



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

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Clark – Personal Business
Councillor J. Partridge – Another Commitment
Councillor R. Pasuta – Vacation

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

ADDED PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- (i) Hamilton Paramedic Service (CS13021) (City Wide
(Added Item 9.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That the agenda be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With respect to Item 6.5(b)(iii) with respect to the Community Partnership Program, the Clerk provided clarification that only the policing component of the Community Partnership Program is deferred pending the April 9 meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee, The balance of the budget for the Community Partnership Program is still before the Committee for consideration.

(Jackson/Farr)

That the March 21, 2013 Minutes of the General Issues Committee be approved, as amended. **CARRIED**

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Update – 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget (No Copy)

Mike Zegarac, Acting General Manager of Corporate Services, provided a power presentation with respect to the 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget, addressing the current position and the 2013 Updated Budget – Tax Impact Average Home.

The presentation also addressed the status of Boards and Agencies relative to HECFI and the Community Partnership Program and the Council-referred items and the budget process moving forward.

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That the presentation with respect to an update of the 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget, be received. **CARRIED**

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Items Deferred from March 21 GIC Meeting:

(a) Boards and Agencies Budget

(i) Hamilton Police Service

(Approved by the General Issues Committee on April 3, 2013)

(ii) H.E.C.F.I.

(Bratina/Powers)

That the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc. (HECFI) budget for 2013 (Item 3 of Appendix “A” to Report FCS13011) be maintained at \$3,247,140. **CARRIED**

(iii) Community Partnership Program

(Powers/Jackson)

That the Community Partnership Program budget for 2013 (Item 20 of Appendix “A” to FCS13011) in the amount of \$3,212,200, be approved. **CARRIED**

(Jackson/Farr)

That the 2013 net operating levies for Boards and Agencies at \$187,753,580, as per Appendix "A" to Report FCS13011, as amended, be approved. **CARRIED**

Mayor Bratina advised that he wished to be recorded **OPPOSED** to the Hamilton Police Services Budget component only.

Present: Pearson, Johnson, Powers, Whitehead, Duvall,
Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Farr, McHattie,
Ferguson

Absent: Clark, Pasuta, Partridge, Morelli

(b) 2013 Tax-Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations (FCS13010) (City Wide)

(i) Appendix "B" – 2013 Council Referred Enhancements

(Morelli/Merulla)

That Council-Referred Enhancement Item B1 – Tourism and Culture: City of Hamilton Gage Park Concert Series Funding, with a net levy impact of \$25,000, be approved.

CARRIED

Councillors L. Ferguson and M. Pearson indicated that they wished to be recorded as **OPPOSED** to this item.

Present: Johnson, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Collins,
Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie

Absent: Clark, Pasuta, Powers, Partridge, Bratina

(Farr/McHattie)

That Council-Referred Enhancement B2 – Economic Development – Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program, with a net levy impact of \$15,000, be approved. **CARRIED**

Councillors L. Ferguson and M. Pearson indicated that they wished to be recorded as **OPPOSED** to this item.

Present: Johnson, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Collins,
Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie

Absent: Clark, Pasuta, Powers, Partridge, Bratina

(McHattie/Farr)

That Council-Referred Enhancement B6 – Tourism and Culture: landscape Maintenance for Grounds and Public Parks surrounding National Historic Sites under the City’s Stewardship, with a net levy impact of \$50,000, be approved. **CARRIED**

Councillors L. Ferguson and M. Pearson indicated that they wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

Present: Johnson, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie

Absent: Clark, Pasuta, Powers, Partridge, Bratina

(Johnson/Jackson)

That Council-Referred Enhancement B22 – Red Hill Business Park Transit Service, with a net levy impact of \$127,000, be approved. **CARRIED**

Councillor L. Ferguson indicated that he wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

Present: Pearson, Johnson, Bratina, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie

Absent: Clark, Pasuta, Powers, Partridge

(Jackson/Powers)

That Council-Referred Enhancement B23 – Increased Assistance to Ward Councillors (Wards 7 and 8), with a net levy impact of \$98,270, be approved. **CARRIED**

(Jackson/Merulla)

That Council-Referred Enhancement B24 – Increased Assistance to Ward Councillors (Wards 1-6 and 9-15) be approved as amended, with an upset limit of \$20,000 in one-time funding from the Unallocated Capital Reserve for the creation of six workstations for the purpose of periodic temporary administrative staffing. **CARRIED**

(Jackson/Morelli)

That Council-Referred Enhancement B27 – Equipment Lease for 2014 Municipal Election, with a net levy impact of \$150,000, be referred back to staff for a report to the General Issues Committee with more detailed information.

CARRIED

(Johnson/Pearson)

- (a) That Council-Referred Enhancement B30 – Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee request for increase of \$5,000 be drawn from the Economic Development Investment Fund Reserve Account No. 112221;
- (b) That the source of funding for the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee be reviewed for the 2014 budget. **CARRIED**

(ii) Recommendations A to L of Report FCS13010

A. Planning & Economic Development Department

(Collins/Farr)

That the Planning & Economic Development operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-1, page 7, \$22,261,450 inclusive of amendments, be approved. **CARRIED**

B. Public Health Services Department

(Collins/McHattie)

- (i) That the Public Health Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-2, page 39, \$10,490,820 inclusive of amendments, be approved;
- (ii) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to execute all 2013 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 FCS13010. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting. **CARRIED**

C. Community Services Department

(Johnson/Merulla)

- (i) That the Community Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, page 71, \$129,998,570 inclusive of amendments, be approved;

- (ii) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all 2013 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 FCS13010. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting. **CARRIED**

D. Hamilton Emergency Services Department

(McHattie/Pearson)

- (i) That the Fire Department operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, Page 112, \$80,337,850 be approved;
- (ii) That the Paramedic Service operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-3, Page 116, \$17,241,250 be approved. **CARRIED**

E. Public Works Department

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Public Works operating budget, (Book 2), Appendix 2-4, page 123, \$189,978,680 inclusive of amendments, be approved. **CARRIED**

F. City Manager Department

(Jackson/Collins)

That the City Manager operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-5, page 152, \$10,085,014 inclusive of amendments, be approved. **CARRIED**

G. Corporate Services Department

(Merulla/Johnson)

That the Corporate Services operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-6, page 175, \$19,916,720 inclusive of amendments, be approved. **CARRIED**

H. Legislative

(Farr/Merulla)

That the Legislative operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 201, \$4,095,850 inclusive of amendments, be approved. **CARRIED**

I. Corporate Financials/Capital Financing/Non Program Revenues

(Johnson/Pearson)

- (i) That the Corporate Financials operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 203 and 209, \$3,790,240, inclusive of amendments, be approved.
- (ii) That the Capital Financing operating budget \$90,177,000 be approved.
- (iii) That the Non Program Revenues operating budget (Book 2), Appendix 2-7, page 213, -\$39,248,950, Inclusive of amendments, be approved. **CARRIED**

J. 2013 Tax Levy

(Jackson/Duvall)

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

CARRIED

The Motion to approve the establishment of the tax levy **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Bratina, Ferguson, Duvall, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: Pearson
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Clark, Powers, Partridge, Pasuta, Whitehead

6. MOTIONS

City of Hamilton Tax Bill Inserts – Provincial Downloading

(Merulla/Morelli)

That staff be directed to include the amount of annual Provincial downloading costs on the tax bills and inserts for the purpose of explaining the impact of Provincial downloading on the City of Hamilton. **CARRIED**

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

8. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(Merulla/Collins)

That the Committee move into Closed Session at 1:09 p.m. pursuant to sub-section 8.1(b) of the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. **CARRIED**

The Committee reconvened in Open Session.

9.1 Hamilton Paramedic Service (CS13021)

(Merulla/Collins)

That Report CS13021 respecting Hamilton Paramedic Service, be received and that the contents of the report remain confidential.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

That there being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:39 p.m. **.CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Councillor L. Ferguson
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk