



**General Issues Committee  
MINUTES (BUDGET DELIBERATIONS)**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

---

**Present:** Deputy Mayor B. Clark (Chair)  
Mayor R. Bratina  
Councillors C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr, L. Ferguson,  
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, B. Johnson, R. Powers,  
J. Partridge, T. Whitehead

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillors B. Morelli, R. Pasuta – City Business  
Councillor M. Pearson – Illness

**Also Present:** C. Murray, City Manager  
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate  
Services  
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works  
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic  
Development  
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services  
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health  
C. Biggs, Legislative Co-ordinator

**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised of the following change:

**ADDED DISCUSSION REPORT**

(i) Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11190(b)) (Ward 11) (Added Item 5.4)

**(Powers/Johnson)**

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the following Minutes of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented:

**(Johnson/Duvall)**

(a) January 26 and 27, 2012 (Boards and Agencies) **CARRIED**

**(Duvall/Powers)**

(b) February 10, 2012 **CARRIED**

**(McHattie/Farr)**

(c) February 15, 2012 (Public Delegations) **CARRIED**

**(Johnson/Merulla)**

(d) February 17, 2012 **CARRIED**

**(Jackson/CollinsS)**

(e) February 24, 2012 **CARRIED**

**(Duvall/Farr)**

(f) February 29, 2012 **CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

Rob Rossini provided an update on the budget to date. The Committee was distributed with updated Appendices "A", "B" and "C" based on budget discussions to date.

**(Collins/Jackson)**

That the update provided by Rob Rossini respecting the 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget, be received. **CARRIED**

**Public Works 2012 Council-Referred Program Enhancements**

**(Jackson/Johnson)**

That staff be directed to bring a report back indicating how much work could be accomplished with 50% of the budget (2012 Council-referred Program Enhancements) with respect to sidewalks and catch-basins. **CARRIED**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.3 2012 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations  
(FCS12014) (City Wide)**

Outstanding discussion items:

(a) **2012 Requested Program Enhancements (Appendix “C” to Report FCS12014 attached hereto)**

**Planning & Economic Development**

**(Powers/Partridge)**

- (i) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Building Services – Increase Application Analyst position from 4 FTE to 1.0 FTE to be funded from the Enterprise Model, in an annualized gross impact of \$60,414, be approved. **CARRIED**

**(McHattie/Farr)**

- (ii) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Economic Development – Hire Youth Advisor on contract to expose youth benefits of entrepreneurship, with an annualized gross impact of \$82,500, be funded from the economic development Investment Fund, be approved. **CARRIED**

**Community Services**

**(Collins/Duvall)**

- (a) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for City Housing – Enhance on-site staff presence per Board of Directors’ Report 10020 and 100037, with an annualized impact of \$642,270, be approved. **CARRIED**

**(Partridge/Collins)**

- (b) That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Recreation – Incremental Operational Cost of New Wentworth Twin Pad Arena Complex, with 2012 net impact of \$197,000, be approved. **CARRIED**

**Public Works**

**(Duvall/Jackson)**

That the 2012 Department-requested Program Enhancement for Horticulture – Maintenance of new traffic roundabouts, with a 2012 net impact of \$161,440, be parked pending receipt of additional information from staff with respect to alternate methods to minimize horticultural maintenance of the roundabouts. **CARRIED**

(b) **Consideration of Recommendations from Report FCS12014**

**Planning & Economic Development Department**

**(Powers/Partridge)**

That the Planning & Economic Development operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-1, page 7, \$16,956,299 be parked.

**CARRIED**

**Public Health Services Department**

**(Powers/McHattie)**

(i) That the Public Health Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-2, page 51, \$10,267,858 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(Powers/Partridge)**

(ii) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all 2012 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Public Health Services as provided for in Appendix 2-2 to report FCS12014. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end

**CARRIED**

**Community Services Department**

**(Jackson/McHattie)**

(i) That the Community Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, page 85, \$137,275,017 be approved, as amended.

The Motion **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Ferguson, Powers, Partridge, Bratina,  
Clark, Duvall, Jackson, Collins, McHattie

Total Yeas: 10

Nays: Whitehead

Total Nays: 1

Absent: Pearson, Pasuta, Morelli, Merulla, Farr

Total Absent: 5

**(Powers/Partridge)**

- (ii) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all 2012 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Community Services as provided for in Appendix 2-3 to report FCS12014. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting. **CARRIED**

**Hamilton Emergency Services Department**

**(Powers/McHattie)**

That the Hamilton Emergency Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-4, Page 141, \$94,793,611, as amended, be approved. **CARRIED**

**Public Works Department**

**(Jackson/McHattie)**

That the Public Works operating budget, (Book 2), Appendix 2-5, page 175, \$181,362,187, as amended, be approved. **CARRIED**

**City Manager Department**

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the City Manager operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-6, page 199, \$9,706,012, as amended, be approved. **CARRIED**

**Corporate Services Department**

**(Powers/Jackson)**

That the Corporate Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 224, \$19,324,791 be approved. **CARRIED**

**Legislative**

**(Powers/Duvall)**

That the Legislative operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-8, page 254, \$3,956,525 be approved, as amended. **CARRIED**

**Corporate Financials/Capital Financing/Non Program Revenues**

**(McHattie/Bratina)**

- (i) That the Corporate Financials operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-8, page 256 and 261, \$4,450,650, be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

**(Partridge/Jackson)**

- (ii) That the Capital Financing operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-8, page 263, \$85,797,780 be approved.

The Motion **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Powers, Partridge, Bratina, Clark, Duvall,  
Jackson, Collins, McHattie  
Total Yeas: 9  
Nays: Whitehead  
Total Nays: 1  
Absent: Pearson, Ferguson, Pasuta, Morelli, Merulla, Farr  
Total Absent: 6

**(McHattie/Bratina)**

- (iii) That the Non Program Revenues operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-8, page 265, (\$40,529,752) be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2012 Council- Referred Items**

See Minutes of February 29, 2012 General Issues Committee meeting.

**2012 Department-Requested Program Enhancements**

See Item 5.3(a) above.

**2012 Tax Levy**

**(Jackson/Collins)**

That the following recommendation be deferred pending completion of the budget deliberations:

That the City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 Animal Services in Glanbrook (PED11190(b)) (Ward )**

**(Johnson/Powers)**

- (a) That staff be directed to award Contract C3-01-12 for Animal Services in Glanbrook to Glanbrook District Animal Control for the nine month term April 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; as per their submitted Form of Tender - Schedule of Quantities and Prices dated January 31, 2012;

- (b) That the estimated additional cost for the contract be funded firstly from any Planning and Economic Development Department 2012 surplus; secondly from 2012 corporate surplus; and, thirdly from the tax stabilization reserve. **CARRIED**

**5.5 Further Cost Reductions – 2012 Budget**

**(Collins/Whitehead)**

That employee-related costs be reduced across the City by a minimum of \$500,000, utilizing attrition, departmental reorganization, gapping and in-year retirements. **CARRIED**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**TO2015 – Expression of Interest**

Mayor Bratina advised the Committee that he is in receipt of a message from TO2015 respecting the possibility of the City of Hamilton hosting baseball/softball events during the 2015 Pan Am Games. TO2015 is specifically requesting expressions of interest from qualified municipalities. Mayor Bratina will be introducing a Notice of Motion at the March 7, 2012 Council meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Powers/Bratina)**

There being no further business, the Committee recessed at 12:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Whitehead  
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator  
Committee Services/Council/Budgets  
March 2, 2012