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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON
CORPORATION BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 12:30 pm
Mayor’s Parlour, City Hall, Hamilton

Present: Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP, Chairman
Councillor Dennis Tucker, MBE, JP
Councillor Lawrence Scott, JP
Councillor Nicholas Swan
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor George Scott, JP
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Councillor Jenefer Brimmer

Apologies: Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP
CFO/Acting City Secretary – Tanya Iris
Assistant City Engineer – Christopher Bulley
Public Relations Manager - Helen Zoellner

Apologies: COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper
Director of HR/Learning and Development – Lindell Foster
Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood
Controller – Siobhan Fubler

In Attendance: Senior Events Co-ordinator - Tamara Smith
Youth Observer - Amiyah Lake

1. Confirmation of Notice

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that the appropriate notices of the meeting were duly given according to the Meeting Guide.

2. Role of the Chairman

Councillor John Harvey confirmed his role as the Chairman as the Mayor joined the meeting remotely as an observer.

3. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12.30 pm.

4. Apologies

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from Mayor Charles Gosling who joined the meeting remotely as an observer, the COO/City Engineer Patrick Cooper who had been represented by the Assistant City Engineer Christopher Bulley, the Director of Marketing and Communications Jessica Astwood who had been represented by the Senior Events Co-ordinator Tamara Smith, the Director of HR/Learning and Development Lindell Foster and the Controller Siobhan Fubler.

5. Public Participation/Presentation

There was no Public Participation/Presentation.

The CEO/City Secretary welcomed Ms. Amiyah Lake as a Youth Observer.

6. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

7. Minutes of the Corporation Board Meeting dated 6 July 2022 (Public Session)

The Deputy Mayor read the Mayor's comment:

Page 2 of 7, Paragraph 4: "The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that no apologies had been received." **should read:** "The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from Mayor Charles Gosling."

The Minutes were accepted as amended.

Proposed: Councillor L. Scott

Seconded: Councillor N. Swan

8. Matters Arising from the Corporation Board Meeting dated 6 July 2022 (Public Session)

8.1 2021 Audit

Ascertain whether a Resolution to absolve the Council Members and the Executive for actions taken during the financial period of reporting, was practiced by other entities. **(CFO/Acting City Secretary)** The CFO/Acting City Secretary said that she had contacted the lawyers and read the legal response, which was indefinite.

ACTION:

Circulate the legal response and forward to the Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee meeting to be held on 20 September 2022 for discussion, as it relates to whether there should be a Resolution to affirm members of the Council and Executive in the event that a proceeding would be brought against them whilst executing COH matters with integrity. **(CFO/Acting City Secretary)**

9. Minutes of the Special Corporation Board Meeting dated 25 July 2022 (Public Session)

Proposed: Councillor H. Ming

Seconded: Councillor D. Tucker

The Minutes were accepted as read.

10. Matters Arising from the Special Corporation Board Meeting dated 25 July 2022 (Public Session)

There were no matters arising.

11. Resolutions Approved by the Minister

Passed: 6 July 2022

Submitted to the Minister: 8 July 2022

That the Board approve the request to waive vendor fees for Bermuda Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Summer Student Entrepreneurship Program Launch to be held on City Hall Front Lawn on 22 July 2022.

That the Board approve the contract for the installation of solar panels at Pier-6 be awarded to Bermuda Alternate Energy at a cost of \$163,770.00.

That the Board approve the sponsorship of the Bermuda Pride event to be held on 27 August 2022, as set out in the attached estimate, excluding associated labour costs.

That the Board approve to issue a further one (1) year contract to 2023 for KPMG as Auditor, to cover the period of the COH Council's election in May 2023, as the COH Council had been invited by the Minister and had agreed to remain in office for a further year. The new administration could then put out an RFP for the Auditor for the following years.

That the Board approve the Data Protection Individual Rights Policy.

Passed: 25 July 2022

Submitted to the Minister: 25 July 2022

That the Board approve the contract for the City Hall Exterior Roof Painting 2022 be awarded to Leon Eve at a cost of \$41,750.00.

That the Board approve the contract for the City Hall Exterior Walls Painting 2022 be awarded to Leon Eve at a cost of \$48,500.00.

That the Board approve the Data Retention Policy, as amended.

That the Board approve for City Hall to be illuminated in the colour Teal, as it related to the request from Alzheimer's Foundation America again this year, to participate in "Light the World in Teal", scheduled for Thursday, 3 November 2022. The purpose would be to raise awareness of Alzheimer's.

12. Board Recommendations for Review

There were no Board Recommendations for review.

13. Committee Recommendations for Review

13.1 Residents Advisory Committee 7 July 2022 (Public Session)

There were no Recommendations for Review.

13.2 Infrastructure Committee 13 July 2022 (Public Session)

There were no Recommendations for review.

13.3 Finance Committee – 14 July 2022 (Public Session)

There were no Recommendations for review.

13.4 Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee – 19 July 2022 (Public Session)

There were no Recommendations for review.

14. Vagrancy Report

The CEO/City Secretary said that monthly reports continue to be received from the Bermuda Police Service for the Extra Duty Police Officers patrols in North and South Hamilton. There had been little improvement in the vagrancy issue. Public benches and shade infrastructure continue to attract anti social behaviour around the City, including school children congregating on the lawn at City Hall after school hours.

The CEO/City Secretary said that the BPS were in full knowledge of the expectation of the COH. The BPS could not arrest an individual unless they suspected that a crime had been committed. Requesting individuals to move along had proved ineffective. He acknowledged that visibility of the police in North Hamilton had prevented crime. With the hope of intervention, the CEO/City Secretary had made visits with, and written letters to, the Principals and parents of the local schools, which had proved ineffective for the most part. The CEO/City Secretary said that the COH had done everything to effect the required changes, however there had been little overall change.

The CEO/City Secretary said that the current cost of the Extra Duty Police Officers to patrol both North and South Hamilton, amounted to \$10,000 per month and that this was unsustainable. A decision would be made in the next few months for the next steps.

The Deputy Mayor said that the BPS had not been able to implement the directive from the COH. A strategy for improving the situation should be discussed with the Inspectors, followed by the Commissioner of Police. If there was no change in anti social behaviour, then the public should be made aware and this would include requesting intervention from schools and parents.

ACTION:

Arrange a meeting with the Chief Inspector of the BPS, with the Parish Constable, Councillor Brimmer Chair of the Residents Advisory Committee and Councillor Swan attending, as it relates to the Extra Duty Police Officers patrols and the continued vagrancy in the City. **(CEO/City Secretary)**

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Storm Update

The Assistant City Engineer gave an update on the activities of the COH in preparation of the impending storm and subsequent clear up. Emergency tree trimming had been prioritised. Communication with the Emergency Measures Organisation was ongoing for co-ordination of effort and the IT provider for hourly systems backups.

The CEO/City Secretary said that currently it may not be necessary to close City Hall, however he would take the lead from Government and that staff had been briefed.

16. Motion to Move to Restricted Session

Proposed: Councillor L. Scott

Seconded: Councillor N. Swan

Mayor

CEO/City Secretary

Date