

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 26, 2010



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of St. Albert City Council held in the Council Chambers, St. Albert Place on the above date at 4:00 p.m.

Present

Mayor Crouse
Councillor Bracko
Councillor Burrows
Councillor Garritty
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lemieux (D – 9:25 p.m.)
Councillor Watamaniuk

Staff

B. Holtby, City Manager
N. Jamieson, General Manager, Planning & Engineering
C. Jardine, General Manager, Community & Protective Services
D. Screpnek, General Manager, Corporate Services
B. Treidler, General Manager, Business & Strategic Services
C. Belke, Chief Legislative Officer
C. Wong, Legislative Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(C224-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That the agenda, as amended by the addition of item 9d - "Dog License Fees for Guide Dogs", be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

APPOINTMENTS

Margaret Plain, Chair, 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee, presented the Committee's Second Quarterly Report. Mrs. Plain stated that the Committee has opened its new offices on St. Thomas Street and has hired an Administrative Assistant. A third staff member will be hired in the near future. In addition, Mrs. Plain stated that the Committee will be participating in events in 2010 in St. Albert and surrounding communities in order to bring further exposure to the celebrations in 2011.

Collin Steffes, Braeside Neighbourhood Working Group provided highlights of initiatives that the Group has been involved with such as the need for continued enforcement, more signage, parking limitations in various locations in the area and foster family-oriented programming in the area. There has been fewer disturbances since the inception of the Group and it is their intent to continue to promote awareness through various events.

Mike Howes, Rock'n August, thanked Council for providing Park 'n Ride from Village Landing to the Curling Rink and requested that the City review the potential for additional parking in the downtown core for the event.

Richard Plain, resident, stated that Council should commission a study that will provide the City with a rational economic market basis for projecting the demand for and supply of non-residential land to meet the needs of St. Albert over the next 20 to 30 years.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM APPOINTMENTS

Information Requests

Administration was requested to provide a report regarding pruning trees in the Braeside area to improve the lighting situation in the area.

Administration was requested to provide a report outlining the cost of changing signage to be similar to the Crime Stoppers signage in the Braeside area.

Administration was requested to provide a report regarding any environmental issues that have or may occur as a result of the soil erosion at the condominium development on Sturgeon Road and who is responsible for any clean up. Also include whether the City can draw against the Letter of Credit in this regard.

Administration was requested to provide a report as to whether it can be determined who donated the commemorative bench that was located on the walking path in the Braeside area.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(C225-2010) Moved by Councillor Bracko

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council dated April 19, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

STATE OF THE STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED REPORT - FINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Environmental Manager provided a presentation and answered questions from Council.

(C226-2010) Moved by Councillor Watamaniuk

That the final Terms of Reference for the State of the Sturgeon River Watershed Report be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

HYDROCARBON GRIT INTERCEPTOR RETROFIT ANALYSIS

The Environmental Manager provided a presentation and answered questions from Council.

(C227-2010) Moved by Councillor Watamaniuk

That Administration provide the updated priorities and cost estimates from the Hydrocarbon Grit Interceptor Retrofit Analysis to be incorporated into the 10-Year Utility Capital Plan scheduled for review at the Standing Committee on Finance in June.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

SPECIAL EVENTS PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN

The Director of Engineering provided a presentation and answered questions from Council.

The following motions were presented by Councillor Bracko:

"That the report "Review of Special Events Parking in the Downtown Core," dated April 26, 2010, be received and that the following recommendations outlined within the report be adopted:

- a) That Administration negotiate with the Province to use the Provincial building parking lot for parking usage on holidays, after-hours, and on weekends and that Administration report the costs and funding source of a potential arrangement to Council by August 30, 2010.
- b) That Administration negotiate with Amacon Developments for the use of the Grandin Mall Parkade for additional parking that Administration report the costs and funding source of a potential arrangement to Council by August 30, 2010.
- c) That Administration not pursue the United Church as a potential for additional parking.
- d) That Administration not pursue the use of roadways for overflow parking.
- e) That Administration not pursue the use of parks and green spaces for overflow parking.
- f) That Administration develop an implementation plan incorporating overflow parking strategies as a business case for the 2011 budget.
- g) That Administration work with event organizers to ensure that Park 'n' Ride is further explored as an option to reduce demand for downtown parking during special events.
- h) That Administration work with event organizers to encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation to special events.
- i) That Administration work with event organizers to ensure that locations for parking, no parking and other options are communicated to the public and potential patrons.
- j) That a Business Case for a comprehensive Parking Management Study for the downtown core be developed for the 2011 budget."

Information Request

Administration was requested to provide a summary of the Sturgeon Foundation requisition for the last 10 years.

(C228-2010) Moved by Councillor Bracko

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Jones.

(C229-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration pursue the United Church as a potential for additional parking.

CARRIED

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

Against: Garritty

(C230-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration pursue the use of roadways for overflow parking.

CARRIED

For: Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

Against: Bracko, Garritty

(C231-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration pursue the use of parks and green spaces for overflow parking.

CARRIED

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux

Against: Garritty, Watamaniuk

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

RECESS

Council recessed from 6:04 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2010 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The General Manager of Corporate Services provided a presentation and answered questions of Council.

The following motion was presented by Councillor Garritty:

"That the 2010 Municipal Operating Budget be amended by reducing revenues in the amount of \$67,600 and by decreasing expenditures in the amount of \$67,600, resulting in no net cost impact on the previously approved Municipal Operating Budget; and that the 2010 Municipal Operating Budget be amended to include a transfer to reserve of \$88,034 in relation to the LRT/BRT tax levy."

(C232-2010) Moved by Councillor Bracko

That the main motion be amended to delete "BRT".

DEFEATED

For: Bracko, Jones, Lemieux

Against: Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Watamaniuk

The main motion was again presented.

(C233-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

COUNCIL MOTIONS

Funding 70 Arlington Round Table Discussions

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Jones.

(C234-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That an amount of approximately \$25,000 for the round tables relative to 70 Arlington Drive, to be funded from the Council Contingency, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Election to National Board Of Directors

(C235-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That the Council of the City of St. Albert endorse Councillor Len Bracko to stand for election on FCM's National Board of Directors; and, that Council assume all costs associated with Councillor Bracko's attendance at FCM National Board of Directors' meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

Rescind Resolution C392-2008

Motion C392-2008 reads as follows:

"That Sturgeon County be urged to plan any road extending from 127 Street (from Edmonton's city limits) along the northeast boundary of Riverlot 56."

(C236-2010) Moved by Councillor Burrows

That Motion C392-2008, approved on June 16, 2008, be rescinded.

DEFEATED

For: Burrows, Lemieux

Against: Bracko, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Watamaniuk

Dog License Fees for Guide Dogs

(C237-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That by July 12, 2010 Administration bring forward to Council amendments to the appropriate bylaws that would exempt registered Service Dogs and Service Dogs in training, as defined in the Province of Alberta's *Service Dog Act*, from the annual dog license fee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

SMART GROWTH ST. ALBERT

Olga Lovatt, Lovatt Planning Consultants, provided an overview of reference documents used to determine, among other things, why Carrot Creek would be a desirable area to develop higher density housing. In addition, it was suggested that the City encourage developers to bring forward area structure plans that meet Council's vision.

David Bromley, Avenir Project, was concerned with industrial development in the Carrot Creek area and is in support of "The St. Albert Model for Future Growth" concept.

The following motions were presented by Councillor Jones:

"That administration begin the process to:

- a) Delete in its entirety Section 4.6 "Smart Growth Design" from the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and any other reference to Smart Growth within the MDP document and any other documents, Council and Administrative policies;
- b) Cease any further work on the project entitled "Northwest Lands: Essential Elements for Growth," which outlines the Hybrid Smart Growth proposal; and
- c) Include within the MDP a provision entitled "The St. Albert Model for Future Growth" and the City of St. Albert shall develop the guidelines with a St. Albert Model for Future Growth."

It was requested that the motions be split.

(C238-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That Section 4.6 "Smart Growth Design" be deleted in its entirety from the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and any other reference to Smart Growth within the MDP document and any other documents, Council and Administrative policies.

CARRIED

For: Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux
Against: Bracko, Garritty, Watamaniuk

(C239-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That any further work on the project entitled "Northwest Lands: Essential Elements for Growth," which outlines the Hybrid Smart Growth proposal, be ceased.

CARRIED

For: Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux
Against: Bracko, Garritty, Watamaniuk

(C240-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That a provision entitled "The St. Albert Model for Future Growth" be included within the MDP and the City of St. Albert shall develop the guidelines with a St. Albert Model for Future Growth.

CARRIED

For: Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux
Against: Bracko, Watamaniuk

(C241-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will provide a plan to continue moving toward the Capital Region Board's density targets for St. Albert.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The following motion was presented by Councillor Jones:

"That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will not include back alleys."

(C242-2010) Moved by Councillor Bracko

That the main motion be amended to insert "excluding arterial roads."

DEFEATED

For: Bracko, Garritty, Watamaniuk
Against: Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux

The main motion was again presented.

(C243-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will not include back alleys.

CARRIED

For: Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux
Against: Bracko, Garritty, Watamaniuk

(C244-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will continue with the "transit-oriented development" (TOD) north of the power centre development (north of Wal-Mart area).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

(C245-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will not include parkways.

CARRIED

For: Burrows, Crouse, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk
Against: Bracko, Garritty

(C246-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will not include Commercial all along Villeneuve Road.

DEFEATED

For: Crouse
Against: Bracko, Burrows, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

(C247-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That the "St. Albert Model for Future Growth" will have a curvilinear design and no grid system.

CARRIED

For: Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux
Against: Bracko, Burrows, Watamaniuk

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Jones.

(C248-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Villeneuve Road be designed just like all other arterials in St Albert.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Burrows

That the City of St. Albert proceed with future development in the Northwest Lands using current approved plans and regulations.

WITHDRAWN

(C249-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That Council approve SLT recommendations for Essential Elements with the exception of Light Industrial.

(C250-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That consideration of motion C249-2010 be postponed to the conclusion of the Smart Growth item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

(C251-2010) Moved by Councillor Watamaniuk

That the designation of "Light Industrial Park" be removed from the land adjacent to Carrot Creek and that Administration identify another area for a Light Industrial Park zone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Jones.

(C252-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration provide Council with a report of options and recommendations on the future land use(s) that should be contained in the Municipal Development Plan for the current Future Study Areas by March 31, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

The following motion was presented by Councillor Bracko:

"That Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) be increased from 1 to 2."

(C253-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That the main motion be amended by deleting the words "increased from 1 to 2" and inserting the words "a second" after the word "that" and "allowed" after the word "be".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The main motion was again presented.

(C254-2010) Moved by Councillor Bracko

That a second Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) be allowed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Jones.

(C255-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration, following an administrative review of the Municipal Development Plan for motions previously introduced by Council, bring forward a business case, a proposed Land Use Bylaw, including all changes appropriate to be considered, including Form Based Regulations considerations versus Land Use Bylaw considerations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration propose to Council, by January 31, 2012, urban design standards and policies that would be seen as progressive and emerging such as, but not limited to water conservation, energy conservation, built green principles and electric vehicle provisions.

WITHDRAWN

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

(C256-2010) Moved by Councillor Bracko

That schools and playgrounds be planned away from arterial roads due to traffic pollution.

DEFEATED

For: Bracko, Jones, Watamaniuk

Against: Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Lemieux

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Jones.

(C257-2010) Moved by Mayor Crouse

That Administration provide a report of the implications of all approved motions related to "The St. Albert Model for Future Growth" prior to proceeding with any changes, by July 15, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Lemieux, Watamaniuk

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

Motion C249-2010 was again presented.

(C249-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That Council approve SLT recommendations for Essential Elements with the exception of Light Industrial by July 15, 2010.

Administration was requested to bring forward Motion C249-2010 in conjunction with the report of the implications of all approved motions related to "The St. Albert Model for Future Growth".

INFORMATION REQUESTS/NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion – Councillor Lemieux

"That administration amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow for Electronic Messaging Signs in a fashion consistent with other communities in the Capital Region; and that Administration amend the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the Chamber's Digital Messaging Sign on Hebert and St. Albert Trail to allow for an Electronic Messaging Sign consistent with the proposed Electronic Messaging Sign amendment to the Land Use Bylaw; and that both Electronic Sign matters be prepared, for consideration by Council at it's June 21, 2010 meeting."

Notice of Motion – Councillor Bracko

"That affordable housing be built in all new subdivisions."

Councillor Lemieux left the meeting.

IN CAMERA - PERSONNEL MATTER

(C258-2010) Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council move in camera to receive a report and consider a personnel matter in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; Section 23 - Local public body confidences and Section 24 - Advice from officials of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)* R.S.A 2000 c. F-25, as amended; and that details of the report and discussion remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17, 23 and 24 of *FOIP*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Watamaniuk

Council met in camera from 9:25 p.m. to 9:55 p.m.

(C259-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That Council reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Watamaniuk

ADJOURNMENT

(C260-2010) Moved by Councillor Garritty

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Bracko, Burrows, Crouse, Garritty, Jones, Watamaniuk

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.


MAYOR


CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 26, 2010
4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

1. **Adoption of Agenda**
2. **Appointments**
 - a) Margaret Plain, Chair - 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee Quarterly Report
 - b) Collin Steffes - Braeside Neighbourhood Working Group
 - c) Jeanette Bancarz - Rock'n August
 - d) David Bromley - Smart Growth
3. **Business Arising from the Appointments**
4. **Adoption of Minutes - Regular Meeting of April 19, 2010**
5. **State of the Sturgeon River Watershed Report - Final Terms of Reference**
6. **Hydrocarbon Grit Interceptor Retrofit Analysis**
7. **Special Events Parking in the Downtown**
8. **2010 Municipal Operating Budget Amendments**
9. **Council Motions:**
 - a) Funding 70 Arlington Round Table Discussions
 - b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities Election to National Board of Directors
 - c) Rescind Resolution C392-2008
10. **Smart Growth St. Albert**
11. **Information Requests/Notices of Motion**

Break at the call of the Mayor

IN CAMERA ITEMS

12. **Personnel Matter**
(FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy; Section 23 – Local public body confidences; and Section 24 – Advice from officials)
13. **Adjournment**