GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(OPERATING BUDGET)
MINUTES 19-002(g)

9:30 a.m.
Friday, February 8, 2019
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Pearson/B. Johnson)
That the agenda for the February 8, 2019 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 30, 2019 (Operating Budget) (Item 3.1)

(Whitehead/Partridge)
That the Minutes of the January 30, 2019 General Issues Committee (Capital Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(ii) January 31, 2019 (Operating Budget) (Item 3.2)

(Whitehead/Partridge)
That the Minutes of the January 31, 2019 General Issues Committee (Operating Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Operating Budget Council Referred Items (Item 6.1)

Brian McMullen, Acting General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint overview respecting the 2019 Operating Budget Council Referred Items.

(Clark/Pearson)
That the presentation, respecting the 2019 Operating Budget Council Referred Items, be received.

CARRIED

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) COUNCIL REFERRED ITEMS – PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:

(aa) CR-01 – Zoning Officer/Enforcement Officer in Wards 9 and 11

(Clark/Jackson)
(a) That the pilot program for 1.00 FTE, in the amount of $116,240, for a Zoning Officer/Enforcement Officer in Wards 9 and 11, be extended for a 12-month period (above the original 18 months originally approved), to be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve;

(b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with respect to the economic uplift as a result of proactive enforcement, by the Zoning Officer/Enforcement Officer in Wards 9 and 11; and,

(c) That the staff be authorized and directed to work outside of the Compliment Control Policy, as it relates to the 12-month extension of the pilot program for 1.00 FTE, in the amount of $116,240, for a Zoning Officer/Enforcement Officer in Wards 9 and 11 (above the original 18 months originally approved).

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NO - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(bb) CR-02 – Cigarette Butt By-Law Enforcement Officer

(Farr/Merulla)
That the 0.50 FTE, in the amount of $30,000, for a Cigarette Butt By-law Enforcement Officer, be DEFERRED to the 2020 Operating Budget process for consideration.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(cc) CR-05 – Hess Village Paid Duty Policing

(Ferguson/Farr)
That the Hess Village Paid Duty Policing, in the amount of $50,000, be DEFERRED, pending information from staff regarding the actual costs for the Hess Village paid duty policing in 2018.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(dd) CR06 – Licensing and By-law Services – Cannabis Enforcement Team

(Pearson/Eisenberger)
That $147,000 for Licensing and By-Law Services for the Cannabis Enforcement Team, be approved.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(2) CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE – COUNCIL REFERRED ITEMS:

(aa) CR-04 – City Enrichment Fund

(Clark/Partridge)
That an increase in funding for the City Enrichment Fund, in the amount of $93,200, be approved.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(ii) 2019 Operating Budget Business Cases (Item 6.2)

Brian McMullen, Acting General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint overview respecting the 2019 Operating Budget Business Cases.

(Farr/Nann)
That the presentation, respecting the 2019 Operating Budget Business Cases, be received.

CARRIED

The presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(1) PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – BUSINESS CASES

(aa) BC-01 – Senior Business Development Consultant / Legal Services

(Farr/Jackson)
That $443,400 for the following 3 FTEs, be approved:

(i) to convert the status of the 1 existing full-time, temporary FTE to 1 full-time, permanent FTE in the position of a Senior Business Development Consultant – Real Estate;

(ii) the addition of 1 FTE Solicitor position to support Real Estate services; and,

(iii) the addition of 1 FTE Law Clerk position to support Real Estate services.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(bb) BC-02 – Hamilton Small Business Education Centre (SBEC) Business Officer

(Jackson/Pauls)
That the Development Officer position in the Small Business Education Centre, to be 100% provincially funded in the amount of $103,430, be approved, contingent on continuing provincial funding.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(cc) BC-03 – Student Coordinator/Trainer

(Partridge/Clark)
That $102,000 for a Student Coordinator/Trainer, to be funded from the increased revenues generated, with no impact to the levy, be approved.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(dd) BC-04 – Licensing Administrator, Licensing Compliance – Mobile

(Clark/Farr)
That $95,000 for 1 FTE - Licensing Administrator, Licensing Compliance – Mobile, to be funded by revenue generated from Schedule 24 of the Licensing By-law, based on a full cost recovery basis, be approved.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson

NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(2) CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUSINESS CASES

(aa) BC-05 – City Procurement Issuing of Procurements on behalf of CityHousing Hamilton

(Farr/Clark)
That $102,630, to fund one permanent FTE to provide procurement services to CityHousing Hamilton, be approved.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(3) CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE BUSINESS CASES

(aa) BC-06 – Digital Media Administrator

(Danko/Jackson)
That $68,790, for one permanent FTE for a Grade 2 Digital Media Administrator position, be approved.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 1, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NO - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(bb) BC-07 – Graphic Designer

(Whitehead/Nann)
That $68,790, to convert the status of the 1 existing full-time, temporary FTE to 1 full-time, permanent FTE, to be funded from the budgets currently allocated to outsourced graphics design work, with no impact on the levy, be approved.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 1, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NO - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(cc) BC-08 – Citizen Engagement and Marketing (Out Citizen Survey)

(Farr/Jackson)
That the $65,000, to conduct the Our Citizen Survey bi-annually, beginning 2019, be DEFERRED, pending a report back from staff that provides alternative options for Committee's consideration.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
NOT PRESENT - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NO - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(dd) BC-09 – Converting Contractual Positions to Permanent

(Pauls/Danko)
(a) That $130,200, to convert the status of the 1.4 existing full-time, temporary FTEs to 1.4 full-time, permanent FTEs, to continue to be funded through the self-funded revenue streams, be approved; and,

(b) That staff be directed to report back, through the annual variance report, as to the funding for the 1.4 full-time, permanent FTEs, in the Revenue Generation portfolio.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson

YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(ee) BC-10 – Government Relations and Civic Engagement

(Pauls/Danko)
That $200,000, to create a Government Relations budget to support appropriate resourcing to address the ongoing need for proactive and reactive government relations needs, be approved.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 3, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
NO - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NO - Councillor Judi Partridge
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NO - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(ff) BC-11 – Arbitration (and Mediation) Legal Fees

(Pearson/Clark)
That a $230,000 increase to the Human Resources annual operating budget, for expenditures relating to legal services for arbitration/mediation, be approved.

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

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(gg) BC-12 – Return to Work Services Assistant

(Ferguson/Whitehead)
That $71,960, for 1 temporary, full-time Return to Work Assistant, to be 50% funded through WSIB and 50% funded through the Benefits Reserve Fund, be approved.

Result: **Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
NOT PRESENT - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Clark/Pearson)
That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

C. Collins, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk