

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL RE: DISCUSSION OF THE WARD BOUNDARY
COMMISSION REPORT ON NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS WBC2014-0772 AND REPORT
ON OPTIONS TO INCREASE COUNCILLORS BUDGETS C2014-0860
HELD 2014 NOVEMBER 14 AT 9:30 AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor R. Pootmans
Councillor G-C. Carra
Councillor A. Chabot
Councillor S. Chu
Councillor P. Demong
Councillor D. Farrell
Councillor R. Jones
Councillor S. Keating
Councillor J. Magliocca
Councillor W. Sutherland
Councillor J. Stevenson
Councillor E. Woolley

ALSO PRESENT: City Solicitor G. Cole
City Manager J. Fielding
Acting City Clerk B. Hilford

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Procedure Bylaw 44M2006, as amended.

1. [OPENING PRAYER](#)

Deputy Mayor Pootmans gave the opening prayer at today's meeting.

[RECOGNITION](#)

Deputy Mayor Pootmans, on behalf of Members of Council, thanked Al Duerr, Tim Creelman and Chris Nelson, of the Ward Boundary Commission, for their expertise and hard work.

2. [TABLED / REFERRED REPORT\(S\)](#)

2.1 [WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT ON
NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS, WBC2014-
0772](#)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, Moved by Councillor Chabot, Seconded by Councillor Carra, that Council move into Committee of the Whole at 9:56 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

Opposed: R. Jones

CARRIED

AMENDMENT, Moved by Councillor Farrell, that Administration Recommendation 3 contained in Report WBC2014-0772, be amended, by deleting the words "Adopt the concept of Ward Offices in principle and" prior to the words "direct the City Manager to explore the idea of establishing local Council offices in existing city or other community facilities".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For:

E. Woolley, G-C. Carra, D. Farrell, R. Jones, R. Pootmans

Against:

S. Keating, J. Magliocca, J. Stevenson, W. Sutherland, A. Chabot, S. Chu, P. Demong

MOTION LOST

REFER, Moved by Councillor Chabot, that Administration Recommendation 5, as follows, contained in Report WBC2014-0772, be referred to the City Manager to return to a Special Strategic Planning Meeting of Council in Q3 2015, with a report on the complexity of matters and the interests of Members of Council to become more efficient and effective in the future:

- "5. Establish a Task Force of 5 Members of Council, with Administrative support, on Council Effectiveness. This Task Force is responsible for recommendations on all aspects of Council and Councillor effectiveness, including, but not necessarily limited to;
 - a. Analysis of current Council organizational innovation Initiatives,
 - b. Developing Council Customer service improvement initiatives,
 - c. Guidelines for strategic and effective operation of a Councillor's office, and
 - d. Researching and recommending for implementation best practices from other Municipalities."

CARRIED

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Demong, that Administration Recommendation 1 contained in Report WBC2014-0772 be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

1. Not increase the number of wards or Councillors at this time.

RECORDED VOTE:

For:

E. Woolley, W. Sutherland, D. Farrell, G-C. Carra, S. Chu, J. Magliocca, J. Stevenson, R. Jones, R. Pootmans

Against:

A. Chabot, P. Demong, S. Keating

CARRIED

AMENDMENT, Moved by Councillor Stevenson, that Administration Recommendation 2 contained in Report WBC2014-0772, be amended, by deleting the words “which should include an assessment of the implementation of further recommendations listed below” following the words “Address the number of Councillors following the 2021 General Election”.

