



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2025

4:30 pm

Council Chambers, Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent

Present: Mayor Pachal
Councillor Albrecht
Councillor James
Councillor Mack
Councillor Solyom
Councillor Wallace
Councillor White

Staff Present: F. Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Beddow, Deputy Director of Development Services
J. Filkov, Manager of Financial Planning and Reporting
G. Flack, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
K. Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services
C. Johannsen, Director of Development Services
S. Kennedy, Fire Chief
K. Kenney, Corporate Officer
D. Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment
B. Zeller, Manager of Human Resources

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Pachal began by acknowledging the land on which we gather is on the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the January 27, 2025 special meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council commence Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

a. Community Organization Information Session - Raphael House

Scott Thiessen, Managing Director, representing Raphael House, a local charitable organization in the city, provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the expanding scope of work of the organization since its inception in 2020, during COVID, as a mobile food bank, to its permanent location on Douglas Crescent supporting Langley families in need by providing them with groceries, life skills, and resources. Mr. Thiessen advised that the organization is currently serving nearly 400 families weekly.

Mr. Thiessen responded to questions from Council members regarding the following:

- The potential to have a mural painted on the building's back wall;
- The origins of the name of their organization;
- Their partnership with Langley Community Services Society.

Before consideration of the following item, Councillor Mack declared a conflict of interest as she owns a business on the Fraser Hwy. one-way where the construction project is being undertaken. Councillor Mack left the meeting at 4:50 pm.

b. Fraser Highway One-way Utilities and Public Realm Project Update -

David Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

Mr. Pollock provided an update on the Fraser Highway One-Way Utilities and Public Realm Project, providing information on the following:

- Substantial completion of section on 206 St.;
- Commencement of work on Fraser Hwy. from Salt Lane to 206 St.;
- Fencing erected around the work site and other security measures implemented to protect businesses;
- Improved project, parking, and way-finding signage to be erected in response to feedback from businesses;
- Ongoing communication methods to keep businesses and residents informed of the status of the project;
- Substantial completion of project expected by August.

Staff responded to questions from Council members regarding the following:

- Preserving a section of the original roadway for heritage purposes;
- Who is paying for security personnel on site;
- Any challenges arising during construction;
- Addressing site safety with the contractor;
- Timing of road restoration.

Councillor Mack returned to the meeting at 5:06 pm.

c. 2025 Financial Plan (Budget) - Opportunity for Process Clarification Questions

Graham Flack, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer

Mr. Flack provided an update on where the Financial Plan is in terms of the approval process and advised of steps for putting forward any amendments to the financial plan bylaw at first and second reading.

Ms. Kenney provided an overview of procedural and logistical steps to be followed should any information need to be conveyed to Council in a closed session.

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RISE AND REPORT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED

5. RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

n/a

6. MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Council Meeting immediately following this meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to items which comply with the following closed meeting criteria specified in Section 90 of the Community Charter:

- 1(c) labour relations or other employee relations;
 - (d) the security of the property of the municipality;
 - (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
 - (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report];
 - (n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);
- 2 (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED a Council member advised they would be seeking clarity on the rationale for Item 3a. to be in the closed agenda.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and the motion was

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 5:15 pm and reconvened at 6:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:47 pm.

CARRIED

Signed:

MAYOR

Certified Correct:

CORPORATE OFFICER