



City Council - Minutes

March 18, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, 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 9:32 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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 March 18, 2025, City Council meeting was held over two days: March 18, 2025, and March 19, 2025.*

1.2 Roll Call

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

Mayor A. Sohi and Councillors T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, A. Paquette, K. Principe and A. Stevenson were absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

E. Robar, City Manager; and A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, N. Jacobsen, Meeting Clerk, M. de Guzman, B. Tyson, E. Norton, M. Friesen and J. Taves, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: S. Hamilton

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the March 18/19, 2025, City Council meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

Additions:

- 7.4 Budget Process Recommendations for 2027-2030 - Approach to Zero Based Budgeting
- 7.5 Options to Further Enhance LRT Safety
- 7.7 Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy End Date Extension - Executive Committee report
- Attachment 7
(Private pursuant to sections 21 and 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
- 8.2 Bylaw 21120 - Amendments to Bylaw 18156 Council Committees Bylaw
- 9.5 Legal Update - Verbal report and Attachment 1
(Private pursuant to sections 21, 24 and 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Item changed from written report to verbal report:

- 9.2 Enterprise Commons Update - Verbal report
(Private pursuant to sections 19 and 27 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the Orders of the Day for the March 18/19, 2025, City Council meeting be changed as follows:

Continuation on Wednesday, March 19, 2025:

- Dinner - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Adjournment - 9 p.m.

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

Opposed (3): T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, and K. Principe

Carried (10 to 3)

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the following items be postponed to the April 8/9, 2025, City Council meeting:

- 8.1 Bylaw 21111 - City Auditor Bylaw
- 8.2 Bylaw 21120 - Amendments to Bylaw 18156 Council Committees Bylaw

Due Date: April 8/9, 2025, City Council

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Knack

That the following items be postponed to the April 8/9, 2025, City Council meeting:

- 7.8 Downtown Workspace Optimization - Executive Committee report
- 7.9 Winspear Expansion Project - Interim Financing Requirements - Executive Committee report

Due Date: April 8/9, 2025, City Council

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

1.4 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the minutes from the following meetings be approved:

- January 14, 2025, Special Audit Sub-Committee
- February 24, 2025, City Council Public Hearing
- February 25/26, 2025, City Council
- March 10, 2025, City Council - Non-Regular

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

1.5 Protocol Items

1.5.1 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, recognized Friday, March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. While apartheid in South Africa ended 35 years ago, March 21 is recognized annually as a turning point in the global fight for equality.

1.5.2 Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, recognized Tuesday, March 18 as Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day, alongside communities across North America. Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day is a reminder of the integral role that transit employees play and the work they do to support the public transportation system.

1.5.3 Aurora Academic Primary Charter School (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from Aurora Academic Primary Charter School in Ward Anirniq and their teachers, J. McRae and E. Meger.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.9, 8.1, 8.2, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That the recommendations in the following reports be approved:

- 7.10 Coronation Eco Station Expansion
- 9.1 Council Member Appointments to Civic Agencies

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

2.3 Requests to Speak

There were no Requests to Speak.

2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda

Moved by: S. Hamilton

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the following item be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda:

- 7.7 Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy End Date Extension - First item of business, on Tuesday, March 18, 2025

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

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:

- 8.4 Bylaw 21059 - To authorize the City of Edmonton to impose a special tax for the repair and maintenance of the Alley Lighting
- 8.5 Bylaw 21060 - To amend Revised Bylaw 18985, City of Edmonton Community Revitalization Levy Projects, Downtown CRL, Amendment #8
- 8.6 Bylaw 21061 - To amend Bylaw 18733, City of Edmonton Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, CRL Project - Planning and Design, Amendment #4
- 8.7 Bylaw 20937 - To amend Bylaw 16846 City of Edmonton Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy Area Projects, Amendment #6
- 8.8 Bylaw 21083 - To amend Revised Bylaw 17863 City of Edmonton Yellowhead Trail Projects, Amendment #6
- 8.9 Bylaw 20867 - To Designate the Hardisty Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the following Bylaws be read a second time:

- 8.3 Bylaw 21013 - To authorize the City of Edmonton to undertake, construct and finance Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, 137 Avenue / Anthony Henday Ramps

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Carried (13 to 0)

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the following Bylaws be considered for third reading:

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Seconded by: J. Rice

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Carried (13 to 0)

3. Councillor Inquiries

3.1 Playground Amenities for New Schools (J. Rice)

Can Administration provide a memo on the status of new schools lacking playground amenities including identifying how new playgrounds will be prioritised for funding and development?

4. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting

4.1 Transportation Projects Traffic Management (Q1 2025)

This report was dealt with at the February 25/26, 2025, City Council meeting.

5. Requests to Reschedule Reports

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business on the agenda.

7. Public Reports

7.1 Capital Financial Update - December 31, 2024

Items 7.1 and 7.2 were dealt with and voted on together.

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
- F. Mutheardy, Financial and Corporate Services

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

- K. Bjornstad, Financial and Corporate Services

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: K. Tang

Motion on item 7.1:

That the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02842, be received for information.

Motion on item 7.2:

1. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$25,076,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from amounts previously appropriated in the Financial Stabilization Reserve, to address the delay of expenditures into 2025, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 1, Schedule A of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
2. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$23,262,000 and to transfer the equivalent amount from the Financial Stabilization Reserve, to fund the carryforward of expenditures where 2024 program commitments exist, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 1, Schedule E of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
3. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$10,676,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Industrial Infrastructure Cost Sharing Reserve, to address the timing of Revolving Industrial Servicing Fund program rebates within Development Services, Urban Planning and Economy, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2, of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
4. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$4,899,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Affordable Housing Reserve, to address the timing of expenditures for the Rapid Housing Initiative - Project Stream (Coliseum Inn Hotel Conversion Project) within Social

Development, Community Services, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.

5. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$2,775,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Affordable Housing Reserve, to address the timing of expenditures for the Catholic Social Services Housing Project within Social Development, Community Services, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
6. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$10,250,000 offset by an equivalent amount of revenue (transfer from the Affordable Housing Reserve and federal grant), to address the timing of construction costs funded through the National Housing Co-Investment Fund within Social Development, Community Services, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
7. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$3,765,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Brownfield Reserve, to address the timing of grant expenditures for Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment support within Economic Investment Services, Urban Planning and Economy, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
8. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$500,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Traffic Safety and Automated Enforcement Reserve (TSAER), to address the timing of expenditures for Safe School Drop Off initiative within Parks and Roads Services, City Operations, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
9. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$2,072,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Community Safety and Well-being Reserve, to address the timing of expenditures for various Community Safety and Well-being initiatives within various branches, as outlined in Attachment

2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.

10. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$3,500,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Community Safety and Well-being Reserve, to address the timing of expenditures for the Community Mobilization Task Force within the Office of the City Manager, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.
11. That the 2025 Operating Budget be adjusted to increase expenditures by \$1,054,000 offset by an equivalent transfer from the Edmonton Elections Reserve, to address the timing of expenditures for the 2025 Municipal Election within the Office of the City Clerk, Office of the City Manager, as outlined in Attachment 2, Table 2 of the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02841.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

7.2 Operating Financial Update - December 31, 2024

Items 7.1 and 7.2 were dealt with and voted on together (see item 7.1).

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

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

- E. Robar, City Manager

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

- N. Chow, Financial and Corporate Services

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

Moved by: A. Salvador

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the strategy to replenish the cumulative impact of the \$15,000,000 reduction in annual Pay-As-You-Go and establishment of a Dedicated Universal Renewal Fund, including an increase to the dedicated tax levy of 0.5% in 2030 to 0.75% from 2030 until 2032, and to 1.0% in 2033 and beyond to achieve target funding levels set out in Attachment 3 of the November 1, 2023, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02052, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02818, be approved.

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

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

Carried (11 to 2)

7.4 Budget Process Recommendations for 2027-2030 - Approach to Zero Based Budgeting

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

- E. Robar, City Manager
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- N. Chow, Financial and Corporate Services
- S. Classen, Financial and Corporate Services

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the approach related to the Council motion on a zero-based (line-by-line) budget process for the development of the 2027-2030 Budget, be approved, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02819, including:

1. Using Executive Committee in place of establishing a temporary Budget and Finance Committee;
2. Administration delivering detailed branch presentations throughout 2026 for Civic Departments and Corporate Programs;
3. Agencies, Boards and Commissions will complete annual reporting on outcomes achieved with City funding through implementation of the Municipal Funding Arrangements Policy A1476A, and will present to Council through that process; and
4. Transitioning towards a results-based budget over the course of the 2027-2030 budget cycle.

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

Parts 1 to 3 of Motion, put:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the approach related to the Council motion on a zero-based (line-by-line) budget process for the development of the 2027-2030 Budget, be approved, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02819, including:

1. Using Executive Committee in place of establishing a temporary Budget and Finance Committee;
2. Administration delivering detailed branch presentations throughout 2026 for Civic Departments and Corporate Programs;
3. Agencies, Boards and Commissions will complete annual reporting on outcomes achieved with City funding through implementation of the Municipal Funding Arrangements Policy A1476A, and will present to Council through that process.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Part 4 of Motion, put:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the approach related to the Council motion on a zero-based (line-by-line) budget process for the development of the 2027-2030 Budget, be approved, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02819, including:

4. Transitioning towards a results-based budget over the course of the 2027-2030 budget cycle.

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

Opposed (3): T. Cartmell, K. Principe, and J. Rice

Carried (10 to 3)

Summary of Council's Decision on item 7.4:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the approach related to the Council motion on a zero-based (line-by-line) budget process for the development of the 2027-2030 Budget, be approved, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02819, including:

1. Using Executive Committee in place of establishing a temporary Budget and Finance Committee;
2. Administration delivering detailed branch presentations throughout 2026 for Civic Departments and Corporate Programs;
3. Agencies, Boards and Commissions will complete annual reporting on outcomes achieved with City funding through implementation of the Municipal Funding Arrangements Policy A1476A, and will present to Council through that process; and
4. Transitioning towards a results-based budget over the course of the 2027-2030 budget cycle.

7.5 Options to Further Enhance LRT Safety

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

- C. Hotton-MacDonald, City Operations
- D. Jones, Community Services
- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That Administration reallocate portions of the existing, ongoing funding for Commissionaires, including:

1. \$200,000 to implement option 1 as outlined in the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718,
2. \$1,800,000 to implement option 3 as outlined in the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718, and
3. \$1,600,000 to implement a safety attendant program to be deployed at downtown and hotspot locations during station opening times,

with the remainder of the budget used towards retaining Commissionaire presence in priority locations.

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Paquette

**Clerk's note: With the unanimous of City of Council, "downtown and" was deleted from Part 3.*

That Administration reallocate portions of the existing, ongoing funding for Commissionaires, including:

1. \$200,000 to implement option 1 as outlined in the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718,
2. \$1,800,000 to implement option 3 as outlined in the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718, and
3. \$1,600,000 to implement a safety attendant program to be deployed at hotspot locations during station opening times,

with the remainder of the budget used towards retaining Commissionaire presence in priority locations.

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Paquette

**Clerk's note: With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor A. Stevenson re-stated the motion.*

That Administration reallocate portions of the existing, ongoing funding for Commissionaires, including:

1. \$3,400,000 to implement a modified Option 4 as outlined in the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718, and
2. \$1,600,000 to implement a safety attendant program to be deployed at hotspot locations during station opening times.

Not put to vote

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Knack

Options to Further Enhance LRT Safety - Further Analysis

That the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718 be referred back to Administration to do further analysis on the implications of reallocating portions of the existing, ongoing funding for Commissionaires as follows:

1. \$3,400,000 to implement a modified Option 4 as outlined in the March 18, 2025, City Operations report CO02718, and
2. \$1,600,000 to implement a safety attendant program to be deployed at hotspot locations during station opening times.

Due Date: April 8/9, 2025, City Council

In Favour (6): M. Janz, A. Knack, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and J. Wright

Opposed (3): A. Sohi, J. Rice, and K. Tang

Carried (6 to 3)

7.6 Monthly Update on Dutch Elm Disease in Edmonton - Verbal report

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

- C. Zerebeski, City Operations
- M. Beare, City Operations

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- C. McKeown, Acting Deputy City Manager, City Operations

Moved by: J. Rice

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the March 18, 2025, City Operations verbal report CO02828, be received for information.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

7.7 Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy End Date Extension

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- A. Laliberte, Urban Planning and Economy
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- B. Latchford, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That Administration apply to the Province to extend the Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy by 10 years to 2044 to incorporate the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445, with the addition of the Winspear Center Expansion project, and, if approved, prepare an amended Community Revitalization Levy Bylaw and return to a future City Council Public Hearing.

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: M. Janz

That City Council meet in 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* for the discussion of item 7.7.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in private at 10:48 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- B. Jarocki, Financial and Corporate Services
- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- B. Latchford, Urban Planning and Economy
- C. Ashmore, Employee and Legal Services
- E. Robar, City Manager
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: J. Rice

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (12): T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, 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 1:58 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Paquette

1. That item 7.7 - Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy End Date Extension, be postponed to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.
2. That Attachment 7 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445 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 (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (1): J. Rice

Carried (12 to 1)

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That City Council meet in 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* for the discussion of item 7.7.

In Favour (12): T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, 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 11:59 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in public at 2:13 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Motion, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That Administration apply to the Province to extend the Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy by 10 years to 2044 to incorporate the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445, with the addition of the Winspear Center Expansion project, and, if approved, prepare an amended Community Revitalization Levy Bylaw and return to a future City Council Public Hearing.

Amendment:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That a Part 2 be added as follows:

2. That Administration provide an independent (as determined by Administration) analysis of the existing OEG study for the Event Park and Site Servicing as part of the Public Hearing process and that the analysis include what current projects could be enhanced to provide the best overall revitalization of our downtown as well as the high-level modeling of the timing of the Community Revitalization Levy funding for the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

Motion as Amended, put:

Moved by: A. Sohi

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

Bylaw 21158 - To amend Bylaw 16521, Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy Bylaw, Amendment No. 2

1. That Administration apply to the Province to extend the Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy by 10 years to 2044 to incorporate the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445, with the addition of the Winspear Center Expansion project, and, if approved, prepare an amended Community Revitalization Levy Bylaw and return to a future City Council Public Hearing.
2. That Administration provide an independent (as determined by Administration) analysis of the existing OEG study for the Event Park and Site Servicing as part of the Public Hearing process and that the analysis include what current projects could be enhanced to provide the best overall revitalization of our downtown as well as the high-level modeling of the timing of the Community

Revitalization Levy funding for the projects listed in Attachment 3 of the March 5, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02445.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

In Favour (11): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): M. Janz, and E. Rutherford

Carried (11 to 2)

7.8 Downtown Workspace Optimization

This item was postponed to the April 8/9, 2025, City Council meeting (see item 1.3).

7.9 Winspear Expansion Project - Interim Financing Requirements

This item was postponed to the April 8/9, 2025, City Council meeting (see item 1.3).

7.10 Coronation Eco Station Expansion

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

That the business case for the Coronation Eco Station Expansion, as set out in Attachment 1 of the March 14, 2025, City Operations report CO02802, be approved.

8. Bylaws

8.1 Bylaw 21111 - City Auditor Bylaw

This item was postponed to the April 8/9, 2025, City Council meeting (see item 1.3).

8.2 Bylaw 21120 - Amendments to Bylaw 18156 Council Committees Bylaw

This item was postponed to the April 8/9, 2025, City Council meeting (see item 1.3).

8.3 Bylaw 21013 - To authorize the City of Edmonton to undertake, construct and finance Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, 137 Avenue / Anthony Henday Ramps

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 21013 received second and third readings.

8.4 Bylaw 21059 - To authorize the City of Edmonton to impose a special tax for the repair and maintenance of the Alley Lighting

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 21059 received three readings.

Moved by: T. Cartmell

Seconded by: J. Rice

1. That the 2025 operating expenditure budget within Parks and Road Services, City Operations, specific to the cost to repair and maintain existing alley lights be adjusted to \$795,697, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02879.
2. That the 2025 revenue budget within Parks and Road Services, City Operations, specific to the special tax revenue be adjusted to \$743,324, as outlined in the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02879.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

8.5 Bylaw 21060 - To amend Revised Bylaw 18985, City of Edmonton Community Revitalization Levy Projects, Downtown CRL, Amendment #8

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 21060 received three readings.

8.6 Bylaw 21061 - To amend Bylaw 18733, City of Edmonton Integrated Infrastructure Services Project, CRL Project — Planning and Design, Amendment #4

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 21061 received three readings.

8.7 Bylaw 20937 - To amend Bylaw 16846 City of Edmonton Capital City Downtown Community Revitalization Levy Area Projects, Amendment #6

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 20937 received three readings.

8.8 Bylaw 21083 - To amend Revised Bylaw 17863 City of Edmonton Yellowhead Trail Projects, Amendment #6

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 21083 received three readings.

8.9 Bylaw 20867 - To Designate the Hardisty Residence as a Municipal Historic Resource

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.5. Bylaw 20867 received three readings.

9. Private Reports

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: J. Rice

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 19 (confidential evaluations), 24 (advice from officials) and 27 (privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the discussion of items 9.2 and 9.5.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in private at 3:14 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That City Council meet in public.

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)

City Council met in public at 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

9.1 Council Member Appointments to Civic Agencies

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

1. That the actions contained in Attachment 1 of the March 18, 2025, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02924, be approved.
2. That the March 18, 2025 Office of the City Clerk report OCC02924 remain private pursuant to sections 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) and 24 (advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
3. That Attachment 1 of the March 18, 2025, Office of the City Clerk report OCC02924 remain private pursuant to section 29 (information that is or will be available to the public) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

9.2 Enterprise Commons Update

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

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager
- M. Bohn, Employee and Legal Services
- K. Matheson, Financial and Corporate Services
- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: J. Rice

1. That the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services verbal report FCS02931, be received for information.
2. That the March 18, 2025, Financial and Corporate Services verbal report FCS02931 remain private pursuant to sections 19 (confidential evaluations) and 27 (privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

9.3 Procurement Update

**Clerk's note: This item was not discussed in private and the recommendation passed without debate.*

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

1. That the March 18, 2025, Integrated Infrastructure Services report IIS02951, be received for information.
2. That the March 18, 2025, Integrated Infrastructure Services report IIS02951 remain private pursuant to sections 16 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 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 (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

9.4 Collective Bargaining Update - Verbal report

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: A. Knack

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* for the discussion of item 9.4.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

City Council met in private at 7:57 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

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

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor

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

- J. Badry, Interim Chief Communications Officer

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager
- M. Dorval, Employee and Legal Services
- R. Smith, Employee and Legal Services

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That City Council meet in public.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

City Council met in public at 8:34 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: J. Wright

1. That the March 18, 2025, Employee and Legal Services verbal report ELS02971, be received for information.
2. That the March 18, 2025, Employee and Legal Services verbal report ELS02971 remain 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 (8): A. Sohi, M. Janz, A. Knack, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (8 to 0)

9.5 Legal Update - Verbal report

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

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: J. Wright

1. That the March 18, 2025, Employee and Legal Services verbal report ELS02997, be received for information.
2. That the March 18, 2025, Employee and Legal Services verbal report ELS02997 remain private pursuant to sections 21 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations), 24 (advice from officials) and 27 (privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

10. Motions Pending

10.1 Social Media Engagement (A. Paquette)

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

That Administration provide a report assessing the City's current engagement on social media platforms, including X, that includes the nature and frequency of posts, levels of public interaction, and any potential risks or benefits associated with continued use of these platforms, that also explores alternative communication channels that align with the City's communications needs to provide effective and timely outreach to relevant platform participants.

- Notice of Motion Given: March 5, 2025, Executive Committee
- Laid Over: March 18/19, 2025, City Council to April 8/9, 2025, City Council

11. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

11.1 Changes to the Council Calendar - March and April 2025 (J. Wright)

Councillor J. Wright requested permission to make a motion without notice regarding changes to the March and April 2025 Council and Committee meeting calendar.

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council waive the rules on providing notice of motion as set out in section 32 of Bylaw 18155 - Council Procedures Bylaw to allow Councillor J. Wright to make a motion without notice regarding changes to the March and April 2025 Council and Committee meeting calendar.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: A. Sohi

1. That the Orders of the Day for the March 31, 2025, Community and Public Services Committee meeting be changed to 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

2. That the Orders of the Day for the April 2, 2025, Executive Committee meeting be changed as follows:

- Call to Order - Monday, March 31, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
- Recess - March 31, 2025, at 5 p.m.
- Continuation on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch - Noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Recess: 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
- Adjournment - 5 p.m.

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

Carried (8 to 0)

**Clerk's note: The voting requirement to waive the rules on providing notice of motion requires a Special Resolution (9 out of 13 City Council members). As only eight members of City Council were present, the above-noted votes are invalid.*

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Chair

City Clerk