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NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

6.4 Council's Request for the City's Tribunals to Consider Adjusting their Meeting Format

(Nann/Johnson)

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Hamilton has delegated their authority to Tribunals to make decisions on their behalf;

WHEREAS, the City's Tribunals fall under the *Statutory Powers Procedures Act* and under Section 5.2(1) permits electronic participation for Hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Term Priorities for Council includes Trust and Confidence in Government with a goal to "Provide the public with greater access to City government information and opportunities to become more engaged in decision making processes that impact their community".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council requests that the City's Tribunals consider continuing to provide live streaming of public meetings and to continue to permit electronic participation, in addition to in-person participation, for all the parties, members of the public and the members of the tribunal participating in the Tribunal;
- (b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of the City's Tribunals; and
- (c) That staff be authorized and directed to provide any required staffing support and technology to support electronic participation at Tribunal meetings, to be funded from the Development Fee Stabilization Reserve for 2022 and referred to the 2023 budget process for future years.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

NOT PRESENT - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

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YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

6.6 Budget Increase for the Housing for Hamilton Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Roxborough Mixed Income/Tenure Demonstration Project

(Merulla/Jackson)

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City of Hamilton approved the Housing for Hamilton Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Roxborough Mixed Income/Tenure Demonstration Project;

WHEREAS, the intent of the CIP is to establish an innovative demonstration project for a joint public-private housing redevelopment which will deliver a mix of market and below market homeownership and rental housing options through the redevelopment of approximately 12.5 acres of land within the McQueston neighbourhood in East Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the City's financial contribution under the CIP is primarily in the form of waivers of Development Charges and Parkland Dedication Fees;

WHEREAS, the Roxborough Demonstration Project was envisioned to deliver approximately 650-750 mixed income and mixed tenure residential units including 103 family-oriented Rent-Geared-to-Income and affordable rental units to be owned and operated by City Housing Hamilton, over 200 multi-residential rental units with capped rents, approximately 200 - 250 below market homeownership townhouse units; and approximately 100 -150 maisonettes and condominium units geared towards seniors and smaller households;

WHEREAS, the 103 unit City Housing Hamilton building is nearly complete and the first 126 below market home ownership townhouse units are under construction;

WHEREAS, the Roxborough Development Group has now secured Preliminary Approval with CMHC for participation in the Rental Construction Financing Initiative (RCFI) program designed to facilitate the construction of new rental housing that is attainable and affordable, which would allow the Roxborough Demonstration Project to construct 352 affordable rental units, far surpassing the minimum 200 rental units required by the City's CIP;

WHEREAS, the affordability benchmark for the rental units would exceed the affordability threshold established by the City's CIP, such that rents for new tenancies would be capped at not more than 90% of existing market rents for comparable product (10% below market, at minimum) and rents on 20% of the units (70 suites) must be set at rents not to exceed 30% of Household income for the Hamilton CMA;