Present: Deputy Mayor J. P. Danko (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
T. Jackson, E. Pauls, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

Absent: Mayor F. Eisenberger – Other City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Living Wage - School Crossing Guards (HUR20004) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

   (Partridge/Nann)
   That Report HUR20004, respecting Living Wage - School Crossing Guards, be received.
   CARRIED

2. Living Wage (HUR20003/FCS20013) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

   (Nann/Collins)
   That Report HUR20003/FCS20013, respecting Living Wage, be received.
   CARRIED
FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
   3.1 January 30, 2020

4. COMMUNICATIONS
   4.1 Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Living Wage
       Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.
   4.2 Correspondence from Councillor Bridget Doherty, City of Kingston, Portsmouth District, respecting Living Wage
       Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

   Added as Item 6.2(a), Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA is in attendance to comment on the Animal Adoption Program matter, at the request of Council.

(Ferguson/VanderBeek)
That the agenda for the February 7, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 30, 2020 (Item 3.1)

(Pauls/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the January 30, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nhrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(Wilson/VanderBeek)
That Communication Items 4.1 and 4.2 be approved, as follows:

(i) Correspondence from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Living Wage (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

(ii) Correspondence from Councillor Bridget Doherty, City of Kingston, Portsmouth District, respecting Living Wage (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

CARRIED

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets.

(Partridge/Clark)
That the presentation, respecting the 2020 Corporate Financials & Non-Program Revenue Budgets, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City’s website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Nann/Collins)
That the Corporate Pension, Benefits and Contingency, in the amount of $15,946,000 for 2020, be approved.

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

YES – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES – Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES – Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES – Deputy Mayor – Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NOT PRESENT – Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES – Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT – Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES – Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES – Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT – Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES – Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES – Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(Collins/Ferguson)
(a) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities – Global Spectrum 2020 Budget, be reduced by $350,000; and,

(b) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities – Hamilton Convention Centre by Carmen’s 2020 Budget, be reduced $100,000 by utilizing a transfer from a working fund reserve.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

YES - 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 Chad Collins
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
(ii) 2020 Council Referred Items (Item 6.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items.

(Partridge/Ferguson)
That the presentation, respecting the 2020 Council Referred Items, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City’s website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, addressed Committee, at their request, to speak to the Animal Adoption Program Matter (Item 6.2(a))

Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, addressed Committee, at their request, and spoke to the Animal Adoption Program Matter.

(Pearson/Jackson)
That the presentation, provided by Marion Emo, President and CEO Hamilton-Burlington SPCA, respecting the Animal Adoption Program matter, be received.

CARRIED

(Collins/Partridge)
That all 2020 Council Referred Items, be DEFERRED to a future 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

CARRIED

(iii) 2020 Business Cases (Item 6.3)

(Jackson/Pearson)
That, with the exception of the Corporate Pension, Benefits and Contingency; and, the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities matters, the 2020 Businesses Cases be DEFERRED to a future 2020 General Issues Committee Budget meeting.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City’s website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.
(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(Pearson/Ferguson)
That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor J. P. Danko
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk