Special Council Meeting

Minutes

C#12-23
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, Ontario

A Special Council meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond Hill was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers via videoconference.

Council Members present in Council Chambers:

Mayor West
Regional and Local Councillor Chan
Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Councillor Davidson
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Liu
Councillor Cilevitz
Councillor Shiu

Council Member present via videoconference:

Councillor Cui

Staff Members present in Council Chambers:

D. Joslin, City Manager
K. Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure
A. Dimilta, City Solicitor
M. Flores, Director, Policy Planning
G. Galanis, Director, Development Planning
T. Ghobrial, Executive Assistant to Members of Council
S. Huycke, City Clerk
R. Ban, Deputy City Clerk
K. Hurley, Council/Committee Coordinator
C. Connolly, Legislative Services Assistant

Staff Members present via videoconference:

S. Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services
T. Steele, Commissioner of Community Services
A. Iannucci, Chief Transformation Officer
G. Li, Director, Financial Services and Treasurer
P. Masaro, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Services
D. Terzievski, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering
L. Conde, Manager, Strategy and Government Relations
S. von Kursell, Manager, Policy

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Shiu

That the agenda be adopted as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried Unanimously

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest by Members of Council under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Scheduled Business

3.1 SRPI.23.033 - Richmond Hill's 2031 Municipal Housing Target Pledge

- Presentation by Maria Flores, Director, Policy Planning

Maria Flores, Director, Policy Planning, made a presentation to Council regarding Richmond Hill's 2031 Municipal Housing Target Pledge. She provided a brief overview of Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, and addressed the Municipal Housing Target Pledge issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Richmond Hill which if adopted, would demonstrate the City's commitment to accelerate housing supply and showcase strategies and actions being undertaken to support housing. M. Flores reviewed the City Structure and Residential Intensification, Accelerated Rate of Growth, Municipal Initiatives to Support Housing and Other Considerations, and concluded the presentation by advising of next steps.

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola
Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

a) That staff report SRPI.23.033 regarding “Richmond Hill’s 2031 Municipal Housing Target Pledge” be received for information;

b) That the City support the municipal housing target of 27,000 new housing units in the community by 2031 by undertaking actions described in staff report SRPI.23.033 including Attachment 1 (Municipal Initiatives in Support of Richmond Hill’s 2031 Municipal Housing Target Pledge);

c) That the Mayor send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing highlighting the pledge and initiatives we will undertake as well as the following considerations:

(i) That the housing target be recognized as an aspirational target, given that there are external factors contributing to housing supply outside of a municipality’s control and understanding that, in order to deliver timely initiatives and meet deadlines, the City has and continues to create development related studies, plans, by-laws and processes based on available population and employment forecasts from the Growth Plan 2020 and/or municipal growth allocations assigned to and/or developed by the City;

(ii) That the Province be requested to continue to work with municipalities to provide grant opportunities to aid in the rapid delivery of the identified municipal initiatives and growth-related infrastructure; and

(iii) That the Province be requested to continue to consult and engage with municipalities on recent and future legislative changes and initiatives to find mutually beneficial ways to streamline approvals and enable municipalities to continue to collect growth-related charges to deliver infrastructure and community needs quickly.

d) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution;

e) That a copy of staff report SRPI.23.033 regarding Richmond Hill’s 2031 Municipal Housing Target Pledge, Council’s resolution and the letter from the Mayor be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing by March 22, 2023, and a copy also be sent to York Region and York Region area municipalities.

A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (8): Regional and Local Councillor Chan, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Cui, Councillor Cilevitz, Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola, Councillor Liu, Mayor West, Councillor Shiu

Opposed: (1): Councillor Davidson

Carried (8 to 1)

4. By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at this Meeting

4.1 By-law 41-23

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Regional and Local Councillor Chan

That By-law 41-23, A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at this meeting, be passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor Liu

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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David West, Mayor

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Stephen M.A. Huycke, City Clerk