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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON

CORPORATION BOARD

PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 12:30 pm
Mayor's Parlour, City Hall, Hamilton

Present: Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP, Chairman
Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP
Councillor Dennis Tucker, MBE, JP
Councillor Lawrence Scott, JP
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor George Scott, JP
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Councillor Jenefer Brimmer

Apologies: Councillor Nicholas Swan

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP
CFO/Acting City Secretary – Tanya Iris
COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper
Director of HR/Learning and Development – Lindell Foster
Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood
Controller – Siobhan Fubler
Public Relations Manager - Helen Zoellner

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

The Mayor confirmed his role as the Chairman.

3. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12.34 pm.

4. Apologies

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that no apologies had been received, however Councillor Nicholas Swan would be late and Councillor Ming attended the meeting via zoom as an observer.

5. Public Participation/Presentation

There was no Public Participation/Presentation.

6. Correspondence

Councillor L. Scott said that he had received notice that Councillor John Holdipp, III, a former Councillor to the Corporation of Hamilton from November 2013 until January 2015, had recently passed away. The Mayor was saddened to hear of Councillor Holdipp's passing. The Mayor and Councillors expressed their condolences and asked that flowers or a donation would be sent to the family on behalf of the Corporation of Hamilton. The Mayor said that, on reading the Minutes during his tenure of service, Councillor Holdipp clearly supported the wellbeing of the City and brought a common-sense approach to those proceedings.

7. Minutes of the Previous Corporation Board Meeting dated 4 May 2022 (Public Session)

Proposed: Councillor L. Scott

Seconded: Councillor J. Brimmer

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters Arising from the Previous Corporation Board Meeting dated 4 May 2022 (Public Session)

8.1 Pier-6 Promotional Video

Circulate the promotional video for Pier-Six to the Board. Action item completed.

Councillor Edwards joined the meeting at 12.36 pm.

8.2 2021 Audit

Prepare a report on the COH's financials, as it related to the 2021 Audit presentation by KPMG. The Mayor noted that the Board would vote to approve the 2021 Audited Financial Statement later in the meeting. He clarified the request for a CEO/City Secretary's Annual Report in relation to the COH activities throughout the prior year, which would be published. Action item completed.

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 approached KPMG to request advice on whether there should be such a Resolution. In view of recent legal proceedings, the Mayor said that, in the event of a legal action against any Council or Executive Member who had acted with integrity, he would endeavour to establish support in the matter of a prosecution. Action item had not been completed.

Councillor Tucker left the meeting at 12.46 pm.

The Public Relations Manager left the meeting at 12.46 pm

The Public Relations Manager rejoined the meeting at 12.48 pm.

Councillor Tucker rejoined the meeting at 12.49 pm.

9. Minutes of the Special Corporation Board Meeting dated 18 May 2022 (Public Session)

Proposed: Councillor J. Brimmer

Seconded: Councillor L. Scott

The Minutes were accepted as read.

10. Matters Arising from the Special Corporation Board Meeting dated 18 May 2022 (Public Session)

10.1 Bermuda Day Parade and SailGP

The Mayor noted the Premier's complimentary public comments, relating to the various Government Departments involved in the preparation of the Bermuda Day Parade and SailGP events. He had been very disappointed that the Premier had not at all referred to the COH's full involvement in those preparations, which had included several organisational and logistical meetings, issuance of vendor permits, as well as the COH's significant sponsorship amount toward the events. He said that future COH participation in the preparation of such events, would expect a Premier capable of generosity in giving true thanks to those at the COH who had contributed to the success of the event.

10.2 Whip Rideshare Scooters

Advise Mr. Thomas Marshall that a presentation to the Infrastructure Committee could not take place until the appropriate legal permissions could be assured, as it related to the operation of the Whip Rideshare Scooters in the City. **(CEO/City Secretary)** The CEO/City Secretary said that discussions had taken place between the Transport Control Department and the Bermuda Police Service to determine the status of the scooters and the legality of their operation in the City and around the island. The COO/City Engineer said that he had informed Mr. Marshall that the scooters on the City sidewalks was in

contravention of the COH policy and they must be removed. This instruction had been ignored. The Mayor said that, as there was insufficient legislation to permit such scooters, he considered that they be regarded as illegal and abandoned, and should be removed from the City streets.

ACTION:

Write an immediate letter of warning to Mr. Thomas Marshall, the owner of the Whip Rideshare Scooters, to the effect that the scooters would be removed on Friday, 10 June 2022, if he had not done so himself. Green stickers would be adhered to each scooter with a warning that it must be removed from City property. **(COO/City Engineer)**

11. Resolutions Approved by the Minister

Passed: 4 May 2022

Submitted to the Minister: 6 May 2022

That the Board approve that Councillor Jenefer Brimmer continue for a further year as Chair of the Residents Advisory Committee, for the period May 2022 until April 2023.

That the Board approve, in the spirit of assisting the re-establishment of the Bermuda tourism industry in 2022, as it relates to the Sail GP Block Party to be held on 11 May 2022, that the COH would waive the labour costs normally associated with an event such as this. In the future, the COH would require significantly more notice of a request for sponsorship than was given.

Passed: 18 May 2022

Submitted to the Minister: 18 May 2022

That the Board approve the in-kind sponsorship of the Heritage Day Parade on Friday, 27 May 2022, at a value of \$15,000 from the overall total as set out in the attached estimate.

12. Board Recommendations for Review

There were no Recommendations for review.

13. Committee Recommendations for Review

13.1 Residents Advisory Committee – 5 May 2022 (Public Session)

There were no Recommendations for review.

13.2 Infrastructure Committee – 11 May 2022 (Public Session)

13.2.1 Bermuda Charge Motor Show

RESOLUTION:

That the Board approve the sponsorship of the Bermuda Charge Motor Show event to be held on 3 July 2022, as set out in the attached estimate, excluding associated labour costs.

Unanimous

13.2.2 Glow Bermuda

RESOLUTION:

That the Board approve the sponsorship of the Glow Bermuda Event to be held on 19 June 2022, as set out in the attached estimate, excluding associated labour costs.

Unanimous

13.3 Finance Committee – 12 May 2022 and 31 May 2022 (Public Session)

The Mayor noted that the word "Draft" would be taken off the Financial Statement once the Minister's approval had been received. Councillor Tucker said that the Financial Statement would be uploaded to the COH website. The CFO/Acting City Secretary said that once a press release had been written, the auditors would approve the wording before publication.

Councillor G. Scott joined the meeting at 1.13 pm.

RESOLUTION:

That the Board approve the Corporation of Hamilton's Financial Statement for year ending 31 December 2021, subject to amendment of Note 2(k), relating to Related Parties transactions.

Unanimous

13.4 Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee – 17 May 2022 (Public Session)

There were no Recommendations for review.

14. Vagrancy Report

The CEO/City Secretary reported that there had been significant progress on vagrancy in the City. The Charity "Home" was active on Boaz Island and which was facing challenges from the local residents relating to safety in the community. WEDCO had been requested to hold off a decision until further security measures had been put in place. Alternative premises for "Home" had been set up in the City at the Black Circle building on Union Street, which would also provide treatment. The City Constable should be commended for his continued liaison between the Health Department and the Bermuda Police Service in order to progress help for all homeless individuals.

Councillor Brimmer said that Councillor G. Scott and Councillor Edwards had accompanied her on a visit to meet with Ms. Denise Carey, of the "Home" facility on Union Street, which took place on Saturday, 21 May 2022. They had been very impressed with the detailed educational programme which had been put in place and the care for homeless individuals. She had been concerned that the feeding programme provided by Focus had moved from the City to St. George's. She understood that "Home" would replace the feeding programme in some form in the City. Councillor Brimmer said that the Board should be made aware of the work which

"Home" had undertaken in the facility on Union Street and suggested that a presentation or visit be arranged. Councillor Edwards said that a few of the individuals were employed to some degree and that she had not received any adverse comments from the nearby residents. Councillor Harvey noted that employment for the individuals would be a step towards their rehabilitation and perhaps the COH could help.

The Mayor recognised Councillor Brimmer's enthusiasm and elected responsibility to the residents in the City. He suggested that in future the CEO/City Secretary would be included in or initiate such visits, and other Members could be given the opportunity to attend facilities which were of interest. The CEO/City Secretary said that the COH had been very involved over a number of years in setting up a framework which would benefit the homeless and was in regular contact with Ms. Carey. Councillor Tucker said that he had visited the "Home" charity and had also been impressed with the facility.

ACTION:

Arrange a tour of the "Home" charity facility on Union Street with Ms. Denise Carey, for the Mayor, Councillors and Executive Members. **(CEO/City Secretary)**

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Quorum for Infrastructure Committee Meeting on 13 July 2022

Councillor Ming was invited and agreed to Chair the Infrastructure Committee Meeting on 13 July 2022, in Councillor Harvey's absence.

The Mayor (ex officio) and Councillor Harvey gave apologies as they would not be attending the meeting.

Other Members are Councillor G. Scott, Councillor Swan, Councillor Edwards and Councillor Brimmer.

Quorum is three (3).

15.2 Quorum for Finance Committee Meeting on 14 July 2022

Councillor L. Scott was invited and agreed to Chair the Finance Committee Meeting to be held on 14 July 2022, in Councillor Tucker's absence.

The Mayor (ex officio), Councillor Tucker and Councillor Harvey gave apologies as they would not be attending the meeting.

Other Members are Councillor Brimmer, CEO/City Secretary and CFO/Acting City Secretary.

Quorum is two (2).

15.3 Scanning of Historical Minute Books

The CFO/Acting City Secretary said that the scanning of all historical Minute Books from 1923, into the Docuware system, was complete. Discussion ensued relating to accessibility, number of users and link via the website.

15.4 Live Broadcasting of Public Session Meetings

The Mayor suggested live broadcasting of the Public Session meetings on Facebook and YouTube and proposed a trial upon reconvening of the Board in September 2022, after the summer break. Councillor L. Scott reminded the meeting that the COH Board did not have privilege as do the members of Government, as insurance against being sued for expressing controversial views.

The Director of HR/Learning and Development left the meeting at 1.56 pm.

The Director of HR/Learning and Development rejoined the meeting at 1.59 pm.

15.5 Locations of Plaques at Wesley Street

Councillor Edwards thanked the COH for placing the plaque on Chevron House. She also referred to the plaque currently on the north wall behind the bench and wondered when it could be relocated to a more prominent position. The COO/City Engineer said that no decision had been reached for the new location of the plaque, despite several meetings, and he awaited instructions. Councillor Edwards would make suggestions at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting.

16. Motion to Move to Restricted Session

Proposed: Councillor J. Brimmer

Seconded: Councillor L. Scott

Mayor

CEO/City Secretary

Date