



Finance Committee

Date:

Monday, October 3, 2011

Place:

Anderson Room

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

Councillor Linda Barnes Councillor Derek Dang

Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt Councillor Greg Halsey-Brandt Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt Councillor Ken Johnston Councillor Bill McNulty Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. 2012 PERMISSIVE EXEMPTION BYLAW 8793

(File Ref. No. 03-0925-02-01) (REDMS No. 3260855)

It was moved and seconded

That the 2012 Permissive Exemption Bylaw 8793 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

The question on the motion was not called as a discussion ensued between members of Committee and staff regarding the exemption of the leaseholder of the City-owned Scotch Pond, at 2220 Chatham Street.

Reference was made to the July, 2011 referral to staff, wherein the General Purposes Committee requested that staff report back on the status of Scotch Pond including future plans, community initiatives and an update on any activities.

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Staff was directed to provide a memorandum to Council, before the Tuesday, October 11, 2011 Council meeting, detailing: (i) the status of the Scotch Pond Heritage Society; (ii) the agreement between the City and Scotch Pond Heritage Society; and (iii) the Society's tax exemption.

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

2. CONSOLIDATED FEES BYLAW NO. 8636, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 8798 BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW NO. 7360, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 8799

(File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3282872, 3280202, 3280163, 3279315)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) That Consolidated Fee Bylaw No. 8636, Amendment Bylaw No. 8798 which introduces a Business Licence Fee Schedule and increases all fees by 2% as detailed in the report from Director, Finance be introduced and given first, second and third readings; and
- (2) That Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, Amendment Bylaw No. 8799 that deletes the Business Licence Fee Schedule as described in the staff report dated September 12, 2011 from the Director, Finance be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

The question on the motion was not called as staff responded to Committee queries regarding business licences for adult oriented uses, and attendance by City staff at false alarms generated by security systems. Staff then responded to a further query regarding building inspector fees.

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

3. 2ND QUARTER 2011 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL CORPORATION (File Ref. No.) (REDMS No. 3365025)

Committee requested that Oval staff provide Council with more detailed analysis regarding ice usage, track usage and court usage, beyond the overall percentage of use in the three separate zones.

In response to a query, John Mills, General Manager, Richmond Olympic Oval, advised that the Oval is attracting a new market of users, and is not drawing interest, or users, away from the City's community centres.

It was moved and seconded

That the report on Financial Information for the Richmond Olympic Oval Corporation for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011 from the Controller of the Richmond Olympic Oval Corporation be received for information.

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4. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jerry Chong, Director of Finance, introduced Committee to the City's new Manager of Budgets and Accounting, Nashater Sanghera.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded That the meeting adjourn (4:12 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie Chair

Sheila Johnston Committee Clerk