

Regular Meeting – A.M.March 15, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Kelowna was held in Meeting Room No. 3, 1435 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C., on Monday, March 15, 2004.

Council members in attendance were: Mayor Walter Gray, Councillors A.F. Blanleil, B.A. Clark, B.D. Given, R.D. Hobson, E.A. Horning* and S.A. Shepherd.

Council members absent: Councillors R.D. Cannan and C.B. Day.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, R.A. Born; City Clerk, A.M. Flack; Director of Parks & Leisure Services, D.L. Graham*; Recreation Manager, R. Oddleifson*; Cultural Services Manager, L. Gunn*; Interim Facility Manager, R. Forbes*; Parks Manager, J. Creron*; Parks Construction & Design Supervisor, A. Gibbs*; Director of Planning & Corporate Services, R.L. Mattiussi*; Director of Policy, Research & Strategic Planning, S.K. Bagh*; Planner-Long Range, G. Routley*; Manager of Community Development & Real Estate, D.L. Shipclark*; Wastewater Manager, W.J. Berry*; and Council Recording Secretary, B.L. Harder.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Councillor Hobson was requested to check the minutes of the meeting.

Councillor Horning joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

3. REPORTS

- 3.1 Unfinished Business: Planning & Corporate Services Department, dated February 18, 2004 re: Revised Work Plan for the Strategic Plan Update

Staff:

- Responded to questions from last week's Council meeting advising that to date, the project is about 20-30% complete with \$23,000 spent of the total \$75,000 budget. There has been a substantial amount of staff background analysis work done that may not be apparent to the outsider. Purchasing Department staff advise that the contract could be terminated; termination would have to be negotiated.
- The consultants advise the project could be delayed by 6-12 months but there would be associated costs and they cannot totally commit to being available in a year's time. The consultants encourage the City to carry on now and keep the momentum going.
- It has been 12 years since the Strategic Plan was last reviewed. In addition to other changes over that period of time, there has been a 40% turnaround in population and the actions set out in the existing Strategic Plan have been substantially completed.

Council:

- Noted that the additional expenditures under consideration today were brought forward by staff at Council's request in order to expand the public consultation.
- Suggested that staff look for a sponsor to share the costs of the guest speaker.
- Agreed that the proposed phone survey is too long and directed staff to consider moving the more generic questions to the annual Citizen's Survey.

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- A member of Council suggested that the survey also include questions about the economic climate (growth, economy).
- A member of Council also suggested that people be phoned to ask if they are willing to participate in the survey and if they agree to participate, that the survey be mailed to them rather than asking the questions by phone.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd/Seconded by Councillor Given

R255/04/03/15 THAT staff proceed with the originally proposed work plan for the Strategic Plan review;

AND THAT staff be authorized negotiate for a guest speaker at a cost to the City not to exceed \$2,500.

Carried

Mayor Gray altered the order of business and advised that agenda item No. 3.3 would be dealt with next.

3.3 Mayor Gray re: Start Times for Public Hearings

Council:

- The consensus was to continue with the 7:00 p.m. start time, except when the number of agenda items indicate a 5:00 p.m. start time is warranted.
- Staff to include a question in the next Citizen's Survey to see what the public response would be to a 5:00 p.m. start time.

3.2 Parks Construction & Design Supervisor re: Update – Mission Recreation Park

Staff:

- Presented the proposed concept plan for development of the site and explained where changes have been made.
- Will report back to Council in about 6 weeks with cost projections.
- Will go after RG Arenas for a new target date for full completion of the facility as it is apparent that the April deadline will not be met.

Council:

- Suggest there be a public announcement that the Sports & Recreation complex is open and that the grand opening will be held when the facility is fully completed, and give the projected timing for completion.
- Staff to ensure that there are adequate washroom facilities provided for participants/spectators that use the outdoor sportsfields.

3.3 Mayor Gray re: Start Times for Public Hearings

Dealt with after agenda item No. 3.1.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Clark/Seconded by Councillor Given

R256/04/03/15 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) and (j) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Land Negotiations
- Third Party Business Interests.

Carried

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5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:38 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:04 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

BLH/am