Minute No. 178
Executive Policy Committee - Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 Use of Vote Information System

The Speaker, Councillor Sharma called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Eadie to the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS openness and transparency in government is paramount;

AND WHEREAS on September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee began using the recorded Vote Information System to record votes;

AND WHEREAS having Members of Council stand to be counted at City Council meetings is the most effective and recognized method of having elected officials show citizens their support or opposition to an item before them;

AND WHEREAS having Members of Council vote via the Vote Information System rather than standing to show support or opposition will create a barrier for some citizens watching City Council proceedings:

AND WHEREAS there has been no official direction or decision from Council to introduce this system at City Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS there has been no formal review of the Procedures By-law to determine if the use of this system aligns with currents rules;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recorded Vote Information System not be used by Members of Council for City Council meetings until such time as Council votes to implement the system.

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
That the matter be laid over to the Council meeting on February 25, 2021.

Councillor Sharma called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Santos, and Sharma. 6

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Chambers, Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason Orlikow, Rollins and Schreyer 10

and the motion to lay over was declared lost.

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The motion for the adoption of the item was put.

His Worship Mayor Bowman called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma. 16

Nay: 0

and the Item was declared carried.