



PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor T. Paulsen, Chair
Councillor A. Iwanchuk, Vice-Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor E. Olauson
His Worship Mayor D. Atchison (Ex-Officio)

ALSO PRESENT: CFO/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management K. Tarasoff
Solicitor B. Bleakney
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Loewen
Deputy City Clerk D. Kanak
Committee Assistant K. Kuspira

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1.1 Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Deputy City Clerk reported that at the December 1, 2014 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance, the Committee resolved:

1. That the appointment of Councillor Paulsen as Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance until December 2015 be confirmed; and
2. That the appointment of Councillor Iwanchuk as Vice-Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance until December 2015 be confirmed.

It was reported further that City Council, at its Organizational Meeting on November 23, 2015, confirmed the following appointments for 2016:

Standing Policy Committee on Finance

Councillor Clark
Councillor Donauer
Councillor Iwanchuk
Councillor Olauson
Councillor Paulsen

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That Councillor Paulsen be appointed as Chair and Councillor Iwanchuk as Vice-Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance for 2016.

In Favour: Councillor Paulsen, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Olauson and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

1. That the report of the CFO/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management Department regarding the Incentive Application - Gemini Freight Systems Inc.; be considered as Urgent Business.
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Olauson, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Olauson declared a conflict of interest for Items 7.2.3 and 8.1 as he has a family member that works for the organization. Items 7.2.3 and 8.1 were moved to be considered following Item 7.2.4 on the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance held on October 5, 2015 be adopted.

In Favour: Councillor Paulsen, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Olauson and His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

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7.1.1 Prairieland Park Taxation Exemption (Files CK. 1965-1, AF. 1920-2 x 1965-1)

CFO/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management Department Tarasoff presented the report and addressed questions of the Committee regarding the Prairieland Park tax exemption and legislative provisions.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the information be received.

In Favour: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Olauson, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.2 Specific Property Inspections and Information Gathering (Files CK. 1625-1 and AF. 1625-1)

CFO/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management Department Tarasoff presented the report and together with City

Assessor, Asset & Financial Management Department Huisman addressed questions of the Committee regarding legislative provisions and inspections and information gathering that was part of the review process.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the information be received.

In Favour: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Olauson, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Paulsen

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7.2 Matters Requiring Direction

7.2.1 Offer to Lease - Mendel Building (Files CK. 620-4 x 600-3, and CS. 600-1)

CFO/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management Department Tarasoff presented the report and along with General Manager, Corporate Performance Department Gryba, and Special Projects Manager, Corporate Performance Department South addressed questions of the Committee regarding the lease of the Mendel Building.

Councillor Loewen was excused at 2:16 p.m. and Councillor Lorje was excused at 2:18 p.m.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor
That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That an Offer to Lease Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Children's Discovery Museum on the Saskatchewan Inc. for a portion of the Mendel Building based on the terms as set out in the December 2, 2015 report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance Department be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an appropriate agreement that is based on and consistent with the Terms and

Conditions of the Offer to Lease Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Olauson, Councillor Donauer and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.2 Landfill Waste Handling Dozer - Award of Request for Proposal (Files CK. 1390-1 and AF. 1390-1)

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That the Request for Proposal for a Landfill Waste Handling Dozer be awarded to Finning (Canada); and
2. That Purchasing Services, Asset and Financial Management Department, be authorized to issue the appropriate Purchase Order to Finning (Canada) for the procurement of the Landfill Waste Handling Dozer.

In Favour: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Olauson, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.4 Land Exchange with Harris Steel Group Inc. (Files CK. 4020-1 x 6050-10, AF. 4020-1 x 6050-1, and LA. 4024-012-007)

Moved By: Councillor Olauson

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That the Administration be authorized to enter into a land exchange with Harris Steel Group Inc. as per the terms noted in the report of the CFO/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management, dated December 2, 2015; and

2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal.

In Favour: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Olauson, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2.3 SREDA - Business Incentives 2015 Tax Abatements (Files CK. 3500-13, AF. 3500-1 and AF. 1965-1)

Councillor Olauson had declared a conflict of interest on this matter. He excused himself from the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and left the Council Chamber.

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council that the tax incentive abatements as determined by the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) be approved.

In Favour: Councillor Paulsen, Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Clark, His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. URGENT BUSINESS

8.1 Incentive Application - Gemini Freight Systems Inc. (Files CK. 3500-13 and AF. 3500-1)

Councillor Olauson had declared a conflict of interest on this matter. He excused himself from the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and left the Council Chamber.

Moved By: His Worship the Mayor

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That the application from Gemini Freight Systems Inc. for a five-year tax abatement on the incremental portion of taxes at 2420/2610 11th Street West, as a result of its expansion in 2016, be approved as follows:
 - 100% in Year 1
 - 80% in Year 2
 - 70% in Year 3
 - 60% in Year 4
 - 50% in Year 5
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate agreements.

In Favour: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Clark, Councillor Iwanchuk and Councillor Paulsen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

10. GIVING NOTICE

11. IN CAMERA AGENDA ITEMS

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Committee move In Camera to consider items 11.1 to 11.9.

In Favour: Councillor Iwanchuk, Councillor Clark, Councillor Paulsen, His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Donauer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Councillor T. Paulsen, Chair

D. Kanak, Deputy City Clerk