

MINUTES of **REGULAR** Meeting #2020-12 of the council of the City of Whitehorse called for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Mayor Dan Curtis
Deputy Mayor Laura Cabott
Councillor Dan Boyd

PRESENT BY PHONE:

Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu
Councillor Samson Hartland
Councillor Stephen Roddick
Councillor Jan Stick

STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Community and Recreation Services Jeff O'Farrell
Director of Corporate Services Valerie Braga
Acting Director of Development Services Patrick Ross
Director of Infrastructure and Operations Peter O'Blenes
Manager of Legislative Services Catherine Constable

STAFF PRESENT BY PHONE:

City Manager Linda Rapp
Acting Director of Human Resources Lindsay Schneider

Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

2020-12-01

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

AGENDA

Carried Unanimously

2020-12-02

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting dated April 27, 2020
be adopted as presented.

MINUTES
April 27, 2020

Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Curtis advised that a public hearing is scheduled to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 2020-15, a bylaw to amend the zoning of a portion of Lot 29 in the Mt. Sima Industrial Subdivision to allow for the expansion of a number of existing industrial lots.

BYLAW 2020-15
ZONING. AMENDMENT
Mount Sima Lot 29

Mayor Curtis advised that, since tonight's meeting is not open to in-person public participation, Council will rely on written submissions.

The public has been advised how they can comment on this zoning amendment through public announcements, notice on the City’s website and on a sign posted at the site, as well as by notices on social media.

Hearing Process

A total of five written submissions were received, three in favour and two opposed to the proposed rezoning.

Submissions Received

Mayor Curtis declared the public hearing closed and advised that no further submissions on the issue will be considered by council except the report provided by administration.

Public Hearing Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Planning Committee

2020-12-03

It was duly moved and seconded THAT Bylaw 2020-21, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 604 Black Street to reduce the side and rear yard setbacks in order to allow for the development of a suite above an existing garage, be brought forward for consideration under the bylaw process.

BRING FORWARD
ZONING AMENDMENT
604 Black Street

Carried Unanimously

City Operations Committee

There was no report from the City Operations Committee.

No Report

Community Services Committee

Mayor Curtis proclaimed May 4 to 8, 2020 to be ***Virtual Yukon Mining and Geology Week*** in the City of Whitehorse.

Proclamation

Public Health and Safety Committee

In response to a question raised about members of council returning to council chambers for meetings, administration advised that plans are currently being developed to allow for a return to normal practices. In the short term, it is anticipated that a limited return will be set up on a rotational basis so that social distancing can be maintained. Once the preliminary plans are approved, Council members will be advised of the rotation.

UPDATE ON CITY
RESPONSE TO
COVID-19 ISSUES
For Information Only

Development Services Committee

In a letter to Mayor and Council dated April 24th, 2020, Gregory Bryce of the Four Seasons Bed and Breakfast on Tagish Road in Riverdale asked council to suspend the requirement for a paid business license for any business that is not operating as a result of the Coronavirus. He also requested that a license be issued without penalty effective on the date that such business resumes operations.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF
BUSINESS LICENSE FEES
For Information Only

Mr. Bryce also asked the City to review several other matters related to business licences, and asked if the City devotes any time and effort to regulating licensed businesses after the initial license is issued.

A Committee member recommended that Mr. Bryce also look into federal programs to see what assistance is available to his business at the federal level.

Corporate Services Committee

2020-12-04

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT the Whitehorse City Council 2020 strategic priorities are hereby confirmed; and

CITY COUNCIL'S 2020
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

THAT the public release of Whitehorse City Council Strategic Priorities 2020 is duly authorized.

Carried Unanimously

A Committee member commended administration on the changes made to procedures in Council Chambers to accommodate necessary restrictions due to the Coronavirus, but noted that it is essential to hear from citizens. Administration advised that many video and voice conferencing options may exist that will allow greater access to citizens. However, staff time and resources would be needed to explore the options and find ones that will work in our existing environment. This work has not been designated as an immediate priority.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
For Information Only

In the meantime, the temporary procedures adopted by Council appear to be working well and administration has received no negative feedback from the public.

Plans are being developed to facilitate public input on projects such as the Trail Plan and the Transportation Master Plan. The Town Hall meetings that normally happen in the spring will be re-scheduled to the fall.

BYLAWS

2020-12-05

It was duly moved and seconded
THAT Bylaw 2020-21, a bylaw to amend the zoning at 604 Black Street
to allow for the development of an additional housing unit above an
existing garage, be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

BYLAW 2020-21

ZONING AMENDMENT
604 Black Street
FIRST READING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL MINUTES SIGNED BY:

"Dan Curtis"

Dan Curtis, Mayor

"N. L. Felker"

Norma L. Felker, Assistant City Clerk

ADOPTED by resolution at Meeting #2020-13 dated May 25, 2020.