

MARCH 24, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Gregor Robertson
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor David Cadman*
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie*
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth*

ABSENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer (Sick Leave)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: Penny Ballem, City Manager
James Ridge, Deputy City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Marg Coulson, Acting City Clerk
Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with a prayer read by Councillor Stevenson.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor proclaimed Saturday, March 21, 2009, as "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination".

The Mayor also proclaimed Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as "Earth Hour 2009".

"IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2009

- Council appointed Patrice Impey as General Manager of Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council (Planning and Environment) - February 24, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Council (Transportation and Traffic) - March 3, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Regular Council - March 3, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - March 5, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Regular Council (Planning and Environment) - March 5, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Special Council - March 11, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council adopt Administrative Reports A1 to A6, A8 and A11, on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCE

1. 2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results

Annette Klein, Director of Budget Services, provided an update on the interim budget estimates for the 2009 Operating Budget, including a review of the 2009 budget management strategy, property tax impacts, comparison with other municipalities in the GVRD, and an overview of the public consultation process and feedback received during the consultation.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

THAT Council approve the following motions on the 2009 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates "in principle", refer them to the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 31, 2009, to hear from speakers, and refer confirmation of the 2009 Operating Budget to the April 7th Council meeting:

- A. THAT Council approve the 2009 Operating Budget - Interim Estimates as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 14, 2009, entitled "2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results" and detailed in Appendix 1 of that report, and instruct the Director of Finance to bring the budget into balance with a 5.74% general purposes tax increase, reflecting an increase of:

- 2.02% related to growth in base City costs
- 2.26% reversal of the One-Time 2007 Work Stoppage Savings carried over into the 2008 Operating Budget
- 1.15% 2008 Program Approvals
- 0.31% cost of outside agencies.

AND THAT Council approve the Parking Meter rate and fine increases outlined in Appendices 7 and 8 respectively of the Administrative Report, reflecting \$2.45M revenues incorporated in the 2009 estimates, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to amend the appropriate By-Laws.

AND THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$61,366,080 which includes approximately \$856,300 of Added Basic and Appeals in the Park Board estimates.

- B. THAT Council approve the following from Appendix 4 of the Administrative Report dated March 14, 2009, entitled "2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results", increasing property taxes by 0.09%.

1. THAT Council approve one-time funding of \$110,000 for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program to continue with the work program in 2009, offset by a contribution from the Social Responsibility Fund with no net budget impact subject to staff reporting back on the terms of reference for the Social Responsibility Fund prior to March 24, 2009.
2. THAT Council approve the funding for priorities identified by the Finance Chair - a Mental Health Advocate (\$150K), enhanced Childcare Support (\$150K), creation of a Green Grants Fund (\$100K), and the retention of an external auditor (\$300K) - at an annual cost of \$700,000, offset by one-time funding from the 2008 Operating Budget surplus (\$300,000), with a net amount of \$400,000 as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.08% and that staff will report back on each program for final approval.
3. THAT Council approve the extension of the temporary Planner I position within the Community Services Group Planning division for the BIA program, at an annual cost of \$86,200 (2009 pro-rated cost - \$64,700), including benefits, as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.01%.
4. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Part Time Security Attendant position within the Community Services Group - Evelyne Saller Centre, at an annual gross cost of \$22,400 (with partial offset of \$11,200 by the existing agreement with BC Housing), as an increase of \$11,200 to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.002%.
5. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time position within the Business Planning Real Estate division, and another in the Business Planning Building Management division, at an annual cost of \$165,000 (2009 pro-rated cost - \$82,500), including benefits, as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.02%.
6. THAT Council approve the conversion of an existing Regular Full Time Clerk II position within Britannia Services Centre, to a Regular Full Time Communications Coordinator position at an incremental annual cost of \$21,400, including benefits, as an increase to the 2009 Operating Budget, increasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.004%.
7. THAT Council approve the establishment of eight Regular Full Time Parking Enforcement Officers and two Regular Full Time Superintendents for expanded late night parking enforcement within Engineering Parking Enforcement division, at an annual cost of \$580,000, including benefits, offset by increased parking revenues of \$700,000, as a decrease to the 2009 Operating Budget, decreasing the 2009 property taxes by 0.02%.

8. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Engineering Assistant III within the Engineering Utilities Management division at an annual cost of \$62,000, with benefits, offset by fees from the utility companies with no net budget impact.
9. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time Communications Officer for the Road Ahead program within Engineering Streets Design Branch at an annual cost of \$73,000, including benefits, offset by a contribution from Capital with no net budget impact.
10. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Office Manager within City Clerk's Corporate Communications division at an annual cost of \$70,000, including benefits, offset by the deletion of one Regular Part Time Clerk III position and one Regular Part Time Clerk IV position with no net budget impact.
11. THAT Council approve the conversion of an existing Regular Full Time Account Clerk position with the Community Services Group Support Services division, to a Regular Full Time Financial Analyst position at an annual cost of \$78,000, including benefits, offset by the existing salaries budget with no net budget impact.
12. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Assistant Director of Social Infrastructure position within the Community Services Group Social Development division at an annual cost of \$120,000, including benefits, offset by the savings within Community Services Group operating budget with no net budget impact.
13. THAT Council approve the regularization of an existing Temporary Full Time position within the Financial Services SAP Business Support Team at an annual cost of \$75,000, including benefits, offset by a reduction in the existing Temporary Help Budget with no net budget impact.
14. THAT Council approve the establishment of a Regular Full Time Enterprise Data/Applications Architecture position within Business Support Information Technology division at an annual cost of \$110,000, including benefits, offset by a contribution from Capital with no net budget impact.
15. THAT Council approve the establishment of two Regular Full Time IT Security positions within Business Support Information Technology division at an annual cost of \$200,000 without offset, including benefits, to begin in early 2010, with no net 2009 budget impact.
16. THAT Council approve the continued deployment of the Vancouver Police Department's LIMA squad in the Granville Entertainment District at an annual cost of \$253,000 offset by one-time funding from the 2008 Operating Budget surplus with no 2009 net budget impact and that staff report back in mid 2009 on options to increase liquor licence fees in 2010.

All positions in B are subject to classification by the General Manager of Human Resource Services.

- C. THAT Council approve the adjustments identified in Appendix 5 of the Administrative Report dated March 14, 2009, entitled "2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results", including the deletion of regular full time and part time positions identified in Appendix 6 of the Administrative Report, to fund the 2009 311 Consolidated Citizen Service Centre operating costs.

CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed to A)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2009 LMLGA Resolutions

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the following Resolutions be submitted to the 2009 Lower Mainland Local Government Association:

A. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE LIBRARY ACT

WHEREAS public library services are crucial in fostering life long learning for all, are especially important in difficult economic times, and the Minister of Education has announced a legislative review of the Act which is intended to "encourage the extension and use of public library service throughout British Columbia";

AND WHEREAS the Act mandates free resident access to most public library services with a citizen governance board for municipal libraries while also providing for appropriate City Council influence and control;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM urge the Minister to maintain the core principles of free access to public library service and citizen governance for municipal public libraries as mandated in the Library Act.

B. INTERNET ACCESS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

WHEREAS public library services are crucial in fostering life long learning for all, are especially important in difficult economic times, and the Minister of Education has announced a legislative review of the Act which is intended to "encourage the extension and use of public library service throughout British Columbia";

AND WHEREAS the provision of free access to the Internet in public libraries is essential to ensure equity of access for all to this important source of information and access to government services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM recommend that free resident access to the Internet through public libraries be mandated in the Library Act.

C. BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CANADA, RECYCLING CAPACITY

WHEREAS a large proportion of recyclable materials are exported from Canada to the United States, Southeast Asia and other offshore countries to be processed back into basic manufacturing feedstock;

AND WHEREAS this export of valuable materials results in an increased environmental impact from transportation, a lack of local control of the end markets for our recyclables and a reduced number of Canadian jobs;

AND WHEREAS the recent economic downturn and collapse of the world commodity markets has highlighted BC's and Canada's dependence on foreign markets for recyclable materials, which has had a large impact on financial returns, employment and our ability to maintain our recycling programs;

AND WHEREAS a number of Provinces are considering large new stewardship programs to cover more packaging which will increase the amount of materials that need to be recycled;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM urge both the Federal and Provincial governments to implement policies and programs that will lead to the creation of increased industrial capacity in British Columbia and in Canada to process recyclable materials. Mandatory recycled content legislation that exists in some US states should be implemented in BC as one policy to increase the demand for old materials. A grant and/or loan guarantee program for recycling plant infrastructure development should also be implemented.

D. INCREASE FUNDING TO COMBAT GANG VIOLENCE

WHEREAS gang violence in Metro Vancouver, and across British Columbia, is a significant and rising problem;

WHEREAS there are gaps in the regional response to gang violence, between on-the-ground police officers and the provincial and regional integrated units;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Police Department has taken a regional leadership role in the battle against gangs through programs such as Project Rebellion;

WHEREAS Project Rebellion is extremely resource-intensive, with the investigative team and Strike Force surveillance teams working at maximum capacity, as well as maximum staffing levels in wiretap facilities;

WHEREAS the Vancouver Police Department and other municipal police forces are not funded to sustain the highly intensive, long-term operations necessary to combat gang violence;

WHEREAS there is no cost-sharing mechanism for police efforts that carry over into surrounding municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments provide a long-term, annual funding commitment to municipal police forces to combat gang violence, and that this funding enable the deployment of highly-intensive gang surveillance operations over an extended period of time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Vancouver Olympic Village Document Leak Review

The report by Mr. Richard Peck, QC, dated March 11, 2009, was received for information.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**1. Pay-By-License-Plate Parking Pay Station Trial for Granville Street
March 10, 2009**

THAT Council approve the installation of Pay-By-License-Plate Parking Pay Stations on Granville Street between Nelson Street and Drake Street, to test the benefits of such pay stations, and that the General Manager of Engineering Services be instructed to make application to amend the Parking Meter By-law generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated March 10, 2009, entitled "Pay-by-License-Plate Parking Pay Station Trial for Granville Street"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary amending by-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A of the Administrative Report.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**2. "Georgia Pedestrian Link" - Consultant Services
March 6, 2009**

A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, Council authorize the Director of Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Phillips Farevaag Smallenberg for engineering and urban design services for a proposed pedestrian and bicycle connection (from the intersection of Georgia St. and Beatty St. to Pacific Blvd. along the east side of BC Place Stadium), up to a maximum of \$60,000 inclusive of disbursements, plus GST, with the source

of funds to be the existing Northeast False Creek Update and BC Place Stadium Work Request project budget (Cost Centre 73037), with a balance of \$75,000 at December 31, 2008, which is expected to be carried forward into the Community Service Group Operating Budget as part of Council's 2009 Operating Budget Approval.

- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement A above.
- C. THAT all such legal documents be on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, the Director of Planning and the Manager of Supply Management.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of A above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**3. 2008 Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses
March 9, 2009**

The Administrative Report dated March 9, 2009, entitled "2008 Report on Council Remuneration and Expenses" was received for information.

**4. Theatre Rental Rates for September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010
March 10, 2009**

- A. THAT Council approve the Schedule of Rental Rates for Civic Theatres, as contained in Appendix "A" of the Administrative Report dated March 10, 2009, entitled "Theatre Rental Rates for September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010", effective September 1, 2009.
- B. THAT Council approve a parallel increase in the Theatre Rental Grants budget for September to December, an amount of approximately \$40,000, to cover scheduled theatre uses at the new rental rates: source of funds to be Contingency Reserve.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**5. Extension of Public Street Names: Thornton Street and East 1st Avenue
February 16, 2009**

- A. THAT the extension of Thornton Street between Great Northern Way and the BNSF Railway, as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 16, 2009, entitled "Extension of Public Street Names: Thornton Street and East 1st Avenue", be named *Thornton Street*.
- B. THAT the extension of East 1st Avenue, as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 16, 2009, entitled "Extension of Public Street Names: Thornton Street and East 1st Avenue", be named *East 1st Avenue*.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**6. Extension of Public Street Name: Canada Place
February 16, 2009**

- A. THAT the extension of Canada Place between Burrard and Thurlow Streets, as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated February 16, 2009, entitled "Extension, be named *Canada Place*.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendment to the Street Name By-law.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Pacific Boulevard Great Street Implementation - Drake Street to Cambie Street
March 2, 2009**

WITHDRAWN FROM THIS AGENDA

**8. City of Vancouver Archives Fee Schedule
February 20, 2009**

THAT Council approve the proposed City of Vancouver Archives fee schedule as set as out in Attachment A of the Administrative Report dated February 20, 2009, entitled "City of Vancouver Archives Fees Schedule"; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward for Council approval a by-law to reflect the Archives fee schedule as approved by Council.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**9. Vancouver House
March 4, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

THAT Council approve the allocation of \$1,550,000 to create the "Vancouver House", located within the Promenade area of the Central Branch of the Vancouver Public Library at Library Square, in downtown Vancouver. Source of funds to be:

- I. \$946,450 from the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve Fund - Host City Pavilion
- II. \$603,550 from the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve Fund - Look of the City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

**10. Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve Fund and Archives of the
2010 Winter Games
February 27, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council approve allocation of \$582,000 from the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve Fund for the program to acquire, organize, preserve and make available the archives of the 2010 Winter Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Louie absent for the vote)

**11. Funding Allocation for Technical Infrastructure to support the
2010 Host City Website
March 11, 2009**

- A. THAT Council approve the Information Technology infrastructure plan for the 2010 Host City website and related funding allocations totalling \$70,000; source of funds to be the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve approved by Council on December 11, 2007.
- B. THAT Council approve the allocation of \$80,000 for external hosting in the event that a significant escalation in web traffic indicates an increase in IT capacity far beyond that required for regular post-Games activity; source of funds to be the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Reserve approved by Council on December 11, 2007;

AND THAT, should it be determined to be necessary to provide certainty of service on the Host City website that the General Manager of Business Planning and Services be authorized to enter into a contract with an external provider to be identified through a competitive selection process to host the site for the duration of the games period.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**12. 2008 Property Tax Exemptions
March 18, 2009**

The Administrative Report dated March 18, 2009, entitled "2008 Property Tax Exemptions" was received for information.

**13. Models for Arts Councils - Research from Other Municipalities
February 13, 2009**

Council received the following requested research documents for information:

- "A Comparative Arts Council Review" (2009); and
- "Evaluation of the City of Vancouver's Cultural Grants Programs" (2007).

**14. Funding Allocation for the 2010 Host City Hosting and Protocol Program
March 17, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

- A. THAT Council approve the 2010 Hosting and Protocol Program as outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 17, 2009, entitled "Funding Allocation for the 2010 Host City Hosting and Protocol Program", and allocate \$1,798,000 from the Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund approved by Council on December 11, 2007 to the following areas:
 - Pre-2010 Winter Games Planning - \$582,000;
 - A 2010 Official Hosting Program - \$610,500;
 - A 2010 Protocol Operations Centre - \$341,000;
 - A Protocol Training Program and Management System - \$264,500.
- B. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations to award contracts up to the overall Hosting and Protocol Program budget as outlined in A above, and approve agreements related to the Hosting and Protocol Program as are satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.
- C. THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations to purchase Olympic event tickets at a gross cost of \$340,000, which would be allocated as follows:

