

Previous Council Direction

Context

At the 2021 February 8 Combined Meeting of Council, the City Planning and Policy Workplan was approved under PUD2021-0046, with direction to identify amendments to support businesses in Attachment 2 – Priorities Guiding the City Planning and Policy Service Workplan.

Excerpt from Attachment 2 – Priorities Guiding the City Planning and Policy Service Workplan:

“Business Support and Economic Recovery: COVID-19’s impact on the economy in general, and on individual business’s specific ability to continue to operate under new constraints demanded an immediate response. Various initiatives were undertaken to enable businesses to operate in this new reality. The service line immediately shifted its engagement activities online, policies and rule changes were made to enable businesses to operate outdoors and on public sidewalks and parking requirements were removed for commercial operations. Council has directed Administration to continue to focus efforts on supporting business recovery in 2021.

A primary result of the need to shift attention to supporting businesses now is that land use bylaw team resources will be dedicated to this rather than on longer-term outcomes. Team efforts in 2021 will focus more on identifying amendments that support businesses and reinforce the opportunities in industrial land development, rather than on developing a fully new land use bylaw. These individual initiatives will, however, inform the bylaw renewal when that project commences. This change is visible in the six priority areas.”

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Moved by Councillor Chu

Seconded by Councillor Keating

That the Consent Agenda be adopted as follows:

7.3 City Planning and Policy Priorities and Workplan Report 2021, PUD2021-0046

For: (14) Mayor Nenshi, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chu, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Sutherland, and Councillor Demong

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Moved by Councillor Farrell
Seconded by Councillor Carra

That with respect to Notice of Motion PFC2020-0106, the following be adopted:

A) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council directs City Administration to report to Council no later than Q3 2020 with recommendations on the following:

1. Criteria needed to support applicant-provided improvements within bylaw setbacks, and between the curb and building edge generally, in order to achieve enhanced public realm and context specific mobility improvements, while still allowing for a flexible approach based on site and area specific considerations;
2. The formalization of a process used by CPAG, CPAG partners, and City asset owners to review and assess development applications with the intent to better achieve the above setback objectives;
3. Clarify the intent of the bylaw setbacks in supporting public realm and context-specific mobility improvements by renaming the Road Rights-of-Way Property Line Setbacks table within Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 and by adding a purpose statement;

B) AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that City Council Directs City Administration to bring forward updates to relevant bylaw setbacks at the time of local area plan and/or multi-community plan and/or Area Structure Plan creation/update, including currently underway plans, with particular consideration to:

1. Creating streetscape plans and/or cross sections for streets with bylaw setbacks, where prioritized, that provide guidance to applicants and/or the City of Calgary for how improvements should be implemented;
2. Decreases or increases to bylaw setback allowances, where appropriate;
3. Removal of bylaw setbacks that are no longer required;
4. Supporting below- and/or above-grade building projections into the bylaw setbacks that still consider utility impacts, enable street furniture/tree provisions, and support enhanced public realm;

MOTION CARRIED