



# MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

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**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, Councillor Debbie Mitzner, Councillor Jason Montgomery, Councillor Denise Peterson, Councillor Richard Wegener, and Deputy Mayor Brent Wiley

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kevin Scoble (Chief Administrative Officer), Jamie Dugdale (Director of Infrastructure, Operations, and Development Services), Mark Pretzlaff (Director of Community and Protective Services), Kara Rusk (Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services), and Johnathan Strathdee (Manager of Legislative Services)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fule called the November 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 258.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council adopt the November 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended to include a Closed Meeting section following the Confirmation of Agenda and adding the following item:

3.1 Council Dialogue – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

3. **CLOSED MEETING**

**Resolution No. 259.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Mitzner

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to section 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 6:04 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley.

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

### **3.1 Council Dialogue – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)**

#### **Resolution No. 260.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Mitzner

THAT Council move out of Camera at 6:11 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley.

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Claude Brown shared comments related to the 2025 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **5.1. 2025 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget - Budget Deliberation #1**

#### **Resolution No. 261.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council remove the Investment Attraction Strategy #5294 from the 2025 Proposed Budget - Operating Business Cases.

**FOR:** Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, and Councillor Wegener

**DEFEATED**

Councillor Langmaid called a point of order that the discussion was unrelated to the motion being debated.

Mayor Fule accepted the point of order.

#### **Resolution No. 262.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration reduce the Replenish Financial Stabilization Reserve from \$400,000 to \$325,000 for a reduction of \$75,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Resolution No. 263.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Mitzner

THAT Council amend the motion to reduce the Replenish Financial Stabilization Reserve from \$400,000 to \$350,000 for a reduction of \$50,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, and Councillor Wegener

**AGAINST:** Councillor Wiley

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 262.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration reduce the Replenish Financial Stabilization Reserve from \$400,000 to \$350,000 for a reduction of \$50,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Fule relinquished the Chair to Deputy Mayor Wiley.

**Resolution No. 264.11.24**

Moved by Mayor Fule

THAT Council direct Administration to reduce the Council Conference and Mileage expense by 5% in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, and Councillor Montgomery

**DEFEATED**

Mayor Fule regained the Chair.

Councillor Peterson joined the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

**Resolution No. 265.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration to remove item #5279 - Portable Column Lifts from the 2025 Operating Budget for a total of \$78,000;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to use \$78,000 from suitable reserves to reduce the overall tax impact.

**FOR:** Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 266.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council remove the splash park recirculation system from the 2025 Capital Budget and the grant money used to fund this project would be used to fund other capital projects that are being funded by reserves.

**Resolution No. 267.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council defer discussion on the splash park recirculation system, budget #5290, to the Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

**Resolution No. 268.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council amend the motion to defer discussion to the Regular Council Meeting on November 27, 2024.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Mitzner

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 267.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council defer discussion on the splash park recirculation system budget #5290 to the Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, November 27, 2024.

**FOR:** None.

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 266.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council remove the splash park recirculation system from the 2025 Capital Budget and the grant money used to fund this project would be used to fund other capital projects that are being funded by reserves.

**FOR:** Councillor Montgomery, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 269.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council take a recess for 7.5 minutes at 8:11 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Fule reconvened the meeting.

**Resolution No. 270.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration to remove the Kinsman Park Christmas Lights from the 2025 Capital Budget;

AND THAT the \$20,000 is used to reduce the overall tax impact.

**Resolution No. 271.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council amend the motion to remove the Kinsman Park Christmas Lights and direct the money toward the batteries at the Strathmore Family Centre.

**WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution No. 270.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration to remove the Kinsman Park Christmas Lights from the 2025 Capital Budget;

AND THAT the \$20,000 is used to reduce the overall tax impact.

**FOR:** Councillor Montgomery, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, and Councillor Peterson

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 272.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration to remove the Water Truck Replacement (Single Axle) from the 2025 Capital Budget and to reallocate the \$170,000 to reduce the overall tax impact.

**FOR:** Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 273.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund STARS in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 274.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore & Wheatland Christmas Hamper Society in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 275.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Overnight Shelter in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Council Montgomery

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 276.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Overnight Shelter in the amount of \$20,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Montgomery

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 277.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Society of Arts in the amount of \$40,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 278.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society - Celebration of Lights in the amount of \$0.00 in the 2025 Operating Budget;

AND THAT the Strathmore Agricultural Society be directed to the Community Improvement Program.

**FOR:** Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 279.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council direct Administration to fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society – Celebration of Lights in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Resolution No. 280.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council amend the motion to fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society – Celebration of Lights in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Mitzner, and Councillor Peterson

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 279.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society – Celebration of Lights in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Montgomery

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 281.11.24**



Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Library Board in the amount of \$385,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Resolution No. 282.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council amend the motion to state, "THAT Council fund the Strathmore Library Board in the amount of \$400,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Councillor Langmaid

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 281.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Library Board in the amount of \$385,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Langmaid

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 283.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Kakato'si Ayounman Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Montgomery

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 284.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Happy Cat Society in the amount of \$30,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 285.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Communities in Bloom Society in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 286.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the True North Society in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** None.

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 287.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council fund the Badlands Seach and Rescue Association in the amount of \$0.00 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 288.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council extend the November 19, 2024 Regular Council meeting to 11:00 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 289.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Youth Theatre Company in the amount of \$7,000, the Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support Association in the amount of \$7,000, and Family Support Association in the amount of \$7,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Resolution No. 290.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Mitzner

THAT Council amend the motion to state, "THAT Council fund the Strathmore Youth Theatre Company in the amount of \$5,000, the Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support Association in the amount of \$5,000, and Family Support Association in the amount of \$5,000 each in the 2025 Operating Budget."

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 289.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Strathmore Youth Theatre Company in the amount of \$5,000, the Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support Association in the amount of \$5,000, and Family Support Association in the amount of \$5,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 291.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council fund the Community Mediation Calgary Society in the amount of \$0.00 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 292.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council fund the Royal Canadian Legion Strathmore Branch #10 in the amount of \$0.00 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Langmaid

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 293.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council approve all prior commitments aside from Happy Cat in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution No. 294.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council approve all but Happy Cat and Chamber of Commerce in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution No. 295.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss an item related to section 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act* at 10:08 p.m. to discuss prior commitments in the 2025 Capital Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 296.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 10:18 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 297.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council accept the following community prior commitments:

- Hemodialysis Water Rebate in the amount of \$1,000.
- Senior's Grant – Tax Rebate in the amount of \$12,000.
- FCSS Community Grant in the amount of \$60,000.
- The United Way in the amount of \$45,000.
- The Handi Bus in the amount of \$198,200.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 298.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Mitzner

THAT Council fund the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$0.00 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 299.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council fund the Community Improvement Program in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Councillor Langmaid

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 300.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Community Improvement Program in the amount of \$20,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Langmaid

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 301.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council direct Administration to remove the Citizenship Awards in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Councillor Langmaid

**AGAINST:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 302.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council direct Administration to keep the \$5,400 Citizenship Awards in the 2025 Operating Budget, with the option to revisit in 2025 for additional programs and incentives.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 303.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society in the amount of \$25,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**Resolution No. 304.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council amend the motion to read, "THAT Council fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society in the amount of \$28,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget."

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** Councillor Montgomery

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 303.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council fund the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society in the amount of \$28,000 in the 2025 Operating Budget.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 305.11.24**

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council direct Administration to cancel the Thursday, November 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting – Budget Meeting.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**6. CLOSED MEETING**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fule adjourned the November 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 10:35 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Strategic, Administrative,  
and Financial Services