Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
March 29, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger

Also Present:
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
L. A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
Dr. E. Richardson, MOH
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

From March 27, 2007 Agenda

New Business:
2007 Estimated Tax Impact Update to March 27th was circulated to committee.

4.3 PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Additional Reports/Recommendations for consideration:
(a) Comprehensive Wayfinding Strategy (PED07113)
Capital –

(Bratina/Jackson)
Referred to Staff for additional information: How did staff arrive at the amount of $150,000? CARRIED.

(b) Brownfield Land Bank (PED07043(a))
(Jackson/McHattie)

(i) That staff be authorized and directed to retain a consultant to complete background research on best practices and to complete a detailed business case analysis for a municipal Brownfields land banking initiative for Hamilton;

(ii) That the cost of the consultant not exceed $100,000 funded from Account No. 3620155101 (Brownfields-ERASE-Inv. Study) CARRIED.

Councillor Mitchell Opposed.

(c) Economic Development Strategy Process
(PED07112)

(Jackson/Whitehead)
(a) That the report be received.

(b) That the $90,000 be approved on a one-time basis from reserves. CARRIED.

(d) Climate Change, Energy Conservation and Air Quality
(Jackson/Morelli)
Be received. CARRIED.

Paul Mason provided an update on this matter. This is a non recommended project. Proposal was to fund a special study that would look at climate change planning concepts and sort through the information available to establish an appropriate policy for Hamilton. Many of the climate change oriented initiatives taken in other countries receive subsidies from federal and state governments. They are particularly not practical in Canada.
This will be an item that we will need to get to eventually but not recommended at this time.

(e) Downtown Renewal and Waterfront Capital Budget

(Collins/Jackson)
Be approved with the removal of the Comprehensive Wayfinding Strategy. CARRIED.

2. Council Referred Items

(a) Improvements to City of Hamilton: Standards and Licensing Section
Recommendations from Operational Review of the Standards and Licensing Section – (#3, #10, #17, #25, #41, #45 of Appendix B)

(McHattie/Bratina)
That the recommendations #3, #10, #17, #25, #41, #45 be approved. CARRIED.

(b) Inspector to enforce Anti-Idling By-law +$79,880
(McHattie/Merulla)
Be deferred pending public consultation CARRIED.

3. Legislated Items

(a) Inspectors for Grow Operations and purchase of two hybrid vehicles +$226,420
(Collins/Whitehead)
Be tabled. CARRIED.

Staff to report back on creative means on how to recoup costs for these positions (i.e tax roll)

4. Net Levy Zero Items

(a) Growth Strategy Manager

(Clark/Bratina)
Be approved. CARRIED.
(b) Planner Position for Official Plan Review

(Clark/Bratina)

Be approved. CARRIED.

(c) Development - 2 Project Managers

(Clark/Bratina)

Be approved. CARRIED.

5. Other

(a) Full Time Film Liaison Assistant

(Whitehead/McHattie)

Be approved with the removal of the proposed administration fee of 20% chargeable to the production company in the amount of $14,000. CARRIED.

Councillor McCarthy requested notification to the ward councillor when a film is shooting in their ward as well as the staff who are on site at the location.

6. Reductions

(McCarthy/Ferguson)

(a) That the Planning and Economic Development reduction for Revenue Clerk & Tradeport in the amount of ($60,000) be approved. CARRIED.

4.1 Public Health Services

1. Additional Reports/Recommendations for consideration:

None

2. Council Referred Items

(a) Heat/Cold and Youth Basic Needs Supplies +22,000

(McHattie/Bratina)

That the program enhancement be approved. CARRIED.

3. Legislated Items

None
4. **Net Levy Zero Items**
   
   None

5. **Safety**
   
   None

6. **Other**
   
   None

7. **Reductions**
   
   (Jackson/Bratina)
   
   (a) Public Health Mandatory Program funding Adjustment Reduction be approved. CARRIED.

   (Jackson/Collins)
   
   That an additional $300,000 be re-directed to the levy.
   
   CARRIED.

   (McCarthy/Clark)
   
   That the $102,000 for the children in youth to identify abnormalities in children be removed from the budget.
   
   MOTION WITHDRAWN

   Clarification - Program designed to support parents – not to do any diagnosing

   (Collins/Ferguson)
   
   That staff be directed to permanently remove an additional $300,000 from the $955,000 program enhancement in the Public Health Services budget. CARRIED

Reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

4.2 **Human Resources**

   (Jackson/Collins)
   
   That the following program enhancements be tabled pending the organizational review of Human Resources.
   
   4(a), 5(a), 6(b) CARRIED.
1. **Additional Reports/Recommendations for consideration:**

None

2. **Council Referred Items**

None

3. **Legislated Items**

None

4. **Net Levy Zero Items**

(a) Job Fair exhibit and materials (one-time funding) (Human Resources)

5. **Safety**

(a) Training Administration/E-training – Peoplesoft Module (Human Resources)

6. **Other**

(a) Employee Spirit Peer Recognition Program Implementation (Human Resources) (McHattie/Ferguson)

Enhancement be approved. **CARRIED.**

(b) Compensation/Job Evaluation Assistant (Human Resources)

7. **Reductions**

(Powers/Collins)

That reductions in the amount of $75,000 be approved **CARRIED.**

4.3 **Corporate Services**

1. **Additional Reports/Recommendations for consideration:**

None
2. **Council Referred Items**

None

3. **Legislated Items**

(a) Review Corporate Requirements to meet AODA/ODA obligations

(McHattie/Jackson)
Be approved. CARRIED.

4. **Net Levy Zero Items**

(a) Commercial and Industrial Appraiser (Collins/Whitehead)
Be approved. CARRIED.

(b) Tangible Capital Asset Accounting (Morelli/Whitehead)
Be approved. CARRIED.

(c) Buyer required by Water/Wastewater (Collins/Whitehead)
That this be approved on a contractual basis for one year and reassessed in the future. CARRIED.

(d) Pt time Customer Service Representative – Peak Period (One-time funding) (Jackson/Powers)
   (a) Be approved in the amount of $200,000.

   (b) That staff be directed to provide updates in June, September and December to the Audit and Administration Committee. CARRIED.

Councillors Collins, Whitehead, Ferguson opposed.

5. **Other**

(a) Career Edge Internship Program

(Bratina/McHattie)
Be approved. CARRIED.
(b) Access and Equity – Student/intern funding
(Ferguson/Powers)
Be approved. CARRIED.

6. Reductions

(Powers/Whitehead)
$40,000 in reductions be approved. CARRIED.
(i.e. savings in print shop)

Brownfield Provincial Monies
Merulla/McHattie
(a) That the $3 million in provincial funding for Brownfields be placed in a
reserve;

(b) That Economic Development staff be directed to report back on a plan to
utilize $500,000 over the next three years towards Economic Development
initiatives including measurables for tracking purposes. CARRIED.