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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MARCH 31, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on City Services and Budgets was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair
Mayor Gregor Robertson*
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor George Chow*
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Geoff Meggs*, Vice-Chair
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

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

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. 2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results March 14, 2009

Vancouver City Council, at its Regular Meeting on March 24, 2009, received a Report Reference on the *2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results*, and referred its decisions "in principle" regarding the 2009 Interim Operating Budget to a Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on March 31, 2009, in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Speakers List for the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting of March 31, 2009, be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillors Chow, Meggs and Mayor Robertson absent for the vote.)

Accordingly, Council heard from 17 speakers, a majority of whom expressed concerns with the 2009 Interim Operating Budget. Concerns expressed included matters related to civic service cuts, staffing issues, increased property taxes, the public consultation process and the proposed delay in the Cultural Plan. A number of speakers expressed support for the external audit review of the City's operations, and other speakers provided general comments in relation to the budget.

Staff from Budget Services responded to questions regarding concerns raised by the speakers.

NOTE FROM MEETING COORDINATOR:

Council, having heard from all registered speakers, will make a final decision on the 2009 Interim Operating Budget at its Regular Council Meeting on April 7, 2009.

The Committee adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

MARCH 31, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 10:26 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

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

ABSENT: Councillor David Cadman, Leave of Absence - Civic Business

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

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets
March 31, 2009

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets. Its items of business included:

1. 2009 Interim Budget Estimates Update and Public Consultation Results

Item 1

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Special Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets at its meeting of Tuesday, March 31, 2009, as contained in Item 1, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang
SECONDED by Councillor Deal

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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