



General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, November 29, 2021

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was moved and seconded

That December Council Meeting Schedule be added to the agenda as Item No. 2A, Port of Vancouver Shipping Container Storage be added to the agenda as Item No. 2B, and Dike Upgrade Program be added to the agenda as Item No. 2C.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on November 15, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

1. **APPLICATION TO AMEND FOOD PRIMARY LIQUOR LICENCE #179381 – TANG VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT & BAR LTD AT 180 - 8611 ALEXANDRA ROAD**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-30-001) (REDMS No. 6779679)

Discussion ensued with regard to the location of restaurant in relation to surrounding businesses and rates of police incidents in the area.

Connie Tang, applicant, spoke on her application, noting that the proposed expansion of liquor hours will support her business and will allow liquor service for patrons who work later hours.

Discussion then ensued with regard to a review of the application and conducting additional consultation, and as a result, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the staff report titled, “Application to Amend Food Primary Liquor Licence #179381 – Tang Vietnamese Restaurant & Bar Ltd at 180 - 8611 Alexandra Road”, dated October 27, 2021, from the General Manager, Community Safety, be referred back to staff for additional public consultation, and report back.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Mayor Brodie and
Cllrs. Au
Hobbs
Loo
McNulty
McPhail
Steves

It was moved and seconded

(1) That the application from Tang Vietnamese Restaurant & Bar Ltd., for an amendment to Food Primary Licence #179381, requesting an increase to their hours of liquor service from Monday to Saturday, 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM and Sunday, 11:00 AM to Midnight, to Monday to Sunday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM, be supported, with no change to the total person capacity which will remain the same at 72 Occupants; and

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- (2) *That a letter be sent to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, which includes the information attached as Appendix A (Attachment 1), advising that Council recommends the approval of the licence amendment for the reason that this amendment has been determined, following public consultation, to be acceptable in the area and community.*

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllr. Day

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

2. **ADVANCE PLANNING FOR THE 2022 ELECTION**

(File Ref. No. 99-LAW) (REDMS No. 6786510)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) including mail ballot options for the 2022 General Local Election, (ii) streamlining the election budget, and (iii) distributing the candidate profiles to all residents.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That a divisional-voting approach to the 2022 election, which is consistent with the current Civic Election Administration and Procedure Bylaw No. 7244, and as generally described in the staff report dated November 4, 2021 from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be approved; and*
- (2) *That mail ballot eligibility be expanded to all electors in Richmond, as noted in Option 2 of the staff report titled, "Advance Planning for the 2022 Election", dated November 4, 2021, from the Director, City Clerk's Office.*

CARRIED

2A. **DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with regard to cancelling the December 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, and as a result, the following **motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the Regular (Open and Closed) Council Meeting scheduled for December 20, 2021 be cancelled and that a Special (Open and Closed) Council Meeting be scheduled for December 15, 2021.

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2B. PORT OF VANCOUVER SHIPPING CONTAINER STORAGE

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with regard to the temporary storage location of Port of Vancouver shipping containers along a Port industrial site along No. 8 Road and alternative locations in the province.

In reply to queries, staff noted that the site is designated industrial and pose no impact to farmland. Also, staff added that they can seek more information on the matter from the Port.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff discuss with Port of Vancouver the temporary storage of shipping containers on the Port of Vancouver industrial site along No. 8 Road, and report back.

CARRIED

2C. DIKE UPGRADE PROGRAM

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued with regard to (i) assessing the City's flood prevention infrastructure, (ii) preparing for rising tidal waters and extreme weather events, and (iii) expanding the City's budget to accommodate for dike enhancements.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral motion** was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That staff comment and advise on options to improve and expedite the City's Dike Improvement Program, and report back.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued with regard to (i) utilizing federal grant funding, (ii) reviewing flood mitigation measures adopted in other jurisdictions, and (iii) improving public awareness of the City's dike system.

In reply to queries, staff noted that a report on related referrals on the matter will be presented to Council in the second quarter next year.

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (4:45 p.m.).

CARRIED

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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 Monday, November 29, 2021.

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
Chair

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Legislative Services Associate