taken from the table. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Luebke

983 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following thereto:

“(37) the transfer of \$75,000 to Transit Operations from the COVID Restart Transit Reserve;”. CARRIED.

Desjarlais-Chaboyer

984 That the pending motion with respect to the creation of a Backlane Maintenance Reserve be taken from the table. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Chrest

985 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(38) the addition of \$400,000 to create a Back Lane Maintenance Reserve;”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais/Cameron

986 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(38) the addition of \$200,000 as an operating budget expense to Street & Walkway Maintenance for back lane maintenance;”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

987 That the main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(39) the transfer of \$150,000 from the COVID Restart General Reserve to the general operating fund. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Parker-Fawcett

988 That the above amending motion be further amended by deleting the figure: “\$150,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$610,000”. CARRIED

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above amendments to the budgets, as presented, resulted in a tax decrease of 1.0%.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Chaboyer

That the meeting do now adjourn. (6:22 p.m.) CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK