



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (2020 OPERATING BUDGET) MINUTES 20-002(j)

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 24, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

1. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

6.1 2020 Budget Update

(Pauls/Pearson)

That the agenda for the February 24, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

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

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins

NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(Nann/Partridge)

That the following General Issues Committee meeting minutes be approved, as presented:

- (i) February 7, 2020 (Item 3.1)
- (ii) February 10, 2020 (Item 3.2)
- (iii) February 13, 2020 (Item 3.3)

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

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
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YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(d) **COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)**

(Nann/Wilson)

That the following Communication Items be approved, ***as amended***, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Elizabeth McGuire, Disability Justice Network of Ontario, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.1)

Recommendation: Be received ***and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.***

- (ii) Correspondence from Beatrice Ekoko, Senior Program Manager, Environment Hamilton, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal (Item 4.2)

Recommendation: Be received ***and referred to staff for review and consideration when preparing the report back to the General Issues Committee respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal.***

CARRIED

(d) **STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

(i) **2020 Budget Update (Item 6.1)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2020 Operating Budget update.

(Pearson/Clark)

That the presentation, respecting the 2020 budget update, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(a) **Amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget**

(Collins/Merulla)

That the following amendments to the 2020 Operating Budget be approved, as follows:

(i)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Elimination of Vacant Position (Recreation) (1.00 FTE)	(\$82,000)
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(ii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Revised Scheduling	(\$24,000)
(iii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Align Training and Conference Budget to 2019 Actuals	(\$20,000)
(iv)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Use of City Vehicles Reduction	(\$10,000)
(v)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Defer Increased Reserve Transfer to Hamilton Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to 2021	(\$356,000)
(vi)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Align Contribution to Line of Duty Death Budget to Forecasted Levels	(\$300,000)
(vii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Defer Increased Reserve Transfer to Hamilton Paramedic Services Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to 2021	(\$108,100)
(viii)	Healthy & Safe Communities	Request 100% Provincial Funding (Raccoon Rabies Outbreak Program)	(\$111,500)
(ix)	Public Works	Shift Optimization (Winter Control)	(\$125,000)
(x)	Public Works	TransCab Contract Savings	(\$130,000)
(xi)	Corporate Financials	10% Reduction of Advertising and Promotion Costs	(\$270,000)
(xii)	Corporate Financials	Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Automated Speed Enforcement	(\$130,000)
(xiii)	Corporate Financials	Provincial Cannabis Funding (OCLIF)	(\$292,000)
(xiv)	City Manager's Office	Cost Efficiencies via Review of 2019 Actuals	(\$20,000)
(xv)	Corporate Services	Cost Efficiencies via Review of 2019 Actuals	(\$69,100)
(xvi)	Corporate Services	Increases in Taxation Related and Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$43,000)
(xvii)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Elimination of Vacant Position (Licensing By-Law Services) (1.00 FTE)	(\$77,400)
(xviii)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Elimination of Vacant Position (Transportation Planning & Parking) (1.00 FTE)	(\$66,600)
(xix)	Planning & Ec. Dev.	Align to 2019 Actuals – Airport Lease	(\$250,000)

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

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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(ii) Operating Costs for the 5th Year of the 10-Year Transit Plan

(Collins/Ferguson)

That the \$990,000 operating costs for the 5th year of the 10-Year Transit Plan, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

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

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
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(iii) Winter Quality Maintenance Standards for Roads

(Wilson/Nann)

That staff be directed to review the winter quality maintenance standards for roads, through service level alignments to comparator municipalities, industry standards, best practices and legislative requirements and identify where the City exceeds those comparators along with the financial implications.

Result: Motion DEFEATED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NO - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
NO - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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(iv) List of Under-Performing HSR Routes

(Ferguson/Clark)

Staff be directed to report back during the 2020 budget process with a list of under- performing HSR routes.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
NO - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Summary of Communications Team Functions (CM20003) (City Wide)
(Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Collins)

That the Report CM20003, respecting the Summary of Communications Team Functions, be DEFERRED to the March 2, 2020 General Issues Committee budget process.

CARRIED

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget), be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor J. P. Danko
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk