

Present:

Councillor Gill - Chair
Councillor Hayne
Councillor Hepner
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele
Councillor Villeneuve
Mayor Watts

Absent:**Staff Present:**

City Manager
City Clerk
City Solicitor
Acting General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Human Resources
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Planning & Development
Land Development Engineer
Manager, Area Planning & Development, North Division
Manager, Area Planning & Development, South Division

A. CORPORATE REPORTS

1. The Corporate Reports, under date of July 21, 2014, were considered and dealt with as follows:

Item No. Fo28

Sponsorship Request – Youth Strengths Conference
File: 1850-20

The General Manager, Finance and Technology submitted a report concerning Sponsorship Request – Youth Strengths Conference.

The General Manager, Finance and Technology was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in her report.

Before the motion was put, the Chair recommended that the Finance Committee consider increasing the grant allotment from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

It was

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Hepner
That the Finance Committee recommends

that Council approve a sponsorship contribution of \$7,500 from the Council Initiatives Fund in support of the Youth Strengths Conference to be held on July 23 to 25, 2014.

Carried

Item No. Fo29

Streerich Hiphop Society – Funding Request
File: 1850-01

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture and the General Manager, Finance and Technology submitted a report concerning Streerich Hiphop Society – Funding Request.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture and the General Manager, Finance and Technology were recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in their report.

It was
Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Finance Committee recommend
that Council approve financial support for the Streetrich Hiphop Society in the amount of \$1,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund to assist with costs associated with the "Bridge: An Old School Party in Surrey" festival.
Carried

Item No. F030 Property Tax Review Task Force
File: 1970-01

The General Manager, Finance and Technology submitted a report concerning Property Tax Review Task Force.

The General Manager, Finance and Technology was recommending approval of the recommendations outlined in her report.

It was
Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Mayor Watts
That the Finance Committee recommends
that Council:

1. Establish a Property Tax Review Task Force as generally described within Corporate Report F030;
2. Propose the terms of reference as attached in Appendix I of Corporate Report F030;
3. Invite members of the public to participate in this Property Tax Review Task Force, and
4. Request the Property Tax Review Task Force to report back to Council on the proposed membership.

Carried

The Chair noted that there have been a number of comments received from residents regarding the property tax process and how they are calculated. The purpose of the Property Tax Review Task Force is to conduct a review the property tax structures, particularly residential versus business taxes, how economic downturns can be managed and the process for homeowner grants.

The Chair requested Councillor Hayne be added to the Property Tax Review Task Force Committee as the Vice-Chair.

Property Tax Review Task Force Appointment

It was
that Council appoint Councillor Hayne as Vice-Chair to the Property Tax Review Task Force.

Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Finance Committee recommends

Carried

B. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Semiahmoo Arts Society "Party on the Pier" - August 28, 7 pm - 10 pm**

Councillor Villeneuve requested additional funding for the Semiahmoo Arts Society in support of their "Party on the Pier" as one of their major sponsors was unable to fulfil their commitment. Councillor Villeneuve requested the Finance Committee to recommend Council purchase 20 tickets at the cost of \$100.

It was
that Council purchase 20 tickets at the cost of \$100 each, from the Council Initiatives Fund, in support of the Semiahmoo Arts Society "Party on the Pier" event held on August 28, 2014.

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve
Seconded by Councillor Martin
That the Finance Committee recommends

Carried

2. Community Grant - Surrey Crime Prevention Society

Councillor Hepner requested the Finance Committee consider a grant for \$600 for the Surrey Crime Prevention Society to replace lost radios.

It was
that Council grant \$600 to the Surrey Crime Prevention Society, from the Council Initiatives Fund, to assist the replacement of lost radios.

Moved by Councillor Hepner
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Finance Committee Recommends

Carried

C. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Mayor Watts

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Finance Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Finance Committee adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chairperson