

MINUTES

BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2005 04 25

3:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, D. Celetti, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, B. Hayes, F. Manzo, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, M. White, L. Bottos, P. McAuley, S. McLellan, B. Freiburger, J. Dolcetti, N. Apostle, K. Streich-Poser, N. Kenny, A. McRae, B. Strapp, W. Eisenbichler, L. Whalen, L. McCoy, B. Davies, J. Luszka

1. **Yearend Transfers to Reserves**

The report of the Manager of Finance and Audit was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Finance and Audit dated 2005 04 19 concerning Yearend Transfers to Reserves be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. (Note: Doctor recruitment dollars transferred to a generic reserve.) CARRIED.

2. **Budget Timetable Review**

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

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2005 04 19 concerning the Budget Timetable Review be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

3. **Travel Policy Revisions**

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

3. Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2005 04 19 concerning Travel Policy Revisions be received and the recommendations contained therein be referred to the 2005 Budget deliberations as a Supplementary Item. CARRIED.
4. **2005 Budget**
The reports of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer concerning the 2005 Budget were received by Council.
5. Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2005 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.
- Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest on any items in the Budget pertaining to Police Services - spouse employed by Police Services.
6. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2005 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.
7. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Resolved that Council suspend Procedure By-law 99-100 to allow for completion of this evening's Agenda beyond the 5-hour mark. CARRIED.
8. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that the reports of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2005 04 19 concerning the 2005 Budget as presented be accepted and the 2005 Budget, with a total combined urban residential tax rate increase of 2.98% be approved with the following amendments:
1) Reduce increased snow removal from \$500,000.00 to \$124,650.00;
2) Approve all "operational" supplementary requests as set out by the Manager of Budgets on the report provided to Council on 2005 04 25 - Budget Information Update save and except \$125,000.00 for Public Works and Transportation - Winter Control and \$236,665.00 for Innovation Centre Core Funding;
3) Add \$33,000.00 to Cultural Advisory Grants and \$100,000.00 to reserves for City Trails Development; and

8. 4) That funding for Safe Communities and Trails Development be subject to annual review. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, B. Hayes, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, F. Manzo

Absent: Nil

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the reports of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2005 04 19 concerning the 2005 Budget be accepted and further that the recommended 2005 Budget as presented with a total combined urban residential tax rate increase of 2.99% be approved. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

9. Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Whereas the Province has provided new options for tax capping in 2005; and
Whereas the City's objective is to move as many taxpayers as possible to a full current value assessment and minimize the number of taxpayers that have their tax reductions clawed back due to tax capping; and
Whereas the Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended the tax capping changes;

Therefore be it resolved that:

- a) Tax capping be raised from 5% to 10%
- b) Tax capping threshold of plus and minus \$250.00 be established to exempt those properties in this range from the tax capping formula
- c) New construction or new to the class properties be set to 70% of CVA in 2005 and 80% in 2006. CARRIED.

Mayor J. Rowswell declared a pecuniary interest - Algoma Steel is a client of engineering firm.

9. Recorded Vote

For: Councillors J. Caicco, P. Mick, L. Turco, J. Curran, J. Collins, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, B. Hayes, N. DelBianco, D. Amaroso

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, F. Manzo

Absent: Nil

10. Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Resolved that 2004 Surplus in the amount of \$1,532,162.00 be allocated as recommended with \$1,000,000.00 allocated to the new Sports and Entertainment Complex and \$532,162.00 allocated to the MTO Site Reserve. CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

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Against: Councillors D. Celetti, F. Manzo

Absent: Nil

11. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that the City's share of the proceeds of the sale of the F. J. Davey Home of approximately \$1,140,000.00 be dedicated to the 2005 Economic Development Fund to be allocated by Council at a future time. CARRIED.

12. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Resolved that Council approve the following funding requests with funding to come from the 2005 Economic Development Fund:
- 1) Downtown Development Initiative \$75,000.00
 - 2) Destiny Sault Ste. Marie Community Sector Business Model Development Project \$50,000.00
 - 3) Multi-Modal Marketing Initiative \$100,000.00
 - 4) Innovation Centre \$236,665.00. CARRIED.

12. Recorded Vote

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Against: Councillors D. Celetti, T. Sheehan, F. Manzo

Absent: Nil

13. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"John Rowswell"

MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

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