

CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE CITY OF MERRITT  
COUNCIL, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, 2185 VOGHT STREET, MERRITT, B.C.

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1. **PRESENT:**

COUNCIL: Mayor R.H. Baird  
Councillors L. Barr, G. Cavaliere, R. Gage,  
H. Kroeker, E. Reimer, R. Sherwood

STAFF: J. Bridarolli, Administrator  
J.E. Barry, City Clerk  
H. Osachoff, Treasurer

MEDIA: Merritt Herald

PUBLIC: 10 members of the public.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Baird called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A. Agenda, Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 21, 2000.

Moved by Councillor Barr THAT the Agenda Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 21, 2000 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **REPORTS:**

A. Development Permit 2000-G Smoluk; Development Officer's November 7, 2000 Memorandum and correspondence received.

Vince Smoluk and his Architect Charles Wills were in attendance to answer questions from the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Smoluk asked the Committee to consider approving a third floor for the south wing of the proposed development. He feels the Planning Department's requirement that the south wing be limited to two floors is economically punitive to the project.

Mr. Wills answered questions regarding building height, the length of sidewalk on Garcia Street, parking stall location, and landscaping trees.

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The Committee invited members of the public to bring forwards any concerns they may have regarding the project.

Ron Dick, 2101 Taylor Place, suggested that the south driveway entrance be reduced to one lane for in-going traffic with signage and directional arrows. Out-going traffic would then leave the parking lot from the north driveway entrance and vehicle headlights would not shine onto his property. Mr. Dick also would like to see the five parking stall area landscaped and, if screening is required, that the height be regulated to a level comfortable to him. He expressed concern that the developer will have to build 5 to 5.5 feet above the existing ground level so as to be above the 200 year flood plain and this would result in a building approaching 50 feet high.

Eleanor Ware, 2675 Garcia Street, expressed privacy concerns for those individuals on the north side of Taylor Place whose backyards will be facing the proposed building. She also indicated that the developer will have to build 5 to 5.5 feet above the existing ground level to be above the flood plain.

The Committee advised that they would review the comments expressed and that the matter would be considered at the next Council meeting.


B. Budget Issues – Administrator’s November 16, 2000 memorandum regarding 2001 budget process.

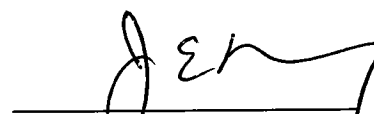
The Committee shared their thoughts on the process for the 2001 budget process. It was agreed that the first budget meeting will be on December 5, 2000. It is intended to have Council consider first reading of the budget bylaw by late January.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Cavaliere at 9:29 p.m. THAT the meeting be terminated.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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Robert H. Baird, MAYOR

  
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J.E. Barry, CITY CLERK