



**General Issues Committee
MINUTES (BUDGET)
9:30 a.m.
Friday, February 10, 2012
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead (Chair)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, J. Farr, L. Ferguson,
S. Merulla, B. Morelli, T. Jackson, B. Johnson, J. Partridge,
M. Pearson

Absent with Regrets: Councillors B. McHattie, S. Duvall, R. Pasuta – FCM
Councillor R. Powers – CUTA

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
Chief R. Simonds, Fire Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic
Chief
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the additional budget presentation:

- (i) Other Programs – Legislative (Added as Item 4.1); balance of agenda re-numbered accordingly.

(Pearson/Jackson)

That the agenda be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Other Programs – Legislative (Added Item 4.1)

(Pearson/Merulla)

That the power point presentation with respect to the Legislative budget be waived. **CARRIED**

Rob Rossini commented that the Governance Sub-Committee considered motions put forward by Councillor Powers that deal with underfunding issues in the Legislative budget, population differences in funding and administrative issues. The Sub-Committee approved the resolutions and they will be moving forward to 2012 budget deliberations.

(Pearson/Farr)

That the information provided with respect to the Legislative Budget be received. **CARRIED**

4.2 Hamilton Emergency Services (formerly Item 4.1)

Chief Rob Simonds outlined the services that HES provides, including fire and rescue services, corporate trunked radio, emergency management and emergency medical services.

PPT presentation outlined the following:

- Hamilton Emergency Services – Administration (Shared Fire and EMS) – Overview and FTE's; 2012 net operating budget; 2012 operating budget by cost category; 2012 major cost drivers – HES Administration
- Hamilton Emergency Services – Fire – Service profile; OMBI performance comparators; interim organizational structure; 2012 net operating budget; 2012 operating budget by cost category; 2012 major cost drivers
- Emergency Management and Corporate Trunked Radio – Service profiles; organizational structure; 2012 net operating budget; 2012 operating budget by cost category; 2012 major cost drivers

Chief Simonds indicated that he would like to involve the Committee in an anatomy of a working incident/task analysis to demonstrate the roles of the various staff, in particular, when there is a serious situation, relative to their responsibilities, duties, monitoring, competencies.

(Clark/Ferguson)

That the Fire Chief be directed to provide a report back to the General Issues Committee on the following:

- (a) Job descriptions for all managerial and supervisory positions within the Fire Department;
- (b) Responsibilities, duties, competencies and authority of each role;
- (c) Duties performed during “down time” and when not at an incident.

CARRIED

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the General Issues Committee recess at 11:28 a.m. in order to convene a special meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Hamilton Emergency Services – EMS

Brent Browett, Emergency Medical Services/Paramedic Chief, provided a power point presentation which included Service profile; business model, emergency response plan, OMBI performance comparators (2010), performance indicators – historical demands and outcomes; patient surveys, organizational structure, 2012 net operating budget; 2012 operating budget by cost category; 2012 major cost drivers; 2012 base budget savings; Council-referred items and 2011-2012 EMS funding opportunities.

The Committee requested the following additional information:

- Delays in terms of responses and how long the ambulances were of the road
- Ascertain cost of feasibility study to begin the process of the City operating its own dispatch to achieve operational efficiencies and savings
- Would like to get additional information with respect to the procedure(s) in place for the cleaning/disinfecting of ambulances following each call

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the presentations provided by Chief R. Simonds and Brent Browett be received.

CARRIED

5. MOTIONS

None

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

(Pearson/Partridge)

There being no further business, the Committee recessed at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Whitehead
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
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