



PUBLIC MINUTES
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, October 6, 2014, 2:45 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor T. Paulsen, Chair
Councillor A. Iwanchuk, Vice-Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor E. Olauson

ALSO PRESENT: CFO & General Manager, Asset & Financial Management
K. Tarasoff
Solicitor B. Bleakney
Councillor P. Lorje
Deputy City Clerk D. Kanak
Committee Assistant J. Hudson

ABSENT: His Worship Mayor D. Atchison (Ex-Officio)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

1. That the agenda for today's meeting be amended by adding the following matters as outlined in this document:
 - Additional recommendation to Item 6.1.1:
 - "2. That the current contract between the City of Saskatoon and Garman, Weimer & Associates Ltd. be extended to December 31, 2014.";
 - Request to Speak – Murray Scharf – Item 6.2.1;
 - Request to Sell City-Owned Property – Kensington Neighbourhood, as Urgent Business Item 7.1.1; and

- Request to Sell City-Owned Property – Parkridge Neighbourhood, as Urgent Business Item 7.1.2; and

2. That Murray Scharf be heard during consideration of agenda Item 6.2.1.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Olauson

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance held on September 8, 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications requiring the direction of the Committee.

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Delegated Authority Matters

6.1.1. Internal Audit Services - Request for Proposal (Files CK. 1600-3 and AF. 1600-1)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management Tarasoff presented the report and noted the additional recommendation.

Moved By: Councillor Olauson

1. That the Administration, on behalf of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance, be authorized to issue the Request for Proposal for Internal Audit Services; and

2. That the current contract between the City of Saskatoon and Garman, Weimer & Associates Ltd. be extended to December 31, 2014.

CARRIED

6.1.2. Audit Report - Saskatoon Land - Inventory and Revenue System (File No. CK. 1600-24)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management
Tarasoff presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the one-page summary report on the Saskatoon Land - Inventory and Revenue System Audit be received as information and posted on the City's website.

CARRIED

6.1.3. Audit Report - Golf Course Inventory System (File No. CK. 1600-4)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management
Tarasoff presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the one-page summary report on the Golf Course Inventory System Audit be received as information and posted on the City's website.

CARRIED

6.2. Matters Requiring Direction

6.2.1. Property Tax Deferral Program for Low-Income Seniors (Files CK. 1930-1 and AF. 1965-1)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management
Tarasoff presented the report, noting the close working relationship with the Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA) and outlining the three main objectives of the program. City Treasurer Sutherland was present to address questions from the Committee.

The Deputy City Clerk distributed copies of a letter from Murray Scharf, requesting to speak regarding the above. Pursuant to earlier resolution, the Committee resolved that Mr. Scharf be heard.

Mr. Scharf addressed the Committee on behalf of SCOA, expressing gratitude to City Administration and City Council and support for the recommendation.

Moved By: Councillor Olauson

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That the current Property Tax Deferral Program for Low-Income Seniors be amended to include the following options:
 - a) deferral of \$600 annually with 4% interest applied, payable when the house is sold or no longer occupied by the applicant;
 - b) deferral of \$1,200 annually with 4% interest applied, payable when the house is sold or no longer occupied by the applicant;
 - c) deferral of the full amount of municipal and library taxes with 4% interest applied, payable when the house is sold or no longer occupied by the applicant; and
2. That the City Solicitor prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 9022, The Low-Income Seniors Property Tax Deferral Bylaw, 2012.

CARRIED

6.2.2. Communications to Council - Nicola Tabb - September 10, 2013 - Proposed Establishment of a 33rd Street Area BID (Files CK. 1680-6 and PL. 1680-7)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management Tarasoff presented the report. He noted that members of the Neighbourhood Planning Section were available for comment.

Moved By: Councillor Clark

That the rules of The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014, regarding requests to speak to a Council Committee be suspended, and Randy Pshebylo, be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale Business Improvement District spoke briefly to the Committee regarding the above report.

Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that there is no provision for suspension of The Procedures and Committees Bylaw, 2014 rules at the Committee level. Requests to speak are required no later than 8:00 a.m. on the meeting date.

