

MINUTES

BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2009 05 13

3:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Acting Mayor B. Hayes, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, S. Myers, L. Tridico, F. Fata, S. Butland, F. Manzo, P. Mick

ABSENT: Mayor J. Rowswell (illness), Councillor T. Sheehan (out of town)

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, M. White, L. Bottos, P. McAuley, N. Apostle, B. Freiburger, S. McLellan, J. Dolcetti, J. Luszka, K. Streich-Poser, M. Provenzano, D. Elliott, P. Liepa, B. Davies, L. Whalen, E. Rossnagel, M. Wozny

1. **Yearend Reserve Transfers**

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

Moved by Councillor F. Fata

Seconded by Councillor S. Myers

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2009 05 13 concerning Yearend Transfers to Reserves be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor F. Fata

Seconded by Councillor S. Myers

Resolved that Council authorize the transfer of \$21,364.53, representing the unspent portion of the 2008 Council Travel budget, to reserve as part of the yearend transfer to reserves. CARRIED.

2. **2009 Tax Capping Options**

The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council. The relevant By-laws 2009-95 and 2009-97 are listed under Item 4 of the Minutes.

3. **2009 Budget**

The reports of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and the Manager of Budgets and Revenue were accepted by Council.

3. Moved by Councillor D. Celetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2009 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

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

Moved by Councillor D. Celetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2009 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor F. Fata
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that the reports of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and the Manager of Budgets and Revenue dated 2009 05 13 concerning the 2009 Budget be accepted and the 2009 budget with a total combined urban residential tax rate increase of 2.95% be approved with the following amendments:

Expense Reductions

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| 1. Reduce Capital from Current allocation | \$100,000.00 |
| 2. Reduce Unforeseen Expense allocation | \$ 75,000.00 |
| 3. Reduce Community Development Fund allocation | \$ 40,000.00 |

Revenue Increases

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| 1. Increase through annualizing supplementary tax revenue | \$500,000.00 |
| 2. Allocation from the 2008 surplus | \$500,000.00 |

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

For: Acting Mayor B. Hayes, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, O. Grandinetti, S. Myers, F. Fata, S. Butland, P. Mick

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, L. Tridico, F. Manzo

Absent: Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillor T. Sheehan

3. Moved by Councillor D. Celetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Be it resolved that Council approve the adoption of revenue neutral tax ratios for all classes for 2009 as recommended in the 2009 Budget report of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer; and Further that Council petition the Province to provide the required legislative amendments to allow the use of such revenue neutral tax ratios in future years, at least until 2012, the end of the current re-assessment cycle. CARRIED.

4. **Consideration and Passing of By-laws**

Moved by Councillor F. Fata
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that all the by-laws listed under Item 4 of the Agenda under date 2009 05 13 be approved. CARRIED.

- (a) Moved by Councillor F. Fata
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that By-law 2009-95 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential Property Classes be read three times and passed in Open Council this 13th day of May, 2009. CARRIED.

- (b) Moved by Councillor F. Fata
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that By-law 2009-97 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of recovery percentages for the 2009 taxation year be read three times and passed in Open Council this 13th day of May, 2009. CARRIED.

5. **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor D. Celetti
Seconded by Councillor S. Myers
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"John Rowswell"

MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

CLERK