

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BOARDROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE,
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC
MONDAY, 2020-JUN-08, AT 1:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor L. Krog, Chair
Councillor S. D. Armstrong
Councillor D. Bonner
Councillor T. Brown
Councillor B. Geselbracht
Councillor E. Hemmens
Councillor Z. Maartman
Councillor I. W. Thorpe
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
P. Rosen, Director, Engineering
B. Corsan, Director, Community Development
D. LaBerge, Manager, Bylaw Services
S. Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services
K. Gerard, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Council Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Agenda Item 5(a) – Councillor Brown Motion re: Relocation of Roadway Space - Add delegation Kate Stefiuk.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

4. REPORTS:

- (a) Animal Control Service Review

Introduced by Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services.

Presentation:

1. Allan Neilson, Principal, Neilson Strategies provided Council with a presentation regarding the animal control service review. Highlights included:

- Purpose and scope of service review, existing service, key issues and recommendations
- Changes suggested to dog licensing include an increase in media and communications, pet ambassadors, convenient locations to purchase licences and offering a lower licence fee for dogs who are spayed or neutered
- Delivery model considerations include cost of contracting out the service or bringing animal control in house

Council discussion took place. Highlights included:

- Job security for animal control officers if animal control services were brought in house
- Integration of service with the Regional District of Nanaimo
- Increasing communication, media releases and information regarding dog licensing

Allan Neilson, Principal, Neilson Strategies continued the presentation:

- Issues to address include staffing levels, expectations of staff, changing nature of Nanaimo, financial realities and renovation of the Pound and Adoption Centre which was built in 1977
- Bylaw changes regarding cats could include the requirement of identification for cats, requiring all cats allowed outside to be spayed and/or neutered and prohibition of cats at large

Dale Lindsay, General Manager, Development Services, stated that Staff will be bringing a report forward to Council at the 2020-JUL-06, Regular Council Meeting which will include recommendations from the Animal Control Service Review report.

(b) Manual of Engineering Standards and Specifications Revision Update

Introduced by Poul Rosen Director, Engineering.

Council discussion took place regarding the Manual of Engineering Standards and Specifications (MoESS). Highlights included:

- Cul de sacs and the potential increase of building costs due to City policies
- Recommendations are part of making Nanaimo's engineering practices comparable with other municipalities best practices
- Communications and engagement with the community and developers
- Engagement schedule included and a summary of the sessions conducted
- Comparison of other communities included in the Staff report
- Ensuring the policies adhere to community feedback and best practices

The Special Council Meeting recessed at 3:02 p.m.
The Special Council Meeting reconvened at 3:08 p.m.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Councillor Brown Motion re: Relocation of Roadway Space

Introduced by Councillor Brown.

Delegations:

1. Ian Gartshore spoke regarding the relocation of roadway space and encouraged Council look at a slow streets concept for areas of Nanaimo, the narrowing of roadways and local traffic only designated streets in residential areas.
2. Kate Stefiuk spoke regarding the relocation of roadway space and stated that the neighbourhood around the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital could be a potential area to experiment a wellness walk concept with widening of sidewalks, public art and seating at various locations.

Council discussion took place regarding the relocation of roadway space. Highlights included:

- Streets around the hospital are major routes for fire, ambulance and RCMP
- Creating set criteria for Staff including collaboration with neighbourhood associations, business owners and residential owners
- Concerns regarding the length of time involved in community engagement for this project and expenses involved in relocating roadway space
- Short-term and long-term goals and temporary versus permanent changes to achieve these goals
- Selecting the busiest streets in Nanaimo as potential areas to try these concepts such as Lost Lake Road or Extension Road

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to prepare a report with potential options for the re-allocation of roadway space for physically distancing and temporarily using streets for pandemic recovery and response; such items may include pavement to plaza initiatives, slow streets, and pop-up lanes for cycling, rolling and walking. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Governance Processes Discussion

Due to time constraints, Governance Processes Discussion will be forwarded to the Special Council Meeting on 2020-JUN-22.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Correspondence from the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, dated 2020-MAY-06, re: Budget 2021 Consultation

Introduced by Mayor Krog.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Mayor Krog to send correspondence to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services confirming the City of Nanaimo's support in sharing of information to the community regarding the Select Standing committee on Finance and Government Services: Annual Budget Consultation. The motion carried unanimously.

7. AGENDA PLANNING:

Introduced by Sheila Gurrie, Director, Legislative Services.

Council discussion took place regarding a review and prioritizing of topics for Special Council Meetings, or future Governance and Priorities Committee Meetings. Highlights included:

- Adding food security and the City's philosophy regarding property acquisitions to a future Special Council Meeting or Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

8. PROCEDURAL MOTION TO PROCEED IN CAMERA:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in order to deal with agenda items under the *Community Charter*:

Section 90(1) A part of a Council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and,

Community Charter Section 90(2):

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council moved “In Camera” at 4:04 p.m.
Council moved out of “In Camera” at 4:51 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:52 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER