



Minutes of Guelph City Council

November 7, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

Council:

Mayor C. Guthrie
Councillor P. Allt
Councillor C. Billings
Councillor L. Busuttil
Councillor L. Caron
Councillor E. Caton
Councillor K. Chew
Councillor C. Downer
Councillor D. Gibson
Councillor R. Goller
Councillor C. Klassen
Councillor D. O'Rourke
Councillor M. Richardson

Staff:

S. Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services
J. Holmes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
T. Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
T. Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer
T. Gayman, General Manager, Engineering and Transportation Services/City Engineer
S. O'Dwyer, Manager, Financial Strategy and Long Term Planning
K. Newland, Manager, Financial Client Services and Budget
S. O'Brien, General Manager, City Clerk's Office/City Clerk
E. Barber, Board and Committee Coordinator

G. Meades, Council and Committee Coordinator
C. Murray-Sprague, Council and Committee Coordinator

Also Present: Chief Gord Cobey, Guelph Police Services
Deputy Chief Daryl Goetz, Guelph Police Services
Sarah Purton, Guelph Police Services
Steve Kraft, Chief Executive Officer, Guelph Public Library
Dan Atkins, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Guelph Public Library
Louise Artuso, Social Services Administrator, County of Wellington
Scott Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Wellington

1. Call to Order - 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. (9:03 a.m.)

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

2. 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget

2.1 Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget - 2023-408

Mayor Guthrie provided opening remarks. Scott Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer introduced Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Report. Colleen Clack-Bush, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Services presented information on Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Report. Jayne Holmes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services continued the presentation on Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Report. Trevor Lee, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Corporate Services also presented on Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Report.

Council recessed (10:17 a.m.)

Council reconvened (10:32 a.m.)

Tara Baker, General Manager, Finance/City Treasurer continued the presentation on Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Report.

Council recessed (11:15 a.m.)

Council reconvened (11:20 a.m.)

City Council continued its discussion regarding Guelph's 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Report.

Council Recessed (12:26 p.m.)

Council Reconvened (1:02 p.m.)

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Klassen

1. That Council request City of Guelph staff to review the multi-year budget with a request to reduce the overall 2024 Budget by 2% and to provide to Council a memo outlining the further reductions of either operating or capital to achieve these reductions for further Council consideration prior to the November 15th public delegation night. And that Council respectfully requests all outside local boards and services to also consider reducing their overall 2024 operating budgets by 2% and to provide a memo to City Council for further consideration.

The motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

Council recessed (3:28 p.m.)

Council reconvened (3:38 p.m.)

Moved By Councillor Goller

Seconded By Councillor Downer

1. That Council direct staff to schedule a budget workshop on November 22 at 6pm to consider further options for reductions within the multi-year budget to inform possible budget amendments on November 29.

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (13 to 0)

3. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Busuttil

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That the meeting be adjourned. (3:42 p.m.)

Voting in Favour: (13): Mayor Guthrie, Councillor Allt, Councillor Billings, Councillor Busuttil, Councillor Caron, Councillor Caton, Councillor Chew, Councillor Downer, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Goller, Councillor Klassen, Councillor O'Rourke, and Councillor Richardson

Carried (13 to 0)

Mayor Guthrie

Stephen O'Brien - City Clerk