



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(OPERATING BUDGET)
MINUTES 22-002(j)**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 25, 2022

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

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

Absent: Councillors T. Whitehead - Personal
Councillor J. Partridge – Other City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Savings Generated from Funded Projects (FCS22012) (City Wide)
(Item 5.2)**

(Danko/Ferguson)

That Report FCS22012, respecting Savings Generated from Funded Projects, be received.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Yes | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinde Nann |
| Absent | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |

Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

2. 2021 Assessment Growth (FCS22014) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)

(Eisenberger/Pauls)

That Report FCS22014, respecting the 2021 Assessment Growth, be received.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent - 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, Deputy Mayor
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

3. Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding Update (PED20109(e)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Eisenberger/Nann)

That Report PED20109(e), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding Update, be received.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 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
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

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| Absent | - | Ward 8 | Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 | Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 | Councillor Judi Partridge |

4. **Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding Update (PED20109(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

- (a) That the Hamilton Bike Share system be transitioned from the current approach, which provides no City contribution towards system operations or towards asset management, to a Partnership Model approach that includes a City contribution toward operating and asset management costs to increase financial sustainability, maintain and improve service delivery, and build in asset management considerations;
- (b) That a budget enhancement of **\$201,600** to support the operating costs of the Hamilton Bike Share system ***throughout the period from May 2022 to December 2022, be approved;***
- (c) That, upon Council approval of the Hamilton Bike Share 2022 budget enhancement, the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department, be delegated the authority to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the necessary agreements and ancillary documents to amend and extend the existing contract with the current not-for-profit operator, Hamilton Bike Share Inc., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to include the following:
 - (i) extended the term of the agreement from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2025;
 - (ii) a City contribution toward system operating costs of \$28 per bike, per month (total ***annualized*** cost \$302,400 ***for the term of the contract;***
 - (iii) key service and performance requirements for the operation of the system, including the Everyone Rides Initiative;
 - (iv) provisions related to potential future system expansion that would be based on generally the same terms and conditions, including geographic expansion and/or the expansion of the current fleet or the addition of e-bikes to the fleet;

- (v) requirement for annual reporting by Hamilton Bike Share Inc. to the City, including an annual operating and financial report;

- (d) That a budget enhancement of \$36 K, in 2022, and \$54 K per year for each remaining year for the term of contract, based on \$5 per bike per month commencing in May 2022, to support the Everybody Rides bike share equity program through the provision of accessible bikes and fee subsidies for low income residents, be approved;**

- (e) That a budget enhancement of \$87 K, in 2022, and \$130 K per year for each remaining year for the term of the contract to fund the bike share system connectivity fees with Mobility Cloud, be approved;**

- (f) That staff be authorized and directed to utilize up to \$108 K per year, from the cash-in-lieu of parking reserve, to fund the state of good repair capital improvements including new bike share parts and balancing equipment;**

- (g) That, upon approval by Council of the budget enhancement identified in Recommendation (f), staff be authorized and directed to establish a Bike Share Capital Reserve Fund and, a Bike Share Capital Reserve Fund Policy to fund state of good repair capital improvements, including new bike share parts and balancing equipment;

- (h) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department be delegated the authority to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the necessary agreements and ancillary documents to enter into a partnership with McMaster TransLab to analyze Hamilton Bike Share, Everyone Rides Initiative, and Commercial E-Scooter program data to support the delivery of the City's overall Micromobility Program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to be funded from Project ID 4032155820 Sustainable Mobility to a maximum upset limit of \$15,000;

- (i) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be delegated the authority to execute, on behalf of the City, any necessary agreements and ancillary documents with Mobility Cloud for the implementation of the bike share system connectivity, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;**

- (j) That Item ABL, respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process, be identified as complete and removed from the Public Works Committee's Outstanding Business List; and,

- (k) That Appendix "A" to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, remain confidential.

Result: Main Motion, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| No | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

5. Living Wage - Supplementary Information (FCS20013(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Ferguson/Powers)

That Report FCS20013(b), respecting Living Wage - Supplementary Information, be received.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

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| Absent | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Conflict | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

**6. Summer Student General Labour – Recruitment Challenges (HUR22001(a))
(City Wide) (Item 7.4)**

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That Report HUR22001(a), respecting Summer Student General Labour – Recruitment Challenges, be received.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 1, as follows:

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| Absent | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Conflict | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| No | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1. Correspondence respecting Hamilton Bike Share:

f. Royal Botanical Gardens

g. Ainsley Gelder

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 2021 Assessment Growth (FCS22014) (City Wide)

As there is now a staff presentation to accompany this report, the matter has been moved to Item 6.2 on the agenda.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Budget

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 7.1 Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding Update (PED20109(e)) (City Wide)

This is an added report, which was placed ahead of the original Item 7.1, with the balance of the discussion items to be renumbered.

As well, this report has Private & Confidential Appendices “A” and “B”, which can be referenced under Item 11.3.

- 7.3 Living Wage - Supplementary Information (FCS20013(b)) (City Wide)
- 7.4 Summer Student General Labour – Recruitment Challenges (HUR22001(a)) (City Wide)

(Pauls/Ferguson)

That the agenda for the February 25, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as amended.

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
- Absent - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
- Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
- Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
- Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

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| Yes | - | Ward 11 | Councillor Brenda Johnson |
| Yes | - | Ward 12 | Councillor Lloyd Ferguson |
| Yes | - | Ward 13 | Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 | Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 | Councillor Judi Partridge |

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared a disqualifying interest with respect to the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2022 Tax Supported Budget, as her son is employed by the Hamilton Police Service.
- (ii) Councillor J. Farr declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.3 – Report FCS20013(b), Living Wage Supplementary Information, as his son has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (iii) Councillor J. Farr declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.4 – Report HUR22001(a), Summer Student General Labour – Recruitment Challenges, as his son has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.

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

(i) February 10, 2022 (Item 3.1)

(Pearson/Powers)

That the Minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |

Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)

(Clark/Wilson)

That the Communication Items, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence respecting Hamilton Bike Share (Item 4.1)
 - (1) Beverly Wagar (a)
 - (2) David M. Dore (b)
 - (3) Illyria Volcansek (c)
 - (4) Kate Whalen (d)
 - (5) Nicole McGahey (e)
 - (6) Royal Botanical Gardens (f)
 - (7) Ainsley Gelder (g)

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
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes - 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, Deputy Mayor
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Items 3 and 4.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Budget (Item 6.1)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided the PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Budget, and answered questions of Committee.

(Eisenberger/Johnson)

That the presentation respecting the 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Budget, be received.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Yes | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Absent | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

1. 2022 Volunteer Advisory Committee Budgets (Legislative)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That the amendments to the 2022 Tax Supported Budget for the Volunteer Advisory Committees, equaling the amount of \$80, be approved.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |

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| Yes | - | Ward 6 | Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 | Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 | Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 | Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 | Councillor Judi Partridge |

2. Blue Box Municipal Funding Agreement (Public Works Department)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That the amendment to the 2022 Tax Supported Budget for the Blue Box Municipal Funding Agreement, equaling the amount of (\$573,940), be approved.

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

| | | |
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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

3. 2022 Hamilton Police Services (Boards & Agencies)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That, in order to align with the Hamilton Police Services Board approval of the Hamilton Police Service 2022 Budget, the amendment to the 2022 Tax Supported Budget for the Hamilton Police Service, equaling the amount of \$3,389,570, be approved.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| No | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| No | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Conflict | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

**4. 2022 Conservation Authorities and Other Boards & Agencies
(Boards and Agencies)**

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That, in order to align with the respective Board approvals, the amendments to the 2022 Tax Supported Budget for the Conservation Authorities and Other Boards & Agencies, equaling the amount of \$9,790, be approved

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

5. 2022 Council Referred Items

(Powers/Johnson)

That the 2022 Council Referred Items, be approved, as follows:

- (a) Public Works Department, City-Wide Private Tree Giveaway (PW21044), \$45,000 (Gross), \$45,000 (Net);
- (b) Corporate Services Department, Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Intake Two (FCS21020(a)) - The Public Space and Park Wi-Fi Connectivity Project, \$15,000 (Gross), \$15,000 (Net);
- (c) Corporate Services Department, 2022 Municipal Election: Communication Plan (FCS21071), \$14,000 (Gross), \$14,000 (Net);
- (d) Corporate Services Department, City Clerk's Vote by Mail (FCS21073), \$31,300 (Gross), \$31,300 (Net); and,
- (e) City Manager's Office, Transitioning CityLAB from pilot to permanent program (CM21009), \$141,300 (Gross), \$36,900 (Net), with 2 FTEs.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

6. 2022 Business Case - Hamilton Paramedic Service 2022-2025 Enhancement (Ambulance)

(Jackson/Powers)

That consideration of the Business Case for the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, Hamilton Paramedic Service 2022 - 2025 Enhancement (Ambulance), \$1,082,000 (Gross), \$541,000 (Net), with 10 FTEs, be DEFERRED to the March 3, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

7. 2022 Business Cases

(Eisenberger/Farr)

That the 2022 Business Cases, be approved, as follows:

- (a) Planning and Economic Development Department, Film Production Facilitation, \$77,720 (Gross), \$0 (Net), with 1 FTE;
- (b) Planning and Economic Development Department, Infrastructure Planning Project Manager – in support of Public Works, Economic Development, and Corporate storm water management initiatives, \$101,000 (Gross), \$0 (Net), with 1 FTE;

- (c) Healthy and Safe Communities Department, Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) Service Delivery, \$0 (Gross), \$0 (Net), with 0.80 FTE;
- (d) Corporate Services Department, Public Administrative Offices (POA) Virtual Court, \$604,900 (Gross), \$0 (Net), with 8 FTEs;
- (e) Corporate Services Department, Development Finance Analysis and Support, \$70,700 (Gross), \$0 (Net), with 1 FTE;
- (f) Corporate Services Department, Additional FTEs for Information Technology, \$121,500 (Gross), \$121,500 (Net), with 2 FTEs;
- (g) Corporate Services Department, Additional FTE for Senior Contract Specialist, \$55,000 (Gross), \$55,000 (Net), with 1 FTE;
- (h) Corporate Services Department, Information Technology Security FTE, \$76,500 (Gross), \$76,500 (Net), with 1 FTE;
- (i) Corporate Services Department, Strategy & Architecture FTEs, \$57,500 (Gross), \$57,500 (Net), with 1 FTE; and,
- (j) Corporate Services Department, Administrative Assistant to City Solicitor, \$72,000 (Gross), \$72,000 (Net), with 1 FTE.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

8. 2022 Boards & Agencies

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budgets for the Boards and Agencies, be approved, as follows:

- (a) Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit \$132,870 (change of -\$1,331);
- (b) Royal Botanical Gardens \$647,408 (change of -\$12,950);
- (c) Conservation Halton \$776,249 (change of +\$11,535);
- (d) Grand River Conservation Authority \$1,557,692 (change of +\$7,792);
- (e) Hamilton Conservation Authority \$4,027,200 (change of -\$30,360);
- (f) Hamilton Conservation Authority, Westfield Heritage Village \$624,000 (change of -\$2,280);
- (g) Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority \$1,666,059 (change of +\$37,384);
- (h) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) \$6,979,670;
- (i) Hamilton Public Library Board \$32,682,012; and,
- (j) Hamilton Farmers' Market Board \$242,360.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
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| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |

Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

9. 2022 Hamilton Police Service Budget

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Police Service 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget, in the amount of \$182,273,539 (change of +\$3,389,569), be approved.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
No - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent - 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, Deputy Mayor
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

10. 2022 Preliminary Budget Proposed Amendments

(Ferguson/Eisenberger)

(a) That the 2022 Preliminary Budget Proposed Amendments, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Council Referred Items with Adjustments (\$15,000);
- (ii) Business Cases with Adjustments (\$157,400);
- (iii) Gapping (\$79,200);
- (iv) Ministry of Health Funding (\$267,300); and,
- (v) Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development (CSND) Funding (\$58,500);

- (b) That the following 2022 Preliminary Budget Proposed Amendments be DEFERRED to the 2023 budget process (General Issues Committee) meeting for consideration:
 - (i) Operating Impacts of Capital (\$1,653,800);
 - (ii) PRESTO (\$381,000); and,
 - (iii) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities (\$1,850,000);

- (c) That the Provincial Gas Tax additional mitigation option, in the amount of (\$800,000 - uncommitted in 2021), to be applied to years 5 and 6 of the Transit Program to reduce the transit impact on the 2022 levy, be approved.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Yes | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

11. Additional Mitigation Option – Use of Hamilton Utilities Corporation Dividends

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That the additional mitigation option to redirect \$1,285,000 from the unallocated capital reserve (annually), to reduce the overall tax burden, be approved.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| No | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |

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| Yes | - | Ward 2 | Councillor Jason Farr |
| No | - | Ward 3 | Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 | Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 | Councillor Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 | Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 | Councillor Esther Pauls |
| No | - | Ward 8 | Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 | Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 | Councillor Judi Partridge |

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the General Issues Committee recess for one half hour until 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED

(ii) 2021 Assessment Growth (FCS22014) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, provided the PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS22014 – 2021 Assessment Growth, and answered questions of Committee.

