

## MINUTES

### BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2006 04 24

6:30 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, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, S. McLellan, J. Dolcetti, D. Elliott, B. Davies, W. Eisenbichler, L. Whalen, B. Strapp

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 2006 04 24 concerning Yearend Transfers to Reserves be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

2. **2006 Budget**

The reports of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer concerning the 2006 Budget were accepted by Council.

3. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

*Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2006 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.*

Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest on any discussion relating to the Police Service - spouse employed by the Police Service.

4. Moved Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

*Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2006 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.*

5. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that the report of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2006 04 24 concerning the 2006 Budget be accepted as presented and the 2006 Budget with a total combined urban residential tax rate increase of 2.43% be approved with the following amendments - that the recommended transfer of \$250,000.00 to the M.T.O. site reserve be reduced by \$125,000.00 with the resulting saving used to reduce the 2006 levy and the following supplementary items be approved:

Ongoing Items

Civic Centre Maintenance	\$ 50,000.00
Civic Centre Window Replacement	\$ 50,000.00
Fire Equipment - Increase Contribution	\$ 17,500.00
PWT Equipment - Increase Contribution	\$100,000.00
PWT West Nile Control Program	\$ 20,000.00
PWT Dutch Elm Disease Program	\$ 12,500.00

Art Gallery - Increase Operating Grant	\$ 45,000.00
Destiny Sault Ste. Marie	\$ 50,000.00
EDC - GIS Services	\$ 10,000.00
Innovation Centre - Core Funding	\$277,890.00
S.S.M. Museum - Increase Operating Grant	\$ 36,000.00

One-Time Items

Kensington Terrace - Heritage Property	\$ 33,570.00
Heritage Buildings Brochure	\$ 10,000.00
Museum Ship Norgoma - Grant	\$ 10,000.00
CARRIED.	

6. **Disposition of 2005 Surplus**

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the 2005 Surplus of \$432,133.00 be allocated to reduce the 2006 levy. CARRIED.

7. Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that Council suspend By-law 99-100 Procedure By-law to allow for completion of this evening's agenda exceeding the 5 hour time limit. CARRIED.

8. **2006 Capital Works Program**

The report of the Director of Engineering Services was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering Services dated 2006 04 24 concerning 2006 Capital Works Program be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

9.

Moved by Councillor T. Sheehan

Seconded by Councillor L. Turco

Whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) has received over 5 million dollars in City Taxpayer funding; and

Whereas both the Provincial and Federal government have contributed substantial amounts of money to the SSMIC in the past; and

Whereas the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre is now requesting Core Funding just from the City of Sault Ste. Marie; and

Whereas the SSMIC has two distinct and different areas

1) Business Services

2) Geographic Mapping Systems (GIS) Mapping/Data Warehouse;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1) City Council instruct the CAO in concert with other appropriate staff and in consultation with SSMIC staff, to solicit a request for proposal for a Third Party Business Valuation of the two distinct and different areas of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre; and that the CAO report back to Council at the earliest opportunity with recommendations of costs and sources of funding for this important review; and

2) Further that the 2006 budget request be approved subject to Council being satisfied by the successful results of the Business Valuation; and

3) Further that the Third Party Business Valuation expert be requested to review the advisability of amalgamating the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre with other existing bodies currently being core funded by the City such as but not limited to the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation; and also be requested to review the advisability of spinning off part of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre to a private or public sector entity if appropriate. DEFEATED.

10.

Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco

Seconded by Councillor D. Celetti

Resolved that 'Town Hall' style meetings be held in the Council Chambers with City Council in attendance to allow constituents' input and discussions on the 2007 and subsequent year's city budgets. DEFEATED.

11. Moved by Councillor N. DelBianco  
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick  
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

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"John Rowswell"

**MAYOR**

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"Donna P. Irving"

**CLERK**