



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(2021 OPERATING BUDGET)
MINUTES 21-002(k)**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Due to COVID-19 and the closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

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

Absent: Councillors E. Pauls, T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. 2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget - Recommendations (FCS21001(a))
(City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

(Eisenberger/Wilson)

- (a) Council Referred Items, Business Cases and 2022 – 2024 Multi-Year Outlook
 - (i) That the 2021 Council Referred Items in Appendix “A”, attached to Report FCS21001(a), be received;
 - (ii) That the 2021 Business Cases in Appendix “B”, attached to Report FCS21001(a), be received;
 - (iii) That the 2022 – 2024 Multi-Year Outlook in Appendix “I”, attached to Report FCS21001(a), be received;
 - (iv) That the Proposed Amendment to 2021 Approved User Fees in Appendix “J”, attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;
- (c) Planning and Economic Development Department
 - (i) That the Planning and Economic Development operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix “K” to Report FCS21001(a)), page 54, \$30,327,260,

inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

(d) Healthy and Safe Communities Department

- (i) That the Healthy and Safe Communities operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report FCS21001(a)), page 74, \$256,380,200, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C", attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;
- (ii) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s), as well as, any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with, or arising out of, Council's approval of the budgets, outlined Appendix "K", attached to Report FCS21001(a), which also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and / or year-end reporting, as well as, the authority to make appropriate payments to community service providers, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (iii) That, where required for Public Health Services, the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, or the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements, as well as, any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with, or arising out of, Council's approval of the budgets, outlined in Appendix "K" attached to Report FCS20001, and includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and / or year-end reporting;
- (iv) That a Line of Duty Death (LODD) Benefit Reserve (112050) be established with initial funding of \$494,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046), in accordance with the reported 2019 Tax Operating Budget Surplus and the 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget amendments;

(e) Public Works Department

- (i) That the Public Works operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report

FCS21001(a)), page 98, \$264,776,990, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

(f) City Manager's Office

- (i) That the City Manager's operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report FCS21001(a)), page 114, \$12,866,920, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

(g) Corporate Services Department

- (i) That the Corporate Services operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report FCS21001(a)), page 128, \$36,111,650, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

(h) Legislative

- (i) That the Legislative operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report FCS21001(a)), page 145, \$5,164,412, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

(i) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities

- (i) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report FCS21001(a)), page 153, \$4,037,180, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

(j) Corporate Financials – Expenditures / Non-Program Revenues

- (i) That the Corporate Financials – Expenditures operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix "K" to Report FCS21001(a)), page 146, \$22,799,200, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix "C" attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

- (ii) That the Non-Program Revenues operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix “K” to Report FCS21001(a), page 158, (\$47,391,950), inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

- (k) Capital Financing
 - (i) That the Capital Financing operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix “K” to Report FCS21001(a)), page 154, \$139,541,860 inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;
 - (i) That the Capital Financing portion of the Police Services budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix “K” to Report FCS21001(a), page 154, \$1,234,776, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;
 - (iii) That the Capital Financing portion relating to the Hamilton Public Library budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book, attached as Appendix “K” to Report FCS21001(a)), page 154, \$166,280, be approved;

- (l) 2021 By-Law Authorization
 - (i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy;

- (m) Budgeted Complement Transfer Schedule
 - (i) That in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy”, the requested complement transfers from one department / division / cost category to another, as outlined in Appendix “E” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

- (n) Budgeted Complement Temporary Extension Schedule
 - (i) That in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy”, the requested complement extensions of temporary positions with 24-month terms or greater, with no impact on the

levy, as outlined in Appendix “F” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;

- (o) Budget Amendment Schedule
 - (i) That, in accordance with the “Budget Control Policy”, the requested amendments, transferring budget from one department / division to another and / or from one cost category to another with no impact on the levy, as outlined in Appendix “G” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;
- (p) Budget Exclusions Related to Regulation 284/09
 - (i) That the budget exclusions related to Regulation 284/09 of the *Municipal Act* titled “Budget Matters – Expenses”, as per Appendix “H” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be received;
- (q) That the Mayor and Senior Leadership Team of the City of Hamilton actively participate in efforts with other municipalities and municipal associations seeking financial support from senior levels of government to support the ongoing and longer term financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Eisenberger/Wilson)

(b) Boards and Agencies

- (i) That the Boards and Agencies operating budget of \$225,116,831 in Appendix “D” attached to Report FCS21001(a), inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C” attached to Report FCS21001(a), be approved;
- (ii) That the City Enrichment Fund operating budget (2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “A” to Report FCS21001), page 31, \$6,088,340, be approved;

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 3, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Conflict	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

2. Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program (Item 6.1.a.)

(Collins/Clark)

WHEREAS, at its meeting of January 22, 2020, Council approved Item 9 of the Planning Committee Report 20-001, which reads as follows:

**9. Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program (PED18082(a))
(City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

- (a) That the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Pilot Program be extended for an additional 16 months to the end of April 2021 and that the program be funded through the Working Funds - General Reserve 112400 at an estimated net cost of \$80,000 or \$5,000 per month; and,

- (b) That funding for a permanent Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program be considered during the 2021 budget deliberations;

WHEREAS, the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Pilot Program has been placed on hold due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, staff therefore did not utilize the funding originally approved for the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Pilot Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That funding for a permanent Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program be DEFERRED to the 2022 Operating budget for consideration; and,
- (b) That the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Pilot Program, be further extended to the end of April 2022, to be funded through the PTP Voluntary Accessibility Payment, with any shortfall being funded through the original identified funding source of Working Funds - General Reserve 112400, at an estimated net cost of \$5,000 per month if/when pre-COVID activity levels resume.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Conflict	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget - Recommendations
(FCS21001(a)) (City Wide)

6.1.a Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program (This matter was referred to the 2021 Budget Process for consideration.)

(Pearson/Wilson)

That the agenda for the March 3, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest to Item 6.1.a., respecting the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program, as he has an interest in the taxi industry.
- (ii) Councillor C. Collins declared an interest to sub-section (b) – Boards and Agencies, of Report FCS21001(a), respecting the 2021 Tax Supported

Operating Budget – Recommendations, as it relates to the Hamilton Police Service budget, as his sister is employed by the Hamilton Police Service.

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

(i) February 25, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(Johnson/Pearson)

That the Minutes of the February 25, 2021 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget - Recommendations (FCS21001(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS21001(a) - 2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations.

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS21001(a) - 2021 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Nrinder Nann
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk