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CORPORATION OF HAMILTON
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 10:00 am
Mayor's Parlour, City Hall, Hamilton

Present: Councillor Nicholas Swan
Councillor Henry Ming
Councillor RoseAnn Edwards
Councillor Jenefer Brimmer
Michael Branco, JP - Associate Member (via Zoom)

Apologies: Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP, Chairman
Rt. Wor. Charles R. Gosling, JP
Councillor George Scott, JP

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

Apologies: CFO/Acting City Secretary – Tanya Iris

In Attendance: Mr. Thomas Marshall, Whip Rideshare
Engineering Department Intern - Danielle Foot

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 Henry Ming confirmed his role as the Chairman in Councillor John Harvey's absence.

3. Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 am.

4. Apologies

The CEO/City Secretary confirmed that apologies had been received from Mayor Charles Gosling, Councillor J. Harvey and the CFO/Acting City Secretary.

Mr. Michael Branco, Associate Member, joined the meeting via zoom as an observer.

5. Public Participation/Presentation

5.1 Whip Rideshare Scooters

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Thomas Marshall, Founder of Whip Rideshare.

Mr. Marshall outlined the initiative for electric scooters as a new mode of transport. The vehicles were located island-wide. He said that there were other companies who were looking to bring similar initiatives onto the roads of Bermuda. He proposed that there would be multi green mobility zones around the City where the public could hire an electric scooter. Mr. Marshall said that these would not be a replacement for taxis or buses but a means of easily travelling short distances, reducing congestion. Each vehicle would be tracked for safety and security. He said that there had been 2,683 rides over five weeks with one person falling off a vehicle.

Mr. Marshall said that the BPS could not give formal permission as the vehicles were currently outside of legislation. However, as an application for a library license had been made and appropriate insurance had been obtained, informal support for operating island-wide had been given verbally and in writing. Also, the Auxiliary Bicycles Act refers to electric propulsion as the sole source of propulsion, which the scooters were not, hence they were in line with other electric assisted bicycles. There was therefore no legislation which the police could enforce. Comments from the Minister were awaited.

The CEO/City Secretary said that he was aware of the vehicles and was concerned that an indication to go ahead with the initiative had been given without formal permission to the COH from the BPS or Government. He said that formal permissions on the legality of the vehicles would be required from the Bermuda Police Service and the Transport Control Department before the COH could make further consideration.

The Chairman referred to the lengthy Policy Statement and wondered how many people would read the document before hiring a vehicle. He noted that there were no warnings to take care in the document. He also noted that there was a COH Ordinance which did not permit riding vehicles on the sidewalks in the City. The Chairman reiterated the CEO/City Secretary's comments that formal permissions would be required before the COH could make further consideration.

Mr. Marshall said that the Terms of Use document on the app stated that all liability rests on the user therefore there would be no liability for the COH. As legislation may not be available this year, he was unable to present written permission for the vehicles. He would welcome further discussion in the meantime and thanked the COH for use of the cycle parking bays.

The CEO/City Secretary recognised that this mode of transport could become popular in the City and would discuss the COH's position with the COO/City Engineer in due course, bearing in mind that space for green mobility zones in the City was limited. New legislation would be awaited.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Marshall for his presentation.

Mr. Marshall left the meeting at 10.33 am.

Councillor Brimmer asked when the cycle parking bays had been offered to Mr. Marshall. The COO/City Engineer said that a without prejudice conversation with Mr. Marshall where cycle bays had been suggested as a temporary solution for parking the vehicles. The alternative of the vehicles being left unattended randomly throughout the City, would result in their removal. The Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance would not permit goods and services for sale on the City streets and properties, however, this would be at the Board's discretion. The Board would be required to obtain the necessary permits to allow such activity. The vehicles on the roads were a Transport Control Department matter. Discussion ensued.

ACTION:

Write to Mr. Marshall of Whip Rideshare stating that he did not have permission to run a business on City property at this stage and advise him of the required steps in order for the COH to consider giving its permission. That he was in contravention of the COH Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance and refer him to the document on the COH website.
(COO/City Engineer)

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Minutes of the Previous Infrastructure Committee Meeting dated 15 June 2022 (Public Session)

Proposed: Councillor J. Brimmer

Seconded: Councillor R. Edwards

The Minutes were accepted as read.

8. Matters Arising from the Previous Infrastructure Committee Meeting dated 15 June 2022 (Public Session)

8.1 Traffic Issues Review and Design Report

Carry out community consultation on the proposals as it related to the change of use for the six (6) parking bays on Laffan Street and the six (6) parking bays on Washington Street. On hold. **(COO/City Engineer)** Action item had not been completed.

8.2 Angle Street Speed Bump

Following the community survey, carry out the installation of the speed bumps on Angle Street by the end of 2021. **(COO/City Engineer)** This would be carried out on approval of the new Traffic Calming Policy. Action item had not been completed.

8.3 Traffic Calming Policy

As there were no regulations in Bermuda for creating speed bumps, the COH would write a Speed Bumps Policy. **(COO/City Engineer)** The COO/City Engineer presented a draft Traffic Calming Policy noting that diagrams would be added. It was thought that imperial measurements could be included and the emergency services would include the police. The Mayor noted a contradiction in the first paragraph referring to Dundonald Street which currently had several speed bumps and where there was frequent freight traffic.

8.4 Official Naming of Dudley Eve Park Event - Mural

Circulate the image of the mural for Dudley Eve Park to the Infrastructure Committee by email. Action item completed

8.5 Parking

Circulate the draft Parking Strategy document to the Infrastructure Committee for comment and input. Action item completed.

8.6 Paving Works Schedule

After survey, the results of the annual sidewalk and road assessments would be published to inform the community of upcoming works due to take place in the coming year. In 2022, this would include all work carried out since 2014. **(COO/City Engineer)** Action item had not been completed.

8.7 Bermuda Pride

Ascertain from the Venue and Rentals Co-ordinator whether the Bermuda Pride event would include a march through the City. Action item completed.

8.8 Fort Hamilton / Elizabeth Hills - Parking

Refer the the matter to the Venue and Rentals Co-ordinator to be included in the agreement relating to the hire of Fort Hamilton, that a person be hired to direct traffic away from the Elizabeth Hills Estate towards appropriate parking areas. Action item completed.

8.9 SSL Public Tariff Rate 2023

Request the Audited Financial Statement for Stevedoring Services Limited, as it relates to the request from Polaris Holding Company Limited, for a tariff rate increase of 3% for 2023. **(CFO/Acting City Secretary)** Action item had not been completed.

8.10 Condolences for Resident

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. Action item completed.

9. Resolutions Approved by the Minister

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 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.

10. Recommendations for Review

Councillor Brimmer declared a conflict of interest.

10.1 Bid Recommendation - City Hall Exterior Roof Painting 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Proposed: Councillor N. Swan

Seconded: Councillor R. Edwards

Unanimous

10.2 Bid Recommendation - City Hall Exterior Walls Painting 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

Proposed: Councillor R. Edwards

Seconded: Councillor J. Brimmer

Unanimous

11. Status Updates

11.1 Marketing & Communication

- Dudley Even Park mural - to be updated and circulated.
- Summer Sunday - 17 July 2022 - Victoria Park concert series and fair.
- Pier-6 Marketing Campaign - August - for Christmas bookings.

- Taste of Bermuda - 30 September-2 October. Front Street: with Bar Tender competition (Friday) - ticketed formal dinner party (Saturday), tasting village vendors and demonstrations (Sunday).
- Staff Summer Party - 26 August - MV Lontail - skeleton staffing of COH from 12.00 pm until 5.00 pm.
- Bermuda Pride sponsorship of Victoria Park.
- World Triathlon sponsorship.
- Boat Parade - invitation to register.

11.2 Take Note: Project Charters 2022

COO/City Engineer:

- Front Street Pump Station pipe replacement - design of bypass ongoing.
- Front Street Pump Station microscreening and solar panels - ongoing.
- Front Street Pump Station electrical issues - ongoing.
- Water leak on Dundonald Street.
- Bermudiana Road sewage pipe replacement.
- Point Finger Road sewage leak.
- Asset Management condition survey underway.
- Pier-6 Roof underway - interior wall plastering and new windows. Cost of materials had more than doubled. Rental ready for Christmas bookings.
- Victoria Street Traffic Lights - trenching and installation of new poles.
- Victoria Street at King Street - wall, sidewalk and trees.
- Electric Vehicles - 1 x new - Events Van. Considering a charging station installation at City Hall.
- Permit for Rose Cottage demolition awaited.
- Excavation permit for rock at Butterfield & Vallis.

Assistant City Engineer:

- Earl Cameron Theatre dressing rooms under demolition for renovation.
- Earl Cameron Theatre dressing rooms - power source to be upgraded.
- Earl Cameron Theatre dressing rooms - fixtures and fittings re priced for cost savings.
- City Hall offices refurbishment - including updating of communications, electrical and air conditioning systems.

- Fort Hamilton design work ongoing - evolving into conservation project with historical infrastructure, including drawbridge, in consultation with the Bermuda National Trust. Will include several QR code information sites, water supply and upgrade of power supply.

Councillor Brimmer noted the tiles on Washington Lane. The contractor realigned the tiles where needed.

Councillor Swan had been impressed with the road works in the City. Asphaltting is done. Small scale works on sidewalks ongoing. There would be no further large scale works after Victoria Street traffic lights and tree planting.

- Marquee Sign - had been created. Awaiting planning permission and building permit for installation of the footings.

12. Government's Water and Wastewater Plan - Update

There was no update.

13. Any Other Business

Councillor Edwards referred to a broken glass window at the top of the City Hall Tower. The COO/City Engineer said that the window was a glass block and slatted glass which gave the appearance of being broken.

14. Motion to Move to Restricted Session

Proposed: Councillor J. Brimmer

Seconded: Councillor R. Edwards