



REPORT TO COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 18, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Friday, December 18, 2009, at 9:43 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of considering the final estimates for the 2010 Operating Budget.

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: Penny Ballem, City Manager

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator
Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (2010 Operating Budget) of December 3, 9 and 14, 2009, were adopted.

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

**1. 2010 Operating Budget - Final Estimates
December 17, 2009**

Vancouver City Council, at its Regular Meeting on December 1, 2009, received a Report Reference on the proposed 2010 Operating Budget and public consultation update. Council's decisions "in principle" regarding the Budget were referred to a Special Council meeting on December 3, 9 and 14, 2009, in order to hear from speakers. Subsequently, Council's discussion and decision on the final estimates for the 2010 Operating Budget were referred to a Special Council Meeting on December 18, 2009.

The General Manager, Financial Services Group, provided an overview of the proposed recommendations for the 2010 Operating Budget.

MOVED by Councillor Louie

- A. THAT Council approve the budget resolution as set out below, thereby adopting the final 2010 Operating Budget with a property tax increase of 2.26%.
- B. THAT Council approve the funding requests and the proposed service adjustments as outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2009, entitled *2010 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update* with the following adjustments:
 - i) Increase funding for the retention of the Riley Park Library Branch by \$153,000 to be funded by one time savings derived from the salary adjustment of exempt staff;
 - ii) Increase funding to Vancouver Library Board (VPL) branches serving vulnerable populations by \$192,000;
 - iii) Increase funding to the VPL Central Library to retain current operating hours, \$419,000;
 - iv) Allocate \$500,000 ongoing to fund the City's emergency shelter program; and
 - v) Increase contingency reserve by \$300,000 for additional budget certainty.
- C. THAT Council approve the Parking Meter program enhancements outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2009, entitled *2010 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update*, reflecting \$4.4 million of revenues incorporated in the 2010 estimates, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to amend the appropriate By-Laws and be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement this recommendation.

- D. THAT Council approve the Park Board Global Budget of \$60,293,500 outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2009, entitled *2010 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update*. Adjustments to the Global Budget will be made at a later date once the Vancouver Services Review implementation plans have been developed.
- E. THAT Council approve the recommendation of the Corporate Management Team to change the planned January 1, 2010 salary increase of 4% for exempt staff to a 2% increase commencing January 1, 2010 followed by the remaining 2% increase on July 1, 2010. Council will request that the Library and Police Boards consider this same recommendation for their exempt staff, and that their budgets, the Park Board budget and the City departmental budgets be adjusted accordingly with the savings allocated to Contingency Reserve.

carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT A be amended by striking "2.26%" and replacing with "3% and a property tax increase of 3%"; and

FURTHER THAT the Resolution in Appendix 2 of the Administrative Report dated December 17, 2009, entitled *2010 Operating Budget - Final Estimates*, be amended to reflect the 3% property tax increase".

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the motion be amended by striking B and substituting with:

Park Board programs	1,333,000
Library hours	934,000
Anti-graffiti program	130,000
Bloedel conservancy and Childrens	73,000
Farmyard	
Banner program	75,000
Downtown heritage rail cars	12,000
Maintenance of boulevards etc	400,000
Street cleaning	400,000
Street trees, parks maintenance	571,000
Contingency	-1,950,000
Total	1,978,000

LOST

(Councillors Deal, Jang, Louie, Meggs, Reimer and Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)
(Councillor Chow absent for the vote)

Council agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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CARRIED

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CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

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CARRIED

(Councillor Anton opposed)

- C. THAT Council approve the Parking Meter program enhancements outlined in the Administrative Report dated December 1, 2009, entitled *2010 Operating Budget: Proposed Budget and Public Consultation Update*, reflecting \$4.4 million of revenues incorporated in the 2010 estimates, and instruct the Director of Legal Services to amend the appropriate By-Laws and be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement this recommendation.

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CARRIED
(Councillors Anton and Woodsworth opposed)

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CARRIED
(Councillor Anton and Woodsworth opposed)

FINAL RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

THAT WHEREAS, the Vancouver Charter, Section 219 requires that the Director of Finance submit to Council each year the detailed estimates of revenues and expenditures of the City for the year;

AND WHEREAS the Vancouver Charter, Section 372 requires that Council adopt the estimates of revenues and expenditures for the City as soon thereafter as possible;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the development of the estimates in reports submitted by the Director of Finance on November 17, 2009, December 1, 2009, and December 18, 2009, and approved measures to bring the estimates into balance, including approval of a general purposes property tax increase;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated expenditures of the City to pay all debts and obligations of the City falling due in the year 2010, exclusive of the amounts required for school, Greater Vancouver Regional District, Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority, British Columbia Assessment Authority and Municipal Finance Authority purposes and not otherwise provide for, as amended by Council, amount to \$961,260,000;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated expenditures as aforesaid is the sum of the appropriation requests of all departments and boards properly supported by detailed analysis of those expenditures and listings of the salaried staff;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated revenue of the City for 2010 from sources other than real property taxes, as amended by Council, amounts to \$394,021,000;

AND WHEREAS the amount of the General Purposes Tax Levy so required is \$567,239,000.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said estimates, both as to totals and individual items pertaining thereto, of the Director of Finance as so amended by Council be and the same are hereby adopted by Council.

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 Louie
SECONDED by Councillor Meggs

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

1. A By-law to amend Parking Meter By-Law No. 2952 regarding parking meter rate increases and miscellaneous amendments (By-law No. 9976)

MOVED by Councillor Chow
SECONDED by Councillor Jang

THAT Council enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Special Council adjourned at 11:17 am.

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