



MINUTES

PRIORITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**October 8, 2019, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT:

Mayor N. Nenshi, Chair
Councillor S. Chu, Vice-Chair
Councillor D. Colley-Urquhart (CPS Chair)
Councillor J. Gondek (PUD Chair)
Councillor S. Keating (T&T Chair)
Councillor W. Sutherland (UCS Chair)
Councillor E. Woolley (Audit Chair)
Councillor G-C. Carra
Councillor J. Davison
Councillor J. Farkas
Councillor D. Farrell
Councillor J. Magliocca

ALSO PRESENT:

Acting Chief Financial Officer C. Male
Acting City Clerk S. Muscoby
Legislative Advisor D. Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nenshi called the Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Nenshi provided opening remarks.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Gondek

That the Agenda for today's Meeting be amended by adding an item of Urgent Business, 9.1 Aligning Property Tax Methodology and Budgets to Calgary's New Economic Reality, RFC2019-1323.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That the Agenda for today's Meeting be amended by adding an item of Urgent Business, 9.2 Combatting Antisemitism In The City of Calgary, PFC2019-1324.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That the Agenda for today's Meeting be amended by adding an item of Urgent Business, 9.3 ENMAX Rating (Verbal), PFC2019-1325.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That the Agenda for the 2019 October 08 Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee be confirmed, **as amended**.

MOTION CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee, 2019 September 17

Moved by Councillor Chu

That the Minutes of the 2019 September 17 Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That the Administration Recommendations contained in the following reports be approved in an omnibus motion:

5.1 DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS

5.1.1 Deferral Request - PFC2019-1233 - Briefing on the Motion Arising related to C2019-0901 (exploring Civic Partner cost savings) due to PFC on 2019 October 8 moved to 2019 November 5.

5.2 BRIEFINGS

5.2.1 Golf Sustainability Framework, PFC2019-1227

For information.

5.2.2 Independent Review of Non-Residential Assessment and Appeal System, PFC2019-1146

5.2.3 Assessment Review Board Update, PFC2019-1274

For information.

5.2.4 Downtown Strategy Update, PFC2019-1111

5.2.5 Update on Activities Related to the Strategy for Improving Service Value, PFC2019-1246

For information.

5.2.6 Status of Outstanding Motions and Directions, PFC2019-1269

Against: Councillor Colley-Urquhart

MOTION CARRIED

6. POSTPONED REPORTS

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

7.1 Development of Off-site Levies: Update and Bylaw Amendment, PFC2019-1123

A presentation entitled "Development of Off-Site Levies: Update and Bylaw Amendment", dated 2019 October 8, was distributed with respect to Report PFC2019-1123.

Clerical corrections were noted as follows:

- in the Administration Recommendation by deleting the word "Policy" prior to the words "and Finance Committee" and by substituting the word "Priorities"; and
- in Attachment 1, page 2, Section i, by deleting the clause "5(2)(e)" following the words "Add the following clause after section" and by substituting the clause "5(1)(e)".

Moved by Councillor Gondek

That with respect to Report PFC2019-1123, the following be approved, **as corrected**:

That the **Priorities** and Finance Committee (PFC) recommends that Council give three readings to the amending Charter Bylaw Number 2H2019.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Centre City Enterprise Area Update, PFC2019-1028

A presentation entitled "Centre City Enterprise Area-Update", dated 2019 October 8, was distributed with respect to Report PFC2019-1028.

Moved by Councillor Gondek

That with respect to Report PFC2019-1028, the following be approved:

The Priorities and Finance Committee:

1. Forward the amending bylaw to the Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 in Attachment 2, to accommodate the required advertising, and this report, directly to the 2019 November 18 Combined Meeting of Council.

2. Recommend that Council hold a Public Hearing for the proposed amending bylaw at the 2019 November 18 Combined Meeting of Council; and give three readings to the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment in Attachment 2.

MOTION CARRIED

- 7.3 Update on Notice of Motion C2019-1011 Delivering Modern and Affordable Municipal Services – (Verbal Update), PFC2019-1277

A document containing an "Excerpt from the 2019 from the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of Council, held 2019 July 29 and Notice of Motion", was distributed with respect to Report PFC2019-1277.

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That with respect to Report PFC2019-1277, the following be approved:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee receive the Verbal Presentation for the Corporate Record.

MOTION CARRIED

- 7.4 Assessment and Tax Circumstances Report, PFC2019-1058

Moved by Councillor Chu

That with respect to Report PFC2019-1058, the following be approved, **as corrected**:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council under the authority of section 347 of the *Municipal Government Act*:

1. Cancel property and business taxes for the amounts listed in the Attachment 1.
2. Cancel municipal property taxes for the qualifying non-profit organizations for the amounts listed in Attachment 2.
3. That Report PFC 2019-1058 be forwarded to the 2019 October 21 Combined Meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- 7.5 2020 Preliminary Assessment Roll and Related Estimates, PFC2019-1147

A presentation entitled "2020 Preliminary Assessment Roll and Related Estimates", dated 2019 October 8, was distributed with respect to Report PFC2019-1147.

That with respect to Report PFC2019-1147, the following be approved:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council receive this Report for the Corporate Record to inform their discussion during the November budget deliberations.

7.6 Final Report from Assessment Tax Shift Working Group (Verbal), PFC2019-1306

The following Members of the Tax Shift Assessment Working Group came forward to present to Committee:

- Councillor Jyoti Gondek
- Robyn Ferguson, Property Tax Services, MNP
- Paul Fairie, University of Calgary
- Nelson Karpa, City of Calgary

A presentation entitled "Tax Shift Assessment Working Group: Final Report & Recommendations", dated 2019 October 8, was distributed with respect to Report PFC2019-1306.

Pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, as amended, Section 78(2)(a) was suspended, by general consent, to allow Committee to complete the remainder of today's Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Gondek

That the with respect to Verbal Report PFC2019-1306, the following be approved:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee receive the Tax Shift Assessment Working Group presentation and supplementary material for the Corporate Record.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Nenshi thanked all the Members of the Tax Shift Assessment Working Group for their dedicated time and great work.

7.7 Financial Task Force October Update - Verbal, PFC2019-1275

Moved by Councillor Chu

That with respect to Report PFC2019-1275, the following be approved:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee receive the Verbal presentation with respect for the Corporate Record.

MOTION CARRIED

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

8.1 REFERRED REPORTS

None

8.2 NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

None

9. URGENT BUSINESS

9.1 Aligning Property Tax Methodology and Budgets to Calgary's New Economic Reality, PFC2019-1323

A document entitled "Notice of Motion Checklist" was distributed.

Moved by Councillor Gondek

That Notice of Motion, Aligning Property Tax Methodology and Budgets to Calgary's New Economic Reality, PFC2019-1323, be forwarded to Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: (6): Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Davison, and Councillor Farkas

Against: (3): Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Woolley, and Councillor Farrell

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Combatting Antisemitism In The City of Calgary, PFC2019-1324

A document entitled "Notice of Motion Checklist" and attachments were distributed.

A clerical correction the title in the Notice of Motion by deleting the name "Nenshi" following the name "Keating" and by adding the words "and Mayor Nenshi" following the name "Woolley".

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That Notice of Motion, Combatting Antisemitism In The City of Calgary, PFC2019-1324, be forwarded to Council, **as corrected**.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 ENMAX Rating (Verbal), PFC2019-1325

The following, were received for the Corporate Record, with respect to Report PFC2019-1325:

- A public document entitled "S&P Global Ratings";
- A confidential Presentation; and
- A confidential Distribution.

Moved by Councillor Woolley

That pursuant to Sections 16 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 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*, the Committee move into Closed Meeting, in the Council Lounge at 12:58 p.m. to consider confidential matters with respect to the following item:

- 9.3 ENMAX Rating (Verbal), PFC2019-1325

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee moved into Public Meeting at 1:29 p.m. with Mayor Nenshi in the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Chu

That the Committee rise and report.

MOTION CARRIED

Administration in attendance during the Closed Meeting discussions with respect to Report PFC2019-1325:

Clerk: S. Muscoby and D. Williams. Advice: A. Brown and C. Male. Legal Advice: G. Cole. Observer: D. Duckworth.

Moved by Councillor Chu

That with respect to Verbal Report PFC2019-1325, the following be approved:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee:

1. Approve the confidential Recommendation as discussed in today's Closed Meeting;
2. Direct that the Closed Meeting discussions, presentation and documents received remain confidential pursuant to Sections 16 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 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* except as needed to further the recommendation and to be reviewed by 2024 October 8.

And further, that this item be forwarded to Council for discussion in the Closed Meeting portion of the 2019, October 21 Combined Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

None

10.2 URGENT BUSINESS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Chu

That this meeting adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

The following items were forwarded to the 2019 October 21 Combined Meeting of Council:

CONSENT

Assessment and Tax Circumstances Report, PFC2019-1058

2020 Preliminary Assessment Roll and Related Estimates, PFC2019-1147

PUBLIC HEARING PORTION

Development of Off-site Levies: Update and Bylaw Amendment, PFC2019-1123

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aligning Property Tax Methodology and Budgets to Calgary's New Economic Reality, PFC2019-1323

Combatting Antisemitism In The City of Calgary, PFC2019-1324

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE

ENMAX Rating (Verbal), PFC2019-1325

The following item was forwarded to the 2019 November 18 Combined Meeting of Council:

ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE

Centre City Enterprise Area Update, PFC2019-1028

The next Regular Meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee is scheduled to be held on 2019 November 05, at 9:30 a.m.

CHAIR

ACTING CITY CLERK