



City Council - Orientation - Minutes

November 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.

River Valley Room, 1st floor, City Hall

Present: A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette,
T. Parmar, K. Principe, 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. Knack called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., Monday, November 3, 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 Isga, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

1.2 Roll Call

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

Mayor A. Knack was absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

E. Robar, City Manager; and N. Jacobsen, J. Shearer and E. Norton, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Mayor A. Knack asked whether there were any declarations of pecuniary interests or conflicts of interest. There were none.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: K. Tang
Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That the November 3, 2025, City Council - Orientation meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

1.5 Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved.

1.6 Protocol Items

1.6.1 City Hall School (A. Knack)

Mayor A. Knack, on behalf of City Council, welcomed City Hall School Site Coordinator, M. Semeniuk.

1.6.2 Garneau School (E. Rutherford)

Deputy Mayor E. Rutherford, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 5 and 6 classes from Garneau School in Ward papastew and their teacher, M. Chell.

1.6.3 Garneau School (A. Knack)

Mayor A. Knack, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 5 and 6 classes from Garneau School in Ward papastew and their teacher, T. Hornbeck.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1 and 9.1.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

All items were selected for debate.

2.3 Requests to Speak

There were no Requests to Speak.

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

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

3. Councillor Inquiries

There were no Councillor Inquiries.

4. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting

There were no Reports to be Dealt with at a Different 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 City Council Orientation: Listening and Learning

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:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Badry, Interim Chief Communications Officer

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the November 3, 2025, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03240, be received for information.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

8. Bylaws

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

9. Private Reports

9.1 City Council Orientation: City Manager Introduction

Moved by: A. Salvador

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That City Council meet in private pursuant to section 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act* for the discussion of item 9.1.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in private at 9:38 a.m., Monday, November 3, 2025.

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

- E. Robar, City Manager

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: K. Tang

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in public at 11:40 a.m., Monday, November 3, 2025.

Moved by: A. Salvador

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

1. That the November 3, 2025, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03247, be received for information.
2. That the November 3, 2025, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03247 remain private pursuant to section 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act*.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

10. Motions Pending

There were no Motions Pending on the agenda.

11. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

11.1 Investment Options For Day Spaces (A. Knack)

Mayor A. Knack requested permission to make a motion without notice regarding day shelters.

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Moved by: A. Paquette

Seconded by: A. Salvador

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 Mayor A. Knack to make a motion without notice regarding day shelters.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- E. Robar, City Manager

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- S. Gellatly, Community Services
- H. Quan, Community Services
- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

1. That the 2026 Social Development Budget be increased by \$1,000,000 on a one-time basis with funding from the Community Safety and Well-being Grant Program to improve and expand access to emergency day shelters and dedicated day shelter spaces for expenditures incurred in Winter 2025/2026, in collaboration with social sector partners. The timing difference between expenses incurred in 2025 and funding approved in 2026 will be managed through the Community Safety and Well-being Reserve.
2. That Administration work with social sector partners and the Government of Alberta to improve access to emergency day shelters and day services in Edmonton.

Evaluation of Investment Options For Day Spaces

3. That Administration return to City Council in Second Quarter 2026 with an evaluation of these investments and further options to build upon these programs sustainably.

Due Date: Second Quarter 2026, City Council

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

11.2 Elizabeth Fry Shelter - Station Pointe (A. Paquette)

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

1. That Administration provide a memo to City Council that:
 - a. summarizes recent calls for service from police, peace officers, fire, and EMS to the Elizabeth Fry Society facility in Ward Dene, as well as other related clean-up costs (e.g. Encampment clean-up in the area, graffiti removal, garbage and trash clean-up, etc);
 - b. assesses current site management and safety practices; and
 - c. identifies actions required to address ongoing operational and community safety concerns.
2. That Administration provide a report to City Council with potential options to transition this service to a new model or alternative location, with no further lease extensions at the current site once the existing agreement expires.
 - Notice of Motion Given: November 3, 2025, City Council - Orientation

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2025.

Chair

City Clerk