

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

AT A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 4:00 PM

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Present: Councillor Wade Murray, in the Chair
Councillor Bryon Burnett
Councillor Shawn Fraser
Councillor Bob Hawkins
Councillor Barbara Young

Also in Attendance: Council Officer, Ashley Thompson
Legal Counsel, Jana-Marie Odling
Executive Director, City Planning and Development, Diana Hawryluk
Director, Assessment and Property Taxation, Don Barr
Director, Community Services, Laurie Shalley
Director, Planning, Shauna Bzdel

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

The Secretary called the meeting to order and following nomination procedures for the position of Chairperson, Councillor Wade Murray was declared Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee for 2016.

(Councillor Murray took the Chair.)

Following nomination procedures for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Bob Hawkins was declared Vice-Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee for 2016.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Bryon Burnett moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, after amending Appendix A of report FA16-4 Property Tax Exemption - Saskatchewan Multicultural Centre Association (SMCA), and that the delegations be heard in the order they are called by the Chairperson.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Barbara Young moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on February 9, 2016 be adopted, as circulated.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

FA16-6 Regina Downtown Business Improvement District – Change to Boundaries
- 2016

Recommendation

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw 2003-80, The Regina Downtown Business Improvement District Bylaw, 2003 to expand the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District boundary as depicted in Appendix A to this report.
2. That this report be forwarded to the March 29, 2016 City Council meeting for approval.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Neil Cromarty, representing himself
- Judith Veresuk, representing Regina Downtown Business Improvement District

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA16-4 Property Tax Exemption - Saskatchewan Multicultural Centre Association
(SMCA)

Recommendation

1. That the request from the Saskatchewan Multicultural Centre Association (SMCA) for a five year tax exemption for the property at 2144 Cornwall Street be DENIED.
2. That this report be forwarded to March 29, 2016 City Council meeting for consideration.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Girma Sahlu, representing Saskatchewan Multicultural Centre Association
- Mary Kolitsas, representing Saskatchewan Multicultural Centre Association; and
- Bob Frienrich, representing Multilingual Association of Regina

Councillor Shawn Fraser moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

The motion was put and declared LOST.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that:

- 1. The Saskatchewan Multicultural Centre Association (SMCA) be provided a three year tax exemption for the property at 2144 Cornwall Street.**
- 2. The Administration be directed to bring back a policy outlining how to effectively proceed with tax exemption requests from non-profit organizations including any criteria that can be used.**
- 3. The City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw and agreement to provide for the property tax exemption for 2144 Cornwall Street.**
- 4. This report be forwarded to the March 29, 2016 City Council meeting for approval.**

FA16-3 Boundary Alteration - 2016 Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

1. That the property tax exemptions, as outlined in this report, be approved.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix A, B and C.
3. That this report be forwarded to the March 29, 2016 City Council meeting for approval.

Councillor Bryon Burnett moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA16-5 Architectural Services - Facilities Renewal Issue and Request for Proposal (RFP) Award

Recommendation

1. That the Administration issue a request for proposal (RFP) for separate engagements of architectural and professional engineering consulting services for the development of three new facilities at the Landfill, Transit Operations and Parks and Facilities Yard for the City of Regina (City).
2. That City Council authorize the Chief Financial Officer to award and enter into up to three contracts with the highest ranked proponents from the RFP process.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the contracts after review and approval from the City Solicitor.
4. That this report be forwarded to the March 29, 2016 meeting of City Council for approval.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA16-7 Annual Property Tax Exemptions - 2016

Recommendation

1. That City Council approve the property tax exemptions outlined in Appendix A.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix A.
3. That this report be forwarded to the March 29, 2016 City Council meeting for approval.

Councillor Barbara Young moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA16-8 Regina Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

That this report be forwarded to the March 29, 2016 City Council meeting for informational purposes.

Councillor Barbara Young moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Barbara Young moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary