

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014 AT 8:30 A.M. 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. LoRegio, Councillor S. Montague, Councillor G. Rice

ABSENT: Councillor C. Roberts

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 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets.”

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) **2014 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

1379 **Isleifson-Blight**
That the 2014 Operating and Capital budgets be approved;

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

At the request of Councillor Montague, a recorded vote on the above motion was taken.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Her Worship Mayor Decter Hirst	Councillor Berry
Councillor Blight	Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Chaboyer	Councillor Isleifson
Councillor Harwood	Councillor LoRegio
Councillor Rice	Councillor Montague

As the above motion received an equal division of votes, it was declared lost.

AMENDMENT

1380 **Berry-Harwood**
That the main motion be amended by adding following the words: “approved”, the words: “subject to:

- (1) (a) the addition of \$6,000 as an Operating budget expense representing assessment changes;
- (b) the deletion of \$63,635 as an Operating budget expense representing savings in employer paid premiums;
- (c) the addition of \$8,500 as an Operating budget expense to postage costs;
- (d) the deletion of \$19,715 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to funding for Brandon First;
- (e) the deletion of \$120,000 as an Operating budget expense representing an adjustment to the Police Department labour costs due to retirements;
- (f) the deletion of \$82,365 as an Operating budget expense representing an adjustment to the salary costs for the Planning and Building Safety Department;

- (g) the deletion of \$10,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the cost of the Employee Wellness program in Human Resources; and
- (h) the deletion of \$5,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the cost of salary surveys in Human Resources.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1381 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

- “(2) the deletion of \$5,120 as an Operating budget expense representing the proposed increase to Council indemnities.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Isleifson

1382 That above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$5,120” and substituting therefor the figure: “4,430” whereby only the Mayor’s indemnity shall be increased by 2.4% representing the Consumer Price Index. CARRIED.

Mayor Decter Hirst abstained from voting on the above amending motion due to its potential financial impact to her.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Montague

1383 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

- “(3) the deletion of \$90,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a grant to Brandon General Museum and Archives Inc. for the year 2014.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Isleifson-Harwood

1384 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

- “(3) the addition of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Reserve, and the addition of \$100,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Reserve for that facility’s roof project.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

1385 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

- “(4) the deletion of \$55,000 as an Operating budget expense in salary costs for the Information Technology Department.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

1386 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

- “(4) the deletion of \$25,000 as an Operating budget expense in consulting fee for the Planning & Building Department.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Fawcett

1387 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(4) the addition of \$20,000 as an Operating budget expenses to the allocation for the Planning & Building Safety Department for training with respect to building code alternatives.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Rice

1388 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(5) the deletion of \$55,858 as an Operating budget expense representing the cost of hiring additional staff in the Engineering Department.” LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1389 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: \$55,858” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$29,300”. LOST.

As the above motion received an equal division of votes, it was declared lost.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Rice

1390 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(5) the addition of \$500,000 as an Operating budget expense for drainage, sidewalk and street resurfacing infrastructure projects.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Montague

That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the words: “for drainage, sidewalk and street resurfacing infrastructure projects” and substituting therefor, the words: “for the appropriation to the Storm Sewer, Diking and Flood Control, Water Distribution and Wastewater Reserves”. WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

1391 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(6) the deletion of \$29,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a portion of the cost of hiring additional staff in the Engineering Department.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Fawcett-Montague

1392 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(7) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for Brandon Police Services.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Blight-Berry

1393 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(7) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for overtime costs in the Brandon Fire and Emergency Services Department.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-LoRegio

1394 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense in the amount of the grant to the Brandon Downtown Development Corporation (Renaissance Brandon).” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

1395 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of \$8,000 as an Operating budget expense to provide transit service on statutory holidays when retail shopping is prohibited.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Montague

1396 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(8) the deletion of \$100,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to the Recreation Centre Reserve, and the deletion of \$200,000 as a Capital budget expense from the Recreation Centre Reserve for the purchase of golf carts.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1397 That the above amending motion be amended by adding the following thereto:

“and further, the addition of \$40,000 as a Capital budget expense from Recreation Centre Reserve for the purchase of batteries for existing golf carts. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Fawcett

1398 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(9) the deletion of \$12,500 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction of the allocation for salary costs in Community Services.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1399 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(10) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to the allocation to Arts in the Community.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Montague

1400 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(11) the deletion of \$60,000 as an Operating budget expense for Christmas light displays.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Fawcett

1401 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "60,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$30,000". CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Rice-LoRegio

1402 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

"(12) the addition of \$1 Million for the appropriation to the Keystone Centre Reserve Fund." LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Rice

1403 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

"(12) the deletion of \$40,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to professional fees in the Human Resources Department." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Fawcett

1404 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

"(13) the deletion of \$20,000 as an Operating budget expense for the allocation to Heritage Reserve Fund." CARRIED.

Montague-Fawcett

1405 That the City of Brandon enter into an agreement with Riverbank Inc. for the City's forgiveness of the remaining \$200,000 portion of its loan to Riverbank Inc. to off-set the cost of Riverbank Inc. carrying out repairs to the riverbank whereby:

- such forgiveness shall be granted in amounts of up to \$50,000 for each of the years 2014 through to 2017 inclusive based on the actual repair cost incurred;
- the subject loan forgiveness shall be conditional upon Riverbank Inc. carrying out said riverbank repairs during each of the four years; and
- any portion of the \$200,000 loan still remaining and not claimed for off-setting the repair cost at the conclusion of the above four year period shall be deemed as still owing to the City.

CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Fawcett

1406 That the main motion regarding the adoption of the 2014 Operating and Capital budgets be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

"(14) the addition of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense representing the forgiveness of the loan payment from Riverbank Inc. to the City of Brandon in 2014." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-LoRegio

1407 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

"(15) the addition of \$10,000 as an Operating budget expense to the Grants Review Committee for funding of the Warm and Safe Program." CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-Isleifson

1408 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to the allocation for conference costs.” LOST.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Chaboyer-Montague

That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$50,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$25,000”. WITHDRAWN.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-LoRegio

1409 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$50,000” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$10,000.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1410 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$15,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction to the allocation for luncheons.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

LoRegio-Fawcett

1411 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$48,555 as an Operating budget expense representing the cost of hiring an Affordable Housing Specialist.” LOST.

As the above motion received an equal division of votes, it was declared lost.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Berry-Chaboyer

1412 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: “\$48,555” and substituting therefor the figure: “\$23,555”, and by adding the words: “as a half time position” immediately following the words: “Affordable Housing Specialist”. LOST.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Blight

1413 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(16) the deletion of \$50,000 as an Operating budget expense for the allocation to the Affordable Housing Reserve.” CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Isleifson

1414 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) the deletion of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense to the allocation to the Office Equipment Reserve.” LOST.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

1415 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) the deletion of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to Reserve Funds.” LOST.

Chaboyer-LoRegio

1416 That Affordable Housing Specialist position be filled as a one year term position. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1417 That the above main motion regarding the adoption of the 2014 Operating and Capital budgets be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(17) the deletion of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction in the City’s overall labour costs;”. LOST.

RECONSIDERATION

Fawcett-Chaboyer

1418 That City Council reconsider the vote on the motion to reduce the reserve allocations by \$250,000. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

1419 “(17) the deletion of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to Reserve Funds.” CARRIED.

The meeting was recessed at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2014.

RECONSIDERATION

Isleifson-Berry

1420 That City Council reconsider the vote on the motion to approve the 2014 Operating and Capital budgets, as amended, that was lost. CARRIED.

Isleifson-Blight

1421 That the 2014 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

RECONSIDERATION

Montague-Isleifson

1422 That City Council reconsider the vote on the amending motion to reduce reserve allocations by \$250,000. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Berry-LoRegio

1423 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(18) the deletion of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense for the appropriation to Reserve Funds;”. CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1424 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$250,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$500.000. LOST.

1425 AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Isleifson-LoRegio

That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$250,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$350.000. CARRIED.

RECONSIDERATION

Montague-Fawcett

1426 That City Council reconsider the vote on the amending motion to delete \$250,000 from labour costs. CARRIED.

AMENDMENT

Montague-Berry

1427 That the above main motion be further amended by adding the following sub-paragraph thereto:

“(19) the deletion of \$250,000 as an Operating budget expense representing a reduction in the City’s overall labour costs.” CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT

Montague-Fawcett

1428 That the above amending motion be amended by deleting the figure: "\$250,000" and substituting therefor the figure: "\$200,000". CARRIED.

RECONSIDERATION

Montague-Fawcett

1429 That City Council reconsider the vote on the amending motion to delete \$100,000 from the Brandon Police Services budget. LOST.

RECONSIDERATION

Decter Hirst-Berry

1430 That City Council reconsider the vote on the motion to limit the Affordable Housing Co-ordinator to a one year term. LOST.

In City Council concluding its deliberations, it was noted that the above changes in the budgets, as presented, resulted in a tax rate increase of 1.42%.

ADJOURN:

Chaboyer-Berry

That the meeting do now adjourn. (10:21 a.m.)

MAYOR

CITY CLERK