

06-09-2025 Council Committees Meeting Transcript

June 9, 2025, 9:30PM

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CC Council Chambers 0:03

OK, it is now 530.

Pm and I would like to call to order the personal and Finance Committee meeting.

Clerk Joan Clark Jones, clerk Toronto, do you have any comments that you would like to make before we take the roll call?

Good afternoon. Members of the public for audio quality, we will be muting everyone not speaking by default to maintain good audio quality for council and yourselves. If you would like to speak during the meeting during the public portion, please submit your request in the chat directions to do.

Soon be listed.

We ask that you provide your full name and address as those are required for all speakers at in person Council meetings.

Thank you.

Thank you.

And would you mind calling the roll for the committee, please?

Yes, one second please.

Committee member Thomas Morgan, present committee member Doctor Davis.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 1:04

President.

CC Council Chambers 1:06

Committee vice chair white.

Committee chair nadskowski present.

Three members present.

Thank you so much.

So we do have a quorum.

And we are going to start with Bill #25-32.

We have anybody presenting for this, Mr. Palmer.

I believe President Lee is OK.

Thank you.

President Lee, are you presenting for Bill 2532?

If you are, you may take it away.



Canneth Lee 1:42

Yes, thank you.

This is 2532. Appointing the fire department negotiating team, naming Karen White, Ophelia Gooden, Rodgers and myself as negotiating team.



Council Chambers 2:02

OK.

Thank you so much.

This was this last time I believe this was a similar resolution when we when we negotiated last time.

So this is basically.

Naming attorney Palmer as the chief negotiator and council members Kenneth Lee, Karen White and Ophelia Gooden Rodgers as the council advisory team. Is there any questions on Bill 25, Dash 32?

No.

Great seeing none.

I'm going to go ahead and go to the public hearing portion.

Is there anyone wishing to speak in favor of Bill 2532?

I do not see any Members from the public in person or online wishing to speak in favor of the bill.

Thank you.

Is there anyone wishing to speak against?

I do not see anyone in person or online wishing to speak in opposition of the bill.

Thank you.

I'm going to close the public hearing on Bill 2532 and bring it back to the committee.

If there are no questions or comments, I would entertain a motion regarding the bill I move that we send Bill 25, Dash 32.



Dr. Oliver Davis 3:09

Motion to oh.



Council Chambers 3:12

Due to the Committee of the whole.
With a favorable recommendation.

 **Dr. Oliver Davis** 3:16

And.
2nd.

 **Council Chambers** 3:19

Excuse me, chairp, the full council.
Oh, thank you for that correction.
I move that we send the bill to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.

 **Dr. Oliver Davis** 3:29

2nd.

 **Council Chambers** 3:30

Thank you, bill.
30 or 2532 has been a motion and duly seconded clerk Tirado. Could you please call the roll?
Committee member Thomas Morgan.
Aye committee member Doctor Davis.

 **Dr. Oliver Davis** 3:44

I.

 **Council Chambers** 3:45

Committee chair miscoski aye. 3 ayes. Thank you, bill. 2532 will be sent to the full Council with a favorable recommendation. OK, we're going to move on then to Bill 2533 and will will give President Lee the opportunity present for this bill as.
Well.

 **Canneth Lee** 4:07

Thank you, chair.
Bill 2533 is appointing an agent, negotiating an advisory Common Council negotiating team, represent the Common Council, and I mean South Bend Fraternal

Order of Police Lodge, #36 negotiations attorney Bob Palmer.

Will be our attorney representing us and.

On the committee, the negotiating committee will be Sheila Niskowski, Vice President Rachel.

Thomas Morgan and also myself Kenneth Lee.

There's any other questions?

CC Council Chambers 4:44

OK.

Thank you.

Is there any questions for President Lee upon about the presentation?

I seeing none.

I'm going to go ahead to the public hearing portion.

Is there anyone here wishing to speak in favor of Bill 2533?

I do not see any members of the public in person or online wishing to speak in favor of the bill.

Is there anyone wishing to speak against?

I do not see anyone in person or online wishing to speak in opposition.

Thank you.

I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing on Bill 25-33 and bring it back to the committee if there are no questions or comments, I'll entertain a motion regarding the bill.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 5:27

Motion to bring this bill to the floor Council with a favorable recommendation tonight.

CC Council Chambers 5:34

I second OK.

There's been a motion and a second to move Bill 25-33 to the full council with a favorable recommendation. Clerk Tirado, could you call the roll, please? Committee member Thomas Morgan.

Aye committee member Doctor Davis.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 5:49

I.

CC Council Chambers 5:51

Committee chair Nadskowski Aye, 3 aye.

Thank you, bill. 25-33 will be sent to the full Council with a favorable recommendation. At this time, I'm going to go ahead and close.

Or adjourn the committee meeting, public works and property vacation.

Start at 5:40. This meeting is now adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 6:11

You're welcome.

Clerk tirado.

Clerk tirado.

Can you hear me?

You can't hear me.

Hmm.

CC Council Chambers 10:01

OK.

Good afternoon, everyone.

It is now 540 and I'd like to call to order the public works and Property Vacation Committee.

Clerk Tirado, would you mind calling the roll for the committee, please?

Committee Member Warner.

Committee member Doctor Davis.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 10:19

Present.

CC Council Chambers 10:21

Committee member Karl Littrell.

Citizen Member Jason Pontch.

Committee by Sher Gooden Rodgers.

Committee chair nasoski present.

Four members present.

Thank you.

We do have a quorum for the meeting and today's meeting we have before us is Bill 6424.

This is a bill that I believed was tabled last December.

Clerk Tirado was the person requesting Mr. Rodriguez, I believe.

Was he?

Did he say it was going to be?

The committee meeting to speak on this or.

The person who filed for the alley vacation.

They were contacted, but I I don't see them present.

Yeah, I I do not see him present here. Just for a little context, this bill we heard last.

It was filed in October.

I think we finally ended up tabling it in December.

And it had to do with some issues with the vacation itself and access to his own property.

Which basically would cut off access to his property.

Be. And so he was going to give some time to go back over this to see in review. I see Gemma Stanton is here.

Do you have any background for us, Gemma, or clarification on anything?

Would you?

Would you mind coming to the mic for me? Just for clarification, 'cause, this has been like going on a year. I even think further.

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 12:20

I can't hear.

CC **Council Chambers** 12:24

Is your mic on?

To speak directly into you.

Mm.

We're coming up, Vic.

Matthew's gonna come in.

That would be the culprit.

You can unplug me.

OK try.

So the issues that we discovered in December haven't really changed, but we did. Chris Dressel from planning and then another engineer from Public Works both met. Mr. Rodriguez, out on his property to explain why we're not sure that the vacation would actually alleviate the problem that he's experiencing. But we're we would still be able to walk him through if if he's interested.

Pursuing the petition, but I thought that he might be here tonight, but if he's not here, then we don't have further.

Action or updates on it.

But if he reaches back out, we'll be happy to bring that back to the committee.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 13:59

Question.

Can you hear me?

Is there a timeline that we are working with that?

Any deadlines coming up that?

CC Council Chambers 14:12

Today, today, I believe was the deadline.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 14:15

Will. So if no if no action is taken today, what what then happens?

CC Council Chambers 14:16

So.

And and if I may, I believe that the committee would have a couple options.

One is we could table it.

We could send it forward with a favorable or unfavorable or no recommendation.

The problem with the property is the way that the line that the next property to his if he vacates the alley, he basically cuts off access to his property.

He will not be able to.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 14:45

Yeah. OK.

CC Council Chambers 14:47

If you know where this is at Doctor Davis, it's right there as you're going over the track.

That's his properties right there off of Walnut and the topography there is such that it would even be difficult if he were try to get a different curb cut.

And there's really not enough room because that other little section of property is owned by someone else.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 15:07

OK.

CC Council Chambers 15:08

So we brought all of those things to his attention back in December and I said if you do this, you cut off all the access to your property.

And so this was then given him time to think about it.

It is now been since filed in October.

This is now June 9th of 2025.

He does have some other things that he could look 'cause there's also the railroad is right there. So as you're aware, there's easements with the railroad.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 15:34

OK.

CC Council Chambers 15:36

So the fact that he just isn't here after this amount of time, I would leave it up to the committee for discussion on what they feel is best moving forward. If you're OK, clerk Tirado or your staff, I think it's true that they maybe.

Submitted envelopes prior to this meeting, which makes me think that they are not done with the process, so I think perhaps tabling for a few more months or giving them an ability to come back if there was a miscommunication or something like that, might be appropriate if you.

Think so? Yeah. Well, they did resubmit.

The envelope and we got both sent out, so it was just follow up with them at this point.

Yeah, that sounds good.

I just want to make sure that we're not.

Slicing off the process if he wants to keep going and and he could show up at the 7:00 too.

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 16:30

But the.

CC **Council Chambers** 16:32

That could be, yeah.

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 16:34

But questions if this does this resubmission extend his time since today's the deadline?

There's a resubmission.

Add a new clock? Or are we still working by the clock from December?

CC **Council Chambers** 16:46

I believe that if it's up to the committee, we can either table it, give it a recommendation to move it to the Committee of the whole.

He could just be.

Some people don't know that it's really necessary to show up at the committee meeting and they show up at the 7:00, and if he doesn't show up at the 7:00, then if we move it out of committee, we could always table it while it's under the Committee of the whole to give him a further opportunity, as Gemma stated.

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 17:11

OK.

CC **Council Chambers** 17:12

So if it's OK with the committee, I'm gonna go ahead.

And oh, go ahead, I would point out that I've been to the site, I've been to the site and noticed that they have done some work in the alley and on the property adjacent and joining the north-south Alley to the to the east.

So they're in there doing something.

It appears to be to make the access from the east viable.

But whether the intervening property owner is aware.

Given his permission.

Or.

What is is unknown at this point.

I have a question.

So I wanna.

I wanna get it clarified 'cause I've been there too.

So the house is on walnut.

It's right at the railroad tracks.

Yep. So you can go in and you go down that little slope and then you can go all the way around the back. Yep. And come out. OK. I'm making OK now. I've been there too. And I've talked to to Mr. Rodriguez.

DD

Dr. Oliver Davis 18:04

Mm hmm.

CC

Council Chambers 18:12

I guess it was the the son. I believe it was. One was a younger man on crutches or something at the time that I went. OK, that should. I think that's Mr. Rodriguez.

OK and.

I think we better.

I'd like to see this table and let them really 'cause. I don't think they even understood what really was going on.

OK.

Well, we we were pretty thorough at the December meeting.

But I mean it's it is up to the committee on if they want to keep it in committee or if you want to move this forward.

DD

Dr. Oliver Davis 18:41

Thank you.

CC

Council Chambers 18:43

But regardless, you know, I believe some type of action and perhaps give him the opportunity to to so he and I'll give Gemma your team.

To a little further time with him.

I don't know if it's super important, but a small clarification. The alley. The right alley right of way does not go all the way through to that north-south segment.

So he has access to a dead end alley, and that's his only access to his property.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 19:07

Question.

Does do we?

CC Council Chambers 19:10

Sure.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 19:11

Do we have to?

Can we make a motion now?

Or do we still have to have a public hearing and then come back and make a motion?

CC Council Chambers 19:16

Yeah, we, we still have to have a public hearing.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 19:21

Oh, so we have to have that before we have to have a motion, correct?

CC Council Chambers 19:24

Correct.

DD Dr. Oliver Davis 19:25

OK.

CC Council Chambers 19:26

So if there's no further questions at this time 'cause I know this was a a reach back.

So I just want to make sure everybody's on the same page on the committee. I'm going to go ahead and open it up to the public hearing portion.

So is there anyone here wishing to speak in favor of Bill 6424?

I do not see anyone in person or online wishing to speak in favor of the bill.

Thank you.

Is there anyone wishing to speak against the bill?

I do not see anyone in person or online wishing to speak in opposition of the bill, OK.

Thank you.

I'm going to close the public hearing on that and I want to thank Gemma for coming up and helping us with the clarification on the bill.

I will bring it back to the committee.

What is the pleasure of or is there any other questions first before we make a motion so we can have a general consensus?

Is there any other questions?

So do you guys want to move this out of committee thinking he may come to the 7:00, or do you wish to table it in the committee and have him come before the committee before it advances?

That's really the two options.

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 20:28

I make a motion that he comes before the committee at our next meeting.

CC **Council Chambers** 20:34

OK.

What's the date of our next meeting?

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 20:37

Today's May 23rd.

CC **Council Chambers** 20:39

June 23rd, June 23rd.

23rd OK.

So there has been a motion to table Bill 2533 until June 23rd.

Do I have a second second?

It was seconded OK. Clerk Tirado, could you call the roll, please?

Committee member Doctor David.

But it's a member Carl Latrell.

Hi Committee vice Chair Gooden Rodgers, Aye, committee chair Nafkoski aye or aye.

Thank you, bill. 64-24 will be tabled in committee until June 23rd.
At this time, the meeting is now adjourned for public works and property vacation.
Thank you.

DD **Dr. Oliver Davis** 21:21
Cool.

CC **Council Chambers** 21:39
From the sub committed on subcommittee on minutes for May 28th, 2025, there is no special business and there is no reports from city offices.
Bill 64-24 has been tabled until June 23rd, so it will not be heard.
We'll go straight to bills on third reading.
6424 No, it won't be that we go straight to resolutions.
Did you just say to 624?
I thought it was 623. I said no.
The bill number was 6424.
20 I said.
Did you say it was tabled until the 23rd? The June 23rd?
Oh, I thought you said the 24th, OK.
I'm sorry. Nope.
June 23rd, I thought we said the 23rd, but OK.
So we go to resolutions, we have two resolutions.
Then we'll do bills on first reading.
We have 123456 bills on first reading.
Unfinished business.
New business, business, privilege of the floor and adjournment.
Thank you, citizen members, and thank you all for your time and we'll see you at 7:00.
This is now adjourned.

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