Mayor DiIanni called the meeting to order

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

   (Braden/Kelly)
   That the agenda be adopted as amended.  
   CARRIED.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

   None
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 March 8, 2006

(Mitchell/Pearson)
Minutes of March 8, 2006 were adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor provided comments on the recent provincial announcement and the funding assistance received. The Mayor thanked the stakeholders in the community for raising the level of attention to issues affecting our municipality. Those stakeholders included: Council and staff, Civic coalition, Special Downloading Task Force chaired by Councillor McHattie, Tom Cooper, Chamber of Commerce and other individual organizations.

Joe Rinaldo provided Committee with an update on Provincial Budget Announcement.

Formula policy to address seed funding – staff will explore further and report back.

Merulla/Morelli
(a) That there be a 0% increase to HSR fares.
(b) That $300,000 be allocated from Gas Tax revenues
CARRIED.

Councillors Mitchell, Pearson, Braden Opposed.

Staff were further directed to come back with a sustainability plan of utilizing provincial gas tax monies for operating and the long term affects of this.

Downloaded Services in Additional to Social Services

Councillor S. Merulla, raised the recommendation from the Social Services Downloading committee which requested that staff be directed to provide a list of all services that were downloaded (in addition to Social Services) from 1995 to-date; along with the dollar amount furnished, on an annualized basis, by the Province for these downloaded services. Committee endorsed this recommendation.
Airport – Hamilton International Airport Land Acquisitions Page 83 – Book 3
(Collins/Merulla)
That this be removed from the budget and referred to the Airport Master Plan Steering Committee for a report back with any changes to be reflected.
CARRIED.

Tsunami Relief Task Force – Proposal by Dr. Redwood-Campbell
(McHattie/Braden)
That a one time $15,000 contribution be approved for the proposal submitted by Dr. Redwood Campbell for the reconstruction of the medical school in Banda Ache to be funded from the tax supported surplus.
CARRIED.
Councillor Pearson opposed.

Trees Across Hamilton
(McHattie/Collins)
That a one-time amount of $50,000 be approved for the Trees Across Hamilton enhancement to be funded from the tax supported surplus.

(Collins/McHattie)
That the item be referred to Public Works Infrastructure and Environment Committee.
CARRIED.
Councillors Pearson, McCarthy opposed to referral.
Staff were directed to identify where we can offset the $50,000.

Hamilton Artists Inc.
(Bratina/McHattie)
That the request for a one time grant in the amount of $15,000 for the Hamilton Artists Inc. be approved.

(Pearson/Jackson)
That this item be referred to the Grants Sub-Committee. CARRIED.

Municipal Service Centres – better utilization of staffing at centres
(Whitehead/Collins)
That staff be directed to report back on the following:
- how we can cut back or shift FTEs at Municipal Service Centres; Identify savings but still continue to provide services.
- Do we need the buildings open 5 days a week? Factor into evaluation efficiencies which are currently in place in the Waterdown Municipal Service Centre
- How do we deliver services that make sense to decentralize and how do we recognize that Hamilton is a community of communities Look at efficiencies not only in outlying areas but within.
6. BUDGET DISCUSSION

7. Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Department (Book 1), Appendix 1-1, page 36

6.3.1 Additional Reports/Items for consideration:

(b) Green Cart Program Staffing (PW06010a) (Jackson/McCarthy)
That the Report be received. CARRIED.

(c) Green Cart Program Staffing (PW06010)
Be received. CARRIED.

(d) Street Tree Trimming (PW05015(b) (McHattie/Bruckler)
That $477,000 be approved for Street Tree Trimming .
DEFEATED.

(Jackson/Bruckler)
That 215,000 be approved for Street Tree Trimming reduce cycle from 20 to 10 years CARRIED.

(e) Four Day Waste Collection Week (PW06033)

(Braden/Pearson)
That those discussions be engaged in 2007. CARRIED.

(g) Recommendation from Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee respecting Waterfront Trolleys

This item was removed from agenda.

6.4 1998-2005 Full Time Employee Analysis (FCS06026)

Received.

6.6 Community Partnership Program (Book 1), Appendix 1-1, page 38

This item was received.
6.7 2006 Tax Levy

   (Pearson/McCarthy)
   Approved as amended in presentation and Attachments, A, B and
   C to Report FCS06003.  CARRIED.
   Councillor Braden opposed

Councillor Jackson expressed his appreciation to his colleagues, staff, members
of Parliament for their efforts in getting the budget approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry DiLanni
Mayor

M. Gallagher
Co-ordinator