

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

August 20, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 Main Street SE

PRESENT

Mayor P. Brown
Councillor R. Chapman
Councillor A. Jones
Councillor C. Kolson
Councillor T. Petrow
Councillor H. Spearman

STAFF

H. Galanti, City Manager
M. Pirie, Fire Chief
J. Kostuk, Deputy Fire Chief
M. Labait, Manager Revenue and Assessment
T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk
J. DeVreeze, Team Leader Affordable Housing
K. Harris, Culture and Heritage
T. Odogu, Planner II
K. Spence, Council Technician
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Deputy Mayor D. Belyk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 1:00 PM

1. Public Hearing / Bylaw No. B-28/2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Vantage Rise NSP Area (Tega Odogu, Planner II)

A Public Hearing is being held on Bylaw No. B-28/2024, being a bylaw to amend Section 8.1(3) of Land Use Bylaw No. B-01/2016 by redistricting 0.42ha (1.04ac) of land legally described as NE-34-26-1-W5, from Low-Rise Multifamily Residential District (R3) to Community Commercial District (C2) to provide additional commercial lands needed for the potential development of a health care centre within the Vantage Rise neighbourhood.

Mayor Brown declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. B-28/2024 open at 1:05 p.m.

T. Odogu, Planner II. presented Bylaw No. B-28/2024. In response to a question, T. Odogu confirmed that while there is no definitive plan for the commercial area yet, it will be located on a major corridor which is far from the residential development.

Lauren Lambert, B & A, representing Qualico Communities, shared a PowerPoint presentation. There were no questions from Council.

Mayor Brown asked three times if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favour of Bylaw No. B-28/2024. There were no responses.

The Clerk confirmed that no written e-mail submissions had been received in favour of Bylaw No. B-28/2024.

Mayor Brown asked three times if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to Bylaw No. B-28/2024. There were no responses.

The Clerk confirmed that no written e-mail submissions had been received in opposition to Bylaw No. B-28/2024.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. B-28/2024 at 1:18 p.m.

T. Odogu concluded the Staff presentation by reviewing alternatives for Council's consideration and presenting Staff's recommendation.

2024-C-284

Moved By Councillor Petrow

That Council gives First Reading to Bylaw No. B-28/2024, being a bylaw to amend Section 8.1(3) of Land Use Bylaw No. B-01/2016, by redistricting 0.42ha (1.04ac) of land legally described as NE-34-26-1-W5 from Low-Rise Multi-family Residential District (R3) to Community Commercial District (C2), as outlined and illustrated in the attached Schedule "A".

Carried

2024-C-285

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw No. B-28/2024.

Carried

2024-C-286

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council grants permission for Third Reading of Bylaw No. B-28/2024.

Carried Unanimously

2024-C-287

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw No. B-28/2024.

Carried

3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

There are no items.

4. PUBLIC AGENDA - Immediately Following Public Hearing

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular meeting of July 2, 2024 and the Special meeting of July 18, 2024

Corrections to the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 2, 2024 were noted under Public Hearings. The title, "Honorary Consul Ghana" was deleted between the words, "Margaret Adu" and "Managing Director of Aomega Lodges" on page 2. The sentence, "Mayor for a Day Vincent B left the meeting at 2:24 p.m. and turned the Chair over to Mayor Brown" was added on page 3.

2024-C-288

Moved By Councillor Petrow

That Council adopts the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 2, 2024, as amended and the Special meeting of July 18, 2024, as presented.

Carried

6. CONSENT AGENDA

2024-C-289

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council accepts the following reports included on the consent agenda, for information:

- Proclamation – National Forest Week;
- Proclamation – Thumbs Up Foundation;
- Proclamation/Illumination – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; and
- Proclamation – National Legion Week.

Carried

7. BYLAWS (not requiring public hearing)

There are no items.

8. AGENDA REPORTS

1. Habitat for Humanity Funding Request (Jessica DeVreeze, Team Leader Affordable Housing and Monica Labait, Manager of Revenue and Assessment)

2024-C-290

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council approves a budget adjustment to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund totaling \$61,000 in support of the Habitat project related to the property taxes and predevelopment costs which, combined with other City incentives, provides a net contribution of \$100,500 from the City towards this non-profit project.

Carried

2. Legion Request to Rename the Park at the Cenotaph (Kim Harris, Culture and Heritage)

2024-C-291

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council endorses Administration's recommendation to rename Veterans Memorial Park located at 275 Jensen Drive to Field of Valour Park.

Carried

3. Letter of Reference – Circle Connections for Reconciliation Society Application for the Culture Stream Grant (Tammy Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk)

2024-C-292

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council ratifies a letter of reference for the Circle Connections for Reconciliation Society's application to the Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative - Culture Stream Grant Program for \$100,000 in funding to complete a series of workshops by engaging Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Indigenous professionals to progress Truth and Reconciliation in our area.

Carried

4. Support Application for a Wildfire Grant (James Kostuk, Deputy Fire Chief)

2024-C-293

Moved By Councillor Petrow

That Council endorses the Airdrie Fire Department's application to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta FireSmart Grant program for funding to be used towards the creation of a community wildfire preparedness guide.

Carried

RECESS

Mayor Brown called a recess at 2:29 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:41 p.m.

5. Half-Masting at City Fire Stations - Verbal Report (Tammy Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk)

2024-C-294

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council ratifies its decision to support a request to lower the flags at each of the three City fire stations from August 7, 2024 to dusk on the day of the memorial service to recognize and honour the Calgary wildland firefighter who lost his life fighting the Jasper wildfires.

Carried

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Community Safety and Social Services

1. Chair Update (Verbal)

Councillor Chapman advised that Community Safety and Social Services standing committee has only had one meeting with the public members in place. He is fine with how it is going so far.

2. Community and Corporate Services

1. Chair Update (Verbal)

Councillor Petrow advised that the conversations at Community and Corporate Services standing committee have been great and the public members are contributing well, but not much has been done yet. Sometimes all of Council is at the meeting, so the item could have gone straight to Council. She is hopeful it will go well and get better as we go along.

3. Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth

1. Chair Update (Verbal)

Councillor Jones advised that the public members on Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth standing committee are great and bring a different perspective than Council. One thing that is different is that the rhetoric does not go on as long as before.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Policy on Use of Council Chambers (Councillor Kolson)

2024-C-295

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council directs Administration to draft a Council Policy regarding the use of Council Chambers that specifically states that the City of Airdrie's Council Chambers will be used only for official Council meetings, official Council committee meetings, and by Administration for internal staff meetings, staff-led workshops and City Hall tours.

Carried

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

2024-C-296

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council excuses Deputy Mayor Belyk from the meeting.

Carried

12. UPDATE ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

1. Council Follow-up to August 20, 2024

H. Galanti advised that there are six items on the list and all are progressing well. The closest items will be presented in November and December 2024. Council could continue the conversation relating to the new User Fees and Charges Bylaw on September 17th.

13. CLOSED SESSION - Immediately following Public Agenda

2024-C-297

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council enters the Closed Meeting at 3:40 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Agreement Update - Section 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
2. Citizen Member Board Appointment – Section 29 (Information that is or will be available to the public) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
3. Council Workflows - Section 24 (Advice from Officials) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
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With the following:

PRESENT

Mayor P. Brown
Councillor R. Chapman
Councillor A. Jones
Councillor C. Kolson
Councillor T. Petrow
Councillor H. Spearman

The following staff members were present to provide advice to officials:

STAFF

H. Galanti, City Manager,
S. Schindeler, Director Corporate Services and CFO,
L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure,
K. Wilkin, Manager Roads and Parks Operations,

T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk,
K. Spence, Council Technician, and
K. Rushford, who recorded the meeting.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Deputy Mayor D. Belyk

Carried

2024-C-298

Moved by Councillor Spearman

That Council leaves the Closed Session at 4:48 p.m.

Carried

14. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

2024-C-299

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council directs Administration to proceed as discussed for Item 13.1 Agreement Update in the Closed Session and approves a Capital budget amendment of \$1.5M adding Project #1978 to the 2024 Capital Budget to be funded with debt.

Carried

2024-C-300

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council appoints Tamara Matraya and Judy Dufort as citizen representatives to serve on The City of Airdrie Library Board effective August 20, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to complete the remainder of the 2024 year term and also for a three-year term effective January 1, 2025 ending December 31, 2027.

Carried

2024-C-301

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council directs Administration to proceed as discussed during Closed Session item 13.3.

Carried

2024-C-302

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council directs Administration to revise Flag Policy No. MED-07-C as discussed during Closed Session item 13.4 with respect to half-masting at City fire stations and to return to Council with an amended policy for approval.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk