



## **MINUTES**

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** His Worship, Mayor C. Clark, in the Chair  
Councillor C. Block  
Councillor T. Davies  
Councillor R. Donauer, via teleconference  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor S. Gersher  
Councillor H. Gough, via teleconference  
Councillor D. Hill, via teleconference  
Councillor D. Kirton  
Councillor M. Loewen

**ABSENT:** Councillor Z. Jeffries

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager J. Jorgenson  
City Solicitor C. Yelland  
Chief Financial Officer C. Hack  
General Manager, Transportation & Construction T. Schmidt  
City Clerk A. Tittlemore  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirmed roll call.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

1. That the following letters be moved/added to item 5.1. (only the late items are attached to the addendum);

### Requests to Speak

- Alisha Esmail, Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group, dated November 15, 2022
- Michael Mehak & Bill Logar, dated November 11, 2022
- Cary Tarasoff, dated November 14, 2022
- Shawna Nelson, Saskatoon Destination Marketing Hotels Inc., dated November 15, 2022
- John Howden, SaskTel Centre, dated November 15, 2022
- Tammy Sweeney, TCU Place, dated November 15, 2022
- Brent Penner, Downtown Saskatoon, dated November 15, 2022
- Karl Miller, dated November 15, 2022
- Randy Pshebylo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated November 15, 2022
- Steph Clovechok, Discover Saskatoon, dated November 15, 2022
- Crystal Dahl, Saskatoon Club and Downtown Businesses, dated November 16, 2022

### Submitting Comments

- Ken Wilson, dated August 11, 2022
- Brian Johnsrude, dated September 7, 2022
- Lynn Moen, dated September 17, 2022
- Linda Rosluk, dated September 21, 2022
- Les Brehon, dated September 26, 2022
- Kathleen Alexander, dated September 30, 2022
- Dan Jiricka, dated September 30, 2022

- Marla Ramsay, dated November 2, 2022
- Tyrell Harder, dated November 6, 2022
- David Pyett, dated November 10, 2022
- Robert Sykes, dated November 10, 2022
- Joanne Cliff, dated November 11, 2022
- Jason Aebig, Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, dated November 12, 2022
- Ari Avivi, dated November 12, 2022
- Ken Ladouceur, dated November 13, 2022
- Daniel Côté, dated November 14, 2022
- Sherry Tarasoff, dated November 14, 2022
- Daniel Afe, North Saskatoon Business Association, dated November 15, 2022
- Christie Peters, Primal Pasta/POP Wine Bar, dated November 15, 2022
- Glen Penner, dated November 15, 2022
- Lindsay Bueckert, Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated November 15, 2022

2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour: (10): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (1): Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were moved to item 5.1.

## **5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **5.1 Arena/Event Centre Site Selection and Public Engagement Results**

A report of the Administration was provided along with the following letters:

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City Manager Jorgenson provided an introduction of the matter followed by Director of Technical Services Willems who provided a PowerPoint highlighting the potential site locations (Site A - Midtown Shopping Center North Parking Lot and Site B - North Downtown/City Yards) and a timeline of Council decision/reporting milestones.

Council heard from the following speakers:

- Alisha Esmail, Downtown Event and Entertainment District Advisory Group - in support of Site A
- Michael Mehak, Midtown Plaza - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- Bill Logar, Midtown Plaza - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- Cary Tarasoff - general comments

- Shawna Nelson, Saskatoon Destination Marketing Hotels Inc. - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- John Howden, Executive Director, SaskTel Centre - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- Kirby Wirchenko, on behalf of Tammy Sweeney, Executive Director, TCU Place and himself - in support of Site A
- Brent Penner, Executive Director, Downtown Saskatoon - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- Karl Miller - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- Randy Pshebylo, Executive Director, Riversdale Business Improvement District - in support of Site A
- Steph Clovechok, Executive Director, Discover Saskatoon - in support of Site A - responded to questions of Council
- Crystal Dahl, Saskatoon Club and Empire Spa - in support of Site A

The following Administration responded to questions of Council:

- Director of Technical Services Willems
- City Manager Jorgenson
- Chief Financial Officer Hack
- Director of Saskatoon Land Long
- City Clerk Tittlemore

The meeting was recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 3:32 p.m. with all members in attendance, with the exception of Councillor Jeffries.

Discussion on the matter continued.

Councillors Donauer and Hill excused themselves from the meeting at 3:55 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively.

**Moved By:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded By:** Councillor Block

That Option 1 be approved with the future event centre/arena to be located on Site A – Midtown Shopping Centre North Parking Lot.

In Favour: (8): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (3): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2 Downtown Event and Entertainment District – Land Acquisition -  
Midtown Plaza North Lot [CK 4130-14]**

A report of the Administration was provided.

City Manager Jorgenson provided an introduction regarding the matter.

**Moved By:** Councillor Block

**Seconded By:** Councillor Davies

1. That the Administration be authorized to purchase the Midtown North Lot, civically known as 140 Pacific Avenue, and legally identified as Parcels A and E, Plan 64S20563, Extensions 2 and 3, Surface Parcels 135771778 and 135771813, consisting of approximately 5.28 acres or 229,998 square feet at a purchase price of \$25 million for a potential Downtown arena/event centre;
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the associated auxiliary, undertaking and assignment agreements for signature, and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements under the Corporate Seal; and
3. That if the purchase of the North Lot is approved by City Council, the Administration be authorized to enter into an interim parking operation and management agreement with Midtown regarding parking on the North Lot after the closing date.

In Favour: (8): Mayor C. Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Absent (3): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Jeffries

**CARRIED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk