



MINUTES

STRATEGIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

**April 26, 2021, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Chu (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Gondek (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Farkas (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Davison (Remote Participation)
Councillor S. Keating (Remote Participation)
Councillor D. Colley-Urquhart (Remote Participation)
Councillor D. Farrell (Remote Participation)
Councillor W. Sutherland (Remote Participation)
Councillor G. Chahal (Remote Participation)
Councillor E. Woolley (Remote Participation)
Councillor J. Magliocca (Remote Participation)
Councillor G-C. Carra (Remote Participation)
Mayor N. Nenshi (Remote Participation)

ABSENT:

Councillor P. Demong (Personal)

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager D. Duckworth (Remote Participation)
City Solicitor and General Counsel J. Floen (Remote Participation)
A/General Manager C. Arthurs (Remote Participation)
A/General Manager K. Black (Remote Participation)
General Manager S. Dalgleish (Remote Participation)
Chief Financial Officer C. Male (Remote Participation)
A/General Manager D. Morgan (Remote Participation)
General Manager M. Thompson (Remote Participation)
City Clerk K. Martin
Legislative Advisor A. de Grood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nenshi called today's Meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Nenshi provided opening remarks, called for a moment of quiet contemplation and provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

Mayor Nenshi acknowledged the passing of Sharon Pollock.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Carra, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, and Mayor Nenshi.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Councillor Farkas

Topic: Arena deal and funding around parking lot construction.

2. Councillor Woolley

Topic: Accessibility and aesthetics on extended patios for restaurants and businesses.

3. Councillor Farrell

Topic: Enforcement and associated costs of policing around recent protests.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councillor Farkas rose on a Point of Order.

The Chair ruled on the Point of Order.

Councillor Colley-Urquhart rose on a Point of Order.

The Chair ruled on the Point of Order.

Councillor Carra rose on a Point of Order.

The Chair ruled on the Point of Order.

Moved by Councillor Farkas

Seconded by Councillor Chu

That the Agenda for today's meeting be amended by adding an Item of Urgent Business:

- 5.2.1 Release Administration's Memo on the Centre Street Dairy Queen provided to Councillor Farkas

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (3): Councillor Chu, Councillor Farkas, and Councillor Magliocca

Against: (10): Councillor Gondek, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

MOTION DEFEATED

By General Consent, Council received a document entitled "Administration's email on the Centre Street Dairy Queen" for the Corporate Record.

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

Seconded by Councillor Farrell

That the Agenda for the 2021 April 26 Strategic Meeting of Council be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan Roadmap to Reinvention, PUD2021-0220

This Item was dealt with in conjunction with Item 5.2.

The following documents were distributed with respect to Report PUD2021-0220:

- A presentation entitled "Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan: Roadmap to Reinvention PUD2021-0220";
- A presentation entitled "Roadmap to Reinvention"; and
- A package of letters from industry.

The following speakers addressed Council with respect to Report PUD2021-0220:

1. Mary Moran, Calgary Economic Development
2. Jennifer Rempel, Calgary Downtown Association
3. Kate Thompson, Calgary Municipal Land Corporation
4. Mischek Mwaba, Bow Valley College

This item was dealt with following the presentations on Item 5.2.

Moved by Councillor Farkas
Seconded by Councillor Chu

That Item 5.1 Report PUD2021-0220 be referred to Administration for amendments addressing:

1. In collaboration with the Calgary Police Commission, recommendations for a new inner-city optimized police station including potential sites, capital costs, operational sustainability, and implementation timelines;
2. Assistance to residents and businesses facing increased security costs in proximity to supervised consumption services;
3. Long-term reductions to parking prices;

And further, that Administration report back to Council no later than July 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (3): Councillor Chu, Councillor Farkas, and Councillor Magliocca

Against: (10): Councillor Gondek, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Councillor Farrell
Seconded by Councillor Woolley

That with respect to Report PUD2021-0220, the following be adopted:

That Council:

1. Approve, by resolution, Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan (Attachment 3);
and
2. Rescind, by resolution, the Centre City Plan.

For: (12): Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

Against: (1): Councillor Farkas

MOTION CARRIED

By General Consent, Council received a package of additional letters for the Corporate Record.

5.2 Realizing Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan - Initial Investments and Incentives, C2021-0524

This Item was dealt with in conjunction with Item 5.1.

The following documents were distributed with respect to Report C2021-0524:

- A presentation entitled "Realizing Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan: Initial Investments and Incentives"
- A slide showing a graph
- A slide from HomeSpace
- A Revised Attachment 3

By General Consent, pursuant to Section 6(1) of Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, Council suspended Section 78(1)(a) in order to complete the current panel prior to the lunch recess.

The following speakers addressed Council with respect to Report C2021-0524:

1. Hannes Kovac, Calgary Economic Development
2. Trent Edwards, Calgary Economic Development
3. Scott Hutcheson, Art Commons, and Aspen Properties
4. Bernadette Majdell, HomeSpace
5. John Bunting, PCL Construction

Council recessed at 12:52 p.m. and reconvened at 1:52 p.m. with Mayor Nenshi in the Chair (Remotely).

ROLL CALL

Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Carra, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, and Mayor Nenshi.

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Demong and Councillor Sutherland (joined the remote meeting at 1:53 p.m.)

Councillor Woolley rose on a Question of Privilege.

The Chair ruled on the Question of Privilege.

6. Hanif Joshaghani, Symend

7. Chris Simair, Harvest Builders

8. Jasmine Palardy, SAIT

9. John Brown, University of Calgary

10. Irfhan Rawji, Glenbow Museum

By General Consent, pursuant to Section 6(1) of Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, Council suspended Section 78(1)(b) in order to complete the item prior to the afternoon recess.

Council then returned to Item 5.1 to vote on the recommendations.

Moved by Councillor Farrell

Seconded by Councillor Woolley

That with respect to Report C2021-0524, the following be adopted:

That Council:

1. Approve **Revised** Attachment 3, "Greater Downtown Plan – Initial Investment and Approvals", including investment categories and allocations, and with the \$200 million initial investment funded by \$60 million from the Budget Savings Account, \$63 million from the Fiscal Stability Reserve and \$77 million from the *Canada Community Building Fund* subject to receipt of the 2021 increase;
2. Request the Mayor write letters to the provincial and federal governments, advocating for funding and other support for Calgary's Greater Downtown Plan, and direct Administration to pursue the same support by contacting provincial and federal government officials and departments;
3. Authorize entering into a Housing Agreement on Sierra Place at 706 7 Avenue SW and authorize the Community Services General Manager to develop, approve, and execute the agreements identified in Attachment 7 and necessary to implement the HomeSpace project; and,
4. Direct Administration to report back to Council no later than 2022 Q2.

For: (10): Councillor Gondek, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

Against: (3): Councillor Chu, Councillor Farkas, and Councillor Magliocca

MOTION CARRIED

Council recessed at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4:53 p.m. with Mayor Nenshi in the Chair (Remotely).

ROLL CALL

Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Davison, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Carra, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi.

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Demong, Councillor Sutherland (rejoined the remote meeting at 5:04 p.m.) and Councillor Chahal.

5.3 **COFLEX Summary of Initiatives, C2021-0511**

A presentation entitled "C2021-0511 COFLEX Summary of Initiatives" was distributed with respect to Report C2021-0511.

Moved by Councillor Woolley
Seconded by Councillor Colley-Urquhart

That with respect to Report C2021-0511, the following be adopted:

That Council receive this report for the Corporate Record.

MOTION CARRIED

5.4 **2020 Annual Investment Report, AC2021-0535**

Moved by Councillor Woolley
Seconded by Councillor Farkas

That with respect to Report AC2021-0535, the following be adopted:

That Council approve The City of Calgary 2020 Annual Investment Report.

For: (13): Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 **The City of Calgary 2020 Annual Report, AC2021-0485**

Moved by Councillor Woolley
Seconded by Councillor Farkas

That with respect to Report AC2021-0485, the following be adopted:

That Council approve The City of Calgary 2020 Annual Report.

For: (13): Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 2020 External Auditor Year-End Report, AC2021-0560

Moved by Councillor Woolley
Seconded by Councillor Farkas

That with respect to Report AC2021-0560, the following be adopted:

That Council:

1. Receive Report AC2021-0560, 2020 External Auditor's Year-End Report, and the Attachment, for information and the Corporate Record, and
2. Direct that the Attachment 2 and the Closed Meeting discussions with the External Auditor confidential pursuant to Sections 24 (Advice from officials), and 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to be reviewed by 2026 April 20.

For: (13): Councillor Chu, Councillor Gondek, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Davison, Councillor Keating, Councillor Colley-Urquhart, Councillor Farrell, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Carra, and Mayor Nenshi

MOTION CARRIED

5.7 CEMA Update on Covid-19 (Verbal) - C2021-0634

A presentation entitled "Update on COVID-19 (Verbal) C2021-0634" was distributed with respect to Report C2021-0634.

By General Consent, pursuant to Section 6(1) of Procedure Bylaw 35M2017, Council suspended Section 78(1)(c) in order to complete the agenda prior to adjournment.

Moved by Councillor Carra
Seconded by Councillor Gondek

That with respect to Verbal Report C2021-0634, the following be adopted:

That Council receive this update and presentation for the Corporate Record.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Sutherland
Seconded by Councillor Keating

That Councillor Demong be excused from attendance at today's Meeting without reason by courtesy of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart
Seconded by Councillor Farrell

That this Council adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL ON

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