

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 Deputy City Clerk confirmed that in accordance with the requirements of The Municipal Act, all members of City Council were given notice that a Special Meeting would be held this date to hear community comments and feedback, and discussions on the 2026 Budget.

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & FEEDBACK:

(A) EXCEEDING TIME LIMIT

His Worship the Mayor noted that based on the count of registered speakers, an extension of time would not be required or could be added as necessary.

Luebke-None

1651 That the time limit of fifteen minutes be extended pursuant to Section 79.1 of Procedure By-law 6634. NOT VOTED ON.

(B) BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Emelio Brown, member of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, read their letter of submission into record.

(C) BETTY BRAAKSMA - OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

Betty Braaksma, Brandon resident, addressed the importance of off-leash dog parks.

(D) BRANDON POLICE BOARD - 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Deb Arpin, Chair of the Brandon Police Board, commented on the 2026 proposed budget, and provided feedback and recommended changes.

(E) JAMES EPP - PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

James Epp, Brandon resident, provided feedback regarding the motion to exceed the time limit for Community Comments & Feedback as well as comments on the proposed 2026 budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) 2026 PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSIONS - CAPITAL

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department with respect to the above.

Luebke-Tame

1652 That the presentations from the Director of Finance and Manager of Recreation be received. CARRIED.

(B) PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION - BRANDON LANDMARK SIGN

Submitted for consideration was a report from the Director of Economic Development, dated January 19, 2026 with respect to the above.

Hildebrand-Cameron

1653 That the presentation with respect to the above be received. CARRIED.

(C) 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Council considered a report from the Finance Department with respect to the above.

Parker-Splett

1654 That the presentation from the Director of Finance be received;

and administrative pre-budget adjustments of (\$1,144,202) as presented be included in the 2026 Proposed Budget;

and further that the 2026 Proposed budget be amended to include \$1.5M of the projected 2025 surplus with the following allocation as recommended by the Audit & Finance Committee:

- \$1.1 million to tax reduction measures and

- \$400,000 to Council priorities. CARRIED.

(D) FEBRUARY 2 REGULAR MEETING

Cameron-Karrouze

1655 That the Regular Council Meeting Scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026 be cancelled pursuant to section 20 of the Procedures By-law No.6634. CARRIED.

ADJOURN:

Berry-Luebke

That the meeting do now adjourn (9:27 PM). CARRIED.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK