MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REDCLIFF TOWN COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012

PRESENT:

Mayor

Councillors

R. Hazelaar

C. Brown, C. Crozier,

D. Kilpatrick (arrived 8:38 a.m.),

E. Reimer, E. Solberg, J. Steinke,

Municipal Manager

Director of Finance and Administration

D. Wolanski

R. Osmond

Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Manager of Legislative and Land Services

Community Services Director Director of Public Services

B. McMillan (left at 9:12 a.m.)

S. Simon (arrived 9:12; left 10:29 a.m.)

C. Murray (arrived 1:55; left at 3:25 p.m.)

D. Schaffer (arrived 10:45 a.m.; left 1:55 p.m.)

9 (nine) total members of the public

arrived at 1:00 p.m.

1. GENERAL

Call to Order

A) Mayor Hazelaar called the special meeting of to order at 8:30 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda

B) Councillor Crozier moved the Agenda be adopted as presented. – Carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Draft 2013 Budget Review

A) Director of F&A introduced new budget sheets that were similar to the managers so that Council would be able to follow more closely.

Bylaw Operating Budget

i) Bylaw Enforcement Officer presented this portion of the budget.

(E. Solberg left at 8:44 am and returned 9:12 am)

Legislative and Land Operating Budget

ii) Manager of Legislative and Land Services presented this portion of the budget. Significant discussion was held in regard to Land Sales estimates.

Development Operating Budget

iii) Manager of Legislative and Land Services presented this portion of the budget. Discussion was held in relation to increasing development permit fees. Budget was maintained as presented and the issue of fees will be discussed at upcoming Committee and Council meetings.

Recess was taken at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Utility Rates Review

iv) This item was brought forward in the morning session

due to availability of time.

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Council discussed utility rates for water, garbage, and sewer.

Question and Answer Session

None – no public present at this time

3. RECESS

Recess for Lunch

Mayor Hazelaar called a recess of the Special Council meeting at 11:57 a.m.

4. RECONVENE

Mayor Hazelaar reconvened the special Council meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Draft 2013 Budget Review (continued)

A) Utility Rates review was continued from the morning.

The public asked a few clarification questions related to the discussion on utility rates such as sewer rebates for Greenhouse operators. Questions were answered by the Director of F&A.

Landfill Operating Budget

v) Landfill Manager (Director of Public Services) presented this portion of the budget.

The public again asked a few clarification issues related to a proposed Waste Management Study. Municipal Manager answered that the Waste Management Study would look at all aspects of waste in the municipality including the provision for recycling.

The public also asked for clarification on the ownership of the Landfill Authority and financial obligations related to loans made to the authority. Director of F&A provided answers in this regard.

Community Services Operating Budget

vi) Community Services Director presented this portion of the budget. Director commented on some concerns related to allocation of wages to certain functions (FCSS) and its impact on programs. Municipal Manager provided clarification and also provided direction that there was a labour issue to be discussed later during an "in camera" session.

(E. Solberg left at 2:15 pm)

Some rates for various programs were discussed; however, budget amounts were left as presented for the most part and rates will be brought forward during rates policy discussions at a later date.

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5. WRAP UP DISCUSSION

Council had further discussions related to proposed changes in local improvements and its potential impact on ratepayers.

Question and Answer Session

vii) Public asked a variety of questions and administration and council provided answers and clarification on such items as:

- Local improvements
- Public engagement initiatives
- Financial management
- FCSS programming and reporting

In Camera

Councillor Crozier moved to meet "in camera" to discuss a labour issue at 3:45 pm.

(all public left at this time)

Return to Open Session

Councillor Crozier moved to return to an open session at 4:10 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

Councillor Steinke moved adjournment of the Special Council meeting at 4:10 p.m. – Carried.

Mayor

Manager of Legislative and Land Services