

January 03, 2006 - March 28, 2006

04 - CITY COUNCILS PAY INCREASE

January 11, 2006

WARD 2

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is opposed to the 6% pay raise the Mayor and Council get this year. They certainly haven't earned it. There are a lot of problems and issues Council hasn't addressed. We still have a homelessness and housing problem, just to name a few.

WARD 3

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is against a pay increase for City Council.

WARD 6

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is against Council giving themselves a 6% pay hike. That's a bigger increase than the firefighters got. They should not be allowed to get that much.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

City Council pay increases should not be higher than inflation. 1/3rd of their salaries are tax free. Citizen doesn't feel that they are doing their jobs.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

A 6% salary increase for City Council is ridiculous.

WARD Unknown

Opinion Other

City Councils pay increases should not be higher than inflation in the City of Edmonton. There is no justification to base their salaries on those across the province. Cost of living is different in each municipality. Fort McMurray for example has a much higher cost of living so perhaps their council members would need more to get by on.

January 12, 2006

WARD 1

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Against a 6% increase for City Council. Citizen feels that the unions will ask for the same amount.

WARD 2

Opinion Oppose/Critical

6% is way too much for a pay increase for City Council. It is very high. The ordinary people do not get rates that high.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is against City Council helping themselves to a 6% raise while other City employees who actually do the work are lucky to get a 3% raise.

WARD 3

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen feels it is very unfair of City Council to raise taxes and then give themselves a big pay hike. They are gouging the seniors who don't get those kinds of raises. They are not setting a good example for City employees who only get a 3% raise.

Opinion Other

Opposed to the size of the pay increase for City Council. The Mayor cannot donate half of the increase, that is taxpayers money. He will get the benefit and not the taxpayers. He should just not accept the whole increase.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is against the big pay raise City Council gave themselves. It is an insult to taxpayers to raise taxes and then give yourself a raise. Seniors on fixed income can barely get by.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

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WARD 4**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Not happy with the pay increase for City Council. They should not automatically get a pay raise. How can they justify a pay rate of 6% when most pay rates have been 2.3 or 2.5%?

Opinion Supportive

Citizen supports a wage increase for City Council. Their wages are such a small part of the city's budget. There is not another job in the City that has as much public scrutiny and the demands on their hours. Citizen feels that they deserve a lot more than what they are being paid.

WARD 6**Opinion** Other

What is our City Council doing raising taxes & salaries in the same year? They should limit the Mayor to 2 terms, Councillors to 3 terms and have an age restriction. The Ward System should also be cancelled. You may get 4 really good people running in 1 Ward and in another Ward you may not have anyone worth electing.

WARD Unknown**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Citizen feels the 6% pay raise City Council gave themselves is too much considering 1/3 of their salary is tax free. There should be a citizen's committee set up to be watchdogs for City Council's salaries and spending. No one who is not self employed should be able to give themselves a raise of any proportion.

January 13, 2006

WARD 2**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

If we can afford a raise for Council then why did we need to increase taxes?

Opinion Oppose/Critical

City Council does not deserve a 6% raise. They are not doing their job.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is against the 6% wage increase for City Council. This will amount to about \$3,000.00 a year with 1/3 of it tax free and seniors are lucky if they end up with an increase of \$5. A 3% increase should be sufficient. The fire fighters only received a 3% increase.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

An 86 year old is opposed to the pay increase for City Council. She is also upset that the City has borrowed money. She claims that she can only afford to eat one meal a day.

WARD 3**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Citizen is opposed to the pay increase proposed for City Council.

WARD 5**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Citizen is opposed to the pay increase for City Council. It is excessively high. No one else gets increases that high, especially not senior citizens.

Opinion Other

Citizen didn't like the Mayor's comment on not needing his increase. He may not need it, but others do to meet ever increasing costs. She feels that he shouldn't have made this statement.

WARD 6**Opinion** Other

City Council should give all city employees a 5.7% increase and 30% of their wages should be tax free.

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WARD Unknown

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Isn't it wonderful that Council voted themselves a pay increase? Just who do they think will pay for this raise? Us, lowly businesses are suffering big time because of the Smoking Bylaw. Businesses in the City pay a lot of taxes -business and property tax. He does not believe that the Mayor will donate his increase to charity

January 16, 2006

WARD Unknown

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Why should City Council receive a 6% increase when others are at best only receiving a 3% increase? Senior Citizens don't receive even a 3% increase. How are they expected to keep up with the ever increasing costs of living in their homes?

January 17, 2006

WARD 2

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Object to City Council's pay increase. The regular staff that work for the City have to fight for a 3% increase, but City Council gets an automatic raise and other perks. This is not right.

WARD Unknown

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen feels that the 6% pay hike the Mayor and Councillors gave themselves is too high. Being elected officials 1/3 of their salary is tax free, they have car allowance and benefits. They should be community minded and not be filling their pockets with taxpayers money.

January 27, 2006

WARD 1

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is very disappointed Council gave themselves a big raise which he feels is the real reason property taxes were increased so much. Council is being greedy and should not be in their positions only for the money.

February 22, 2006

WARD Unknown

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is not pleased with City Council. They gave themselves a raise and then they gave a big raise to the City Manager. This isn't fair to taxpayers or City employees. The City should also give a 10% increase to other civic employees.

March 17, 2006

WARD 2

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen feels that if City Councillors don't like their salaries, they should resign and go somewhere else.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is opposed to the increase in salary for Councillors. Why do they feel they are worthy of a higher salary than an MLA gets? Every election should include a referendum on Council's salary.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

City Councillors receive over \$100,000 a year and one third of this is tax free. City Council is already making more than anyone else in the City. They are being cry babies. They knew what the work schedule was like when they were elected. Council positions should also be limited to no more than 3 terms.

WARD 3

Opinion Oppose/Critical

The City Councillors knew what the pay was before they were elected. The Councillors in Edmonton make more than the Councillors in Vancouver and the cost of living in Vancouver is more than Edmonton.

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WARD 3**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

City Council picked a good time to talk about a pay raise. They get enough incentives as it is and do not have to pay tax on a third of their salary. They should not get a raise.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Didn't Council they just get a raise? Now they are asking for another raise. There is a \$30 million dollar surplus. It is not fair to raise taxes and then find a surplus and use it for a raise in Council salaries. It is too bad that they are over-worked, but they knew what the job entailed and the salary that they would be receiving.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen feels any Councillors who want an increase in salary should quit office.

WARD 4**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

City Council is already getting paid lots of money and they are not working that hard. The Mayor and City Council are expecting too much.

WARD 5**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

If the Councillors do not like the pay, they should not have run for City Council. They do not deserve a raise.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

A raise in pay for the City Council should be deferred to the next election.

WARD 6**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

City Councillors do not deserve a pay raise, especially when they are wanting to increase garbage collection fees. Some Councillors should even consider retiring.

March 21, 2006

WARD 4**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Council gets paid enough.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

City Council knew what the pay was before they were elected. If they want parity with the province they should work for the province. The money for the provincial MLA's come from the provincial budget and they have more money to draw on than the City of Edmonton. City Council should not receive a pension, it is a short term position.

March 22, 2006

WARD 1**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Citizen is opposed to increasing Council's salary. They knew what the pay was when they took the position.

Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen objects to any pay increases for City Council.

WARD 5**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Citizen is against Council's pay increase.

March 23, 2006

WARD 1**Opinion** Oppose/Critical

Council should not get a pay raise. They make twice as much and her and her husband's salary put together. Council should be thankful for what they have.

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Opinion Oppose/Critical

The City has lots of money to send the Mayor and some Councillors to Washington D.C. What are they doing? Taking a holiday? Are they taking their spouses and children? Do they have to pay for anything? If City Council wants a raise they should get a real job.

WARD 3

Opinion Oppose/Critical

The Councillors knew that the job included long hours before they were elected. They also knew what the salary was. When single parents are looking for part-time jobs to make ends meet, you cannot justify City Council getting a raise. They get paid more than enough. Citizen feels that City Council is doing a good job, but should not get an increase in salary.

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Opinion Oppose/Critical

Citizen is opposed to Council getting pay raises because of overtime. Everybody has to work overtime these days.

March 24, 2006

WARD 6

Opinion Other

If the City decides to add two more wards to the system, then the Councillors should not get a pay increase because their work loads will be reduced.
