
Budget Committee

Date

2019/06/26

Time

1:27 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Council Chamber,
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Members Present

Councillor Stephan Dasko	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3 (Arrived at 1:30pm)
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
Councillor Dipika Damerla	Ward 7
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9 (Departed at 2:25pm)
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10 (Chair)
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

Members Absent

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	(Chair)
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6

Staff Present

Janice Baker, City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer
Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Paul Mitcham, Commissioner of Community Services
Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Andrew Whittemore, Commissioner of Planning and Building
Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer, Corporate Services
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
Sacha Smith, Manager of Legislative Services and Deputy Clerk
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services Division

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:27PM
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved (Councillor Saito)
3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.
4. DEPUTATIONS
- 4.1. Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer with respect to the 2020 – 2023 Business Plan and 2020 Preliminary Budget Overview (Item 6.1)

Mr. Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2020-2023 Business Plan and 2020 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Jackson noted the economic outlook, strategic plan progress, opportunities and challenges, preliminary operating budget and tax rate forecasts, infrastructure levy maintenance, budget engagement and future steps.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following concerns:

- Suggested altering the budget timeline to have the City's budget be presented after the Region of Peel's budget given the provincial changes that will affect the Region's overall budget;
- Inquired about the asphalt prices and surrounding competition;
- Debt repayment levy;
- Peel Region's growth rate;
- Development charges;
- Inquired what the percentage would be for 2020 budget with the inclusion of the winter maintenance options.

Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works and Mr. Jackson responded to questions from Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer with respect to the 2020 – 2023 Business Plan and 2020 Preliminary Budget Overview be received.

Received (Councillor Ras)
Recommendation BC-0018-2019

Councillor Fonseca arrived at the meeting at 1:30pm during Item 4.1.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Chris Mackie, MIRANET inquired about the capital budget, potential Bill 108 impacts, operating surplus, reserve funds, property taxes, and storm water capital borrowing. Jeff Jackson, Director of Finance and Treasurer responded by noting that capital budget for 2020 is fixed and that the capital budget projects are being reviewed and prioritized. Gary Kent, Commissioner, Corporate Services noted that there is variance of where the funds materialize from and the reserves are based on timing. Janice Baker, CAO and City Manager noted that the City takes the long view in regards to operating surpluses in order to reduce risk and build up the reserves for future operational pressures. Mr. Kent further noted that the surplus does go back to the tax payers through projects for the community. Mr. Jackson clarified that the City has not partaken in capital borrowing in the last few years.

Andrew Gassmann, President of Cooksville-Munden Park Homeowners' Association and Resident expressed his concern regarding the increasing property taxes rates. Mr. Gassmann suggested making cuts regarding non-essential services and he further noted that MiWay should be operating with hybrid and electric forms of transportation in order to help save on cost. Ms. Baker responded by noting that purchasing electric buses would cost exponentially more and that the City's current facilities would require renovations to maintain and upkeep a fleet of electric buses. Therefore savings would exist on the operational side, however the capital side would increase. Ms. Baker noted that electric buses are in consideration for the future, however currently not feasible.

Councillor McFadden, Acting Mayor departed the meeting at 2:15pm during the discussion of Public Question Period. Councillor Carlson took over as Chair of the meeting following Councillor McFadden's departure.

Councillor Saito departed the meeting at 2:25pm.
Budget Committee lost quorum and recessed at 2:31pm.

Councillor McFadden returned and resumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.
Budget Committee regained quorum and recommenced the meeting at 2:40pm.

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1. 2018 Year-End Report on Reserves and Reserve Funds

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the "2018 Year-End report on Reserves and Reserve Funds" report dated May 27, 2019, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, including Appendix 1, be received;
2. That an Affordable Housing Reserve Fund (35596) be established.
3. That the Municipal Accommodation Tax – Revenue Stabilization Reserve Fund (35590) be closed.
4. That all required By-laws be enacted.

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie			X	
Councillor S. Dasko			X	
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish			X	
Councillor R. Starr			X	
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito			X	
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Received (Councillor Ras) (7, 0, 5 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0019-2019

6.2. Winter Maintenance Service Level Improvements

Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works briefly spoke to the report regarding seeking direction on the presented options. Councillor Carlson recommended that this item be deferred to the next Council meeting on July 3rd, 2019 for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated June 21, 2019 and entitled "Winter Maintenance Service Level Improvements" be referred to the July 3, 2019 Council meeting.

RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie			X	
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor K. Ras	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor C. Parrish			X	
Councillor R. Starr			X	
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor P. Saito			X	

Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor G. Carlson	X			

Approved (Councillor Carlson) (8, 0, 4 - Absent)
Recommendation BC-0020-2019

7. CLOSED SESSION – Nil.
8. ADJOURNMENT – 2:45 PM (Councillor Damerla)