

MINUTES

BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2000 05 23

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor S. Butland, Councillors R. Niro, M. Borowicz, J. Curran, D. Jones, D. Oraziotti, P. Vaudry, C. Swift, D. Amaroso, D. Brandt, B. Irwin, M. Pascuzzi

ABSENT: Councillor S. Lepore

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, M. White, M. Brechin, J. Luszka, R. Avery, W. Lamming, L. Bottos, B. Freiburger, L. McCoy, L. Whalen, B. Davies, S. McLellan, D. Scott

1. Moved by Councillor D. Brandt
Seconded by Councillor C. Swift
Resolved that agenda items 1, 3, 4 and 5 BE DEFERRED until staff can report back with a new budget with an overall property tax increase of 2%.
DEFEATED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors R. Niro, C. Swift, D. Brandt, B. Irwin, M. Pascuzzi

Against: Mayor S. Butland, Councillors M. Borowicz, J. Curran, D. Jones, D. Oraziotti, P. Vaudry, D. Amaroso

Absent: Councillor S. Lepore

2. **2000 Budget**

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconder Councillor J. Curran

Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration - 2000 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

3. Moved by Councillor D. Jones
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council - 2000 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

4. **Yearend Transfers to Reserves**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso

Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 1999 05 23 concerning Yearend Transfers to Reserves, be accepted and the recommendations contained therein, be approved. CARRIED.

Councillor M. Pascuzzi declared a pecuniary interest - client of law firm.

Councillor M. Borowicz declared a pecuniary interest - employed by Algoma Central Properties.

5. Moved by Councillor C. Swift
Seconded by Councillor D. Brandt
Resolved that Council request appropriate staff to review the budget estimates and identify possible reduction options to reduce the overall tax increase to 2%. DEFEATED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors R. Niro, C. Swift, D. Brandt

Against: Mayor S. Butland, Councillors M. Borowicz, J. Curran, D. Jones, D. Oraziotti, P. Vaudry, D. Amaroso, B. Irwin, M. Pascuzzi

Absent: Councillor S. Lepore

6. Moved by Councillor D. Orazietti
Seconded by Councillor D. Jones
Resolved that the 2000 Budget as submitted be approved with the following adjustments to result in a 2.48% tax rate increase:
- 1) \$1,000,000 transferred from the 2000 OMERS allocation
 - 2) \$ 431,000 transferred from the Provincial Downloading Reserve
 - 3) \$ 824,000 transferred from the old Hospital Rationalization Reserve
 - 4) \$ 600,000 transferred from the Reserves for Working Funds
 - 5) \$ 39,568 transferred from the old Casino/Slots - City Share - Casino Coordinator position, and;
- Further be it resolved that the sum of \$40,000 be approved as a supplementary item to continue the Building An Extraordinary Community Strategic Planning Process, and;
- Further be it resolved that the sum of \$300,000 be approved to at least commence a GIS plan for the Corporation in the year 2000, and;
- Further be it resolved that the City match dollar-for-dollar new tourism industry monies, for the year 2000 only, for the Economic Development Corporation Market Share and Tourism Marketing Plan, with a cap on the City's contribution of \$100,000. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor S. Butland, Councillors R. Niro, M. Borowicz, J. Curran, D. Jones, D. Orazietti, P. Vaudry, C. Swift, D. Amaroso, D. Brandt, B. Irwin, M. Pascuzzi

Against: nil

Absent: Councillor S. Lepore

7. Moved by Councillor D. Amaroso
Seconded by Councillor B. Irwin
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"STEPHEN E. BUTLAND"
MAYOR

"DONNA P. IRVING"
CLERK