

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, June 12, 2014, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
G. Boutilier, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Land Use Bylaw Amendment - A portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102 1640 (Parsons Creek) - Bylaw No. 14/017

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/017 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Felice Mazzoni, Bradley Evanson and Pankaj Nalavde, Planning and Development, were present to speak to the proposed bylaw amendment. A presentation was distributed to Council which highlighted concerns raised by Council in a previous public hearing on the matter. It was specifically noted that the proposed amendment would increase the number of single family lots and reduce the multi-family lots.

John Devlin and David Pattison, Alberta Infrastructure, came forward and spoke in support of Administration's proposed direction.

Sean Graham, resident, came forward and spoke in opposition to the amendment being presented today while supporting the original plan.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath left the Chamber at 4:29 p.m. and returned at 4:36 p.m.

Brian Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation, came forward and spoke in opposition to the amendment being presented today.

Ben Dutton, UDI Wood Buffalo, came forward and spoke in support of the amendment.

Bryce Kumka, Chamber of Commerce, came forward and spoke in opposition to the amendment being presented today.

Exit

Councillor T. Ault left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath left the Chamber at 6:00 p.m. and returned at 6:02 p.m.
Councillor G. Boutilier left the Chamber at 6:04 p.m. and returned at 6:05 p.m.
Councillor S. Germain left the Chamber at 6:08 p.m. and returned at 6:09 p.m.
Councillor L. Bussieres left the Chamber at 6:11 p.m. and returned at 6:18p.m.

Point of Order

Councillor S. Germain raised a Point of Order relative to the current discussion about social housing and its relevance to the issue of zoning before Council. The Point of Order was upheld.

Point of Order

Councillor S. Germain raised a Point of Order relative to the current discussion about the Land Exchange Agreement between the Municipality and the Provincial Government and its relevance to the issue of zoning before Council. The Point of Order was upheld.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 14/017 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing was held between 4:06 p.m. and 6:22 p.m.

RECESS

A break occurred at 6:22 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

The following motion was presented by Councillor P. Meagher: "That Bylaw No. 14/017, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102 1640 (Parsons Creek), be read a second time.

Mayor Blake explained the first order of business will be to deal with the proposed amendment before dealing with second reading of Bylaw No. 14/017.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/017, be amended by deleting the existing Schedule A and replacing it with the revised Schedule A, dated June 12, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A lengthy discussion occurred during which concerns were raised by a number of Councillors relative to the Province’s Land Release Policy and the shortage of land. Further reference was made to the existing Land Exchange Agreement and concern was raised that this agreement is being held hostage by Council’s approval or non-approval of this zoning request.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Following debate, voting then occurred on the original motion, as amended.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/017, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102 1640 (Parsons Creek), be read a second time, as amended.

DEFEATED

For: M. Blake, L. Bussieres, P. Meagher

Opposed: G. Boutilier, S. Germain, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer