Council

Wednesday March 18th, 2026
Meeting by Zoom
APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Present: Kirsten Johnsen, Anne Mack, Kevin Mack, Noah Plonka, Lisa Morgan, Donna Monteith, Robyn Rea, Kristine Brown, Denise Stys-Norman, Brent Lehmann (left at 4:40 p.m.)
Absent: n/a
Chair: Kirsten Johnsen
Recorder: Lisa Strerath

Quorum was present throughout the meeting

Convened 3:30 p.m.

Agenda adopted by consensus
Minutes from March 2nd, 2026 approved by consensus

1) **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**
2) **REQUEST FOR DECISION AND LEGISLATION**
   a) **Request for Decision**
      i) Introduction and 1st Reading of the Draft Economic Development Act
         (1) BN
         (2) Discussion on the Act with Brent Lehmann

CM00740 MOVED: Noah Plonka SECONDED: Lisa Morgan
THAT the Draft Economic Development Act be introduced to the Council for first reading.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

CM00741 MOVED: Anne Mack SECONDED: Kevin Mack
THAT Council resolve to waive the requirement for 24 hours between first and second reading regarding the Economic Development Act.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

CM00742 MOVED: Kevin Mack SECONDED: Lisa Morgan
THAT Council resolve to adopt in principle the Draft Economic Development Act and it be referred to the Council Committee of the Whole for detailed consideration.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

ACTION ITEM:
- Kirsten Johnsen to reschedule CCOW meeting to ensure Brent Lehmann will be available to answer questions.

b) Request for Decision

i) Introduction and 1st Reading of the Draft Business Development Act

(1) BN

(2) Discussion on the Act with Brent Lehmann

CM00743 MOVED: Kevin Mack SECONDED: Noah Plonka
THAT the Draft Business Development Act be introduced to the Council for first reading.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

CM00744 MOVED: Noah Plonka SECONDED: Anne Mack
THAT Council resolve to waive the requirement for 24 hours between first and second reading regarding the Draft Business Development Act.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

CM00745 MOVED: Noah Plonka SECONDED: Kirsten Johnsen
THAT Council resolve to adopt in principle the Draft Business Development Act and it be referred to the Council Committee of the Whole for detailed consideration.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

c) Request for Decision

i) 2nd Reading of Annual Budget Act 2026-2027

(1) Receive recommendation from the Finance Committee

(2) Send Annual Budget Act to the People's Assembly

From the March 16th, 2026 Standing Committee on Finance meeting:
MOVED: Kevin Mack SECONDED: Gale Johnsen
I move to report the Annual Budget Act 2026-2027 complete as amended, and to defer the Administration & Governance budget, regarding succession planning, to Council for further discussion, in recognition of the sensitivity and importance of the matter.
YES: 4
NO: 0 Motion Carried

CM00746 MOVED: Anne Mack SECONDED: Lisa Morgan
THAT Council receives the recommendation from the finance committee and resolve to send the Annual Budget Act 2026-2027 with Schedule 1 v5 with minor amendments, to the March 28th, 2026 People's Assembly for citizen's review.

YES: 5
NO: 0 Motion Carried

3) INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT or DISCUSSION

4) CORRESPONDANCE FOR RECEIPT

5) QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6) REPORTS & DRAFT MINUTES

a) Finance Committee Minutes (draft) 2026-03-05

CM00747 MOVED: Lisa Morgan SECONDED: Noah Plonka

THAT Council resolve to receive the following:

a) Finance Committee Minutes (draft) 2026-03-05

YES: 5

NO: 0 Motion Carried

7) LATE ADDITIONS

Additions/Deletions

Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes prepared by L. Strerath

Law Clerk

Kirsten Johnsen

Date

2026-04-01