



MINUTES

BUDGET COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011 – 9:08 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2nd FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

PRESENT:

Councillor Jim Tovey	Ward 1
Councillor Pat Mullin	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3 (Acting Mayor – Chair)
Councillor Frank Dale	Ward 4
Councillor Eve Adams	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Nando Iannicca	Ward 7
Councillor Katie Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

ABSENT:

Mayor Hazel McCallion (Other Municipal Business)
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9

STAFF PRESENT:

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Geoff Wright, Acting Commissioner, Transportation and Works
(Director of Transportation Project Office)
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner, Community Services
Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning and Building
Brenda Breault, Commissioner, Corporate Services and Treasurer
Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER – 9:08am

DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Councillor Nando Iannicca)

DEPUTATIONS

A User Fees and Tax Increase Impact on Senior Adult Residents

Darrel Carvalho, resident, gave a PowerPoint opining about the potential impact of proposed tax increases and user fees for city recreation programs, in particular on senior adult residents with set incomes.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2011

B User Fees for Baseball Diamonds

Ed Zeagman, Vice-President of the Mississauga North Baseball Association expressed concern with the user fees for baseball diamonds.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2011

C Questions of Clarification re: Capital Budget 2011 – 2014

Chris Mackie of MIRANET presented questions about the proposed capital budget for the years 2011 through 2014 and filed a copy of the information with staff for their reference. Several Councillors concurred with MIRANET's offer to have a meeting arranged with Transit staff and MIRANET to discuss MIRANET's suggestions for off-peak transit operations and fare structures changes.

Committee requested that staff provide a copy of MIRANET's presentation to all Members of Budget Committee.

As well, Councillor Ron Starr requested that staff provide MIRANET with a copy of the Business Plan and Budget 2011 to 2014 binders at cost.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2011

DEPUTATIONS cont'd...D Suggestions for Budget Processing

John Cassan, resident advised that he is a senior real estate appraiser operating in Mississauga, and opined that certain factors such as an increase in property assessments by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) as well as utility cost increases will result in a tax increase. Mr. Cassan concluded his deputation suggesting that a zero-base analysis be used for justifying future budgets.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2011

PRESENTATIONSA Recap of Budget Discussions to Date

Brenda Breault, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer gave a PowerPoint presentation recapping the Budget Committee's discussions at the meetings on January 17, 18 and 24 January 2011.

Councillor Pat Mullin requested information about the transfer of operating funds into Capital Reserve, Fire & Emergency Service operations and the funding allocation for implementing any recommendations that result from the Judicial Inquiry. As well, Councillor Pat Mullin requested that labour budgets be further discussed in Closed Session.

Councillor Eve Adams and Councillor Pat Mullin requested copies, in future, of information about items on the Region of Peel agendas provided by the City Manager's advisor staff to the Mayor.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2011

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. City Services Review

A Memorandum dated January 20, 2011 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer was presented to provide information about the city services review process as part of the business plan and budget preparation. A copy of the Corporate Report about the service review considered by Budget Committee in 2008, was also provided.

(1.)

Committee requested that a copy of the Efficiency of City Operations Corporate Report which references the City of Calgary, be distributed to the Members of Budget Committee for information.

Received for Information

Recommendation BC-0002-2011

2. Next Steps

City Manager Janice Baker reviewed the next steps for processing the 2011 to 2014 Budget.

Subsequent to discussion, the City Manager was requested to provide comments on the Region of Peel 2011 budget.

As well, Councillor Nando Iannicca and respectively Councillor Pat Mullin requested analysis of what the 2011-2104 budget would look like with a 2% city tax increase plus 1% city infrastructure (\$15 million reduction).

Councillor Mullin also requested information to scope prior reductions achieved in past budget reviews versus cost increases, toward justifying a \$15 million cost reduction as well as 3% city tax increase OR 3% city tax increase with 1% city infrastructure (\$12 million reduction).

Directives

OTHER BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION - Nil

ADJOURNMENT – 11:50am

REPORT 1-2011

TO: COUNCIL

The Budget Committee presents its first report for 2011 on the result of its consideration of the 2011-2014 Business Plan and Budget at its meetings held respectively on January 17, 18, 24 and January 25, February 1 and March 2, 2011, and recommends:

BC-0001-2011

1. That the following presentations to Budget Committee its meetings on January 17, 18 and 24, 2011, be received for information:
 - A deputation by Chris Mackie and Peter Walton of MIRANET's Municipal Finance Committee to Budget Committee on January 17, 2011.
 - A Corporate Report dated January 7, 2011 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works providing supplementary information for Council's consideration of the proposed 2011 Budget.
 - A Corporate Report dated January 4, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services regarding invoicing residents for Fire and Emergency Services attendance at motor vehicle collisions.
 - A Corporate Report dated January 6, 2011 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to re-establishing, and seeking additional funding to provide financial support for a community based mediation service in the City of Mississauga.

2. That respective PowerPoint presentations of the City of Mississauga 2011 to 2014 Business Plan and Budget for the respective service areas introduced to Budget Committee at its meetings on January 17, 18 and 24, 2011, be received for information:
 - A 2011 Budget Overview Update
 - B Roads, Storm Drainage and Water Courses
 - C Fire and Emergency Services
 - D Mississauga Transit
 - E Recreation and Parks
 - F Library Services
 - G Arts and Culture Services
 - H Land Development Services
 - I Facilities and Property Management
 - J Other Service Areas:
 - Legislative Services
 - Regulatory Services
 - Strategic Policy
 - Information Technology
 - Business Services
 - Financial Transactions

BC-0002-2011

That the following deputations and information presented to Budget Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2011, be received for information:

- A deputation by resident Darrel Carvalho including a PowerPoint presentation of his opinions about the potential impact of proposed tax increases and user fees for city recreation programs, in particular on senior adult residents with set incomes.
- A verbal deputation regarding user fees for baseball diamonds by Ed Zeagman, Vice-President of the Mississauga North Baseball Association.
- A verbal deputation and document presenting “Questions of Clarification regarding the Capital Budget 2011 – 2014” by Chris Mackie of MIRANET.
- A verbal deputation by resident John Cassan presenting suggestions for the City’s budget process.
- A PowerPoint presentation by the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer recapping the discussions of Budget Committee from its meeting held on January 17, 18 and 24 January 2011.
- A Memorandum dated January 20, 2011 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer about the city services review process as part of the business plan and budget preparation, along with information about service review considered by Budget Committee in 2008.

BC-0003-2011

That the following items presented to Budget Committee at its meeting on January 31, 2011, be received for information:

- A Memorandum dated January 26, 2011 from the Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk, presenting a list of the requests and enquiries emanating from the Budget Committee meetings held on January 17, 18 and 24 and January 25, 2011.
- A Memorandum dated January 27, 2011 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer regarding regional uploading of Toronto Tax and social benefit programs to the province.
- Memorandums responding to certain requests and enquiries of Budget Committee at its meetings held on January 17, 18 and 24 and January 25, 2011, charted as Action Items 7, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23,25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 65 part 1, 67 and 69, respectively.
- A Memorandum dated January 27, 2011 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Treasurer responding to a request issued by General Committee at its meeting on January 21, 2011 seeking information comparing the City of Toronto gross tax supported operating budgets to the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel.
- A copy of an email dated January 12, 2011 from resident C.R. (Ray) Luft submitted to the attention of the City Manager with request that it be put to the record of the Public Budget Open House held on January 12, 2011,

BC-0004-2011

That the Memorandums presented to Budget Committee at its meeting on February 1, 2011, in response to Action Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52 and 63 referenced in the Memorandum dated January 26, 2011 from the Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk emanating from the Budget Committee meetings on January 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2011, be received for information.

BC-0005-2011

That all new hires to non-union positions be on a one-year contact basis.

BC-0006-2011

That the following recommendations issued by Budget Committee at its meeting on February 1, 2011 out of its consideration of Appendix 1 to the Corporate Report dated January 27, 2011 and titled "Budget Options Available to Reduce the 2011 Tax Rate Increase" from the City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer, be approved:

- Remove Budget Request #64 *Infrastructure Asset Management Program Implementation – New Asset Inventories & Reporting* (\$43,000.).
- Reduce Budget Request #146 to \$75,000. for 2011 *City Centre Off-Street Parking* and report back with the results (\$25,000.).
- Defer Budget Request #61 *Garry W. Morden Centre Resources* to 2012 (\$83,000.).
- Remove Budget Request #144 *Data Analyst for Fire & Emergency Services* (\$54,000.).
- Remove Budget Request #309 *Animal Services Officer, Pet Owner Recovery Position* (\$66,000.).
- Remove Budget Request #327 *Support Growing Portfolio of Building Assets* (\$43,000.).
- Remove Budget Request #537 *Enhance Efficiency of HR Team, Administrative Support* (\$55,000.).
- Remove Budget Request #538 *Compensation Program Update* (\$75,000.).
- Remove Budget Request #546 *Management of Organizational Development Initiatives* (\$61,000.).

BC-0007-2011

That, further to discussion at the Budget Committee at its meeting on March 2, 2011 regarding Recommendation BC-0005-2011, staff be directed to report for approval on the new full-time non-union staff positions in the 2011 Budget that are recommended to be filled on a permanent basis.

BC-0008-2011

That the 2011 budget be approved, reflecting a property tax increase of 2.8% on the total residential tax bill.

BC-0009-2011

That the Members of Council forgo any economic adjustment to their salaries again for the year 2011.