Opposed: S. Keating

CARRIED

ADOPT, AS AMENDED, Moved by Councillor Demong, that Administration Recommendation 2 contained in Report WBC2014-0772 be adopted, **as amended, by deleting the words “which should include an assessment of the implementation of further recommendations listed below”**, as follows:

That Council:

2. Address the number of Councillors following the 2021 General Election.

Opposed: P. Demong, S. Keating

CARRIED

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Demong, that Administration Recommendation 3 contained in Report WBC2014-0772 be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

3. Adopt the concept of Ward Offices in principle and direct the City Manager to explore the idea of establishing local Council offices in existing city or other community facilities in the respective wards to function as the face of City Hall for local issues, in accordance with this report, and report back to Council no later than 2015 June with a financial analysis and proposed operational measures.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For:

None

Against:

J. Stevenson, W. Sutherland, E. Woolley G-C. Carra, A. Chabot, S. Chu, P. Demong, D. Farrell, R. Jones, S. Keating, J. Magliocca, R. Pootmans

MOTION LOST

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Demong, that Administration Recommendation 4 contained in Report WBC2014-0772 be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

4. Direct the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of co-locating some city services with Ward Offices to include the costs, nature of the services being established and the customer service benefits and report to Council through the SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than 2016 June.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For:

A. Chabot

Against:

P. Demong, D. Farrell, R. Jones, S. Keating, J. Magliocca, J. Stevenson, W. Sutherland, E. Woolley, G-C. Carra, S. Chu, R. Pootmans

MOTION LOST

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Demong, that Administration Recommendation 6 contained in Report WBC2014-0772 be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

6. Direct the Coordinating Committee of the Councillors' Office to consider development of a comprehensive online communication strategy for the Office which includes all potential methods of communication to reduce the workload on individual Ward staff and Councillors.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For:

E. Woolley, G-C. Carra, A. Chabot, S. Chu, D. Farrell, R. Jones, W. Sutherland, R. Pootmans

Against:

P. Demong, S. Keating, J. Magliocca, J. Stevenson

CARRIED

REFER, Moved by Councillor Woolley, that Administration Recommendation 7, contained in Report WBC2014-0772, be referred as follows, to Administration, **after amendment, by deleting the words "at the 2014 October 20 Organizational Meeting" following the word "Establish"**, until there is a report back relative to decentralization, and further, how Council would proceed with this Committee at that time:

- "7. Establish a Task Force (Committee on Committees) to examine the committees to which Council appoints Members and report back to Council through Legislative Governance Task Force no later than June 2015 with implementation on adopted recommendations at the Organizational Meeting in 2015 October."

And further, that the report return to a Special Strategic Planning Meeting of Council in Q3 2015.

CARRIED

3. ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

3.1 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT(S)

3.1.1 DISCUSSION ON THE WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT AND
OPTIONS TO INCREASE COUNCILLORS OFFICES BUDGETS,
C2014-0860

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Stevenson, that the Recommendation contained in Report C2014-0860 be adopted, as follows:

That Council forward an operating budget request of \$1.7M for the Office of the Councillors starting in 2015 to the budget deliberations commencing on 2014 November 24.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For:

J. Stevenson, W. Sutherland, E. Woolley, G-C. Carra, S. Chu, D. Farrell, R. Pootmans

Against:

J. Magliocca, A. Chabot, P. Demong, R. Jones, S. Keating

CARRIED

RISE AND REPORT, Moved by Councillor Jones, that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to Council at 11:18 a.m.

CARRIED

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Jones, Seconded by Councillor Carra, that Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole with respect to Reports WBC2014-0772 and C2014-0860, be adopted.

Opposed: P. Demong, S. Keating

CARRIED

MOTION ARISING, Moved by Councillor Keating, Seconded by Councillor Demong, that with respect to Report WBC2014-0772 Council direct that the City Manager report back to Council no later than Q3 2015 with the opportunities, impacts and costs associated with further geographically decentralizing the provision of City services.

CARRIED

4. EXCUSING ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

EXCUSE, Moved by Councillor Jones, Seconded by Councillor Stevenson, that Mayor Nenshi and Councillor Colley-Urquhart be excused from attendance at today's Meeting without reason by courtesy of Council and further that Councillor Pincott be excused by reason of other Council business.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN, Moved by Councillor Jones, Seconded by Councillor Stevenson, that this Council adjourn at 11:26 a.m.

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL ON

MAYOR

ACTING CITY CLERK

DEPUTY