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MISSION: To provide effective operations of the city through collaboration of members, management and staff.

City Hall, Hamilton
Infrastructure, Development & Future Committee
14 October 2015
10:00am

Present: Councillor John Harvey, MBE, JP (Chair)
Councillor Nicholas Swan
Councillor George Scott, JP

In Attendance: The City Engineer - Patrick Cooper (Acting Secretary)
The Event Project Manager - Danilee Trott

Apologies: The Secretary - Ed Benevides, JP

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1. **Confirmation of Notice** - The Acting Secretary confirmed that the notices for the minutes and the agenda were posted and sent out in accordance with the new meeting guidelines.
 2. **Role of the Chairman** - Councillor Harvey acknowledged that he is Chair of the committee.
 3. **Open Meeting** - Councillor Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
 4. **Apologies** - The Recording Secretary confirmed there were no apologies received. After the meeting it was realised that the Secretary was off Island and she confirmed apologies on his behalf.
 5. **Public Participation:** The Recording Secretary confirmed that there was no public participation/presentation.
 6. **Correspondence:**
 - (i) **Drafting Instructions for the Proposal to make Regulations to Control Grease Inputs into Sewers to Improve Marine Water Quality in Bermuda** - these instructions are going through the STAC Committee and were put together by the Director of Health, David Kendall. They are to make the CoH's FOG Policy (Fats, Oils and Grease) forcible under legislation. There is a provision in the Sewage Act but it needs to be tabled by a Negative Resolution procedure. This is work that was done quite a while ago as it is dated 23 March 2015. Hopefully it will make it to the House in the next sitting.

(ii) **Letter from Meyer Group of Companies re: #31-35 Church Street** - the letter is to the Registrar of Companies and is in reference to the Reid House building. Meyer is complaining about overgrown foliage which is impacting their building. It is not the City causing this issue on their property. Meyer needs to look after their own vegetation which is on their property or maybe it is the neighbour's property which has overgrown into their area. The CoH will respond back to the letter. The City Engineer then read the letter to the committee:

"The above referenced property located adjacent to the Meyer building at 35 Church Street has become a great concern. The foliage at the street level is overgrown, impacting access to our building via the west sidewalk. Also palm fronds have been dumped into the air conditioning enclosure which has no covering. The very real concern is due to the potential fire risk with so many dry branches left uncollected, it would only take a discarded cigarette to create a potential disaster, especially if outside of normal working hours. This obviously increases the risk to the Meyer building as well and we would therefore request that our concerns be addressed." This letter was directed to Mr. Stephen Lowe who is acting as the Receiver for the building and the CoH is copied in on the correspondence.

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 12 August 2015

Proposed: Councillor N. Swan

Seconded: Councillor J. Harvey

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12 August 2015

(i) **Tier Structure for Al Fresco Dining** - this matter was approved by the Board in the last Board meeting of 7 October 2015 and the implementation of the tier structure for Al Fresco dining will commence.

(ii) **2016 Budget for Barr's Bay Park Docks** - a budget for this project was placed into the draft 2016 budget.

9. Status Update:

(i) **City Arts Festival** - moving along with the public art installations, installed one on The wall of the Chamber of Commerce which was a donation by the Bermuda National Gallery. Also completed the floral mural that Kendra Earls and Dennis Joaquin did on the restrooms of #1 Car Park. Just about completed the artwork on the Chancery Lane steps and should be completed in about a day or two.

Councillor G. Scott joined the meeting at 10:10am.

There are two (2) more installations to be done. The event itself is next week Saturday 24 October 2015 from 3pm - 8pm in front of City Hall. Members should have received an invite to the event via Outlook. There is going to be a guided art walk tour called the Infinity Art Walk with buskers, live entertainment and artists along the art walk route.

Will be able to view art available throughout the day and there will be a children's' area, artists selling their work, etc. The event is being advertised through the newspaper, social media and posters distributed island-wide. All of the art associations (BSoA, BNG, Chewstick, 1917 and the Bermuda Arts Council) have sent the information out to all of their membership.

(ii) **Meeting with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs re: Bermuda Day** - the meeting did take place but Community and Cultural Affairs were due to give an update giving the CoH some form of confirmation/support from the Permanent Secretary and the Minister which had not been received to date. Have followed up with them on two (2) occasions and the CoH is not prepared to move forward until they receive that confirmation. The concern is that they are changing the route and the CoH does not want to expand a great deal of energy on doing anything and the route changes and all of the work is lost. The request has been that they confirm the route will remain the same for five (5) years. The CoH would like to get some return on their investment. This has to be resolved by at least February 2016. There was a schedule laid out for when Town Hall meetings and public enquiries would be held to get public feedback. The CoH has had such a demand for charging for spaces which could assist with the decrease of the fighting and people having to camp out for two (2) weeks to secure a space. This is a very contentious issue. The problem is with enforcement and the ability to enforce. Discussion continued

There would be an offer of equal 12ft. length sections and have them staked them out and marked with a map. Cost could be from \$50 - \$500. Part of that would be refundable if the patrons leave the space according to the rules, i.e. leave it clean, pack up trash, etc. The CoH needs to charge something for all of the administration and the manpower. The engineering team will have to go and physically measure the spaces and put in the stakes. A BBQ area will be designated to create actual BBQ zones which would be on side streets away from buildings in the middle of the road. There will be no barbequing on the sidewalks/streets where people are walking, etc. It will be a complete mind change that is required. There was further dialogue.

(iii) **Wall on Victoria and Union Streets** - the wall got struck about a year ago and needs to be tidied up. It is not a safety issue. It was noted that the wall has started to erode. The City Engineer said they just repaved the driveway about 3 or 4 months ago and he did not see any issues with the lower section of the wall, just the parapet at the road level that needed to be redone.

(iv) **Review of Road Markings - E&B Trading** - the markings were created to separate the traffic coming down the hill to get them over to the left allowing traffic to enter into E&B Trading safely. Traffic has to come in slightly into the intersection to get into E&B Trading. The problem is that it is an historical issue of this property being there and at a lower level because it was built when the old road used to be at a lower level. The complaint from the Residents Committee is that as the markings were done, it now bottlenecks the traffic coming off of Union Street onto Parsons Road during the rush hour in the mornings and evenings.

ACTION: The City Engineer will have a review of the road markings on Union Street going down to Parsons Road.

(v) **Pedestrian Crossing on Union Street Parallel to Parsons Road** - the Residents Committee was asking for a pedestrian crossing to be placed at the end of Union Street.

(vi) **Traffic Backlog - Union Street and Parsons Road** - discussed earlier in the meeting.

(vii) **Laffan Street Roundabout** - the project is mostly complete, just have a bit of a kiosk to knock over, then that project would be completed. After the America's Cup will be starting to put in sidewalks and curbs and create the mini roundabout.

10. Recommendations for Review:

(i) **Request from the Department of Planning re: the City Engineer of the CoH to Serve on the Department of Planning Board** - every year there is a renewal and they are asking whether the City Engineer will be the representative or not. The City Engineer agreed to continue serving on the Department of Planning Board.

11. Any Other Business

(i) **Vendors and the America's Cup** - the America's Cup sent out an email yesterday afternoon to all of the vendors advising that there is not going to be any free Wi-Fi. The City Engineer said the Wi-Fi is all in place and there is quite a bit of conflict and self-interest seemingly going on with the Wi-Fi. The Chairman of their Communications Committee is also the Vice-President of a large communications company and is trying to get in and push the CoH aside. The Secretary has been very adamant that the CoH has existing contacts in place and cannot ignore their current contracts/partners that they do business with.

Funds were taken from the sewage budget which is not going to be spent this year but is needed for future years. A virement was approved previously to use some of the funds to fund the Wi-Fi upgrade.

(ii) **Odours from #8 opposite the Supermart** - there were issues before but it could be as simple as the door opens to the sewage plant to get the truck inside the building so for two (2) minutes or so might get an odour.

(iii) **Area - Restrooms at #1 Car Park** - there was a comment regarding the vagrants that are always in that area and can the CoH have a security company to assist in moving them along. The CoH is not a private citizen and does not have the rights as a private citizen. America's Cup is sorting them out for the weekend. They have been asking the CoH as well as speaking with the police in this regard.

(iv) **Vendors** - there are two vendor issues:

- **Smokin' Barrel** - the CoH was trying to re-locate the vendor for the America's Cup because where his location is currently is where the back staging area would be. During that process it was discovered that he did not have a Health Department license since March 2015 so he is not in operation.
- **Cann Delicious** - a lunch wagon that the CoH facilitates in Albuoy's Point. At first, based on information received from the America's Cup, he would only have to move for a couple days while the media area was being moved in and would be able to move back to Albuoy's Point after that. After looking at their map and their layout, they changed their mind and shut the whole area down. By the time they made up their minds as to what they were doing, it was too late for him to apply to be as a vendor in the regular America's Cup Village. There was a lot of chatter on the talk show and on social media. The CoH worked with him and he was happy with the relocated spot in Wesley Square. He moves there today and will be there until his space at Albuoy's Point becomes available again.

12. Motion to Move to a Restricted Session

Proposed: Councillor G. Scott

Seconded: Councillor N. Swan

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.