



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008
Time: 4:40 p.m.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Hepner
Mayor Watts
Councillor Villeneuve
Councillor Steele
Councillor Gill
Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Martin

Staff Present:

City Manager
Acting City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance & Technology
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture
General Manager, Human Resources

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Mr. Goldy Pataria File: 5400-80; 0550-20-10

Mr. Goldy Pataria was in attendance regarding truck parking problems at 15086 - 48 Avenue. The following comments were provided:

- Mr. Pataria has resided at his 4.3 acre property for the past five years. Prior to residence at this property, Mr. Pataria lived on a smaller 1.5 acre property in south Surrey.
- Mr. Pataria owns 13 long haul trucks and 15 tractor trailers, which have been parked on his property at varying times, since 2003. They are parked at the back of the property and do not obscure the scenery or privacy of the neighbouring properties. A letter stating this and signed by the three neighbours was provided.
- Calysta Consulting reviewed the property, concluding that the soil is no longer suitable for any type of agriculture due to its impervious nature and lack of organic and other nutrients needed for plant growth.
- The trucking business has a very slim profit margin; the rate of escalating gas prices has lowered this margin further.
- The market price of industrial zoned property is approaching, and in some cases exceeding, \$2 million.
- Several companies have been approached regarding the availability of truck parking, however there has been nothing available. With the crisis of the Asia-Pacific trade, the problem of truck parking is escalating, without any assistance in sight.
- Parking on this property has now resulted in non-compliance bylaw tickets and court orders.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Mr. Pataria's letter confirming the truck parking at 15086 48 Avenue, signed by the owners of the neighbouring properties, with an attached copy of a letter from Calysta Consulting, be received.

Carried

In response to questions from Council regarding the prefill on the entire property, the delegation responded:

- Nothing can grow on the 4.3 acres land and the soil has been tested and confirms this as fact.
- Prefill was brought on the property as preload for the house construction.
- On 48th Avenue there are 4 large properties, and the other 3 properties on 48th Avenue support truck parking.
- The trucks are not serviced or maintained on the property, the trucks are only parked on the property.
- Of the 13 long hauls there are generally only 3 or 4 trucks parked on the property per night.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Higginbotham

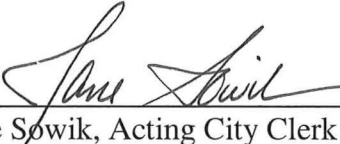
Seconded by Councillor Steele

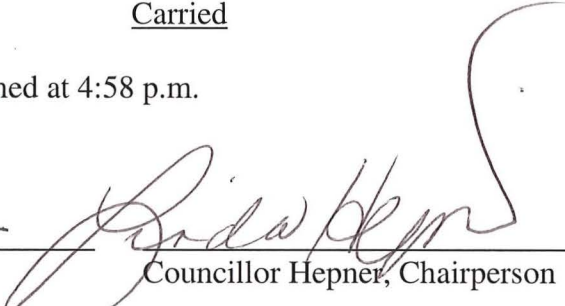
That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 4:58 p.m.


Jane Sowik, Acting City Clerk


Councillor Hepner, Chairperson