

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the City of Oshawa held in the Council Chamber on January 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Carter and Councillors Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, Marimpietri, Marks, McConkey, Neal and Nicholson were present. Councillors Chapman was absent.

Mayor Carter presided.

Mayor Carter advised that this special meeting of Council was called to receive input from the public concerning the 2019 Budget and to hear Council's priorities.

Additional Agenda Items

Moved by Councillor Kerr, seconded by Councillor
(26) "That additional Correspondence CNCL-19-08 from Joe Arruda be added to the agenda for the Council Meeting of January 17, 2019." Carried

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Neal made a declaration of interest concerning the Oshawa Senior Citizens' Centres external agency budget and business plan for the meetings of both January 11, 2019 and January 17, 2019 as he is on the Board of Directors as a citizen appointment and did not take part in discussion or voting on the matter.

Delegations

Moved by Councillor Kerr, seconded by Councillor Hurst,
(27) "That the delegations of Roger Ramkissoon, Wayne Wood and any other member of the public wishing to address Council concerning the 2019 Budget be heard." Carried on the following vote

Affirmative – Councillors Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, Marimpietri, Marks, McConkey, Neal, Nicholson and Mayor Carter

Negative – None

Absent – Councillor Chapman

Roger Ramkissoon, Durham Outlook for the Needy addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget, asking for financial assistance to relocate to a new building on Simcoe Street South. Roger Ramkissoon requested \$200,000 over four years, with \$75,000 in 2019, \$50,00 in 2020 and 2021 and \$25,000 in 2022.

Members of Council questioned Roger Ramkissoon.

Wayne Wood addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget, requesting Council not increase taxes in 2019, stating that he advocates on behalf of people who disagree with their assessment and asked the City to not increase taxes by 2.5%, suggesting the auditor's statement reflects a surplus of \$20 million.

Moved by Councillor McConkey, seconded by Councillor Marks,
(28) "That the delegation's time be extended." Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

Wayne Wood continued his delegation, stating that in his opinion, the City can find \$3.5 million in reserves in other areas.

Larry Ladd addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget requesting Council provide \$1 million to be used for a public boat launch and associated required items to be located within the currently named Harbour Park passive recreational property.

Members of Council questioned Larry Ladd.

Greg Milosh addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget requesting Council freeze salaries for Members of Council, exempt staff and finally the Unions.

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(29) "That the meeting recess." Carried

The meeting recessed at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m. with all members in attendance.

Martin Field addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget stating that additional funding for Animal Services could be available if an electronic donation system was available on the City's website to make donations more accessible and convenient to the public.

Members of Council questioned Martin Field.

Will Thurber addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget asking Council to support the current grant request from the Oshawa Public Library, noting a number of expanded services including extended hours, a 3-D printer, maker space and free public Wi-Fi.

Sara Lear addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget asking Council to consider a 0% tax increase, noting that the largest areas of increase in the proposed budget are to the Executive and Legislative Services and to the External Agencies. Sara Lear encouraged Council to protect citizens from a tax increase.

Members of Council questioned Sara Lear

Jeff Davis addressed City Council concerning the 2019 Budget stating that issues addressed today are very similar to issues brought forward by the public five years ago. Jeff Davis questioned the amount of the increase related to salaries and benefits for Councillors, requesting that the numbers be provided in a form that the public can better understand. Jeff Davis questioned increases to utility costs and contracted services and questioned the impact the City will experience following the closure of General Motors.

Moved by Councillor McConkey, seconded by Councillor Neal
(30) “That the delegation’s time be extended.” Carried on a 2/3 vote of members present

Jeff Davis continued to address City Council, questioning why increases should be allocated to the Airport Manager’s contract, the Tribute Community Centre and department budget adjustments above wage increases. Jeff Davis stated that citizens elected Council and members of Council should to question the numbers provided.

Correspondence Requiring Action

Moved by Councillor Kerr, seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
“That Correspondence CNCL-19-05 from Linda Power, CNCL-19-06 from Larry Ladd and CNCL-19-08 be referred to the 2019 budget deliberations.” Lost on the following vote

Affirmative – Councillors Kerr, Marimpietri, Marks and Mayor Carter

Negative – Councillor Giberson, Gray, Hurst, McConkey, Neal and Nicholson

Absent – Councillor Chapman

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(31) “That Correspondence CNCL-19-05 from Linda Power, and CNCL-19-06 from Larry Ladd be referred to the Community Services Committee; and, that Correspondence CNCL-19-08 from Joe Arruda concerning the 2019 Budget be referred to the Development Services Committee.” Carried on the following vote:

Affirmative – Councillors Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, Marimpietri, Marks, McConkey, Neal, Nicholson and Mayor Carter

Negative – None

Absent – Councillor Chapman

Discussion of Councillor Priorities

Moved by Councillor Kerr, seconded by Councillor Hurst,
(32) “That Council temporarily suspend the rules of procedure at this time to permit a discussion of Councillor priorities related to the 2019 Budget without the requirement of speaking to a motion, and to permit the Mayor to participate in discussion without vacating the Chair.” Carried

Moved by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor McConkey,
(33) "That Council move into Committee of the Whole." Carried on the following vote

Affirmative – Councillors Giberson, Gray, Hurst, Kerr, McConkey, Neal and Nicholson

Negative – Councillors Marimpietri, Marks and Mayor Carter

Absent – Councillor Chapman

Members of Council presented their individual priorities for the 2019 Budget.

Moved by Councillor Kerr,
(34) "That Council rise from Committee of the Whole." Carried

Confirming By-law

Moved by Councillor Kerr, seconded by Councillor Hurst,
(35) "That the Confirming By-law be passed." Carried

6-2019 A By-law to confirm the City Council meeting of January 17, 2019.

Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, seconded by Councillor Marks,
(36) "That the meeting adjourn." Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.