



## Special City Council - Minutes

December 8, 2020, 9:30 a.m.  
Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: D. Iveson, M. Banga, T. Cartmell, T. Caterina, J. Dziadyk, B. Esslinger, S. Hamilton, B. Henderson, A. Knack, S. McKeen, M. Nickel, A. Paquette, M. Walters

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### 1. Call to Order and Related Business

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Mayor D. Iveson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., and acknowledged that Council meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory, and he also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Sauleaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

#### 1.2 Roll Call

Mayor D. Iveson conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of all Members of City Council.

Councillors M. Banga, T. Cartmell, T. Caterina, J. Dziadyk, B. Esslinger, S. Hamilton, B. Henderson, A. Knack, S. McKeen, A. Paquette and M. Walters participated electronically.

Councillor M. Banga was absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

A. Laughlin, Interim City Manager; A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk; S. McKerry, and E. Norton, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

#### 1.3 Adoption of Agenda

**Moved by:** B. Esslinger

**Seconded by:** S. McKeen

That the December 8, 2020, Special City Council meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (12): D. Iveson, T. Cartmell, T. Caterina, J. Dziadyk, B. Esslinger, S. Hamilton, B. Henderson, A. Knack, S. McKeen, M. Nickel, A. Paquette, and M. Walters

**Motion Carried (12 to 0)**

**1.4 Protocol Items**

There were no Protocol Items.

**2. Items for Discussion and Related Business**

**2.1 Select Items for Debate**

All items were selected for debate.

**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 any items to be dealt with at a specific time.

**3. Reports to be Dealt with at a Future Meeting**

There were no Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting.

**4. Requests to Reschedule Reports**

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

**5. Reports**

**5.1 COVID-19 Update from City Administration - Verbal report**

Items 5.1 and 5.2 were dealt with together.

A. Laughlin, Interim City Manager, made a presentation and answered questions. J. Kluthe, (COVID-19 Task Force) Employee Services, answered questions.

## **5.2 Advice on Public Health Measure for COVID-19 - Verbal report**

Items 5.1 and 5.2 were dealt with together.

N. Gibney and J. Talbot, University of Alberta; and N. Bakshi, Royal Alexandra Hospital, made presentations and answered questions. L. Saxinger, University of Alberta, answered questions.

**Moved by:** M. Walters

**Seconded by:** S. McKeen

That the following reports be received for information:

- COVID-19 Update from City Administration - Verbal report
- Advice on Public Health Measure for COVID-19 - Verbal report

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

## **5.3 Municipal Government Act Tools Available for Supporting Public Health and Struggling Businesses - Verbal report**

Items 5.3 and 5.4 were dealt with together.

A. Laughlin, Interim City Manager, made a presentation.

## **5.4 Intergovernmental Advocacy Options - Verbal report**

Items 5.3 and 5.4 were dealt with together.

**Moved by:** B. Henderson

**Seconded by:** A. Knack

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 16 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 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 Privacy Act* for the discussion of items 5.3 and 5.4.

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

City Council met in private at 12:10 p.m.

In Attendance:

- D. Iveson
- M. Banga
- T. Cartmell
- T. Caterina
- J. Dziadyk
- B. Esslinger
- S. Hamilton
- B. Henderson
- A. Knack
- S. McKeen
- M. Nickel
- A. Paquette
- M. Walters
- A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk
- S. McKerry, Office of the City Clerk (Meeting Clerk)
- E. Norton, Office of the City Clerk (Meeting Clerk)
- A. Laughlin, Interim City Manager
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor
- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
- G. Cebryk, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- J. Meliefste, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- M. Persson, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- S. McCabe, Deputy City Manager, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development
- R. Smyth, Deputy City Manager, Citizen Services

- N. Jacobsen, Office of the City Manager (Legal Services)
- M. Laban, Office of the City Manager
- C. Hammett, Office of The City Manager
- D. Traynor, Employee Services (Subject matter expert)
- J. Charchun, Offices of the Mayor and Councillors
- R. Klatchuk, Communications and Engagement
- Y. Oke, Communications and Engagement

**Moved by:** B. Henderson

**Seconded by:** A. Knack

That City Council meet in public.

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

City Council met in public at 12:53 p.m.

**Moved by:** A. Paquette

**Seconded by:** A. Knack

1. That the December 10, 2020, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting be cancelled.
2. That a Special City Council meeting be called for December 10, 2020, from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m for the purpose of a Covid Update and a discussion on additional pandemic restrictions.
3. That Administration bring forward to the December 10, 2020, Special City Council meeting, based on the advice given by the Strategic Covid Pandemic Committee, a Pandemic Restrictions Bylaw that allows for limiting gathering in businesses such as restaurants and in casinos, places of worship, etc.
4. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write to Mayors in the Edmonton Metro Region to inform them of Edmonton's Pandemic Response Bylaw, in the context of the learnings from the Strategic Covid Pandemic Committee, and extend a request for a regional approach as much as possible, and an offer of City of Edmonton administrative support in drafting a similar bylaw in their own municipality.
5. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council and in concert with the City of Calgary, write to the provincial government requesting authorities

under the city charter regulation for exemption from the Public Health Act and/or Emergency Management Act in order to address rising COVID-19 cases in Edmonton and Calgary and reduce the spread of the virus while also enabling businesses to be entitled to the full federal support available.

6. That the Mayor advocate for the province to use its authority to protect public health and implement stronger restrictions to bring the virus back under control in the Edmonton Region Health Zone
7. That the discussion on items 5.3 and 5.4 remain private pursuant to sections 16 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 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 Privacy Act*.

**Clerk's Note:**

At the December 8, 2020, City Council Public Hearing, the following motion was passed and the Special City Council meeting was cancelled, due to additional mandatory province wide restrictions declared:

1. That work on the Pandemic Restriction Bylaw directed at the December 8, 2020, Special City Council meeting be suspended, and that Administration report back in January 2021 on learnings on the challenges and limitations municipalities face in making effective interventions for public health, and other related learnings.
2. That the Special City Council meeting for the Pandemic Restriction Bylaw December 10, 2020, be cancelled.
3. That an Emergency Advisory Committee be scheduled for December 10, 2020, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In Favour (13): D. Iveson, M. Banga, T. Cartmell, T. Caterina, J. Dziadyk, B. Esslinger, S. Hamilton, B. Henderson, A. Knack, S. McKeen, M. Nickel, A. Paquette, and M. Walters

**Motion Carried (13 to 0)**

**6. Bylaws**

There were no Bylaws.

**7. Motions Pending**

There were no Motions Pending.

**8. Private Reports**

There were no Private Reports.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk