

General Purpose Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 4th, 2000

Place: Council Chambers
2nd Floor, Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Acting Mayor
Councillor Linda Barnes (3:47 p.m.)
Councillor Malcolm Brodie
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Councillor Ken Johnston
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai

Absent: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was MOVED and SECONDED
That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, December 7th, 1999, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

2. **NEW COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW**
(Report: Dec. 14/99; File: 8060-20-7070; REDMS No. 123386, 115543)

City Clerk Richard McKenna reviewed his report and a number of the proposed amendments to the Council Procedure bylaw with Committee members. He noted during his review that the new bylaw would ensure that the City was in compliance with the requirements of Bill 88.

A brief discussion ensued on such issues as:

- the use of the clause which required the Mayor to leave the Chair if he wished to speak to a motion, if Council so wished; and
- whether it was necessary to include a clause which would establish a termination time beyond 11:00 p.m. for all Council meetings.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) ***That Council Procedure Bylaw 7070 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.***
- (2) ***That the Council Policy (No. 1103, adopted in 1993) regarding the public release of Council agendas, be rescinded.***

CARRIED

3. **BURGLAR ALARMS**

Reference was made by Acting Mayor Harold Steves to a recent newspaper article (a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office) which reported on a burglary at a commercial business in the City, and on the lack of response by the RCMP. He asked that staff report on this matter to the Committee. As a result, the following **referral** motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff report to Council through the General Purposes Committee at the earliest opportunity, on the issue of burglar alarms, both legitimate and false, and the lack of response by the RCMP.

Prior to the question being called, staff were directed to include in the report, information on:

- (i) why the incident occurred in the first place;
- (ii) how such an incident would be dealt with in the future; and
- (iii) those offences for which owners of alarm systems were being charged or not charged in the event that a false alarm occurred at their residence or place of business.

The question on the motion was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting adjourn (3:53 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, January 4th, 2000.

Councillor Harold Steves, Acting Mayor

Fran J. Ashton,
Executive Assistant