(Pearson/Powers)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS22014 – 2021 Assessment Growth, be received.

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

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| Yes | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |

Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(f) **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)**

(i) **Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (PED20109(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

(a) That sub-section (b) to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, **be amended** by deleting the dollar amount of “\$302,400” and replacing it with the dollar amount “**\$201,600**”; and, by deleting the words “be referred to the 2022 Operating Budget” and replacing them with the words “**throughout the period from May 2022 to December 2022, be approved**”, to read as follows:

(b) That a budget enhancement of **\$201,600** to support the operating costs of the Hamilton Bike Share system **throughout the period from May 2022 to December 2022, be approved;**

(b) That sub-section (c)(ii) to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, **be amended** by adding the words “**annualized**” and “**for the term of the contract**” to read as follows:

(c) (ii) a City contribution toward system operating costs of \$28 per bike, per month (total **annualized** cost \$302,400 **for the term of the contract**);

(c) That sub-section (d) to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following, in lieu thereof:

~~(d) That a budget enhancement of \$54 K based on \$5 per bike, per month, to support the Everyone Rides bike share equity program through the provision of accessible bikes and fee subsidies for low income residents be referred to the 2022 Operating Budget;~~

(d) That a budget enhancement of \$36 K, in 2022, and \$54 K per year for each remaining year for the term of contract, based on \$5 per bike per month commencing in May 2022, to support the Everybody Rides bike share equity program through the provision of accessible bikes and fee subsidies for low income residents, be approved;

(d) That sub-section (e) to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following, in lieu thereof:

~~(e) That a budget enhancement of \$130 K to fund the bike share system connectivity fees with Mobility Cloud be referred to the 2022 Operating Budget and that Council authorizes, directs and delegates authority to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the necessary agreements with Mobility Cloud;~~

(e) That a budget enhancement of \$87 K, in 2022, and \$130 K per year for each remaining year for the term of the contract to fund the bike share system connectivity fees with Mobility Cloud, be approved;

(e) That sub-section (f) to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following, in lieu thereof:

~~(f) That a budget enhancement of \$108 K based on \$120 per bike, per year, to establish and fund a Bike Share Capital Reserve be referred to the 2022 Operating Budget;~~

(f) That staff be authorized and directed to utilize up to \$108 K per year, from the cash-in-lieu of parking reserve, to fund the state of good repair capital improvements including new bike share parts and balancing equipment;

(f) That a new sub-section (i) be added to Report PED20109(d), respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process – Sustainable Operations Model and Funding, to read as

follows, with the balance of the recommendations to be re-lettered accordingly:

- (i) ***That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be delegated the authority to execute, on behalf of the City, any necessary agreements and ancillary documents with Mobility Cloud for the implementation of the bike share system connectivity, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;***

Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 2, as follows:

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| Yes | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| 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 Russ Powers |
| No | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 4.

(ii) Living Wage Options (Item 7.3)

(Nann/Powers)

That the Living Wage Options that were provided at the February 10, 2022 General Issues Committee, be placed on the March 3, 2022 General Issues Committee agenda for consideration, with staff to bring forward the budget pressures associated with the potential implementation of an updated Living Wage for each option.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 2, as follows:

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| Absent | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Conflict | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Yes | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |

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| Yes | - | Ward 4 | Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 | Councillor Russ Powers |
| No | - | Ward 6 | Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 | Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 | Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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 VanderBeeck, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 | Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 | Councillor Judi Partridge |

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 5.

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 11)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 10, 2022 (Item 11.1)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 10, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 10, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

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

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| Absent | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
| No | - | Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson |
| Yes | - | Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls |
| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
| Absent | - | 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 VanderBeeck, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

(h) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

(Pearson/Powers)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) be adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

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

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| Absent | - | Mayor Fred Eisenberger |
| Yes | - | Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson |
| Yes | - | Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr |
| Absent | - | Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann |
| Yes | - | Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla |
| Yes | - | Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers |
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| Absent | - | Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko |
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| Yes | - | Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson |
| Yes | - | Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson |
| No | - | Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson |
| Yes | - | Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Deputy Mayor |
| Absent | - | Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead |
| Absent | - | Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge |

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene VanderBeek, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk