



SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR BUDGET PURPOSES

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:00pm
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

Councillors D. Davis, S. Ferguson, M. Kunst, B. Long, Richter, B. Whitmarsh, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, C. Blair, S. Gamble, S. Harvey-Renner, S. Scheepmaker, K. Sinclair, P. Tulumello, and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, K. Mahil, S. Nam, K. Stepto, and R. Zwaag

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Special Council Meeting for Budget Purposes Agenda – February 10, 2020

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Arnason,
That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the
Special Council Meeting for Budget Purposes held February 10, 2020.
CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2020 Draft Budget Presentation

K. Sinclair reviewed a proposal received from a Council member for a 2020 Property Tax increase of 2.98%. A financial summary of the proposal was broken into six parts:

1. Base Budget - 4.12%
2. Programs and Large Contract Increases – 1.27%
3. Infrastructure – 0.36%
4. Asset Maintenance – 0.24%
5. Protective Services – 0.72%
6. Other Discretionary Requests (3.73%)

A breakdown of each part was presented with discussion and questions provided from Council.

The estimated impact of a 2.98% property tax increase on a representative house was presented.

K. Sinclair reviewed the capital projects that were flagged for further discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor Davis,
That the meeting be adjourned until 1:30pm on February 12, 2020.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 1:30pm on February 12.

K. Sinclair presented the revised summary of the Universal Service Overview Information:

1. Base Budget – 3.86%
2. Programs and Large Contract Increases – 1.27%
3. Infrastructure – 1.35%
4. Asset Maintenance – 0.75%
5. Protective Services – 0.21%
6. Other Discretionary Requests – 0.55%

Taxes on a representative house in Metro Vancouver communities in 2019 were presented to show a comparison. User Pay Utility charges were also presented for the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.

K. Sinclair reviewed a proposal received from another Council member for a 2020 Property Tax increase of 2.98%. A financial summary of the proposal was broken into six parts:

1. Base Budget - 4.12%
2. Programs and Large Contract Increases – 1.27%
3. Infrastructure – 0.60%
4. Asset Maintenance – 0.52%
5. Protective Services – 0.39%
6. Other Discretionary Requests (3.94%)

A MODEL 2020 Operating and Capital Budget, with a starting point of 4.25% increase in overall property taxes required was prepared to be able to take amendments from Council and see the results immediately. It was presented as follows for discussion:

1. Base Budget – 3.43%
2. Programs and Large Contract Increases – 1.27%
3. Infrastructure – 0.67%
4. Asset Maintenance – 0.34%
5. Protective Services – 0.60%
6. Discretionary Requests – 0%
7. Road DCC's – (2.06%)

Overall Increase – 4.25%

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Woodward,
Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,
That Council receive and refer the February 12 model draft 2020 Operating Budget to public consultation in February 2020.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That the Road DCC's to Fund Connector Land be increased to \$3,000,000 from \$2,750,000.

CARRIED

Councillors Long, Richter, and Woodward opposed

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That the Operating Contribution to Capital be increased to \$250,000 each for the following:

- Roads
- Facilities
- Stormwater
- Parks

That the reduction of the base Operating Contribution to Capital of \$400,000 in Transportation be changed to a reduction of \$200,000; and

That the reduction of the base Operating Contribution to Capital of \$200,000 in Information Technology be eliminated; and

That Protective Services include 10 Officers starting Oct 1st at \$438,750, a transfer to the police reserve of \$211,250 (total \$650,000 envelope for police) and two bylaw officers starting April 1st at \$136,500 be included.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

MEETING RECESSED

The meeting recessed at 4:19pm.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 4:30pm.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Richter,
Seconded by Councillor Woodward,
That the prior year surplus funding applied to projects ranked 'critical' at the airport be reduced by \$175,000 and be transferred to Road Paving, and the airport reserve be applied to its outstanding projects.

DEFEATED

Mayor Froese and Councillors Ferguson, Kunst, Long, and Whitmarsh opposed

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Whitmarsh,
Seconded by Councillor Long,
That Road Paving be changed to \$350,000 and the Transfer to Capital Infrastructure be changed to \$250,000.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Richter,
Seconded by Councillor Woodward,
That Road Paving be reduced to \$300,000 and the Transfer to Capital Infrastructure be reduced to \$200,000.

CARRIED

Mayor Froese and Councillors Kunst, Whitmarsh, and Woodward opposed

AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED

The question was called on the Amendment, as amended, and it was
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED

The question was called on the Main Motion, as amended, and it was
CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor Woodward,
That the residential tax increase of 2.98% and Light Industry/Business tax increase of 5.95% and be referred to public consultation.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Woodward,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That the capital projects from the February 6 memo be referred to public consultation.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That the Intersection Improvement at 56 Avenue and 240 Street for \$1.2 million be included and referred for public consultation; and

That the Intersection Improvement at 28 Avenue and 272 Street with a pedestrian activated signal for \$250,000 be included and referred for public consultation.

CARRIED

Councillor Woodward opposed

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That \$650,000 from Yorkson Community Park Bridge be transferred to the Yorkson Community Park Development.

CARRIED

Councillor Richter opposed

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward,
Seconded by Councillor Richter,
That the projects as proposed by a members of Council totaling \$2,491,000 be included and referred to public consultation.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Woodward,
Seconded by Councillor Richter,
That \$2.1million for 208 Street widening design from 83 Avenue to 84 Avenue be removed from the proposed budget.

REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Long,
Seconded by Councillor Ferguson,
That this amendment be referred to staff for further information.

AMENDMENT TO THE REFERRAL

Moved by Councillor Woodward
Seconded by Councillor Richter,
That the two widening projects on 200 Street from 66 Avenue to 68 Avenue and 76 Avenue to 78 Avenue be included in this referral to provide information regarding the land costs involved.

CARRIED

REFERRAL, AS AMENDED

The question was called on the referral, as amended, and it was
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED

The question was called on the Main Motion, as amended, and it was
CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Ferguson,
Seconded by Councillor Kunst,
That Council receive and refer the 2020 Capital Budget, as amended, to
public consultation in February 2020.

CARRIED

Councillor Long opposed

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,
That the meeting terminate at 6:02pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Township Clerk