



**PUBLIC MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING  
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor C. Clark, Chair  
Councillor C. Block  
Councillor T. Davies, via teleconference  
Councillor R. Donauer  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor S. Gersher  
Councillor H. Gough  
Councillor D. Hill, at 9:33 a.m.  
Councillor Z. Jeffries  
Councillor D. Kirton  
Councillor M. Loewen

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager J. Jorgenson  
City Solicitor C. Yelland  
City Clerk A. Tittlemore  
Deputy City Clerk S. Bryant

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

1. That the following letters be added to Item 4.1:
  - Ari Avivi, dated June 14, 2023;
  - SeoRhin Yoo, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, dated June 14, 2023; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Hill

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (10 to 0)**

### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hill entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

Mayor Clark provided opening commentary.

#### **4.1 2024/2025 Budget Inflationary & Phase-in Decisions [GPC2023-0617]**

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided along with an additional report of the Corporate Financial Services Division regarding budget reduction allocations.

The following letters were also provided:

- Ari Avivi, dated June 14, 2023;
- SeoRhin Yoo, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, dated June 14, 2023.

Chief Financial Officer Hack presented the report with a PowerPoint. A motion putting forward the recommendation was made.

Committee presented questions to the Administration regarding content in the reports and subsequent process to be followed. Two recesses were taken during the discussion, from 10:35 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. and from 11:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. All members of Council were in attendance following the recesses.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

1. That the Administration be directed to include option 2 in the 2024/2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget; and

2. That the report of the Corporate Financial Services Division regarding the 2024 and 2025 budget reduction allocations be accepted as information.

#### IN DEFERRAL

**Moved By:** Councillor Hill

That Administration report back with a preliminary budget for 2024 & 2025 with a maximum 4% budget (property tax) increase in each year as a base for Council budget discussions. The administration should review each business line and align priorities, as best possible, with the current 2022-25 Strategic Plan. The proposed budget should include clear and transparent details of adjustments for each line so that Council will have all information to determine what the final decision will be for each business line.

#### APPEAL

**Moved By:** Councillor Gersher

That the ruling from the Chair that the deferral motion put forward by Councillor Hill is "in order" be overruled.

In Favour: (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, and Councillor Loewen

Against: (7): Mayor Clark, Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

**DEFEATED (4 to 7)**

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

That the hour of the meeting be extended beyond 1:00 p.m. until the completion of the deferral motion and any motions arising from following that.

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

Against: (1): Councillor Dubois

**CARRIED (10 to 1)**

#### VOTE ON THE DEFERRAL MOTION

In Favour: (5): Councillor Davies, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Dubois, Councillor Hill, and Councillor Kirton

Against: (6): Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gersher, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Loewen

**DEFEATED (5 to 6)**

Councillor Dubois excused herself from the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

**Moved By:** Councillor Jeffries

That Administration be directed to bring back enough options in future reporting in the coming months (in advance of final budget deliberations) that, if adopted by committee, would narrow the revenue gap to \$11.5 million.

The Chair ruled this motion to be out of order and therefore was not considered or voted on.

**Moved By:** Councillor Gough

That Governance and Priorities Committee affirm a strategic inflation and phase-in and gradual service level review approach to budget preparations as started in the reports presented at the June 22 special budget meeting and that future deliberations of these reports provide, as best as possible, the gradual impacts the funding gap presented to GPC and the associated projected property tax impact.

The Chair ruled this motion to be out of order and therefore was not considered or voted on.

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

That City Council request of the Board of Police Commissioners that the Saskatoon Police Service budget be submitted earlier than the typical process in order to align with the Governance and Priorities Committee's process for budget preparations, and in order to be incorporated into civic administration's options.

The Chair ruled this motion to be out of order and therefore was not considered or voted on.

The main motion was not voted on and will be put forward to the July 25 special meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

**4.2 Community Support Business Line Information [GPC 2023-0614]**

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to time constraints, this matter was not considered. Administration confirmed that a revised version of the report will come forward to the July 25 special meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

**4.3 Saskatoon Fire Business Line Information Report [GPC2023-0618]**

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to time constraints, this matter was not considered. Administration confirmed that a revised version of the report will come forward to the July 25 special meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

**4.4 Arts, Culture and Events Venues Business Line Budgetary Information [GPC 2023-0614]**

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to time constraints, this matter was not considered. Administration confirmed that a revised version of the report will come forward to the July 25 special meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

**4.5 Taxation and General Revenues Business Line Budgetary Information [GPC 2023-0615]**

A report of the Corporate Financial Services Division was provided.

Due to time constraints, this matter was not considered. Administration confirmed that a revised version of the report will come forward to the July 25 special meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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Mayor C. Clark, Chair

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A. Tittlemore, City Clerk