



MINUTES
Special Meeting of Council

February 4, 2020
9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Luna
Councillor Hainer
Councillor Pridham
Councillor Winter

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk
Richard Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services
André Morin, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2020-02-04-01

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the February 4, 2020 special meeting of Council agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

4. 2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

4.1 Property Tax Policy and Tax Implications

4.1.2 FIN 05-2020 2020 Draft Budget Property Tax Implications

André Morin spoke to FIN 05-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Councillor Hainer arrived at 9:10 am.

Council deliberated on the tax ratio options as presented in FIN 05-2020 staff report.

Mayor Strathdee passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Luna.

Deputy Mayor Luna assumed the role of Chair.

Resolution 2020-02-04-02

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT Council direct staff to implement Option #1 “Revenue Neutral” as presented in FIN 05-2020 report regarding tax ratios for 2020.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Luna returned the gavel to Mayor Strathdee.

Mayor Strathdee assumed the role of Chair.

4.1.1 FIN 06-2020 Property Tax and Assessment Loss

André Morin spoke to FIN 06-2020 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2020-02-04-03

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT Council authorize the Treasurer to seek third party representation to support proactive assessment services when needed in 2020, not to exceed \$5,000 for the year, and to be funded from the \$120,000 tax write-offs budget line item.

4.2 Budget Wrap-Up

André Morin presented an overview to Council of next steps related to the budget.

Council took a brief break at 10:18 am.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:30 am.

André Morin reviewed the outstanding report backs to Council.

In response to Councillor Hainer's inquiry about the logistics of smoking or vaping at the dog park in relation to the proposed future use of Junction Station, Brent Kittmer stated that this information will be included in the pending report back to Council, in closed session, on the proposed land sale of Junction Station.

Lisa Lawrence spoke to the outstanding Library budget matter. Ms. Lawrence provided an explanation of the online Libby service and outlined the budget for this service.

Mayor Strathdee asked Council if there were any areas of the budget that Council wishes to revisit.

Council debated the Community Grant program.

Resolution 2020-02-04-04

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT Council approve the \$2,000 in-kind grant request from The StoneTown ShowCase applicant to include assistance from municipal staff regarding event logistics and marketing.

CARRIED

Council continued to discuss the 2020 draft budget.

Resolution 2020-02-04-05

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council direct staff to adjust the 2020 draft budget to increase the proposed 2020 tax levy as necessary to achieve an overall increase to the

total “municipal burden” on the typical residential dwelling of 2.9% over 2019.

CARRIED

Resolution 2020-02-04-06

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT FIN 05-2020 2020 Draft Budget Property Tax Implications report be received; and

CARRIED

Resolution 2020-02-04-07

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT FIN 06-2020 Property Tax and Assessment Loss report be received for information.

CARRIED

5. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

6. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2020-02-04-08

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 14-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 4, 2020 special Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2020-02-04-09

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT this special meeting of Council adjourn at 11:46 am.

CARRIED

Al Strathee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk