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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON
CORPORATION BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 12:30 pm
Mayor's Parlour, City Hall, Hamilton

Present: 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: Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP, Chairman
Councillor Nicholas Swan

Staff: CEO/City Secretary - Dwayne A. Caines, JP
COO/City Engineer - Patrick Cooper
Director of Marketing & Communications – Jessica Astwood
Controller – Siobhan Fubler
Public Relations Manager - Helen Zoellner

Apologies: CFO/Acting City Secretary – Tanya Iris
Director of HR/Learning and Development – Lindell Foster

In Attendance: US Consul General Ms. Karen Grissette
COH Summer Interns (3)

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 in the Mayor's absence.

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.

The CEO/City Secretary introduced three (3) of twelve (12) summer students who were in attendance, who had been invited to attend the meeting in order to broaden their experience of the function of the COH. The students introduced themselves and the departments that they would be affiliated with during the term.

5. US Consul General Ms. Karen Grissette

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the US Consul General Ms. Karen Grissette to the meeting as an observer and congratulated her on the one (1) year anniversary of her assignment in Bermuda.

The Consul General thanked the COH for the invitation to attend the Corporation of Hamilton Board Meeting and said that it had been a spectacular first year in Bermuda. She said that the primary purposes of the US Consulate was to protect the interests of American citizens whilst in Bermuda, security for allies of the United States and the Atlantic region.

The Consul General expressed appreciation for the COH's offer of safe harbour for the US Coast Guard vessel for its recent deployment to prevent and deter unreported and unlicensed fishing in the Atlantic. Also, she said that the Arizona State University had formed a partnership with the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS) and she had a vision for future partnerships within the Bermuda community. The ASU current had approximately 170,000 students, both in-person and online.

The Consul General said that the US Coast Guard vessel, Tall Eagle, would visit Hamilton again this week and gave particular thanks to the Ports Superintendent for his logistical assistance in facilitating a planned Reception onboard the vessel. She said that the Consulate sincerely appreciated and was grateful for the COH's support. Dockside security had been arranged. In addition, private tours of the vessel would be available between 10.00 am to 11.00 am on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (9th, 10th and 11th July 2022), and would be open to the public from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm on each day.

The Consul General thanked the COH for their support of Out Bermuda, which was a priority of the Biden administration who sought inclusion for all people. She said that that the COH would be welcome to contact her in order to facilitate any requests from US vendors. She was also impressed with the focus on the arts at City Hall and was appreciative of the assistance given to the Bermuda Centre for Creative Learning.

The Consul General had been delighted to meet the Deputy Mayor and Board Members and looked forward to ways in which the Consulate could collaborate with the COH during her further two (2) years in Bermuda.

A photograph had been taken of the Consul General and the Deputy Mayor together.

6. Public Participation/Presentation

There was no Public Participation/Presentation.

7. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

8. Minutes of the Previous Corporation Board Meeting dated 8 June 2022 (Public Session)

Councillor Brimmer commented on:

Board Minutes - 8 June 2022 - Page 6 of 8, Paragraph 14 (contd), first paragraph, first sentence: "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 at Boaz Island, which took place on Saturday, 21 May 2022.", **should read:** "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."

Infrastructure Committee Minutes - 15 June 2022 - Page 7 of 7, Paragraph 13.5: "Councillor Brimmer noted the passing of a Hamilton resident, Mr. Keith Gordon, and requested condolences be sent from the COH to Mr. Gordon's daughter, Ms. Patricia Gordon. **ACTION:** Send condolences to Ms. Patricia Gordon from the COH, on the passing of her father, Mr. Keith Gordon. **(CEO/City Secretary): should read:** "Councillor Brimmer noted the passing of Hamilton resident, Mr. Keith Gordon, and requested condolences be sent from the Mayor and Councillors of the COH to Mr. Keith Gordon's daughter, Ms. Karen Sewell, and his sisters, Ms. Patricia Gordon-Pamplin, and former Premier Dame Patricia Gordon-Banks, and the family. **ACTION:** Send condolences from the Mayor and Councillors of the COH on the passing of Hamilton resident, Mr. Keith Gordon, to Mr. Keith Gordon's daughter, Ms. Karen Sewell, and his sisters, Ms. Patricia Gordon-Pamplin, and former Premier Dame Patricia Gordon-Banks, and the family. **(CEO/City Secretary)"**

Proposed: Councillor L. Scott

Seconded: Councillor R. Edwards

The Minutes were accepted as amended.

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

9.1 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 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.

9.2 Whip Rideshare Scooters

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. The CEO/City Secretary said that a registered letter had been sent to Mr. Marshall to inform him that the vehicles on the sidewalks in Hamilton were illegal and the COH maintained the right to remove the vehicles. Removal of the vehicles had been carried out. All conversations had been confirmed by email. Legislation on this type of vehicle was currently under consideration by the Government. The CEO/City Secretary and COO/City Engineer agreed that the appropriate legislation must be in place before the COH would support such initiatives. Councillor Tucker said that there were serious safety issues of injury and death that were of concern for similar schemes worldwide, as well as the matter of liability. Consideration should be given to taking a restraining order in the meantime, if needed. Action item completed.

The CEO/City Secretary said that Mr. Marshall would give a presentation to the Infrastructure Committee at a meeting to be held on 13 July 2022, in order to inform the COH of the blue electric scooters initiative.

The Deputy Mayor said that, as the vehicles were currently illegal, should the presentation proceed. The CEO/City Secretary said that a previous application for similar vehicles had been heard by the COH and initiatives should not be prevented from being presented. Councillor Ming would Chair the Infrastructure Committee meeting and it would be made clear to Mr. Marshall that the COH would not support his initiative until and unless the appropriate Governmental legislation was in force.

9.3 "Home" Charity Visit

Arrange a tour of the "Home" charity facility on Union Street with Ms. Denise Carey, for the Mayor, Councillors and Executive Members. Action item completed.

10. Resolutions Approved by the Minister

Passed: 8 June 2022

Submitted to the Minister: 10 June 2022

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.

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.

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.

11. Board Recommendations for Review

11.1 BEDC - Summer Student Entrepreneurship Program

RESOLUTION:

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.

Proposed: Councillor L. Scott

Seconded: Councillor G. Scott

Unanimous

12. Committee Recommendations for Review

12.1 Residents Advisory Committee – 9 June 2022 (Public Session)

The Residents Advisory Committee Meeting had been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Councillor Brimmer said that, as there had been no pressing items on the Agenda, the meeting would not be rescheduled. The CEO/City Secretary said that Council Members joining meetings via zoom would not be included as quorum.

12.2 Infrastructure Committee – 15 June 2022 (Public Session)

The COO/City Engineer said that two (2) budget for Pier-6 had been approved for 2022, one for the renovation and one for the installation of solar panels. The requested amount was within the solar panels budget.

RESOLUTION:

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.

Unanimous

The Director of Marketing and Communications said that there would be a Bermuda Pride parade and the sponsorship request was for the venue of Victoria Park only. The Chamber of Commerce would be informed.

RESOLUTION:

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.

Unanimous

12.3 Finance Committee – 16 June 2022 (Public Session)

RESOLUTION:

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.

Unanimous

12.4 Staff, Legislative & Governance Committee – 21 June 2022 (Public Session)

Councillor L. Scott said that this and associated policies, had been written as the result of the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) assessment at the COH.

RESOLUTION:

That the Board approve the Data Protection Individual Rights Policy.

Unanimous

13. Vagrancy Report

The CEO/City Secretary referred to the visit, by the Board and Executive, to the "Home" Charity on Union Street which took place on 23 June 2022. A meeting with Ms. Denise Carey who gave an update on the progress which the Charity has and continues to make, relating to the homeless population in the City. The building located on Union Street was owned by the Bermuda Industrial Union. He said that the work which had been done was significant and eye-opening, and progress was ongoing. Donations were received for the day-to-day running of the Charity. It had been suggested that the COH could gift to install solar panels on the roof in order to decrease the monthly cost of electricity. Councillor Brimmer suggested that the length of the lease for the building and their future plans for expansion, be ascertained before deciding to make such an offer. Discussion ensued. The CEO/City Secretary said that the COH could use its resources and influence to assist the Charity in any way in the future. The Deputy Mayor suggested that the COH could offer training/employment to those who would meet a criteria in their desire to improve their circumstances. The CEO/City Secretary said that currently jobs were at a premium and the COH would not wish to bypass the application process in favour of those with special needs who had not been through a Government programme. Councillor Brimmer said that she had seen a significant improvement in individuals who had attended such programmes and who would eventually find employment.

The CEO/City Secretary said that through the Charity much help had been offered to the homeless population, however there remained a persistent presence around the City. He had informed the Bermuda Police Service of particular areas and times which should be targeted by the Extra Duty Police Officers, namely the Flag Pole on Front Street, Albuoys Point and Queen Elizabeth Park.

The US Consul General left the meeting at 1.26 pm. The Deputy Mayor thanked the US Consul General for attending the meeting and hoped that she found it informative.

Two (2) summer students left the meeting at 1.26 pm.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Sewage Leak Update

The COO/City Engineer referred to the recent sewage leak on Point Finger Road, as notified by the Ministry for the Environment. Contractors had been requested to attend who found a COH force main pipe to the outfall had been leaking. The leak was contained until replacement parts could be delivered. Repairs had been made and the road made good. The COO/City Engineer said that the pipework from the Front Street Pump Station to the outfall was old and deteriorating. He noted that the newest section of the pipework was 50 years old. Since the installation of the Front Street Pump Station 20 years ago, less breaks on the main had occurred. The COO/City Engineer suggested that conceptual ideas for new pipelines to the outfall be drawn but not executed, as the future for investment into the infrastructure was uncertain. Detailed discussion would be held with Government and the design presented for discussion in due course. He emphasised that the COH could not afford for the current infrastructure to fail.

15. Motion to Move to Restricted Session

Proposed: Councillor L. Scott

Seconded: Councillor G. Scott

Mayor

CEO/City Secretary

Date