

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 AT 8:30 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Fawcett In The Chair, Councillor Shawn Berry, Councillor Shaun Cameron, Councillor Barry Cullen, Councillor Kris Desjarlais, Councillor Greg Hildebrand, Councillor Heather Karrouze, Councillor Bruce Luebke, Councillor Glen Parker, Councillor Jason Splett, Councillor Tyson Tame

ABSENT: Nil

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 2024 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) CANCELLATION OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Berry-Splett

664 That the Regular Council Meeting Scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024 be postponed to the February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting pursuant to section 20 of the Procedures By-law. CARRIED.

(B) 2024 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Berry-Luebke

665 That the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets as presented with a 10.2% increase be approved. LOST.

Luebke-Cameron

666 That the 2024 Operating and Capital budget be approved;

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

FOR

AGAINST

Mayor Jeff Fawcett
Councillor Shaun Cameron
Councillor Barry Cullen
Councillor Kris Desjarlais
Councillor Greg Hildebrand
Councillor Heather Karrouze
Councillor Glen Parker
Councillor Jason Splett
Councillor Tyson Tame

Councillor Shawn Berry
Councillor Bruce Luebke

AMENDMENT

Berry-Cameron

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

"(1) the addition of \$136,810 in revenue from Transit Ridership". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

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

"(2) the addition of \$30,000 in revenue recommended to be from Police Parking Tickets". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

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

"(3) the reduction of \$50,000 in revenue from Police Impound Fees". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

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

"(4) the reduction of \$20,000 as an operating budget expense under the Recycling Operations contracts". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

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

"(5) the reduction of \$1,500 as an operating budget expense under City Manager memberships". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Cullen

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

"(6) the addition of \$11,547 as an operating budget expense under Council Indemnity to reflect CPI adjustment". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Cameron

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

"(7) the addition of \$44,691 as an operating budget expense to extend the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Project Programmer and Coordinator Term position as a one-time adjustment". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

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

"(8) the addition of \$165,000 as an operating budget expense to the Brandon Police Services Board budget with the intent to hire and equip four (4) cadets". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

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

"(9) the addition of \$123,750 as an operating budget expense to the Brandon Police Services Board budget with the intent to hire equip three (3) cadets or contract security services". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(10) the addition of \$200,000 as an operating budget expense for the Land Drainage Model Updates to be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Tame

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

"(11) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense for the Resident Home Drainage Assistance Program to be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(12) the addition of \$22,000 in 2024, and reduction of same in 2027 for the Brandon Fire and Emergency Services for Turnout Gear Washer Replacement". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Cullen

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

"(13) the addition of \$97,455 as an operating budget expense for Brandon Police Services re-budgeted capital as follows: Crime Division Office Equipment (\$53,395), Crime Clerk Office Renovation (\$21,000), Radar Units (\$17,120), and Board Room Chairs (\$5,940)". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(14) the addition of \$40,500 as an operating budget expense for Brandon Police Services re-budgeted expense for Police Fleet p-212 By-law". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Berry

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

"(15) the addition of \$27,268 as an operating budget expense for highway signage update re-budgeted with \$15,919 in grant funding and \$11,349 to be funded from the Highway Signage Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(16) the addition of \$71,198 as an operating budget expense for Brandon Police Services re-budgeted expense for police radios to be funded from the Police Equipment Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(17) the addition of \$38,000 to increase Economic Development Federal Funding and Special Projects to reflect funded portions of Foreign Direct Investment". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(18) the deletion of \$55,000 in 2024, and addition of same in 2025 for the Civic Service Complex Eavestroughs". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

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

"(19) the addition of \$3,934,277 as a capital expense for the Sportsplex Arena & Ice Plant Upgrades to be funded from the Provincial Strategic Infrastructure GRANT funding". CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

686 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the words: "and further that the remainder of the costs of the project be funded from the Sportsplex Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Desjarlais

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

"(20) to close the Covid Relief Reserve and transfer the funds as follows: the addition of \$50,000 as an operating expense to increase the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation, \$50,000 to the Downtown Biz contingent on obtaining 75 paid members, and the remaining balance to the Fiscal Contingency Reserve". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

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

"(21) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating expense to Economic Development to fund an Industrial Land Strategy". LOST.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Desjarlais

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

"(21) To close the 8th Street Bridge Reserve and transfer the remaining funds as follows: \$325,753 to the Parks Reserve, \$100,000 Sportsplex Reserve, and \$100,000 to be put in a placeholder for improvements and upgrades to the north end at the recommendation of the Ward councillor after consultation with residents." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Luebke

690 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the words: "as follows: \$325,753 to the Parks Reserve, \$100,000 Sportsplex Reserve, and \$100,000 to be put in a placeholder for improvements and upgrades to the north end at the recommendation of the Ward councillor after consultation with residents" and replacing with "of \$525,753 to the Active Transportation Reserve, with \$100,000 of the funds to be designated for a north end active transportation infrastructure project in 2024." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

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

"(22) the reduction of \$100,000 from Regular Salaries under Innovation, Communications, and Technology for the Corporate Communications Contract". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

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

"(23) the addition of \$100,000 to Regular Salaries for a Grant Writer position". CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Berry-Cullen

693 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$100,000" and replacing with "\$50,000".

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

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

"(24) the transfer of \$200,000 from the Fiscal Contingency Reserve to the Technology Reserve". LOST.

AMENDMENT

695 Karrouze-Cameron

That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the words: "Fiscal Contingency Reserve" and replacing with "2023 Surplus". LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Luebke

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

"(24) the transfer of \$300,000 from the Fiscal Contingency Reserve to the Affordable Housing Reserve". NOT VOTED ON.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

696 That the pending motion with respect to Fiscal Contingency Reserve be tabled. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

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

"(24) the transfer of \$500,000 from the 2023 Surplus to the Sportsplex Reserve and reduce the appropriation to the Sportsplex Cost Centre by \$400,000 and further, the transfer of \$250,000 from the 2023 Surplus to the Disposal Site Reserve and reduce the appropriation of same by \$250,000." CARRIED.

Splett-Hildebrand

698 That the meeting recess for a lunch break. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Luebke

That the pending motion with respect of a transfer from the Fiscal Contingency Reserve to the Affordable Housing Reserve be laid on the table. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Luebke

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

"(25) the transfer of \$300,000 from the Fiscal Contingency Reserve to the Affordable Housing Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

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Berry-Splett

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

"(26) the transfer of \$100,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve to fund the Housing Coordinator position for 2024." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

702

Luebke-Tame

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

"(27) add \$100,000 to the 2025 capital plan to fund a conceptual design for Park Avenue sewer relief through the Storm Sewer Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

703

Luebke-Tame

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

"(28) the transfer of \$100,000 from the Fiscal Contingency Reserve to the Storm Sewer Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

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

"(29) in the capital plan, reallocate the Park Avenue Sewer relief project as a capital expense from 2030 to 2026 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH A DEBENTURE." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Berry

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

"(30) in the capital plan, remove the Police Vehicle Compound project as a capital expense in 2025 and add the project to capital expense Police Building in 2026." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

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

"(31) recommend to Brandon Police Services Board to reduce the Police Service Budget by \$300,000." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

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

"(31) the reduction of overtime across the organization in the general fund by 20% for a total of \$227,090 and recommend to the Brandon Police Service Board to reduce by 20% for a total of \$120,000." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

708 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the words "20% for a total of \$227,090 and Brandon Police Services reduce overtime by 20% for a total of \$120,000" and replace with "10% for a total of \$113,545 in general fund operations." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Splett-Berry

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

"(32) as a capital budget expense, move the Jacobson Park Upgrades, Patricia Park Upgrades, and the Olivia the Brave Park from 2025 to 2024 for a total of \$275,000 to be funded 50% from the Parks Reserve and 50% from the Capital Development Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Karrouze

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

"(33) as a capital budget expense, the addition of \$150,000 for upgrades to Argyle Courts playground as a 2024 project and reduction of \$125,000 for the same in 2025 to be funded 50% from the Parks Reserve and 50% from the Parks and Capital Development Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

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

"(34) in the capital plan, reallocate the Keystone Centre compactor bin site capital expense from 2026 to 2025." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Tame-Cameron

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

"(35) the addition of \$25,000 as an operating budget expense to create a city design for safety specification standards for solar pathway lighting throughout the city, and further, \$150,000 to be added for 2025, 2026 and 2027 for the additional pathway lighting as prioritized by administration, to be funded from Active Transportation Reserve." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Tame-Cameron

713 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the year "2027." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Splett-Desjarlais

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

"(36) the addition of \$75,000 for a multi-use path from the cemetery to Sycamore Avenue between Lyndale Drive and Orchard way as a 2025 capital expense, to be funded from the Active Transportation Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Cameron

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

"(37) the addition of \$80,000 as a capital expense to create a disc golf course located at Canada Summer Games Park, to be funded from 50% from the Parks Reserve and 50% from the Capital Development Reserve." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

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

"(38) the addition of \$300,000 as a 2024 capital expense for the Pacific Park Washroom project and reduction of the same in 2025 conditional on council approval of alternative build options, and reallocate the Princess Park Washroom project to the 2026 capital plan." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Parker

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

"(39) the reduction of \$400,000 to the Fleet Equipment Reserve Annual Appropriation." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Hildebrand

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

"(39) the reduction of \$300,000 to the Land Drainage Reserve Annual Appropriation." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Cameron

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

"(39) the reduction of \$200,000 Real Property Supplemental Taxes revenue." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

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

"(40) the deletion of \$75,000 for service calls from Building and Structural Supervision." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Cameron-Splett

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

"(41) the addition of \$15,000 as an operating budget expense to Westman Multicultural Festival for the 2024 festival." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Parker-Splett

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

"(42) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense to establish a Medical Doctor Recruitment/Retention Program to be distributed as a tuition grant as follows: (a) that a program be established to fund four (4) students attending their first year at the College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba; (b) that students be required to

enter into an agreement to practice medicine in Brandon for five (5) years, either in private practice or gainfully employed with Prairie Mountain Health; (c) students will be eligible for a tuition grant for three (3) subsequent years to assist with the completion of their program; and (d) that each year an additional four (4) eligible students are added to the program." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Tame

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

Councillor Cameron, Councillor Desjarlais and Councillor Parker declared a conflict of interest due to their employment, and left the Council Chamber without further discussion.

"(43) the addition of \$50,000 as an operating budget expense to establish a partnership with Assiniboine Community College to improve heavy duty mechanic and equipment operator recruitment and retention, to the Human Resources costing centre." CARRIED.

Following the vote on the above motion, Councillor Cameron, Councillor Desjarlais and Councillor Parker re-entered the Council Chamber.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

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

"(44) the reduction of consulting fees across the organization as an operating expense by 10% for a total of \$36,835." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Desjarlais

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

"(45) the reduction of \$35,000 from Parks Salaries to remove a .9 casual labour position." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Splett

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

"(46) the addition of \$25,000 to Parks Greenspaces for gopher control and mitigation to be funded from the Parks Reserve." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

727 Cameron-Parker
That the above amending motion be amended by adding the following words: "to be funded from the Parks Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Hildebrand-Tame

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

"(47) the addition of \$10,700 to Brandon Riverbank Discovery Inc. for the planning and design of a Brandon tourism sign." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Karrouze-Luebke

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

"(48) the addition of \$5,000 as an operating budget expense for Treaty, Truth, and Reconciliation training for council and staff." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Cullen-Berry

730 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$10,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$5,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Parker

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

"(49) the reduction of \$5,000 as an operating budget expense from the Age-Friendly Committee." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

732 Hildebrand-Cameron

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

"(50) the addition of \$5,300 for the replacement of microphones in the Council Chamber to be funded from the Technology Reserve." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

733 Luebke-Desjarlais

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

"(51) the addition of \$1,000 as an operating budget expense to Outdoor Pools for the purchase of a Point of Sale System for the Kinsmen Pool." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

734 Cameron-Splett

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

"(52) the addition of \$25,000 as an operating budget expense for the Commonwealth Air Training Museum." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

735 Karrouze-Hildebrand

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

"(53) the addition of \$17,000 as an operating budget expense to Brandon Riverbank Inc. for Canada Day Celebrations." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

736 Desjarlais-Cameron

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

"(54) the addition of \$19,000 as an operating budget expense to YWCA for tipping fee costs for the decommission of the Meredith Place." CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cameron

737 That the above amending motion be amended by replacing deleting the figure: "\$15,000" and substituting therefor the figure "\$19,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Luebke

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

"(55) the addition of \$100,000 as an operating budget expense to Brandon Downtown Biz, conditional upon 2-1 per dollar raised up to a maximum of \$100,000." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

739 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the follow words: "and Brandon Chamber of Commerce providing Brandon Downtown Biz office space at no charge". LOST.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Karrouze

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

"(56) the addition of \$171,000 as an operating budget expense to Community Grants to approve the recommendations brought forward by Grants Review Committee." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Luebke-Desjarlais

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

"(57) the addition of \$2,500,000 as a capital budget expense to unfunded secondary amenity projects for Indoor/Outdoor Pickleball Courts project in 2027." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Desjarlais-Cameron

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

"(58) the reallocation of \$1,200,000 as a capital budget expense for the Park Community Centre for 2024 and deletion of same from the 2025 capital budget." CARRIED.

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above amendments to the budgets, as presented, resulted in a tax increase of 9.4%.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (5:33 p.m.). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK