

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BOARDROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE,
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2020-MAY-25, AT 2:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong (joined electronically)
Councillor D. Bonner (joined electronically)
Councillor T. Brown (joined electronically)
Councillor B. Geselbracht (joined electronically 2:36 p.m.)
Councillor E. Hemmens (joined electronically)
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe (joined electronically)
Councillor J. Turley (joined electronically)

Staff: J. Rudolph, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services
B. Sims, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
S. Legin, General Manager, Corporate Services
B. Corsan, Director, Community Development
L. Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning
D. LaBerge, Manager, Bylaw Services
C. Davis, Manager, Recreation Facilities and Custodial Services
T. Daliran, Manager, Sanitation, Recycling and Cemeteries
F. Farrokhi, Manager, Communications
K. Robertson, Deputy City Clerk
S. Snelgrove, Deputy Corporate Officer
J. Vanderhoef, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

(a) City Spark - Public Engagement Strategy

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Councillor Geselbracht joined the meeting electronically at 2:36 p.m.

Lisa Bhopalsingh, Manager, Community Planning, provided an overview of the work completed so far on Council's Strategic Policy review called City Spark.

Presentation:

1. Jana Zelenski, Principal, Lanarc; Kate Evans, Principal, Lanarc, and David Reid, Principal, Lanarc, provided a presentation. Highlights included:
 - City Spark includes: OCP Update, Parks, Recreation and Culture Plan Update, Active Transportation Plan, Climate Action Plan, Economic Development Plan and Water Supply Strategic Plan
 - Determining what Nanaimo’s focus is during these unprecedented times and the need to be adaptable
 - Working closely with organizations in the community to reach groups who may not have been addressed previously, or involved to ensure engagement is equitable and fair
 - Phases and check-in points along the timeline: gathering ideas, exploring options, refining the plan, and finalizing
 - Pros and cons of moving forward or waiting during these unprecedented times
 - Goals of engagement and types of engagement tools - emphasis on digital tools like “Get Involved Nanaimo” platform
 - Provided tweaks to the previous engagement ideas and how to accommodate these engagement areas in different ways during the pandemic

A discussion period ensued. Highlights included the following:

- Consideration of community input prior to Council making a final decision
- Timing of engagement process being effected by COVID-19 and potentially postponing engagement until larger meetings can be organized face to face
- Efficiency of reviewing more than one plan at a time
- Timeframe for implementing and completing this project
- Potentially changing the name “City Spark”
- Improving engagement processes for more inclusiveness and methods for measuring success in terms of engagement
- Potential for holding small group meetings and using tickets to manage attendance
- Using “Get Involved Nanaimo” as a platform for Council engagement
- Council identified the guiding principals during the 2019-SEP-09 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting
- Providing a comprehensive list of documents that supports City Spark

By unanimous consent, Council agreed to defer Agenda Item 4(b) Short Term Solutions for Cleanliness in Public Spaces to the Regular Council meeting scheduled for 2020-MAY-25 at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the report titled “City Spark – Public Engagement Strategy” dated 2020-MAY-25, and direct Staff to proceed with implementation of the proposed Public Engagement Strategy. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion period ensued. Highlights included the following:

- \$5,000 – \$10,000 spent to date on City Spark
- Potential for delays due to name change
- The name “City Spark” does not convey the intent of the project like previous Strategic Policy Reviews
- Staff can provide alternate name options for feedback during the Special Council Meeting scheduled for 2020-JUN-08
- Importance of branding to create recognition

It was moved and seconded that City Spark be renamed and that updated visual identity materials be presented to Council. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Short Term Solutions for Cleanliness in Public Spaces

This item was deferred to the Regular Council Meeting 2020-MAY-25.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Correspondence from Old City Quarter, dated 2020-MAY-19, re: Request that the City work with the Old City Quarter Association to develop a framework and funding strategy for restoring security in the Old City Quarter

It was moved and seconded that Council request that City Staff work with the Old City Quarter Association to develop a framework and funding strategy for restoring security in the Old City Quarter and that Staff prepare a report for Council.

A discussion period ensued. Highlights included the following:

- Receiving the request for information and/or directing Staff to prepare a report
- Request relates to the Short Term Solutions for Cleanliness in Public Spaces topic which was deferred to the Regular Council Meeting 2020-MAY-25

It was moved and seconded that Council defer consideration of the following motion to the Regular Council Meeting 2020-MAY-25:

“It was moved and seconded that Council request that City Staff work with the Old City Quarter Association to develop a framework and funding strategy for restoring security in the Old City Quarter and that Staff prepare a report for Council.”

The motion to defer carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Armstrong, Brown and Geselbracht*

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 3:59 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER