

Regular Meeting – A.M.June 29, 2009

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, June 29th, 2009.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sharon Shepherd, Councillors Andre Blanleil*, Brian Given, Robert Hobson*, Charlie Hodge, Graeme James, Angela Reid, Michele Rule and Luke Stack.

Staff members in attendance were: Acting City Manager, John Vos; City Clerk, Stephen Fleming, General Manager, Community Sustainability, Jim Paterson*; Director, Real Estate & Building Services, Doug Gilchrist*; Communications Supervisor, Tom Wilson; Director, Corporate Services/Acting General Manager, Corporate Sustainability, Rob Mayne; Director of Strategic Initiatives, David Graham*; Director, Policy & Planning, Signe Bach*; and Council Recording Secretary, Sandi Horning.

Guests: Hope for the Nations, President, Ralph Bromley*; South East Kelowna Irrigation District, Chair of Board of Trustees, Bill Caswell*.

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

3. ISSUES ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

3.1 Mayor Shepherd, re: City of Poipet, Cambodia

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Reid

R692/09/06/29 THAT Council hear from the President of Hope for the Nations, Ralph Bromely, with respect to the letter from the Hope for the Nations dated June 18, 2009 concerning the City of Poipet, Cambodia.

Carried

Guest, Hope for the Nations, President, Ralph Bromley:

- Introduced some of the members of his delegation that were attendance.
- Gave background information regarding the City of Poipet and the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation.
- Confirmed that the Hope for the Nations is requesting a letter of endorsement from the City of Kelowna.
- Provided background information regarding Hope for the Nations and its mandate.

Councillor Blanleil joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Hodge/Seconded by Councillor Reid

R693/09/06/29 THAT Council receive, for information, the letter from the Hope for the Nations dated June 18, 2009 with respect to the City of Poipet, Cambodia;

AND THAT Council directs staff to pursue any opportunity that may be available through the FCM International program with respect to assisting local governments around the world to develop their capacity to deliver basic services, promote economic growth and encourage the participation of their citizens.

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The Guest, Ralph Bromley, left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

3.2 General Manager, Community Services, re: Letter from SEKID

Moved by Councillor Stack/Seconded by Councillor Hobson

R694/09/06/29 THAT Council hear from the Chair of the Board of Trustees, South East Kelowna Irrigation District, Bill Caswell, with respect to June 9, 2009 letter from South East Kelowna Irrigation District to the Kelowna Joint Water Committee.

Carried

Staff:

- Gave background information regarding this matter.
- Advised that it has not been determined how the Ministry of Community Development will be involved with the Governance Study.
- Confirmed that the technical study is going forward as the Terms of Reference have already been approved.
- It is anticipated that the Ministry of Community Development will want to provide input with respect to the Governance Study's Terms of Reference.

Guest, South East Kelowna Irrigation District, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bill Caswell:

- Gave background information regarding SEKID's position and explained the contents of the June 9, 2009 letter from SEKID to the Kelowna Joint Water Committee.
- Believes that SEKID needs to be an equal partner with the City when conducting any negotiations with the Ministry of Community Development and is willing to participate with the City with respect to the proposed Governance Study.
- Believes that it is imperative that both SEKID and the City of Kelowna have equal input into any development of the Terms of Reference with the Ministry of Community Development.

Moved by Councillor Hobson/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R695/09/06/29 THAT Council receive, for information, the letter from South East Kelowna Irrigation District dated June 9, 2009 with respect to Provincial infrastructure funding;

AND THAT Council directs staff to arrange a meeting with Ministry of Community Development staff, South East Kelowna Irrigation District staff and City of Kelowna staff in order to discuss the three (3) conditions set out in the June 9, 2009 letter from South East Kelowna Irrigation District and report back to Council.

Carried

The Guest, Bill Caswell, left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

3.3 Councillor Hodge re: OCP Review Process

Council:

- Councillor Hodge expressed a concern about the question of "density" being put forward to the public at the latest OCP Open House as it would appear that the online survey "density" question was different than the Open House "density" question.

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Staff:

- Advised that the question on “density” was addressed during the Open House and was changed later in the day so that the question was reflected the same way that it was on the online survey.

3.4 Councillor Hodge re: Public Hearing Process

Council:

- Councillor Hodge expressed a concern about making decision on Agenda items right after the Public Hearing has been closed. He feels that the process should be changed so that Council can have more time to consider the information presented at the Public Hearing by the applicant and the public.
- Generally agree that the process does not need to be changed; however, should an individual member of Council request more time to consider the Public Hearing information, the remainder of Council should respectfully consider that request.

3.5 Mayor Shepherd re: Communities in Bloom

Council:

- Would like staff to provide an update on “Communities in Bloom” at the July 13th Council Meeting.

3.6 Mayor Shepherd re: Glenmore Road connection to UBC-O

Council:

- Would like staff to provide an update on the Glenmore Road connection through to UBC-O at a future Council meeting.

3.7 General Manager, Community Services re: Council Tour of the Cultural District

Staff:

- Inquired whether or not Council would like to take a tour of the Cultural District and suggested that the tour could be arranged during either the month of August or September.

Council:

- Would like staff to arrange a ½ day tour of Cultural District for all members of Council.
- It was suggested that the tour be scheduled for sometime in August on a Tuesday afternoon when there is already a Public Hearing scheduled during the evening.

4. RESOLUTION CLOSING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor Rule/Seconded by Councillor Hodge

R696/09/06/29 THAT this meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Section 90(1) (e), (f) and (g) of the Community Charter for Council to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Disposition of Land or Improvements;
- Law Enforcement;
- Potential Litigation.

Carried

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:04 a.m. and took a brief recess.

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The meeting was declared terminated at 12:15 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor

City Clerk

SLH/dd