MINUTES OF EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday January 22nd, 2015
Belize City Hall Council Chambers

Present:

1. Mr. Darrell Bradley Mayor
2. Mr. Kevin Singh Deputy Mayor
3. Mr. Dion Leslie Councilor
4. Mr. Eric Chang Councilor
5. Mr. Michael Theus Councilor
6. Mr. Alaine Gonzalez Councilor
7. Mr. Roger Espejo Councilor (Late 10:40)
8. Mr. Dean Samuels Councilor (Late 11:30)
9. Mr. Philip Willoughby Councilor (Late 12:15)

1. Ms. Candice Miller City Administrator
2. Mr. Jermaine Hyde Note-taker

Absent with explanation:

1. Mrs. Alifa Elrington Hyde Councilor
2. Mr. Bernard Pits Councilor

Present by invitation:

1. Mr. Floyd Williams City Engineer
2. Mrs. Marilyn Ordóñez Director of Finance
3. Ms. Sharlene Rudon Director of Administration
4. Ms. Margaret McKenzie Director Legal Services
5. Mrs. Marilyn Garvin Chief Internal Auditor

Minutes of Meeting

1. The meeting commenced at 2:30 p.m.

2. Councilor Dr. Alain Gonzalez opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. The Mayor welcomed everyone present for the meeting and apologized for his lateness due to trying to finish up HR Regulation.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Mayor invited Councilors to review the minutes of the two previous Council meetings, to make corrections where necessary and to confirm the minutes as amended.
4. There were no corrections to the minutes of November 14, 2014.
5. The following corrections were made to the minutes of December 16, 2014:
   
i) Pg. 2, Paragraph 1. Which is to be read as: “Ms. McKenzie conducted a presentation on Municipal Service Regulations.”
   
ii) Pg. 2, Paragraph 2. Which is to be read as: “Mayor listed the different organizations consulted prior to the launch CWU, Labor Department and the Opposition Leader. Additionally he noted some key points in relation to the Regulations.”
   
iii) A new paragraph 3 is to be inserted as: “The Council deliberated on the proposed HR Regulations.”
   
iv) At the end of paragraph 14, a note is to be inserted as: “The Council viewed a presentation by Mr. Ian Lizarraga on the proposed Memorial Park business development.”

Mayors Matters.

HR Regulations
1. Ms. McKenzie conducted a presentation on Municipal Service Regulations.

2. Mayor listed the different organizations consulted prior to the launch CWU, Labor Department and the Opposition Leader. Additionally he noted some key points in relation to the Regulations.

3. The Council deliberated on the proposed HR Regulations.

4. Mayor asked Council for a Resolution to pass HR Regulations.

5. Councilor Pitts moved a motion to pass Municipal Service Regulations.

6. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

7. The Council voted unanimously to pass the regulations and authorize council to take necessary steps to see the process through.

8. Mayor asked to record words of congratulations to the members of the task force and Councilors who attended the presentations.

9. Resolution to approve last year’s discount rate for property tax moved by Councilor Willoughby and seconded by Deputy Singh. The vote to approve the rate was a unanimous one.

Boards:

10. The Council voted unanimously to keep the current members of the Liquor License Board. The new members of the Trade License Board as voted by the Council are Mayor Bradley as Chair, Barbara Miller as Vice Chair, Stevanni Duncan, Kevin Singh and Philip Willoughby.
11. The Council voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Tricia Pitts Anderson as Attorney for the Council.

12. The Council also approved double increments across the board for staff.

13. Councilor Pitts moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Espejo.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

The Council viewed a presentation by Mr. Ian Lizarraga on the proposed Memorial Park business development.

Confirmation of Minutes

These minutes, which are the minutes of a Council Meeting of the Belize City Council duly convened and held on 23 October, 2014 were reviewed and approved by a Resolution of the Council dated ( 22 ) January, 2015

DARRELL BRADLEY, Mayor

CANDICE BURKE, City Administrator