



PUBLIC MINUTES
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

PRESENT: Councillor S. Gersher, Chair
His Worship Mayor C. Clark
Councillor C. Block, via teleconference
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor H. Gough
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor Z. Jeffries, via teleconference
Councillor D. Kirton

ABSENT: Councillor T. Davies
Councillor B. Dubois
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

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 Hill

That Committee move *In Camera* in order for the Administration to provide reasons for the City Manager Update to be considered *In Camera*.

In Favour (8): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee convened *In Camera* at 9:35 a.m. and returned at 9:50 a.m. with all members in attendance (Councillors Jeffries and Block virtual).

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

1. That Item 13.4 - Land Negotiations be added to the *In Camera* portion of the agenda as urgent business;
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

In Favour (8): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Kirton

That the minutes of meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee dated December 12, 2023 be adopted.

In Favour (8): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. **REQUESTS TO SPEAK (new matters)**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS (requiring the direction of the Committee)**
8. **ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**
 - 8.1 **Decision Reports**
 - 8.2 **Approval Reports**

8.2.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District – Private Partner Procurement Approach [DEED2023-01]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

City Manager Jorgenson provided a brief introduction of the matter. Director of Technical Services Willems provided a PowerPoint and responded to questions.

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Governance & Priorities Committee recommend to City Council that the procurement approach for a private partner for operations management of one or both of the anchor facilities for the Downtown Event and Entertainment District, as outlined in the January 17, 2024 report of the Transportation and Construction Division, be approved.

In Favour (8): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That Administration report to City Council with potential wording for inclusion of a request for the bidder's approach to creating good jobs for those working within the facility including wage livability considerations in the plan for community benefit outcome element list.

In Favour (6): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Against (2): Councillor Donauer, and Councillor Hill

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED

8.3 Information Reports

Moved By: Councillor Hill

That the reports submitted as Items 8.3.1 to 8.3.4 be received as information.

In Favour (8): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.1 Downtown Event and Entertainment District - Navigating the Path Forward Beyond the Preliminary Funding Strategy [DEED2023-01]

A report of the Transportation and Construction Division was provided.

City Manager Jorgenson provided a brief introduction and Director of Technical Services Willems presented the report. Together they responded to questions.

The meeting recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. with all members in attendance (Councillors Block and Jeffries virtual).

8.3.2 Referral List – Governance and Priorities Committee – January 2024 [GPC2024-0103]

A report of the City Clerk's Office was provided.

City Clerk Tittlemore presented the referral reports under Items 8.3.2, 8.3.3 and 8.3.4.

8.3.3 Referral List – City Council – January 2024 [GPC2024-0101]

A report of the City Clerk's Office was provided and presented under Item 8.3.2.

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That Item No. 1 - Civic Revenues - Trends and Analysis be removed from the City Council Referral List.

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

Against (4): Councillor Donauer, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

DEFEATED ON A TIE VOTE

The City Clerk indicated that a notification regarding the issue will be brought to the attention of the Board of Police Commissioners.

8.3.4 Inquiries and Notice of Motions – January 2024 [GPC2024-0102]

A report of the City Clerk's Office was provided and presented under Item 8.3.2.

9. MOTIONS (notice previously given)

10. URGENT BUSINESS

11. GIVING NOTICE

12. VERBAL UPDATES

12.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor, FCM/SUMA, Boards, Committees and Commissions

Mayor Clark provided an update on his recent meeting and visit with Minister François-Philippe Champagne in Saskatoon.

12.2 Administration

13. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Donauer

That the Committee move *In Camera* to consider the following items.

In Favour (8): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Block, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (3): Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.1 Land Matter

[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Section 17(1)(d) and (e) of LAFOIP]

13.2 Verbal Updates

**13.2.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA;
Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel
Subcommittee (if required)**

13.2.2 Administration

13.2.2.1 City Manager Updates

*[In Camera - Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1),
18(1), 19 and 20 of LAFOIP]*

13.3 Appointments - Boards, Commissions and Committees [CK 225-4-3]

*[In Camera - Consultations/Deliberations; Personal Information - Sections
16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of LAFOIP]*

**13.3.1 Appointment - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory
Committee**

13.3.2 Appointment - Pension Benefits Committee

13.3.3 Appointment - Saskatoon Public Library

13.3.4 Appointment - Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation Board of Directors and Centennial Auditorium Foundation Board of Directors (TCU Place)

13.3.5 Resignation - Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

13.3.6 Resignation - Public Art Advisory Committee

13.3.7 Resignation - Seasonal Pension Plan Board

13.3.8 Sutherland Business Improvement District

13.4 Land Negotiations

[In Camera - Negotiations - Section 16(1)(c) of LAFOIP]

14. RISE AND REPORT

The Committee convened *In Camera* at 11:25 a.m. The following were in attendance as noted:

- All Committee members, with the exception of Councillors Loewen, Dubois and Davies (Councillors Jeffries and Block virtual)
- City Manager Jorgenson
- City Solicitor Yelland
- City Clerk Tittlemore
- Deputy City Clerk Bryant
- Chief Financial Officer Hack (portion virtual)
- General Manager, Community Services Lacroix
- General Manager, Environment & Utilities Gardiner (portion virtual)
- General Manager, Transportation & Construction Schmidt
- Chief of Public Policy and Government Relations Jordan (portion virtual)
- Fire Chief Hackl for items 13.1 and 13.2.2.1
- Director of Major Projects & Preservation Willems for item 13.1
- Director of Planning & Development Anderson
- Director of Saskatoon Land Long for items 13.1 and 13.2.2.1

- Real Estate Manager McCaig for item 13.1
- Chief of Staff Beveridge, for portion of item 13.1 and 13.4 (virtual)

The Committee recessed at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:48 p.m. Councillor Block excused herself from meeting and was not present for consideration of Items 13.3 and 13.4. Committee moved to consider Item 13.4 prior to 13.3.

All remainder of administration were excused for item 13.3, with the exception of the City Solicitor, City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

The Committee moved to rise and report. The *In Camera* portion of the meeting recessed at 2:37 p.m.

Committee reconvened publicly, and reported as follows:

13.1 Land Matter

[In Camera - Economic/Financial - Land - Section 17(1)(d) and (e) of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 17(1)(d) and (e) of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Verbal Updates

13.2.1 Council Members - His Worship the Mayor; FCM/SUMA; Boards, Committees & Commissions; Personnel Subcommittee

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the information and the discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19, 20 and 21 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Kirton, and Councillor Loewen

Against (1): Councillor Hill

Absent (3): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, and Councillor Dubois

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2.2 Administration

13.2.2.1 City Manager Updates

[In Camera - Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19 and 20 LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Gough

That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 13, 14(1), 15(1), 16(1), 17(1), 18(1), 19 and 20 of *LAFOIP*.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED

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13.3.8 Sutherland Business Improvement District

13.3.9 Appointment to Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (added)

Moved By: Councillor Gough

1. That the recommended appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees and any further direction, as noted by the City Clerk, be reported to the January 31, 2024 Regular Business meeting; and
2. That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Sections 16(1)(b) and (d) and 28 of LAFOIP.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4 Land Negotiations

[In Camera - Negotiations - Section 16(1)(c) of LAFOIP]

Moved By: Councillor Gough

1. That the Mayor, Councillors Donauer and Dubois be authorized to share and discuss applicable information with corresponding SUMA representatives in Regina, and that additional correspondence from the Mayor's Office be sent to the Minister; and
2. That the information and discussion remain *In Camera* under Section 16(1)(c) of LAFOIP.

In Favour (7): Councillor Gersher, Mayor Clark, Councillor Donauer, Councillor Gough, Councillor Hill, Councillor Jeffries, and Councillor Kirton

Absent (4): Councillor Block, Councillor Davies, Councillor Dubois, and Councillor Loewen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Councillor S. Gersher, Chair

City Clerk A. Tittlemore