



MINUTES

STRATEGIC MEETING OF COUNCIL

**September 26, 2023, 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Councillor G-C. Carra (Partial Remote Participation)
Councillor C. Walcott (Partial Remote Participation)
Councillor E. Spencer
Councillor K. Penner
Councillor T. Wong
Councillor J. Wyness (Remote Participation)
Councillor S. Sharp
Councillor R. Pootmans
Councillor P. Demong (Remote Participation)
Councillor D. McLean
Councillor R. Dhaliwal (Partial Remote Participation)
Councillor A. Chabot (Partial Remote Participation)
Councillor S. Chu
Mayor J. Gondek

ABSENT: Councillor J. Mian (Personal)

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager D. Duckworth
City Solicitor and General Counsel J. Floen
General Manager C. Arthurs
General Manager K. Black
General Manager S. Dalglish
Chief Financial Officer C. Male
General Manager D. Morgan
General Manager F. Bouchart
City Clerk K. Martin
Legislative Advisor J. Palaschuk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gondek called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor McLean, Councillor Penner, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Wong, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Carra, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, Councillor Demong, and Mayor Gondek

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Mian

2. OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Gondek provided opening remarks and Councillor Penner provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

Mayor Gondek recognized September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Councillor Sharp

Topic: When will Calgarians be made aware of the 2024 budget and impact on taxes.

2. Councillor Pootmans

Topic: West Ring Road North opening and impact on Bow Trail and Sarcee Trail SW.

3. Councillor Penner

Topic: Change in contractors for replacing burnt out streetlights and current response times.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Pootmans
Seconded by Councillor Penner

That the Agenda for the 2023 September 26 Strategic Meeting of Council be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

Council then dealt with Item 6.

5. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

5.1 Municipal Fiscal Gap and Strategic Discussion on Plans and Budgets (Verbal), C2023-1055

This Item was dealt with following Item 6.1.2.

A presentation entitled "Municipal Fiscal Gap" was distributed with respect to Verbal Report C2023-1055.

Councillor Walcott (Remote Member) left the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Penner
Seconded by Councillor Chabot

That with respect to Verbal Report C2023-1055, the following be adopted:

That Council receive the presentation for the Corporate Record.

For: (10): Councillor Spencer, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wong, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor McLean, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, and Mayor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

Council then dealt with Item 8.

6. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

This Item was dealt with following Item 4.

Moved by Councillor Spencer

Seconded by Councillor Wong

That pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Council now move into Closed Meeting, at 9:44 a.m. in the Council Boardroom, to discuss confidential matters with respect to the following Items:

- 6.1.1 Municipal Fiscal Gap, C2023-0960
- 6.1.2 Strategic Discussion on Building and Delivering on Plans and Budgets, EC2023-0827

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Demong (Remote Member) left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Councillor Demong (Remote Member) joined the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Council recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened in Closed Meeting at 1:17 p.m. with Mayor Gondek in the Chair.

Councillor Carra (Remote Member) joined the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Councillor Wyness (Remote Member) left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Councillor Carra (Remote Member) left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Council reconvened in public meeting at 2:55 p.m. with Mayor Gondek in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor McLean, Councillor Penner, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Wong, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, and Mayor Gondek

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Mian, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Demong, and Councillor Carra

Moved by Councillor Pootmans

Seconded by Councillor Sharp

That Council rise without reporting.

MOTION CARRIED

By General Consent, Council modified the afternoon recess to begin following rise without reporting.

Council recessed at 2:57 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. with Mayor Gondek in the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor McLean, Councillor Penner, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Wong, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, and Mayor Gondek

Absent from Roll Call: Councillor Mian, Councillor Wyness, Councillor Demong, and Councillor Carra

Moved by Councillor Pootmans

Seconded by Councillor Sharp

That Council rise and report.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND COMMITTEES

6.1.1 Municipal Fiscal Gap, C2023-0960

The following documents were distributed with respect to Confidential Report C2023-0960:

- A Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 3;
- A Confidential Revised Presentation; and
- A Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 5A.

