



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 31, 2016 – Council Chamber

PRESENT

D. Iveson, B. Anderson, M. Banga, T. Caterina, B. Esslinger, E. Gibbons, A. Knack, D. Loken, S. McKeen, M. Nickel, M. Oshry, M. Walters

ABSENT

B. Henderson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

L. Cochrane, City Manager
L. Sahli, City Clerk
I. MacLean, Office of the City Clerk
T. Orbell, Office of the City Clerk

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DECISION SUMMARY

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor D. Iveson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Moved B. Esslinger - A. Knack:

That the August 31, 2016, Special City Council meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour:

Carried

D. Iveson, B. Anderson, M. Banga, T. Caterina,
B. Esslinger, E. Gibbons, A. Knack, S. McKeen, M. Nickel,
M. Oshry, M. Walters

Absent:

B. Henderson, D. Loken

1.3 Protocol Items

There were no protocol items.

2. EXPLANATION OF NON-STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

2.1 Call for Persons to Speak

Mayor D. Iveson explained the Public Hearing process.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Analysis of Northlands' Vision 2020

L. Cochrane, City Manager; and B. Latte, Sustainable Development, made a presentation.

J. Holtz, Alberta Avenue Business Association; B. Val Alstine, Alberta Avenue Community League; J. Gendron; M. Moore; L. Ferguson; M. Doram, Hockey Edmonton; D. Ryan; R. LeLacheur, Horse Racing Alberta; W. Puchyr; C. Janssen, Entrepreneurs' Organization; S. Smith, Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association; K. Diotte, Citizens of Edmonton Griesbach; M. Scott, CUPE Local 30; R. Sakamoto; K. Butkovic; C. Klassen, Highlands Community League; and R. Currie and P. McElhone, Concordia University of Edmonton, made presentations.
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Handouts provided by J. Gendron; and M. Moore were distributed to Members of Council and copies were filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

K. Cantor, Primavera Development Group; T. With; L. Reinich, Family Productions Inc.; A. Ross; A. Williams; K. Solomon; D. Jackson; E. Csorba; R. Campre, The Cedar Waxwing Group; J. Jones; J. Leavitt; O. Butti; B. Fafard, Edmonton and District Labour Council; N. Juric; H. Shewchuk; G. Johnson, The Cedar Waxwing Group; M. Ross; Bee-Clean Building Maintenance; and G. Waselenchuk, made presentations. K. Cantor, Primavera Development Group; L. Reinich, Family Productions Inc.; A. Ross; K. Solomon; D. Jackson; E. Csorba; R. Campre, The Cedar Waxwing Group; J. Leavitt; O. Butti; N. Juric; H. Shewchuk, answered Council's questions.

G. Oberg, Northlands; B. Finley, Bellevue Community League; A. Parker, Highlands Community League; G. Christiansen, Christiansen Developments; T. Martin-Drysdale, on behalf of T. Ziola, IDEA; P. Sharman; and G. Brandenburg, made presentations. G. Oberg, Northlands; A. Parker, Highlands Community League; G. Christiansen, Christiansen Developments; T. Martin-Drysdale, on behalf of T. Ziola, IDEA; P. Sharman; and G. Brandenburg, answered Council's questions.

Moved T. Caterina - E. Gibbons:

1. That Administration:

a. Prepare a conceptual program for repurposing the Coliseum into a multiplex arena, pending securing necessary consent from Edmonton Northlands (Northlands) and Edmonton Arena Corp. The conceptual program development should consult with the public and user groups, and explore partnerships with interested hockey organizations and other amateur sports organizations. Report back to Council in Q4 2016 with a proposed project scope and budget profile to advance preliminary design.

b. Work with Northlands and Edmonton Economic Development Corporation (EEDC), with input from the Government of Alberta, to build on existing studies and evaluate best practices for Convention & Event authorities, and bring a recommended model for integration of the Expo Centre and Shaw Conference Centre (and any other relevant public components) to maximize economic impact and community benefit - potentially under the management of Northlands, or EEDC, or under a new agency. Report back to Council Q1 2017.

c. Bring forward a report with Terms of Reference and cost estimates for a new Area Redevelopment Plan, to address repurposing and development options for the horse barns and racetrack site, and any other surplus lands, with special regard to the interface with surrounding communities and with regard to integrating the other city planning work occurring nearby where feasible. Report back to Council Q4, 2016.

d. That the City Manager negotiate and approve an agreement, in form and content acceptable to the City Manager, to defer the September 15, 2016, Northlands loan payment against the EXPO Centre debt for 90 days, against the Financial Stabilization Reserve; and that Administration bring forward the necessary approvals to Council for the City Manager to formalize deferral of the September 15, 2016 and March 2017 EXPO centre debt payment from Northlands, subject to their participation in work outlined above, and subject to implementation of their governance reforms; and that up to one year of further debt deferral be contingent on Northlands Board's submission of a sustainable business plan to Council by June 30 of 2017, to include identification of how the deferred and future loan payments shall be covered. Report back on the recommended conditions and steps required at September 20, 2016 Council meeting.

2. That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to Horse Racing Alberta to indicate support for up to two more years of racing on the Northlands site on a transitional basis while the long-term relocation of racing unfolds in the Metropolitan Area.

Moved E. Gibbons - B. Esslinger:

That the August 31, 2016, Sustainable Development report CR_3540 and the following motion on the floor be postponed to the September 6, 2016, City Council meeting, time specific for 1:30 p.m.;

Moved T. Caterina - E. Gibbons (Made at the August 31, 2016, Special City Council meeting):

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Due Date:
Sept. 6, 2016

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Absent:

B. Henderson, D. Loken, M. Nickel, M. Walters

4. PRIVATE REPORTS - NONE**5. NOTICES OF MOTION AND MOTIONS WITHOUT CUSTOMARY NOTICE**

Mayor D. Iveson asked whether there were any Notices of Motion. There were none.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Chair

City Clerk