- i. \$257,500 to the 2010 Hosting and Protocol Program with a partial cost recovery of \$55,500, the net cost to the City is estimated at \$202,000;
- ii. \$15,000 to Live City Vancouver, funding comes from the Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund - Live City, with an approved budget of \$4.8 million; and the remaining
- iii. \$67,500 to be allocated on a full cost recovery basis to Tourism Vancouver;
- iv. pursuant to a full public reporting on the process that indicates who has received tickets, according to what criteria, and whether or not they have been paid for.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT C be struck and replaced with the following:

THAT Council authorize the General Manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations to purchase Olympic tickets at a gross cost of \$340,000; and

FURTHER THAT a report be brought forward on the specific allocation of those tickets.

LOST

(Councillors Anton, Chow, Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Stevenson, and the Mayor opposed)

The amendment having lost, Councillor Meggs' motion was put and CARRIED with Councillor Woodsworth opposed to C.

**15. Vancouver Police Department "Project Rebellion"
March 19, 2009**

Chief Constable Jim Chu introduced Deputy Chief Constable Doug LePard, who provided an overview of "Project Rebellion", which is an initiative to combat gang violence in the city, and the resultant budget impacts of this strategy.

Council received the Administrative Report dated March 19, 2009, entitled 'Vancouver Police Department "Project Rebellion"' for information.

**16. Live City Vancouver- Update and Approvals
March 1, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

- A. THAT Council approve the revised two-site concept plan on the LiveCity Downtown (Georgia Street site) and LiveCity Yaletown (David Lam Park site).

- B. THAT Council approve an updated project budget of \$18 Million (as outlined in Table #1 of the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2009, entitled "Live City Vancouver - Update and Approvals") which reflects confirmed and prudently projected revenues.
- C. THAT Council approve the process outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2009, entitled "Live City Vancouver - Update and Approvals" to engage the expertise of event production firms to acquire the necessary products and services on behalf of the City to plan, produce and stage the Live Site events and to operate the Live Sites subject to the City's senior management oversight and contractual controls on the utilization of competitive processes, approvals and audit controls on the production firms.
- D. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in E, F and G below, Council approve the retention of Live Nation Canada Ltd, as the Live Sites Producer, working in partnership with Five Currents, LLC to conceptualise, design, bid, build, operate and manage the two Live Sites on behalf of the City at a cost not to exceed \$969,900 and \$500,000 respectively inclusive of all taxes and as generally outlined in the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2009, entitled "Live City Vancouver - Update and Approvals", source of funding to be the budget established pursuant to B above.
- E. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement D above.
- F. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager, General Manager of Olympic Operations, Managing Director, Cultural Services, and the Director of Legal Services.
- G. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of D, E and F above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- H. THAT Council authorize the City Manager to amend or reduce the project budget and the scope of the Live City Vancouver two-site plan if necessary to remain within available funds from direct funding, sponsorships, sales and operations.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed to H)

(Councillor Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

THAT Council, except for those members excused as noted in the agenda, enact the by-law(s) listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbers 1 to 6 inclusive, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

1. **A By-law to amend Energy Utility System By-law No. 9552 regarding miscellaneous amendments (By-law No. 9821)**
2. **A By-law to Average Land Assessments for 2009 (By-law No. 9822)**
3. **A By-law to assess real property to defray 2008 maintenance costs for the Granville Mall Decorative Lighting Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 9823)**
4. **A By-law to assess real property to defray 2008 maintenance costs for the Trounce Alley and Blood Alley Square Local Improvement Project (By-law No. 9824)**
5. **A By-law to assess real property to defray 2008 costs for the East Hastings Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 9825)**

6. **A By-law to assess real property to defray 2008 costs for the South Fraser Street Collective Parking Project (By-law No. 9826)**

MOTIONS

A. Administrative Motions

1. None

B. Motions on Notice

1. **Campaign Financial Disclosure Rules**

The following motion reflects amendments to the Motion on Notice which were accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
SECONDED by Councillor Chow

WHEREAS:

1. Donations from foreign sources have been received by local candidates and electoral organizations;
2. Federal election laws prevent receiving donations from foreign sources;
3. The Vancouver Charter is not clear in regard to certain nomination expenses;
4. The Vancouver Charter is not clear in regard to settlement of campaign debts;
5. The Vancouver Charter is not clear regarding the role of a person making contributions on behalf of another person.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council request that the Government of British Columbia amend the Vancouver Charter as follows:

1. Prohibit the receipt of donations from foreign sources;
2. Require the disclosure of nomination expenses by all elected officials, regardless of which nomination they were seeking;
3. Require continuous disclosure of all donations made to settle campaign debts;
4. Prohibit political contributions with the money, other property or services of another person; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Council reiterates motions of November 29, 2007, as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor ask the Minister of Community Services for an update on the City of Vancouver's July 12, 2005, request for electoral financing reform measures, including:

- restrictions on campaign contributions;
- restrictions on campaign spending;
- tax credits for municipal campaign or political contributions;
- reporting of all contributions, regardless of when the contributions are received;
- financial reporting requirements similar to those for Federal and Provincial parties; and

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council add to that request the Berger Commission recommendation that "the Provincial Government amend the Charter to require that, if a party or individual goes into debt in the course of a campaign, every contribution to that party or individual made until the debt is fully retired must be reported as a campaign contribution".

referred

MOVED by Councillor Chow

THAT the motion be referred to the City Manager for a report back by the end of the year.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

(Council Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

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MOVED by Councillor Stevenson

SECONDED by Councillor Deal

THAT the meeting be extended by one hour or less.

CARRIED BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

(Councillor Anton opposed)

(Council Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

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2. Provincial and Federal Government Arts Cuts

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS:

1. The February 2009 BC Provincial Budget announcement contains cuts of nearly 50% to the annual Arts and Culture Budget.
2. Whereas one-time funding does not adequately replace ongoing funding and the planning it allows.
3. The Federal Government cut several arts programs in 2008 including programs which support cultural tourism.
4. Investing in the arts provides a disproportionate economic stimulus to local communities - over twelve dollars generated for every dollar invested.
5. Whereas Vancouver is a livable city in large part because of the involvement and investment of artists.
6. Whereas Vancouver's economic development has been aided by the city's vibrant creative sector and creative economy.
7. Eliminating support for the arts will have a measurable negative effect on the creative sector, especially small arts companies.
8. Negative impacts on the creative sector will have a resulting negative impact on the economies of Vancouver and Metro Vancouver in a time of economic challenges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. THAT Vancouver City Council urges the Provincial and Federal Governments to reinstate full funding to the creative sector and related programs and further consider additional investment as part of economic stimulus programs.
2. THAT this motion be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration of endorsement.

CARRIED
(Councillor Anton opposed)
(Council Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

3. Endorsement of Grand March for Housing - April 4, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
NOT SECONDED

WHEREAS:

1. There are an estimated 2000 people living on the streets in Vancouver.
2. Rental vacancies in our city are under 1%.
3. There is a homelessness and affordable housing crisis in Vancouver.
4. The City of Vancouver requires commitment from the Provincial and Federal Government to address these issues.
5. Endorsements of this march from faith, community and multicultural groups as well as unions, service providers and other municipalities show the concern of a broad spectrum of citizens and the need for action.
6. Community mobilization and advocacy is a valuable way to put pressure on all three levels of government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the April 4, 2009, Grand March for Housing and publicize it on the City's website.

