

## **COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**November 15, 2024**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**400 Main Street SE**

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **STAFF**

H. Galanti, City Manager  
M. Lock, Director Community Services  
S. Schindeler, Director Corporate Services & CFO  
L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure  
S. Utz, Director Strategic Growth and Investment  
K. Weinberger, Director Community Safety & Social Services  
B. Anderson, Manager Recreation Services  
C. Aragon, Manager Culture, Heritage and Events  
M. Bigney, Manager Finance  
M. Labait, Manager Treasury  
C. Satink, Manager Legislative Services & IGM/City Clerk  
S. Weihmann, Manager Corporate Strategy, Efficiency & Performance  
T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk  
K. Spence, Council Technician  
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

#### **1. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### **2. 2025 BUDGET DELIBERATION MEETING - DAY 2**

#### **3. PUBLIC AGENDA - 9:00 AM**

1. Administration opening remarks (Shannon Schindeler, Director of Corporate Services and Meghan Bigney, Manager of Finance)

M. Bigney gave opening remarks.

#### **4. CONTINUATION OF AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **5. DIRECTOR PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

## 6. People & Organizational Effectiveness

S. Weihmann, Manager Corporate Strategy, Efficiency & Performance, presented the People & Organizational Effectiveness budget.

A question was asked about Training and Travel costs. S. Schindeler confirmed that all travel outside of Canada must be approved by a Director, which includes the cost of training and hotels. This was put on the parking lot.

## 7. Corporate Services

S. Schindeler, Director Corporate Services & CFO, presented the Corporate Services budget.

S. Schindeler advised that Airdrie is at the maximum for the Electrical Franchise Agreement with Fortis, and slightly below the maximum for the Gas Franchise Agreement with Atco. Administration had heard from the Provincial government that there may be some changes about collecting franchise fees in 2025; however, Minister Neudorf has confirmed that there will be no further changes with franchise fees other than those recently made.

S. Schindeler outlined the income and expenditures related to this directorate and confirmed that Administration will continue looking at ways to implement user fees (such as credit card user fees).

## 8. Environmental Services

L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure, presented the Environmental Services budget.

In response to a question, L. Stevens confirmed that regulations recommend self-contained wire cages for materials such as paint, batteries and propane. Airdrie is currently deficient in those operations.

M. Labait presented Utility Rate Comparisons across Municipalities between 2024 and 2025. There was discussion about Okotoks and Cochrane and the limitations they are facing with their existing facilities.

**2024-C-357**

**Moved By** Councillor Belyk

That Council accepts the People & Organizational Effectiveness presentation for information.

**Carried**

**2024-C-358**

**Moved By** Councillor Jones

That Council accepts the Corporate Services presentation for information.

**Carried**

**2024-C-359**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Spearman

That Council accepts the Environmental Services presentation for information.

**Carried**

**6. CLOSED SESSION - Discussions as needed throughout the meeting**

**2024-C-360**

**Moved By** Councillor Kolson

That Council enters the Closed Meeting at 9:59 a.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Personnel Update- Section 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

With the following:

PRESENT

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

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

STAFF

H. Galanti, City Manager,  
M. Lock, Director Community Services,  
S. Schindeler, Director Corporate Services/CFO,  
K. Weinberger, Director Community Safety & Social Services,  
B. Anderson, Manager Recreation Services,  
C. Aragon, Manager Culture, Heritage and Events,  
C. Beaudry, Manager Human Resources,  
M. Bigney, Manager Finance,  
J. Ramjohn, Manager Strategic Growth Services,  
C. Satink, Manager Legislative Services & IGM/City Clerk,  
S. Weihmann, Manager Corporate Strategy, Efficiency & Performance,  
T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk,  
K. Spence, Council Technician, and  
K. Rushford, who recorded the meeting.

**Carried**

**2024-C-361**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Spearman

That Council leaves the Closed Session at 4:38 p.m.

**Carried**

**2024-C-362**

**Moved By** Councillor Kolson

That Council accepts the Director Presentations for information.

**Carried**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk