

Approved Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
D. Kirschner, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
D. Scott, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
R. Thomas, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent:

L. Flett, Councillor

Administration:

Glen Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
L. Kotyk, Legislative Assistant/Recorder
M. Laing, Legislative Assistant/Voting Machine Operator

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Mayor Blake invited those so inclined to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

11-104 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – April 12, 2011

11-105 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit

Councillor Vinni declared a conflict in relation to Agenda Item #2 and exited the Chamber at 6:08 pm.

Delegations**2. Billy Graham, Penhorwood Condo owner, re: Evacuation of Penhorwood Condos**

Mr. Billy Graham, Penhorwood Condo owner addressed Council regarding the March 11, 2011 evacuation of the Penhorwood Condos and the resulting impacts to both residents and property owners.

11-106 Moved by Councillor Thomas that payment of the municipal portion of property taxes and municipal utility charges for the properties located at 9905 Penhorwood Street be cancelled for the time period extending from the date of evacuation until such time as the buildings are deemed safe for re-occupation; and

THAT the Municipality continue to work with the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation on the creation and/or continuation of appropriate housing strategies, as needed, for the individuals who resided at 9905 Penhorwood Street on the date of evacuation; and

THAT the Municipality's Penhorwood Task Force be continued for the purpose of assisting impacted former residents in finding accommodations and in providing care and comfort services; and

THAT all costs associated with the provision of support and assistance from the Municipality's Fire Department to the Penhorwood Condominium Association, as it relates to the provision of emergency services during the March 11th evacuation of buildings, be absorbed within the Emergency Services Operating Budget; and

THAT the Municipality continue to participate in the review of provincial building codes conducted by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident, came forward and commented on the Fiscal Management Strategy and the Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

11-107 Moved by Councillor Blair that the presentation made by Mr. Jim Rogers, resident be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor Vinni returned to the Council Chamber at 6:27 p.m.

Public Hearings and Related Reports**3. Bylaw No. 11/008 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 1025664 and Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 1025663 (Waterfront Towers)**

11-108 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Council move into a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 11/008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Peter Apostolakos, Planning and Development, provided an introduction and brief overview of the proposed bylaw, noting that it is supported by Administration.

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident commented on the road configuration of the proposed development.

11-109 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the public hearing regarding Bylaw No. 11/008 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No. 11/008 was held between 6:29 p.m. and 6:37 p.m.

11-110 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 11/008, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment specific to Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 1025664 and Lot 7, Block 2, Plan 1025663 (located adjacent to River Pointe Shops), be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-111 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 11/008, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**4. 2011 – 2014 Fiscal Management Strategy**

Victor Mema, Manager, Financial Planning, Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Henk Van Waas, Regional Assessor provided an overview of the Fiscal Management Strategy, Fiscal Responsibility Policy, Uncommitted EIR Transfer, and 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

11-112 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the 2011-2013 Fiscal Management Strategy be replaced with the 2011-2014 Fiscal Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Fiscal Responsibility Policy

11-113 Moved by Councillor Meagher, that Bylaw No. 11/013, being a bylaw to repeal the Capital Infrastructure Reserve and Emerging Issues Reserve Bylaws, be read a first time

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-114 Moved by Councillor Thomas that Bylaw No. 11/013 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-115 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 11/013 be considered for third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-116 Moved by Councillor Germain that Bylaw No. 11/013 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-117 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Fiscal Responsibility Policy – FIN-160, dated April 26, 2011, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Uncommitted Emerging Issues Reserve Transfer

11-118 Moved by Councillor Thomas that \$57,326,931 representing the uncommitted balance in the 2009 Emerging Issues Reserve as at December 31, 2009, be transferred to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-119 Moved by Councillor Meagher that \$37,760,877 representing the uncommitted balance in the 2010 Emerging Issues Reserve as at December 31, 2010, be transferred to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws**7. Bylaw No. 11/012 – 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw (1st reading)**

11-120 moved by Councillor Allen that the 2011 Operating Budget be amended by allocating new construction growth revenue of \$38,513,686 to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11-121 moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 11/012, being the 2011 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

Reports on Boards and Committees

Council representatives reported on the following Boards and Committees:

- Governance, Agenda and Priorities Standing Committee, Selection Committee and Landlord Tenant Advisory Board (Councillor Kirschner)
- Communities in Bloom Committee (Councillor Stroud)
- Economic Development Conference (Councillor Blair)
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation (Councillor Scott)
- Events Wood Buffalo, Canada Rocks Concert Event (Mayor Blake)

Adjournment

11-122 Moved by Councillor Thomas that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer