



City Council - Budget Minutes

December 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, J. Wright

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor A. Sohi called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., Monday, December 2, 2024, and acknowledged that City Council meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory and the Métis homeland. The Chair also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

**Clerk's note: The December 2, 2024, City Council - Budget meeting was held over four days: December 2, 2024, December 3, 2024, December 4, 2024, and December 5, 2024.*

1.2 Roll Call

Mayor A. Sohi conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of City Council.

Councillor A. Paquette was absent with notice.

Mayor A. Sohi and Councillor S. Hamilton were absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

Councillor K. Principe was absent without notice for a portion of the meeting.

E. Robar, City Manager; and A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, M. de Guzman, T. Day, M. Moussa, G. Goodin, E. Norton and A. Karbashewski, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the December 2/3/4/5, 2024, City Council - Budget meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

Addition:

- 5.2 Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Operating Budget
- Attachment 10
(Private pursuant to sections 21 and 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Replacement report:

- 5.4 2024 Reserves Review
- Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667

Deletion:

- 5.4 2024 Reserves Review
- Attachment 11

Items to be dealt with together:

- 5.1 Fall 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Capital Budget
- 5.2 Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Operating Budget
- 5.3 Fall 2024 Carbon Budget Update - 2023-2026 Carbon Budget
- 5.4 2024 Reserves Review
- 5.5 Review of Multi-year Budgeting Policy C578

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: A. Salvador

Suspension of Rules:

That the following sections of Bylaw 18155 - Council Procedures Bylaw be waived:

- 27(2) A motion must be on the floor prior to discussing an item at Council.
- 28(1) A Councillor may not amend their own motion.
- 28(5) During debate on an amendment to a motion, Councillors may only debate the amendment.
- 38(4) During a Council meeting, Councillors may only ask questions once in relation to a single item for up to 5 minutes unless Council, by motion, permits Councillors to ask questions for up to an additional 5 minutes.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

**Clerk's note: The Suspension of Rules was passed at the Monday, December 2, 2024, City Council - Budget meeting.*

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Salvador

That the memo to Council titled "Requested Information" dated December 2, 2024, from S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services, be added as a new Attachment to item 5.2 - Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Operating Budget.

In Favour (10): T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Salvador

1. That the memo to Council titled "Edmonton's Industrial Development Situation Ref. No. 530717291-00" dated November 29, 2024, from K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy, be added as a new Attachment to item 5.2 - Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Operating Budget.
2. That the memo to Council titled "Council Workforce: Leadership/Supervisors and Frontline Staff - IIS/UPE 2024", dated November 29, 2024, be added as a new Attachment to 5.2 - Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Operating Budget.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

**Clerk's note: The motions to add the memos to item 5.2 were passed at the Monday, December 2, 2024, City Council - Budget meeting.*

1.4 Protocol Items

1.4.1 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, recognized Friday, December 6, as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Every year on this day, Canadians commemorate the 1989 massacre at École Polytechnique that shook the nation.

1.4.2 Richard Secord School (A. Sohi/K. Tang)

Mayor A. Sohi and Councillor K. Tang, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from Richard Secord School in Ward papastew and their teachers, Miss Bradley, J. Gorgichuk and A. McPhail.

1.4.3 Bessie Nichols School (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 class from Bessie Nichols School in Ward sipiwiyiniwak and their teacher, Miss Zablocki.

1.4.4 Greenview School (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 class from Greenview School in Ward Karhiio and their teacher, A. Tannas.

1.4.5 Newcomer Centre (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed students from Newcomer Centre in Ward O-day'min and their teacher, B. Finley.

1.4.6 Abbottsfield Youth Project (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grades 5 and 6 classes from Abbottsfield Youth Project in Ward Métis and their teachers, K. Press and S. Bottomley.

1.4.7 Laurier Heights School (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from Laurier Heights School in Ward sipiwiyiniwak and their teachers, G. Hawkes and S. Boucher.

1.4.8 Norquest College (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed students from Norquest College in Ward O-day'min and their teacher L. Rushubirwa.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the recommendations in the following reports be approved:

- 5.3 Fall 2024 Carbon Budget Update - 2023-2026 Carbon Budget
- 5.5 Review of Multi-year Budgeting Policy C578
- 5.6 Waste Services 2025 Rate Filing

- 5.7 Waste Services Climate Action Plan
- 5.8 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2025 Rate Filing and Fall 2024 Supplemental Budget Adjustment

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

2.3 Requests to Speak

Requests to Speak were not considered.

2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda

There were no requests for items to be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda.

2.5 Vote on Bylaws not Selected for Debate

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the following Bylaws be read a first time:

- 7.1 Bylaw 20962 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 6
- 7.2 Bylaw 20990 - Waste Services Bylaw 20363, Amendment No. 2

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the following Bylaws be read a second time:

- 7.1 Bylaw 20962 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 6
- 7.2 Bylaw 20990 - Waste Services Bylaw 20363, Amendment No. 2

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the following Bylaws be considered for third reading:

- 7.1 Bylaw 20962 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 6
- 7.2 Bylaw 20990 - Waste Services Bylaw 20363, Amendment No. 2

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

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In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

3. Councillor Inquiries

There were no Councillor Inquiries.

4. Questions of Boards and Authorities

The following members of the delegation answered questions:

- L. Cunningham-Shpeley, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- T. Bednard, Explore Edmonton

- M. Dowler, Explore Edmonton
- J. McDougall, Edmonton Police Commission
- R. Davidson, Edmonton Police Service
- C. Johnson, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- S. Gaudet, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services

5. Public Reports

5.1 Fall 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Capital Budget

Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 were dealt with together.

**Clerk's note: Items 5.3 and 5.5 were not selected and passed without debate.*

The following members of Administration's delegation made a presentation and answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- E. Robar, City Manager
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- P. Ladouceur, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services

- C. Hodgson, Financial and Corporate Services
- A. Laliberte, Urban Planning and Economy
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- S. Gellatly, Community Services
- T. Pawlyk, Urban Planning and Economy

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 24 (advice from officials), 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and 27 (privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the discussion of items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

Council met in private at 4:43 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2024.

The following member of Administration's delegation made a presentation and answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

**Clerk's note: City Council recessed at 4:58 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2024, and reconvened in private at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2024.*

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor
- M. Dorval, Employee and Legal Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- E. Robar, City Manager

- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- P. Ladouceur, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- C. Hodgson, Financial and Corporate Services
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- M. Gunther, Employee and Legal Services
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- C. Zerebeski, City Operations
- S. Gellatly, Community Services
- C. Watt, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Lamarre, City Operations
- J. Badry, Interim Chief Communications Officer

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

**Clerk's note: An additional presentation was provided on December 3, 2024, pertaining to new information.*

The following member of Administration's delegation made a presentation and answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

City Council met in public at 2:31 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

Fall 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment Motion

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: A. Knack

That the adjustments to the 2023-2026 Capital Budget, as outlined in Attachment 4, (and included in Attachment 5), and Attachment 7 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02530rev, be approved.

**Clerk's note: The above-noted motion was moved, seconded and postponed in section 5.1 and was dealt with in section 5.1.3. See section 5.1.3 for voting results.*

5.1.1 Capital Budget Amendments

Capital Budget Amendment 1 (Postponed)

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That capital profile CM-25-1001 - Vehicle and Equipment Replacement be increased by \$80,000 in 2026 for Turf and Horticulture, with funding from Pay-As-You-Go.

Capital Budget Amendment 2 (Postponed)

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: J. Rice

That capital profile CM-20-0330 - Active Transportation Implementation Acceleration - Approach 3 be decreased by \$33,650,000 in 2025 and \$33,650,000 in 2026 with funding from tax-supported debt, to defund planning, design and delivery of the Active Transportation Implementation Acceleration - Approach 3 project.

Capital Budget Amendment 3 (Postponed)

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That capital profile 24-10-0400 - Downtown Workspace Optimization, as outlined as item 4.1.3 on page 1 in Attachment 4 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02530rev, be held in abeyance subject to a report provided to Council through Committee that includes:

- various disposition options, including demolition and future sales;
- impacts on related projects including downtown district energy and the Winspear expansion projects;
- a breakdown of costs related to staff relocations (IT infrastructure relocation, office moves, facility modifications and Edmonton Tower capital investments); and
- a summary of required capital investments at Century Place and Chancery Hall for the next 10-20 years.

**Clerk's note: The above-noted amendments on the 2023-2026 Capital Budget were moved, seconded and postponed in section 5.1.1 and were dealt with in section 5.1.2. See section 5.1.2 for voting results.*

5.1.2 Vote on Capital Budget Amendments

**Clerk's note: With the unanimous consent of City Council, amendments were voted on in the following order:*

Capital Budget Amendment 1

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations

Capital Budget Amendment 1, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That capital profile CM-25-1001 - Vehicle and Equipment Replacement be increased by \$80,000 in 2026 for Turf and Horticulture, with funding from Pay-As-You-Go.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Capital Budget Amendment 3 (Restated)

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor T. Cartmell re-stated the amendment.

Capital Budget Amendment 3, put:

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That capital profile 24-10-0400 - Downtown Workspace Optimization, as outlined as item 4.1.3 on page 1 in Attachment 4 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02530rev, be deleted.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): E. Rutherford

Carried (10 to 1)

Capital Budget Amendment 2

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services

Capital Budget Amendment 2, put:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: J. Rice

That capital profile CM-20-0330 - Active Transportation Implementation Acceleration - Approach 3 be decreased by \$33,650,000 in 2025 and

\$33,650,000 in 2026 with funding from tax-supported debt, to defund planning, design and delivery of the Active Transportation Implementation Acceleration - Approach 3 project.

In Favour (4): T. Cartmell, K. Principe, J. Rice, and E. Rutherford

Opposed (7): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (4 to 7)

5.1.3 Vote on Fall 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment and Other Related Motions

Fall 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment Motion as Amended, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: A. Knack

1. That the adjustments to the 2023-2026 Capital Budget, as outlined in Attachment 4, (and included in Attachment 5), and Attachment 7 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02530rev, as amended by Capital Budget Amendment 1 and Capital Budget Amendment 3, be approved.
2. That Attachment 6 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02530rev remain private pursuant to section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): J. Rice

Carried (11 to 1)

5.2 Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment - 2023-2026 Operating Budget

Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 were dealt with together (see item 5.1).

Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment Motion

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: K. Tang

That adjustments to the 2025-2026 Operating Budget, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, be approved.

Clerk's note: The above-noted motion was moved, seconded and postponed in section 5.2 and was dealt with in section 5.2.3. See section 5.2.3 for voting results.

5.2.1 Operating Budget Amendments

Operating Budget Amendments 1 to 11 (Postponed)

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

1. That the EPCOR Power Franchise Fees held in Financial Strategies for \$9,679,000 in 2025 and \$3,544,000 in 2026 be released to the tax levy.
2. That the Corporate Expenditures 2023-2026 operating expense budget be decreased by \$10,742,000 in 2025 and decreased by \$9,339,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for the Financial Stabilization Reserve Repayment Plan with funding being released to the tax levy.
3. That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be reduced by \$8,000,000 starting in 2025 on an ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies for the EPCOR dividend, with funding being released to the tax levy.
4. That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$15,000,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis by reducing the operating transfer of Pay-As-You-Go to capital, with funding being released to the tax levy.
5. That the Edmonton Transit Service branch 2023-2026 operating revenue budget be reduced by \$13,000,000 in 2025 on a multi-year basis ending in 2026, to cover the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall with funding from the LRT Reserve as outlined as Option 1 in Attachment 7 of the

December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.

6. That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$3,100,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for Centre City Optimization as outlined on page 27 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.
7. That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$400,000 in 2025 and increased by \$1,000,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis, to partially fund the integrated service package Turf and Horticulture Resources and Service Levels as outlined on pages 31 and 32 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.
8. That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$861,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the service package Tree Pruning as outlined on page 35 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.
9. That the Federation of Community Leagues 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$475,000 on a one-time basis in 2025 for the service package Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues CLIP Budget Request as outlined on page 34 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from Council Contingency.
10. That the Community Standards branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$850,000 on an ongoing basis starting in 2025, to provide a grant proportional to BIA levy for Enhanced Cleaning or Community Outreach Teams in Business Improvement

Areas with the use of social enterprise with funding from the Community Safety and Well-being.

11. That the Economic Investment Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$462,000 in 2025 and increased by \$1,000 in 2026 on a multi-year basis ending in 2027 for the service package IIAP Implementation - Industrial Growth Hub as outlined on page 30 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from Financial Strategies.

Operating Budget Amendment 12

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be reduced by \$8,000,000 starting in 2025 on an ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies for the EPCOR dividend, with funding being released to the tax levy.

Not put to vote

**Clerk's note: Operating Budget Amendment 12 is a duplicate of Operating Budget Amendment 3. Therefore, Operating Budget Amendment 12 is not in order and was not put.*

Operating Budget Amendment 13 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$7,722,000 starting in 2025 and decreased by \$120,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies from OP12 savings, with funding being released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 14 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$2,998,000 starting in 2025 and increased by \$306,000 in 2026 on an

ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies, with funding being released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 15 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Financial Strategies 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$1,180,000 in 2025 and increased by \$7,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for Community Safety and Well-being, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 16 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Fleet and Facility Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$15,000,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the inflationary increases on parts, fuel, materials, tires and contract work as outlined as the \$19,745,00 on page 1 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 17 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Recreation and Culture branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$871,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the CRC Facility Maintenance as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 18 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Recreation and Culture branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$320,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the Orange Hub as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 19 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Standards branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$500,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the Parking Enforcement Contract Costs as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 20 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Parks and Roads branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$450,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the Bird Nest Sweeps before and during turf and horticulture season as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment

Moved by: J. Rice

**Clerk's note: There was no seconder for the following amendment:*

That the Edmonton Arts Council 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$1,200,000 in 2025 for Community Investment Programs on an ongoing basis, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 21 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Edmonton Heritage Council 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$850,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 22 (Postponed)

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Edmonton Unlimited 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$1,000,000 on an ongoing basis, with funding released to the tax levy.

Operating Budget Amendment 23 (Postponed)

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the Explore Edmonton 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$4,700,000 in 2025 on a one-time basis, for the service package Change in Base Budget, with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve to be held in abeyance until Explore Edmonton provides an updated workplan to Council that includes an approach to support local tourism and the night-time economy.

Operating Budget Amendment 24 (Postponed)

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: A. Knack

That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$263,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the second item on page 2 as outlined in Attachment 4 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.

Operating Budget Amendment 25 (Postponed)

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the Corporate Expenditures 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$40,000 in 2025 and on an ongoing basis for Workers' Compensation Board premiums for Council members, with the \$40,000 transferred from the Mayor and Councillor Offices expenditure budget with 12/13 of the funding from the Office of the Councillors' Common budget and 1/13 of the funding from the Office of the Mayor budget.

**Clerk's note: The above-noted amendments to the 2023-2026 Operating Budget were moved, seconded and postponed in section 5.2.1 and were dealt with in section 5.2.2. See section 5.2.2 for voting results.*

5.2.2 Vote on Operating Budget Amendments

**Clerk's note: Pursuant to the motion passed in item 7.12 at the November 13/14, 2024, City Council meeting, Mayor A. Sohi's operating budget amendments were dealt with before operating budget amendments were put forward by other Members of Council.*

Operating Budget Amendments 1 to 11:

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Mayor A. Sohi restated Amendment 10 and Amendment 11.

Operating Budget Amendments 1 to 11 (with Amendment 10 and Amendment 11 Re-stated):

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

1. That the EPCOR Power Franchise Fees held in Financial Strategies for \$9,679,000 in 2025 and \$3,544,000 in 2026 be released to the tax levy.
2. That the Corporate Expenditures 2023-2026 operating expense budget be decreased by \$10,742,000 in 2025 and decreased by \$9,339,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for the Financial Stabilization Reserve Repayment Plan with funding being released to the tax levy.
3. That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be reduced by \$8,000,000 starting in 2025 on an ongoing basis

by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies for the EPCOR dividend, with funding being released to the tax levy.

4. That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$15,000,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis by reducing the operating transfer of Pay-As-You-Go to capital, with funding being released to the tax levy.
5. That the Edmonton Transit Service branch 2023-2026 operating revenue budget be reduced by \$13,000,000 in 2025 on a multi-year basis ending in 2026, to cover the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall with funding from the LRT Reserve as outlined as Option 1 in Attachment 7 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.
6. That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$3,100,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for Centre City Optimization as outlined on page 27 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.
7. That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$400,000 in 2025 and increased by \$1,000,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis, to partially fund the integrated service package Turf and Horticulture Resources and Service Levels as outlined on pages 31 and 32 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.
8. That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$861,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the service package Tree Pruning as outlined on page 35 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.

9. That the Federation of Community Leagues 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$475,000 on a one-time basis in 2025 for the service package Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues CLIP Budget Request as outlined on page 34 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from Council Contingency.
10. That the Community Standards branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$850,000 on an ongoing basis starting in 2025, to provide funding to Capital City Clean up for Business Improvement Areas who do not receive an enhanced service level through Centre City Optimization with funding from the Community Safety and Well-being funds held in Financial Strategies.
11. That the Economic Investment Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$462,000 in 2025 and increased by \$1,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for the service package IIAP Implementation - Industrial Growth Hub as outlined on page 30 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from Financial Strategies.

Operating Budget Amendment 1, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the EPCOR Power Franchise Fees held in Financial Strategies for \$9,679,000 in 2025 and \$3,544,000 in 2026 be released to the tax levy.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Operating Budget Amendment 2, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Corporate Expenditures 2023-2026 operating expense budget be decreased by \$10,742,000 in 2025 and decreased by \$9,339,000 in 2026

on an ongoing basis for the Financial Stabilization Reserve Repayment Plan with funding being released to the tax levy.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): J. Rice

Carried (10 to 1)

Operating Budget Amendment 3, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be reduced by \$8,000,000 starting in 2025 on an ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies for the EPCOR dividend, with funding being released to the tax levy.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Operating Budget Amendment 4, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$15,000,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis by reducing the operating transfer of Pay-As-You-Go to capital, with funding being released to the tax levy.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): J. Rice

Carried (10 to 1)

Operating Budget Amendment 5, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Edmonton Transit Service branch 2023-2026 operating revenue budget be reduced by \$13,000,000 in 2025 on a multi-year basis ending in 2026, to cover the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall with funding from the LRT Reserve as outlined as Option 1 in Attachment 7 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Operating Budget Amendment 6, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$3,100,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for Centre City Optimization as outlined on page 27 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): K. Principe

Carried (10 to 1)

Operating Budget Amendment 7, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$400,000 in 2025 and increased by \$1,000,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis, to partially fund the integrated service package Turf and Horticulture Resources and Service Levels as outlined on pages 31 and 32 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024

Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Operating Budget Amendment 8, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$861,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the service package Tree Pruning as outlined on page 35 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.

In Favour (9): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): T. Cartmell, and K. Principe

Carried (9 to 2)

Operating Budget Amendment 9, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Federation of Community Leagues 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$475,000 on a one-time basis in 2025 for the service package Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues CLIP Budget Request as outlined on page 34 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from Council Contingency.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): T. Cartmell

Carried (10 to 1)

Operating Budget Amendment 10, put (Re-stated):

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Community Standards branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$850,000 on an ongoing basis starting in 2025, to provide funding to Capital City Clean up for Business Improvement Areas who do not receive an enhanced service level through Centre City Optimization, with funding from the Community Safety and Well-being funds held in Financial Strategies.

In Favour (9): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): T. Cartmell, and K. Principe

Carried (9 to 2)

Operating Budget Amendment 11, put (Re-stated):

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the Economic Investment Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$462,000 in 2025 and increased by \$1,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for the service package IIAP Implementation - Industrial Growth Hub as outlined on page 30 in Attachment 2 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from Financial Strategies.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): T. Cartmell

Carried (10 to 1)

**Clerk's note: Pursuant to the motion passed in item 7.12 at the November 13/14, 2024, City Council meeting, budget decreases were dealt with first and then budget increases. The remaining operating budget amendments were voted on in the following order:*

Operating Budget Amendment 13

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor J. Rice restated the amendment.

Operating Budget Amendment 13, put (Re-stated):

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$2,898,000 starting in 2025 and increased by \$881,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies from OP12 savings, with funding being released to the tax levy.

In Favour (2): K. Principe, and J. Rice

Opposed (9): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (2 to 9)

Operating Budget Amendment 14

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services

Operating Budget Amendment 14, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$2,998,000 starting in 2025 and increased by \$306,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis by releasing funds held within Financial Strategies, with funding being released to the tax levy.

In Favour (2): K. Principe, and J. Rice

Opposed (9): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (2 to 9)

Operating Budget Amendment 15:

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor J. Rice restated the amendment.

Operating Budget Amendment 15 (Re-stated):

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Financial Strategies 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$339,000 in 2025 and increased by \$7,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for Community Safety and Well-being, with funding released to the tax levy.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 24 (advice from officials) and 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

City Council met in private at 1:33 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

The following member of Administration's delegation made a presentation and answered questions

- E. Robar, City Manager

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- M. Dorval, Employee and Legal Services
- J. Barrie, Employee and Legal Services

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- C. Zerebeski, City Operations

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

City Council met in public at 1:50 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Operating Budget Amendment 15 (Re-stated)

The following members of Administration’s delegation answered questions:

- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services
- E. Robar, City Manager

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Operating Budget Amendment 15, put (Re-stated):

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Financial Strategies 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$339,000 in 2025 and increased by \$7,000 in 2026 on an ongoing basis for Community Safety and Well-being, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (4): T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, K. Principe, and J. Rice

Opposed (8): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (4 to 8)

Operating Budget Amendment 16

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services
- E. Robar, City Manager
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- A. Sharma, City Operations

Operating Budget Amendment 16, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Fleet and Facility Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$15,000,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the inflationary increases on parts, fuel, materials, tires and contract work as outlined as the \$19,745,000 on page 1 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor J. Rice withdrew the amendment.

Withdrawn

Operating Budget Amendment 17

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services
- R. Jevne, Community Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: J. Rice
Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Recreation and Culture branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$871,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the CRC Facility Maintenance as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

Motion to Close Debate/Previous Question on Operating Budget Amendment 17 of item 5.2.2:

Moved by: E. Rutherford

That the debate on the amendment on the floor be closed (previous question).

With the unanimous consent of City Council, the motion carried.

Operating Budget Amendment 17, put:

Moved by: J. Rice
Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Recreation and Culture branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$871,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the CRC Facility Maintenance as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (1): J. Rice

Opposed (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (1 to 11)

Operating Budget Amendment 18, put:

Moved by: J. Rice
Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Recreation and Culture branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$320,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the Orange Hub as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the

December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (2): K. Principe, and J. Rice

Opposed (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (2 to 10)

Operating Budget Amendment 19

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- D. Jones, Community Services

Operating Budget Amendment 19, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Community Standards branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$500,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the Parking Enforcement Contract Costs as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (1): J. Rice

Opposed (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (1 to 11)

Operating Budget Amendment 20, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Parks and Roads branch 2023-2025 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$450,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis for the Bird Nest Sweeps before and during turf and horticulture season as outlined on page 2 in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (1): J. Rice

Opposed (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (1 to 11)

Operating Budget Amendment 21

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- R. Jevne, Community Services

Operating Budget Amendment 21, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Edmonton Heritage Council 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$850,000 in 2025 on an ongoing basis, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (2): K. Principe, and J. Rice

Opposed (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (2 to 10)

Operating Budget Amendment 22

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor
- A. Laliberte, Urban Planning and Economy

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Operating Budget Amendment 22, put:

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Edmonton Unlimited 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be decreased by \$1,000,000 on an ongoing basis, with funding released to the tax levy.

In Favour (1): J. Rice

Opposed (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (1 to 11)

Operating Budget Amendment 23

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the Explore Edmonton 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$4,700,000 in 2025 on a one-time basis, for the service package Change in Base Budget, with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve to be held in abeyance until Explore Edmonton provides an updated workplan to Council that includes an approach to support local tourism and the night-time economy.

Amendment to Operating Budget Amendment 23:

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: S. Hamilton

That "to be held in abeyance until Explore Edmonton provides an updated workplan to Council that includes an approach to support local tourism and night-time economy", be deleted.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): J. Rice, and A. Stevenson

Carried (10 to 2)

Operating Budget Amendment 23 as Amended, put:

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the Explore Edmonton 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$4,700,000 in 2025 on a one-time basis, for the service package Change in Base Budget, with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

Operating Budget Amendment 24

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: A. Knack

That the Parks and Roads Services branch 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$263,000 in 2025, on an ongoing basis for the second item on page 2 as outlined in Attachment 4 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, with funding from the OP12 ongoing funds held in Financial Strategies.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor K. Principe withdrew the amendment.

Operating Budget Amendment 25

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Operating Budget Amendment 25, put:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the Corporate Expenditures 2023-2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$40,000 in 2025 and on an ongoing basis for Workers' Compensation Board premiums for Council members, with the \$40,000 transferred from the Mayor and Councillor Offices expenditure budget with 12/13 of the funding from the Office of the Councillors' Common budget and 1/13 of the funding from the Office of the Mayor budget.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

5.2.3 Vote on Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment and Other Related Motions

Policy Exemption Motions Required as a Result of Operating Budget Amendments Passed

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

1. That an exemption to City Policy C610 - Fiscal Policy for the Planning and Development Business, be approved on a one-time basis to use the Planning and Development Reserve to fund one-time expenses for a servicing study to increase the Development Services Branch operating

expenditure budget on a multi-year basis ending in 2026 by \$1,300,000 in 2025 and decreasing by \$100,000 in 2026, offset by a transfer from the Planning and Development Reserve, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.

2. That an exemption to City Policy C629 - Financial Stabilization Reserve Policy be approved on a one-time basis to allow a repayment strategy to achieve the minimum balance over a period of five years instead of three years.
3. That an exemption to City Policy C217E - Reserve and Equity Accounts be approved to fund a one-time revenue reduction to the Edmonton Transit Service branch operating revenue budget in 2026 to fund the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall.
4. That exemptions to City Policy C216C - Storefront Improvement Program, City Policy C553C - Development Incentive Program and City Policy C616 - Corner Store Program Policy be approved on a one-time basis to fund a one-time increase to the Explore Edmonton operating expenditure budget with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor K. Tang restated the motion.

Motion on Policy Exemptions Required as a Result of Operating Budget Amendments (Re-stated)

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

1. That an exemption to City Policy C610 - Fiscal Policy for the Planning and Development Business, be approved on a one-time basis to use the Planning and Development Reserve to fund one-time expenses for a servicing study to increase the Development Services Branch operating expenditure budget on a multi-year basis ending in 2026 by \$1,300,000 in 2025 and decreasing by \$100,000 in 2026, offset by a transfer from the Planning and Development Reserve, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 2,

2024, Financial and Corporate Services report
FCS02529rev.

2. That an exemption to City Policy C629 - Financial Stabilization Reserve Policy be approved on a one-time basis to allow a repayment strategy to achieve the minimum balance over a period of five years instead of three years.
3. That exemptions to City Policy C217E - Reserve and Equity Accounts be approved to fund:
 - a. a one-time revenue reduction to the Edmonton Transit Service branch operating revenue budget in 2026 to fund the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall; and,
 - b. an ongoing revenue reduction to the operating transfer of Pay-As-You-Go to capital.
4. That exemptions to City Policy C216C - Storefront Improvement Program, City Policy C553C - Development Incentive Program and City Policy C616 - Corner Store Program Policy be approved on a one-time basis to fund a one-time increase to the Explore Edmonton operating expenditure budget with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve.

Members of City Council requested that the motion be split for voting purposes.

Part 1 of Motion, put:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

1. That an exemption to City Policy C610 - Fiscal Policy for the Planning and Development Business, be approved on a one-time basis to use the Planning and Development Reserve to fund one-time expenses for a servicing study to increase the Development Services Branch operating expenditure budget on a multi-year basis ending in 2026 by \$1,300,000 in 2025 and decreasing by \$100,000 in 2026, offset by a transfer from the Planning and Development Reserve, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): K. Principe

Carried (10 to 1)

Part 2 of Motion, put:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

2. That an exemption to City Policy C629 - Financial Stabilization Reserve Policy be approved on a one-time basis to allow a repayment strategy to achieve the minimum balance over a period of five years instead of three years.

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): J. Rice

Carried (10 to 1)

Part 3 of Motion, put:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

3. That exemptions to City Policy C217E - Reserve and Equity Accounts be approved to fund:

a. a one-time revenue reduction to the Edmonton Transit Service branch operating revenue budget in 2026 to fund the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall; and,

b. an ongoing revenue reduction to the operating transfer of Pay-As-You-Go to capital.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Part 4 of Motion, put:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

4. That exemptions to City Policy C216C - Storefront Improvement Program, City Policy C553C - Development Incentive Program and City Policy C616 - Corner Store Program Policy be approved on a one-time basis to fund a one-time increase to the Explore Edmonton operating expenditure budget with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Summary of Council's Decision on the Policy Exemption Motions Required as a Result of Operating Budget Amendments Passed:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

1. That an exemption to City Policy C610 - Fiscal Policy for the Planning and Development Business, be approved on a one-time basis to use the Planning and Development Reserve to fund one-time expenses for a servicing study to increase the Development Services Branch operating expenditure budget on a multi-year basis ending in 2026 by \$1,300,000 in 2025 and decreasing by \$100,000 in 2026, offset by a transfer from the Planning and Development Reserve, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.
2. That an exemption to City Policy C629 - Financial Stabilization Reserve Policy be approved on a one-time basis to allow a repayment strategy to achieve the minimum balance over a period of five years instead of three years.
3. That exemptions to City Policy C217E - Reserve and Equity Accounts be approved to fund:
 - a. a one-time revenue reduction to the Edmonton Transit Service branch operating revenue budget in 2026 to fund the Ride Transit and revenue shortfall; and'

- b. an ongoing revenue reduction to the operating transfer of Pay-As-You-Go to capital.
4. That exemptions to City Policy C216C - Storefront Improvement Program, City Policy C553C - Development Incentive Program and City Policy C616 - Corner Store Program Policy be approved on a one-time basis to fund a one-time increase to the Explore Edmonton operating expenditure budget with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve.

Fall 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment Motion (Revised), put:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: K. Tang

1. That replacement Attachment 1 be added to the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev.
2. That adjustments to the 2025-2026 Operating Budget, as outlined in replacement Attachment 1 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev, be approved.
3. That Attachments 4 and 10 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02529rev remain private pursuant to sections 21 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations), 24 (advice from officials), 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and 27 (privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour (8): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (4): T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, K. Principe, and J. Rice

Carried (8 to 4)

5.3 Fall 2024 Carbon Budget Update - 2023-2026 Carbon Budget

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

That the November 13, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02532, be received for information.

5.4 2024 Reserves Review

Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 were dealt with together (see item 5.1).

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

1. That a reserve be established for Facility Lease Renewal & Replacement to capture contributions required from tenants to fund future renewal or replacement activities associated with leases of City Facilities, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667.
2. That a reserve be established for Edmonton Elections to manage program costs over the four-year election cycle, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667.
3. That revised City Policy C217F Reserve and Equity Accounts, as set out in Attachment 9 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667, be approved.
4. That revised City Policy C629A Financial Stabilization Reserve, as set out in Attachment 10 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667, be approved.
5. That \$3,304,823 in funds currently held in the appropriated Financial Stabilization Reserve, related to the ArtsCommon project funding returned to the City, be released to the unappropriated Financial Stabilization Reserve.
6. That Attachment 11 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667 remain private pursuant to sections 24 (advice from officials) and 27 (privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Clerk's Note: Part 6 of the motion is invalid as Attachment 11 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667 was deleted from the agenda (see item 1.3).*

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Graham, Financial and Corporate Services
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Amendment to item 5.4:

Moved by: A. Salvador

Seconded by: T. Cartmell

That Part 5 be deleted.

In Favour (7): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Salvador, and J. Wright

Opposed (5): K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

Carried (7 to 5)

Motion as Amended, put:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

1. That a reserve be established for Facility Lease Renewal & Replacement to capture contributions required from tenants to fund future renewal or replacement activities associated with leases of City Facilities, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667.
2. That a reserve be established for Edmonton Elections to manage program costs over the four-year election cycle, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667.
3. That revised City Policy C217F Reserve and Equity Accounts, as set out in Attachment 9 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667, be approved.
4. That revised City Policy C629A Financial Stabilization Reserve, as set out in Attachment 10 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02667, be approved.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): K. Principe

Carried (11 to 1)

5.5 Review of Multi-year Budgeting Policy C578

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

That revised Council Policy C578A Multi-year Budgeting Policy, as outlined in Attachment 2 of the November 13, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02716, be approved.

5.6 Waste Services Fall 2025 Rate Filing

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

1. That the 2025 Waste Services Utility Rate Filing, as set out in Attachment 1 of the November 8, 2024, City Operations report CO02415, be approved.
2. That the funding source adjustments in the Waste Containers (CM-81-2005) and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Energy Transition Portfolio (CM-81-2049) capital proles, as outlined in Attachment 2 of the November 8, 2024, City Operations report CO02415, be approved.

5.7 Waste Services Climate Action Plan

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

1. That the business case for the Waste Services Climate Action Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 of the November 8, 2024, City Operations report CO02507, be approved.
2. That Attachment 1 of the November 8, 2024, City Operations report CO02507 remain private pursuant to sections 16 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 24 (advice from officials) and 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

5.8 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2025 Rate Filing and Fall 2024 Supplemental Budget Adjustment

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

1. That the Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2025 Rate Filing, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the November 8, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02679, be approved.
2. That the 2025-2026 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Operating Budget, as originally approved in the November 25, 2022, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS01479, be adjusted as follows:
 - a. 2025 expenditure budget be decreased by \$243,100, and 2025 revenue budget be decreased by \$318,200.
 - b. 2026 expenditure budget be decreased by \$325,900, and 2026 revenue budget be decreased by \$1,215,700.

6. Private Reports

There were no Private Reports on the agenda.

7. Bylaws

7.1 Bylaw 20962 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 6

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 20962 received three readings.

7.2 Bylaw 20990 - Waste Services Bylaw 20363, Amendment No. 2

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 20990 received three readings.

8. Subsequent Motions

Subsequent Motion 1

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services

- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Salvador

Pay-As-You-Go Replenishment and Dedicated Universal Renewal Fund - Draft Strategy

That Administration provide a report with a draft strategy to replenish the cumulative impact of the \$15,000,000 reduction in annual Pay-As-You-Go and establish a Dedicated Universal Renewal Fund aligned with the following principles:

- Repayment of the cumulative impact of the \$15,000,000 reduction in annual Pay-As-You-Go by 2030.
- Redirection of tax levy funding used to replenish the Financial Stabilization Reserve once the minimum balance is achieved.
- Incorporation of dedicated tax levy increase of successive 0.5% in 2027 and beyond to meet the draft strategy.

Due Date: March 18, 2025, City Council

In Favour (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): K. Principe, and J. Rice

Carried (10 to 2)

Subsequent Motion 2

The following members of Administration’s delegation answered questions:

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Knack

That Administration provide a report outlining the current practices involved in supporting private/corporate events excluding not-for-profit and community events and the recovery of expenses related to both direct and indirect costs of those events.

Moved by: J. Wright
Seconded by: J. Rice

That City Council meet in private pursuant to section 24 (advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the discussion of Subsequent Motion 2.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, the motion carried.

City Council met in private at 11:28 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024.

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Moved by: A. Knack
Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

City Council met in public at 11:40 a.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Subsequent Motion 2, put:

Moved by: E. Rutherford
Seconded by: A. Knack

That Administration provide a report outlining the current practices involved in supporting private/corporate events excluding not-for-profit and community events and the recovery of expenses related to both direct and indirect costs of those events.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor E. Rutherford withdrew the motion.

Withdrawn

Subsequent Motion 3

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

Moved by: S. Hamilton

Seconded by: J. Rice

1. That Administration undertake a review of the Community Safety and Well-being reserve in the context of the Community Safety and Well-being ecosystem, including both internal work and external agencies operating in this space, that includes but is not limited to service duplication and efficiencies, cost of service provision, and outcomes.
2. That Administration dissolve the Community Safety and Well-being reserve into General Revenues, prepare any necessary policy amendments, and change the funding source of any grants or programs to reflect this change.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor S. Hamilton withdrew the motion.

Withdrawn

Subsequent Motion 4

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- E. Robar, City Manager

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: T. Cartmell

Budget Process Recommendations for 2027-2030

That Administration initiate a zero-based (line-by-line) budget process for the development of the 2027-2030 Budget, including:

1. establishment of a temporary Council Budget and Finance Committee, including the Mayor as a member of the Committee, that reports directly to Council;

2. regular check-ins by the Committee with Council;
3. branch-by-branch presentations on the proposed budget to the Committee, including all Agencies, Boards, and Commissions, starting in early 2026, which include:
 - a. benchmark comparisons with other municipalities for costs and performance levels while considering total size of inventory (ex: laneway kms or roads, hectares of green space, number of civic buildings, etc.).
 - b. any available audit information and/or progress for each branch.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council

In Favour (8): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, and A. Stevenson

Opposed (4): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (8 to 4)

Subsequent Motion 5

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Sohi

That Administration enhance the quarterly financial reporting to include all unfunded variances over \$1,500,000 to City Council as they occur, with a mitigation plan to avoid the accumulation of unfunded liabilities in future budget cycles.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 6

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

Improving Efficiency in Operations, Service Delivery and Infrastructure Development

That Administration provide a report to Committee outlining a plan to reduce red tape, streamline decision-making and rationalize policies and procedures to improve efficiency in operations, service delivery and infrastructure development informed by robust engagement with experts in the business community, City employees and union partners.

Due Date: June 18, 2025, Executive Committee

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 7

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

Downtown Workspace Optimization

That Administration provide a report to Council through Committee regarding Downtown Workspace Optimization, as outlined on page 1 in Attachment 4 of the December 2, 2024, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02530rev, that includes:

- a. various disposition options, including demolition and future sales;
- b. impacts on related projects including downtown district energy and the Winspear expansion projects;
- c. a breakdown of costs related to staff relocations (IT Infrastructure relocation, office moves, facility modifications and Edmonton Tower capital investments); and
- d. a summary of required capital investments at Century Place and Chancery Hall for the next 10-20 years.

Due Date: March 5, 2025, Executive Committee

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 8

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: A. Knack

Yorath House - Revenue Generation Opportunities

That Administration provide a report with options to utilize the Yorath House for revenue generation opportunities, including but not limited to private rentals.

Due Date: March 3, 2025, Community and Public Services Committee

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 9

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Sohi

That Administration work with Explore Edmonton to provide an updated workplan to Council that includes an approach to support local tourism and the night-time economy.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 10

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager

- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- P. Ladouceur, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

Explore Edmonton Facility Maintenance and Operation Options

That Administration provide a report summarizing an analysis of incorporating Explore Edmonton's building operating and maintenance work into city-wide budgets, including an analysis on current asset condition, costs and impacts to absorbing building maintenance and renewal budgets in order to perform that work.

Due Date: June 18, 2025, Executive Committee

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 11

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: J. Rice

External Agencies Shared Services

That Administration provide a report outlining the opportunities, challenges and impacts to creating a shared service model, with a focus on Human Resources, Financial Services, Information Technology Services, Procurement, and Communications, for external agencies, including but not limited to:

- Explore Edmonton Corporation
- Fort Edmonton Management Company
- Edmonton Arts Council
- Reach Edmonton Council for Safe Communities

- Edmonton Unlimited
- Edmonton Screen Industries

Due Date: June 18, 2025, Executive Committee

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

Subsequent Motion 12

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Sohi

That the Economic Investment Services branch operating expenditure budget be increased by \$30,000 on a one-time basis in 2024 for the purpose of providing funding to the Kingsway District Association to support security initiatives, with funding from the 2024 Council Contingency.

In Favour (7): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and J. Wright

Opposed (4): T. Cartmell, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, and K. Tang

Carried (7 to 4)

9. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the following section of Bylaw 18155 - Council Procedures Bylaw be waived for the purpose of providing notice of motion with less than 5 days notice, for the December 10/11, 2024, City Council meeting:

- 32(2)(a) A notice of motion pursuant to subsection (1) must be given at a Council or Standing Committee meeting held at least 5 days before the Council or Standing Committee meeting at which the motion will be made.

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 0)

9.1 Economic Development (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That Administration work with Edmonton Global, Edmonton Screen Industries Office, Edmonton Unlimited and Explore Edmonton, to provide a report that outlines the following:

- A jurisdictional scan of economic development approaches, governance and funding models in other similar North American cities and/or city regions;
 - The roles, mandate, budget, and outcomes of Edmonton Global, Edmonton Screen Industries Office, Edmonton Unlimited and Explore Edmonton;
 - Current support provided by each agency to Edmonton's local economy;
 - Governance considerations for each agency; and
 - Recommendations for opportunities to collectively improve efficiencies, outcomes and support for the local economy.
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- Notice of Motion Given: December 2/3/4/5, 2024, City Council - Budget

9.2 Edmonton Police Service Funding Formula (K. Tang)

Councillor K. Tang stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That the Edmonton Police Commission obtain information from the Edmonton Police Service on the impacts of the Edmonton Police Service Funding Formula, specifically addressing what services and projects the enhanced funding under this formula has enabled or will allow in the future and provide a report to Council.

- Notice of Motion Given: December 2/3/4/5, 2024, City Council - Budget

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Chair

City Clerk