

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 10, 2011 AT 9:00 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA**

**PRESENT:** Mayor S. Decter Hirst in the Chair, Councillor S. Berry, Councillor M. Blight, Councillor J. Chaboyer, Councillor J. Fawcett, Councillor J. Harwood, Councillor L. Isleifson, Councillor J. McCrae, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor G. Rice, Councillor C. Roberts

**ABSENT:** Nil

**READING OF THE CALL**

At the direction of the Chair, the City Clerk read the following:

“Your Worship, notice of this meeting was provided to all members of City Council advising that a Special Meeting of City Council would be held this date to deliberate the City's 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets.”

The City Clerk confirmed that in view of the above compliance and there being a quorum. it was lawful to proceed with this Special Meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

(A) 2012 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

403 Blight-McCrae  
That the 2012 Operating and Capital budgets be approved,

and further, that Administration prepare the required Financial Plan in accordance with the above noted budgets. CARRIED AS AMENDED

It was noted further in the meeting that motions were being made to amend the budget to either delete or reduce expenditures and in some cases, defer the expenditures to the 2013 budget year. The City Clerk explained that such motions could only state a deletion or reduction to the 2012 Capital or Operating budgets. He indicated that the suggestion to defer the expenditure to the following budget year would be duly noted by the attending City Manager and the General Managers of Corporate Services, Development Services and Operational Services respectively for their departments' consideration when preparing their 2013 budgets.

AMENDMENT

404 Berry-Isleifson  
That the main motion be amended by adding following the words: “be approved”, the words: “subject to:

(1) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense for sculptures." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

405 Berry-Montague  
That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(2) the deletion of \$48,000 as an Operating budget expense for the Community Centre GAP analysis." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT  
Isleifson-McCrae

406 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following subparagraph thereto:

“(3) the deletion of \$214,000 as an Operating budget expense for the establishment of a Youth Activity Centre.” CARRIED.

Montague-Roberts

407 That a by-law be prepared to establish a reserve for Youth Programming whereby an allocation of \$100,000 be made from the 2012 budget. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Rice

408 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(4) the addition of \$300,000 as a Capital budget expense for the Youth Activity Centre and the Cultural Resource Centre as part of the 638 Princess Avenue Building refit to be funded through a debenture sale.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-McCrae

409 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(5) the deletion of \$42,000 as an Operating budget expenses for the establishment of a Cultural Resource Centre.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-Fawcett

410 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(6) the addition of \$60,000 as an Operating budget expense for the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District levy.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Roberts

411 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(7) the addition of \$10,000 as an Operating budget expense for the noted years in order that pursuant to City Council Motion No. 1303 (February 16, 2010) with respect to the City of Brandon providing funding to the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba for the years 2010 through 2014, such funding be increased by \$10,000 for the years 2012 to 2014 respectively.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Rice

412 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of \$70,000 as an Operating budget expense for the Greenspace Master Plan.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Isleifson

413 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(9) the reduction of the allocation for walkways and pathways as an Operating budget expense from \$200,000 to \$100,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Blight-Rice

414 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(10) the deletion of \$57,000 as an Operating budget expense for the position of By-law Officer for Sanitation.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-Chaboyer

415 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(11) the reduction of the allocation for the Zoning By-law Review as an Operating budget expenses from \$177,000 to \$88,500.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-McCrae

416 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(12) the deletion of \$60,000 as an Operating budget expense for repairs to the bleachers at Andrews Field and the addition of \$60,000 as a Capital budget expense for the repairs to be funded from the Andrews Field Reserve Fund.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Roberts-Harwood

417 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(13) the reduction of the allocation for overall conference costs as an Operating budget expense from \$238,738 to \$210,813.” CARRIED.

Rice-Harwood

418 That pursuant to City Council Motion No. 336 (September 26, 2011) with respect to the City of Brandon's support towards the Federal Legacy Program for the restoration of Display Building No. II (Dome Building) on the Keystone Centre grounds, the City's contribution to this project be restricted to gift-in-kind support. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-McCrae

419 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(14) the reduction of the allocation for Youth Programming as an Operating budget expense from \$145,000 to \$50,000.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

McCrae-Berry

420 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(15) the reduction of the allocation for the Recreation Master Plan as an Operating budget expense from \$180,000 to \$130,000 representing a deletion of \$50,000 in consulting costs.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-Berry

421 That the above main motion be amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$56,000 as an Operating budget expense for the positions of Finance Administrator and Asset Management in the Operations Department.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-McCrae

That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) the start date of the Environmental Coordinator be delayed.” WITHDRAWN.

Isleifson-McCrae

422 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) The reduction of the allocation for the Community Planner as an Operating budget expense from \$67,817 to \$62,165.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-Roberts

423 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$62,165” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$39,560”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-McCrae

That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(18) the reduction of the allocation for the Heritage Coordinator position as an Operating budget expense from \$60,000 to \$30,000.” WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Montague

424 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(18) the addition of \$27,500 as a Capital budget expense to be funded from the Office Equipment Reserve Fund for the City View cashiering module, and \$1,000 as an Operating budget expense for the associated licensing and software fees.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Rice

425 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(19) the addition of \$15,180 as a Capital budget expense to be funded from the Office Equipment Reserve Fund for mobile inspection equipment, and \$800 as an Operating budget expense for annual software fees.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Chaboyer

That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(20) the addition of \$32,130 as a Capital budget expense to be funded from the Office Equipment Reserve Fund for portal access, and \$2,813 as an Operating budget expense for annual software fees .” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Blight

That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(21) the addition of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for the Secondary Plan work plan consultations.” WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(21) the deletion of \$45,000 as an Operating budget expenses for the Keystone Centre study.” WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Isleifson

426 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(21) the reduction of \$431,972 to Reserve Fund appropriations. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Roberts

427 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the following thereto: “excluding the appropriation to the Affordable Housing Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

McCrae-Chaboyer

428 That the above amending motion be further amended by deleting the figure:”\$431,972” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$250,000”. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Decter Hirst-McCrae

429 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(22) the addition of \$388,000 as an Operating budget expense for drainage, sidewalk and street resurfacing infrastructure projects.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

430 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$388,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$500,000”. CARRIED.

Decter Hirst-Montague

431 That the motion by Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst to add \$388,000 as an Operating budget expense for infrastructure and the amended motion by Councillor Berry to increase said amount from \$388,000 to \$500,000 be tabled and dealt with following the intended motion to by Councillor Berry to reduce the appropriations to certain Reserve Funds. CARRIED.

Berry/McCrae

432 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(23) the deletion of \$150,000 as an Operating budget expense for the following reserve fund appropriations:

Office Equipment Reserve - \$50,000  
Recreation Centre Reserve - \$50,000  
Sportsplex Reserve - \$50,000.” LOST.

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above changes in the budgets, as presented, resulted in a mill rate increase of 5.28%.

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Rice

That the meeting do now adjourn (7:02 p.m.) CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK