

Regular Meeting – A.M.May 8, 2006

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, May 8, 2006.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors A.F. Blanleil*, B.A. Clark, C.B. Day, B.D. Given, C.M. Gran, R.D. Hobson* and M.J. Rule.

Council members absent: Councillor N.J. Letnick.

Staff members in attendance were: City Manager, R.A. Born; City Clerk, A.M. Flack; Director of Planning & Corporate Services, R.L. Mattiussi; Manager of Community Development & Real Estate, D.L. Shipclark*; Property Officer, J. Grant*; and Council Recording Secretary, B.L. Harder.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd re: Travel Authorization - World Urban Forum

Moved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Rule

R410/06/05/08 THAT all members of Council be authorized to travel to attend the World Urban Forum being held in Vancouver, B.C. on June 19-23, 2006, with expenses paid in accordance with Council Remuneration and Expense Bylaw No. 7547, using funds from Account No. 351-10-015-0-001.

Carried

Councillors Hobson and Blanleil joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m. and 10:39 a.m. respectively.

3.2 Councillor Gran re: Permissive Exemption Task Force

- The committee will be reporting to Council in open session at the May 15th afternoon Regular Meeting.
- Outlined proposed changes to the permissive tax exemption criteria for Supportive Housing, Day Cares, and Caretakers Residences that could be contentious.

Council:

- Staff to clarify the tax exemption status of New Life Church on Harvey Avenue.

3.3 Councillors Gran and Clark re: Public Relations

- Concerned about what is being said about Council in some of the editorials, in particular the editorial entitled City's 'Visionaries' Need to Get Eyes Checked'. The public needs to be informed of the facts to refute what was said in the article.
- People don't understand that the funds in City "Reserves" are not all available for discretionary spending (i.e. Development Cost Charges are committed to specific projects).
- Need to tell the public more about what the City is doing and why.
- Council should be meeting regularly with our MLAs.

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Staff:

- Intend to do more public relations with respect to this year's road program, perhaps that could be expanded to include additional information.

Council:

- MLAs to be invited to present under Public in Attendance at a Monday afternoon Regular Meeting during the summer.
- Staff to find an inventive way, other than a news release, to get the message out to the public about how good having surpluses/reserves is for a municipality.

3.4 Director of Planning & Corporate Services, verbal report re: Application to Demolish Building on Heritage Register

- The owner of the property at 933 Bernard Avenue wants to demolish the house and build a new building on the site.
- The value of the home is marginal; however, the Community Heritage Commission is recommending the building be protected, which raises the problem of compensation.
- Will be bringing forward a full report for Council consideration.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLICMoved by Councillor Day/Seconded by Councillor Given

R411/06/05/08 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (c) (e) and (g) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Labour Relations
- Land Negotiations
- Potential Litigation.

Carried

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:16 a.m.

The meeting was declared terminated at 12:07 p.m.

Certified Correct:

 Mayor

 City Clerk

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