Administration in attendance during the Closed Meeting discussions with respect to Confidential Report C2023-0960:

Clerks: K. Martin, B. Robinson, and J. Palaschuk. City Manager: D. Duckworth. Law: J. Floen. Advice: C. Male, O. Shyllon, S. Dalgleish, K. Black, D. Morgan, C. Arthurs, H. Domzal, F. Bouchart, H. Kathol, M. Jankovic, C. Jacyk, K. Cote, A. Jakubec, W. Fan, E. Lee, J. Park, I. Zhang, and L. Tochor.

Moved by Councillor Penner

Seconded by Councillor Walcott

That with respect to Confidential Report C2023-0960, the following be adopted, **after amendment**:

That Council:

1. Direct Administration to use this report as the framework to continue the discussion with members of Council regarding addressing the municipal fiscal gap via the Executive Committee Standing Item - Strategic Discussion on Building and Delivering on Plans and Budgets;
2. Direct Administration to publicly release Confidential Attachments 2, 4, **Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 3, and Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 5A**, immediately following Council's vote with respect to Confidential Report C2023-0960;

3. **Direct Administration to forward the Municipal Fiscal Gap Report (Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 3) along with a letter from the Mayor advocating for the need for open conversation and urgent action to the following relevant parties: Federal Finance Minister, Provincial Finance Minister, all local Members of Parliament who represent Calgary, all local Members of the Legislative Assembly who represent Calgary, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Alberta Municipalities; and**
4. Direct that the Closed Meeting discussions, Confidential Report and Confidential Attachments 1 and 5, **Revised Confidential Attachment 5, and Attachment 3**, be held confidential pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to be reviewed no later than 2027 December 31.

For: (11): Councillor Walcott, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wong, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Rootmans, Councillor McLean, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, and Mayor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

6.1.2 Strategic Discussion on Building and Delivering on Plans and Budgets, EC2023-0827

The following documents were distributed with respect to Confidential Report EC2023-0827:

- A Confidential Revised Attachment 1;
- A Confidential Revised Attachment 2;
- A Confidential Revised Attachment 3;
- A Confidential Revised Attachment 4; and
- A Confidential Revised Presentation

Administration in attendance during the Closed Meeting discussions with respect to Confidential Report EC2023-0827:

Clerks: K. Martin, B. Robinson, and J. Palaschuk. City Manager: D. Duckworth. Law: J. Floen. Advice: C. Male, F. Bouchart, H. Kathol, M. Jankovic, C. Jacyk, K. Cote, O. Shyllon, E. Lee, S. Dalglish, K. Black, D. Morgan, C. Arthurs, J. Atkinson, and H. Domzal.

Moved by Councillor Wong
Seconded by Councillor Penner

That with respect to Confidential Report EC2023-0827, the following be adopted, **after amendment**:

That Council:

1. Direct Administration to further develop the investment items indicated in **Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 2** and include for Council’s consideration during the 2023 November Adjustments to the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets;

For: (9): Councillor Walcott, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wong, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor McLean, Councillor Dhaliwal, and Mayor Gondek

Against: (2): Councillor Chabot, and Councillor Chu

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Wong
Seconded by Councillor Penner

That with respect to Confidential Report EC2023-0827, the following be adopted, **after amendment**:

That Council:

2. Direct Administration to publicly release the contents of **Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 2** and **Confidential Distribution Revised Attachment 3**, to support public education leading up to the 2023 November Adjustments to the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets;

3. Direct that the Closed Meeting discussions, Confidential Report and Confidential Attachments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, **and Confidential Distribution Revised Presentation Attachment 5**, be held confidential pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to be reviewed no later than 2023 December 31;

4. Direct that, notwithstanding recommendation 3, the confidential documents listed in recommendation 3 above be released to Corporate Planning & Performance, to be shared with Administration, only where required, to support next steps.

For: (11): Councillor Walcott, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Penner, Councillor Wong, Councillor Sharp, Councillor Pootmans, Councillor McLean, Councillor Dhaliwal, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Chu, and Mayor Gondek

MOTION CARRIED

Council then dealt with Item 5.1.

7. BRIEFINGS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

This Item was dealt with following Item 5.1.

Moved by Councillor Sharp
Seconded by Councillor McLean

That this Council adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL ON

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

UNCONFIRMED