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4. Recognizing Local Olympians and Paralympians

The following motion reflects an amendment to the original Motion on Notice which was accepted by Council.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs
SECONDED by Mayor Robertson

WHEREAS, Vancouver has a richness of amateur and professional sport that contributes significantly to our local economy and;

WHEREAS, the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games should be an opportunity for celebrating, honouring and recognizing our local Olympians, Paralympians, and amateur athletes, coaches and volunteers and to date this recognition has not adequately happened within the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic planning activity;

WHEREAS, Vancouver is blessed with an abundance of volunteers in amateur sport who deserve more recognition and thanks for their community contribution to the lives of children and youth in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council should take a leadership role in recognizing those who have made significant contributions to local sport, recreation and community development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct the City Manager, in consultation with the Park Board, to develop an action plan for the establishment of a recognition and medal program, entitled "Heroes of Sport", that would:

- 1) Recognize local Olympians and Paralympians to acknowledge their contribution and to provide more inclusion in the 2010 Games;
- 2) Work with partners to develop a means by which former Olympians and Paralympians can act as Hosts to help welcome visitors, raise the profile of sport and highlight Vancouver during the Games;
- 3) Develop a recognition program of local volunteer leaders and athletes in amateur sport;
- 4) Work with the Mayor's office and report back to Council with recommendations on a proposed recognition and medal program that would be feasible to implement in time for the 2010 Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Council Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

5. Public Bike Share (PBS) System

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

WHEREAS in April 2005, Council approved the Community Climate Change Action Plan that identified the critical importance of encouraging and supporting active transportation if Vancouver is to meet its greenhouse gas reduction target for 2012;

AND WHEREAS City Council supported in principle the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 2005 vision to bring the City-wide cycling mode share up to 10% by 2010;

AND WHEREAS the 1997 Transportation Plan, adopted by Council in May 1997, identifies cycling as the second-highest priority transportation mode within the City;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver Bike Program is aimed at better integrating cyclists into the existing transportation system and promoting and encouraging the use of bicycles as a safe and convenient mode of transportation;

AND WHEREAS Translink Public Bike Share (PBS) Feasibility Study identified eight areas in Metro Vancouver as possible areas and in particular Downtown Vancouver as the strongest candidate for initial implementation of a successful PBS;

AND WHEREAS based on experience elsewhere, it is estimated that up to 10% of trips made on a Vancouver PBS would shift from car trips and up to 50% from conventional transit trips, resulting in up to a 1 million kilometer reduction in auto use per year and 2.5 million transit trips per year would be shifted - freeing up conventional transit capacity to attract more drivers to transit;

AND WHEREAS these shifts will reduce auto congestion, air emissions, GHG emissions, noise and conserve energy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to explore opportunities to implement a large-scale demonstration of a Public Bike Share system by February 2010.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop and issue an RFP for a Public Bike Share system within Vancouver for implementation by the summer of 2010 and that staff report back on this RFP with respect to financial and staffing implications, as well as coordination with, or impacts to, existing contracts and business units.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Woodsworth absent for the vote)
(Council Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

6. External Audit Review

MOVED by Councillor Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

WHEREAS Council is committed to minimizing the property tax burden on residents and businesses by maximizing the efficiency of the City's operations without compromising necessary public services;

AND WHEREAS the recent economic downturn has challenged the City's finances and magnified the need to find lasting efficiencies and cost savings;

AND WHEREAS the City Manager is implementing temporary cost savings measures to balance the 2009 operating budget, which should ultimately be replaced with sustainable permanent efficiencies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Manager issue a request for proposal for external audit resources to assist with a comprehensive review of the businesses in all City departments and Boards, as well as Easy Park and the PNE. The review would include:

1. An examination of savings or shared service improvement opportunities in the City's provision of internal services, including I&T, human resources, legal services, accounts payable, purchasing, time entry, payroll, security, building maintenance, yards, and other services.
2. An examination of City reserves and the five City funds to identify and report possible changes of process and structure to produce efficiencies, opportunities or cost reductions.
3. An examination of City activities to identify those not mandated by legislation, no longer a priority, of questionable efficacy, or otherwise a candidate for reduction or elimination.
4. Any other change in business practices that could produce efficiencies or cost reductions.

CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

(Council Cadman absent on Civic Business for the vote)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renewing the Childcare Agenda

Councillor Louie submitted the following motion. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-law. The motion will be placed on the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 2009.

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

WHEREAS accessible, affordable and quality childcare is essential to the health and well-being of the city of Vancouver's children and families;

AND WHEREAS child development and childcare play a crucial role in the economic stability of our city;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that all levels of government, including those at the local level, and the private sector take an active partnership in ensuring successful child development opportunities;

AND WHEREAS the current Early Childhood Development Memorandum of Understanding lays out a framework for collaboration between the many partners in child development that supports coordinated actions on specific policy such as a joint council on childcare;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of a joint council and protocol on childcare between the Council, School Board and Park Board led to the creation of more than 600 new childcare spaces between 2002 and 2005, exceeding the original goal of a 5% increase;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to reinstate the Joint Council on Childcare and renew its goals, and previously adopted Terms of Reference, along with an objective of a further 5% increase, at a minimum, in childcare spaces in the next three years;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to undertake a supply and demand review of infant, toddler, 3-5 year old and out of school care spaces, and disaggregate the data by neighbourhood; and

FURTHER THAT costs and revenue sources for implementing a universal approach to a sustainable Childcare Endowment Reserve be confirmed, including the development of eligibility criteria, consultation with stakeholders and identifying alternative mechanisms to enhance this Fund.

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ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Corporate Sponsorship

Councillor Meggs noted that some companies are revisiting their sponsorship programs in light of the City's policy of not allowing the use of corporate logos by sponsored non-profit organizations. He requested the City Manager direct staff involved in reviewing the Sign By-law to keep Council informed of these developments and whether the budgets of some non-profit organizations are at risk because of this City policy.

2. 2010 Olympics and Paralympics

Councillor Meggs noted he was an observer at a meeting between BC Federation of Labour and unions that are concerned of job losses which will be caused by the Olympics. They have a number of concerns which they will raise directly with VANOC and he has additional information available if Council members wish to know the issues that were raised.

Councillor Woodsworth noted that Olympic practice venues are not going to be accessible to local neighbourhoods. She requested the City Manager to consult with VANOC about the possibility of allowing local children to observe some of the practice sessions in those facilities.

Councillor Woodsworth also noted that she has spoken with organizations involved in the disability community and they are concerned that they have not yet met with VANOC representatives about the upcoming games, and she requested the City Manager to follow up on this with VANOC.

3. Engineering Street Sweeps in the Downtown Eastside

Councillor Woodsworth enquired on the status of her previous request concerning the Engineering street sweeps in the Downtown Eastside involving homeless people and their belongings. She also enquired whether they are still taking place.

4. KPMG Contract

Councillor Anton requested clarification as to whether the work KPMG has been hired to do is a consultancy or a contract for services. James Ridge, Deputy City Manager, confirmed it is a contract for services.

Councillor Anton also reiterated her request for written confirmation from KPMG that their role in regard to this contract is independent from their role as the City's auditor. She further expressed concerns that the draft report has been reviewed with one Council member rather than all members being provided with the information at the same time.

Penny Ballem, City Manager, advised she is certain KPMG is clear they are not in a conflict of interest and would be willing to provide confirmation of that.

Councillor Louie rose on a point of order, noting that the matter of KPMG's independence in terms of the contract and the appropriateness of that contract has been dealt with twice by Council, and therefore an additional request on this matter is out of order. The Mayor ruled the request by Councillor Anton out of order.

5. Disclosure of Nomination Expenses

Councillor Anton expressed concern that Councillor Louie has not yet filed his nomination expenses.

Councillor Louie advised he has filed full and complete disclosures as required by law with the City Clerk.

6. Community Garden on City North Lawn

Councillor Anton expressed concerns with regard to the proposed community garden on the north lawn of City Hall, noting the design of this lawn has recently gone through a lengthy community process and is meant as a ceremonial lawn which will be used during the 2010 Games.

Penny Ballem, City Manager, advised this project is part of the "2,010 Garden Plots by 2010" program and also clarified the garden had been reviewed with the City planner and represents no conflict with other work to be done along Cambie Street and on the heritage wall.

The Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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