Moved By: Councillor Olauson

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That advertising respecting the proposal to establish a 33rd Street Business Improvement District, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated October 6, 2014, be approved;
2. That the Administration proceed with Public Notice with respect to the establishment of a 33rd Street Business Improvement District; and
3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required bylaw for consideration at the time of the public hearing.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

7.1 Delegated Authority Matters

7.1.1 Request to Sell City-Owned Property – Kensington Neighbourhood (Files CK. 4215-1 x 4110-44, AF. 4214-1, and LA. 4211-2-2)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management Tarasoff presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Olauson

1. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to sell 214 lots (Lots 1 to 48, Lots 51 to 97, Block 214; Lots 1 to 9, Block 219; Lots 1 to 11, Block 220; Lots 1 to 32, Block 221; Lots 1 to 33, Block 222; Lots 1 to 20, Block 223; Lots 1 to 11, Block 224; all Plan Numbers to be registered) on Ells Crescent, Ells Lane, Ells Way, Kensington Boulevard, Labine Court, Labine Crescent and Labine Terrace in the Kensington neighbourhood through a lot draw process;
2. That lots, which are not sold through the lot draw process, be placed for sale over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis;
3. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to sell Lots 49 and 50, Block 214 to the highest bidder through a tender process for the intended use of developing Type II Residential Care Homes, Child Care Centres or Pre-Schools with tender conditions and reserve bid prices plus applicable taxes;
4. That any of the pre-designated Type II Residential Care Home, Child Care Centre or Pre-School lots which are not sold through the public tender process be placed for sale over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis for the same intended purpose for a period of one year with conditions specified in the Agreement for Sale;
5. That any of the pre-designated Type II Residential Care Home, Child Care Centre or Pre-School lots remaining in inventory after a period of one year be made available for sale over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis for one of the permitted uses within the R1A zoning district;
6. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to administer development controls for 214 lots in Phase 3 and 85 lots in Phase 2;
7. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to make minor adjustments to the approved pricing that may be necessary to account for changes in servicing costs and lots being returned after lot draws; and
8. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements under the Corporate Seal.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Request to Sell City-Owned Property – Parkridge Neighbourhood (Files CK. 4215-1 x 4110-32, AF. 4214-1, and LA. 4214-2)

CFO & General Manager, Asset and Financial Management
Tarasoff presented the report.

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

1. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to sell 174 single-family lots with legal descriptions of Lots 29 to 89, Block 890, Plan No. to be registered; Lots 20 to 40, Block 891, Plan No. to be registered; Lots 1 to 32, Block 892, Plan No. to be registered; Lots 1 to 13, Block 893, Plan No. to be registered; Lots 1 to 9, Block 894, Plan No. to be registered; Lots 1 to 11, Block 895, Plan No. to be registered; Lots 1 to 17, Block 896, Plan No. to be registered; and Lots 1 to 10, Block 897, Plan No. to be registered on Kinloch Bay, Crescent, and Court, and Fortosky Crescent, Manor and Terrace through a lot draw process;
2. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to sell two multi-family sites (Parcels AA and BB, Plan No. to be registered) located on Hart Road through a public tender process to the highest bidder with reserve bid prices;
3. That any of the multi-family parcels which are not sold through the public tender process be placed for sale over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis;
4. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to administer development controls for the 174 single-family lots;
5. That the Director of Saskatoon Land be authorized to make minor adjustments to the approved pricing that may be necessary to account for changes in servicing costs and lots being returned; and
6. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal.

CARRIED

8. MOTIONS

There was no notice previously given.

9. GIVING NOTICE

There was no notice given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Iwanchuk

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Councillor T. Paulsen, Chair

In accordance with The Procedures and Committees Bylaw No. 9170, the following items will be submitted to the Regular Business Meeting of City Council scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014:

Consent Agenda

Property Tax Deferral Program for Low-Income Seniors (Files CK. 1930-1 and AF. 1965-1)

Communications to Council - Nicola Tabb - September 10, 2013 - Proposed Establishment of a 33rd Street Area BID (Files CK. 1680-6 and PL. 1680-7)

SPC on Finance Report

None