



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 13-018

9:30 a.m.

Friday, September 13, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillors B. Morelli – Personal
Councillors T. Jackson, R. Pasuta – Vacation
Councillor T. Whitehead – City Business

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

(Pearson/Merulla)

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 2013 Capital Budget

Mike Zegarac provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget and spoke to the following:

- Overview
 - Objectives of the 2014 tax-supported capital budget
 - Ward meetings summary
 - Budgeting assumptions
 - Preliminary 2014 capital levy (assuming 0.5% levy increase); optional 1% levy increase for Council's consideration
 - 2014 and 2014-2023 Preliminary tax-supported capital spending and funding forecasts (gross and discretionary)
 - Tax-supported debt forecast and comparators
 - 2014 significant capital pressures
- 2014 Capital Budget process
- Value of City Assets
- Ward Meetings feedback
- 2014 Capital Budget preparation
- Preliminary 2014 Capital levy
- Preliminary discretionary funding sources
- Preliminary discretionary Capital budget
- Preliminary Capital funding sources (2014-2023)
- Gross tax Capital expenditures
- Discretionary Capital history
- Gross Tax Capital funding Sources
- 2014 Budget forecasts
- Budgeted vs. actual debt forecast
- Debt forecast – tax
- Debt forecast – tax and rate
- 2014 significant pressures

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

(Partridge/Powers)

That the presentation respecting the 2014 Tax-Supported Capital Budget, be received. **CARRIED**

Councillor Ferguson requested staff to provide information with respect to the City's debt retirement schedule and the status of projects funded.

(Collins/Powers)

That staff be directed to provide a list of supplemental projects that may be funded if the levy is increased by an additional .5% (additional \$3.6 million). **CARRIED**

(Clark/Merulla)

That Council move forward with government relations where Councillors appear before Ministers with the Mayor.

The above-noted motion was not voted on, but rather, discussion of this matter will continue at a future meeting of the General Issues Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT

(McHattie/Bratina)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Farr
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk