

Budget Committee

Report

2nd Budget Committee - 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget
February 1, 2024

PRESENT: Councillors E. Pelozza (Chair), H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, Mayor J. Morgan

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, S. Corman, J. Davies, K. Dickins, D. Escobar, M. Galczynski, A. Job, S. Mathers, J. Millman, J. Millson, K. Murray, J. Paradis, T. Pollitt, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, C. Smith

Remote Attendance: S. Chambers, K. Clarke, I. Collins, L. Hamer, R. Hayes, A. Hunt, E. Hunt, A. Kircos, E. Skalski

The meeting is called to order at 9:30 AM; it being noted that Councillors S. Franke and S. Hillier were in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

2.1 Staff Presentation

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the budget presentation from the Deputy City Manager, Finance and Supports BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (15): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Mayor's Budget

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the budget presentation from the Mayor BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the Mayor's Proposed Budget was provided to each member of Council, the City Clerk, and the public on January 31, 2024.

Yeas: (15): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That, pursuant to section 27.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, a change in order of the Budget Committee Agenda BE APPROVED, to provide for Item 6.1 in Stage 6, Confidential, to be considered after Stage 3, Scheduled Items.

Yeas: (15): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the Committee recess at this time, for 45 minutes.

Motion Passed

The Committee recesses at 12:16 PM and reconvenes at 1:03 PM.

6. Confidential (Enclosed for Members only.)

Moved by: D. Ferreira
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the Budget Committee convene In Closed Session to consider the following:

6.1 Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice

A matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and directions and instructions to officers and employees or agents of the municipality.

Yeas: (12): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Absent: (3): S. Trosow, A. Hopkins, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

The Budget Committee convenes In Closed Session from 1:03 PM to 1:17 PM.

3. Scheduled Items

3.2 Amendment - Business Case #P-5

Moved by: S. Hillier
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the Mayor's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget BE AMENDED to remove **Business Case #P-5** – Fire Department Breathing Apparatus and Breathing Apparatus Decontamination (Amended – funding deferred from 2024 to 2026), and that this Business Case BE REFERRED to the 2028-2031 MYB noting that the equipment's lifecycle renewal is 2031.

Yeas: (12): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Nays: (3): C. Rahman, S. Franke, and J. Morgan

Motion Passed (12 to 3)

3.3 Amendment - Business Case #P-7

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Pribil

That the Mayor's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget BE AMENDED to remove **Business Case #P-7** – Implementation of a New Property Tax Software System and Capital Asset Reporting Tool for Financial Reporting.

Yeas: (2): S. Stevenson, and P. Van Meerbergen

Nays: (13): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Motion Failed (2 to 13)

7. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the meeting BE RECESSED.

Yeas: (9): S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, and J. Morgan

Nays: (6): E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Lehman, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (9 to 6)

The meeting recessed at 1:49 PM.