Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 5, 2009
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer's Lane
Albion Rooms A and B

Present: Chair B. Bratina
Vice Chair C. Collins
Councillors T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, S. Merulla, D. Mitchell

Absent with Regrets: Councillor L. Ferguson – Personal
Councillor R. Powers – Personal

Also Present: C. Murray – City Manager
G. Davis – A/General Manager, Public Works
T. Tollis – A/General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Moore – Director, Engineering Services, Capital Planning & Implementation
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance
D. Hull – Director, Transit
J. Mater – Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
A. Apkarian – A/Manager, Finance and Administration, PW
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

(Mitchell/McCarthy)
That the agenda be approved, as presented. CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the January 30, 2009 Budget Meeting

(Merulla/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the January 30, 2009 budget meeting of the Public Works Committee, be approved, as presented. CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Budget Update (No Copy)

Gerry Davis provided a power point presentation to the Committee showing the net dollars and 2008-09 percentages for the following:

- 2008 Approved Budget
- 2009 Maintenance Budget
- Council Pre-approved Items
- Regulated Impacts
- Council-Refereed Items
- Budget Options
- 2009 Proposed Budget
- 3% Budget Impact (as directed by the Committee on January 30)

The presentation also included a list of accomplishments which impact efficiencies, a chart showing the gross Office of Energy Initiative Savings from November 2006 to September 2008, criteria for options being presented and core (essential) and non-core (discretionary) services.

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee and has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Collins/McCarthy)
That the budget update presentation, be received. CARRIED

(McCarthy/Mitchell)
That all reductions and revenue generators, as presented by staff, with the exception of transit-related items, be approved.

(Merulla/Collins)
That the following reductions to the 2009 Operating Budget, be approved:
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Program Impact

(a) Fuel – Operating Departments ($1,000,000)
   (Diesel – 1.05 to 0.95; Unleaded - 0.97 to 0.87)
(b) Fuel – External/Contractual Impact ($ 100,000)
(c) Natural Gas ($ 120,000)
(d) Reduce contribution to Vehicle Reserve ($ 100,000)
(e) Support Services Efficiencies ($ 100,000)
(f) Technology to Delivery Security ($ 200,000)
(g) Road Side Litter $ 200,000
(h) Street Sweeping Program $ 138,000
(i) Bulk Collection Fee $ 360,000
(j) Tipping Fee (3% increase) $ 60,000
(k) Parking Fees at Major Municipal Park Sites $ 310,000
(l) Transit – cancel service enhancement $ 450,000
(m) Transit Fare Increase - $0.05 cents $ 550,000
(n) Transit – reduce existing service levels $1,300,000

The Committee requested that the options as presented by staff, be split
for voting purposes.

Items (a), (b), (c), (d) (e) and (f) CARRIED.

Item (g) – Road Side Litter - $200,000 reduction, was DEFEATED on the
following recorded vote:

Yeas: McCarthy
Total Yeas: 1
Nays: Bratina, Collins, Jackson, Merulla, Mitchell
Total Nays: 5
Absent: Ferguson, Powers
Total Absent: 2

Item (h) – Street Sweeping Program - $138,000 reduction, was
DEFEATED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: McCarthy, Mitchell
Total Yeas: 2
Nays: Bratina, Collins, Jackson, Merulla
Total Nays: 4
Absent: Ferguson, Powers
Total Absent: 2

Item (i) – Bulk Collection Fee - $360,000 reduction, was LOST on the
following recorded vote:
Yeas: Bratina, McCarthy, Mitchell
Total Yeas: 3
Nays: Collins, Jackson, Merulla
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Ferguson, Powers
Total Absent: 2

Item (j) – Tipping Fee (3% increase) - $60,000 reduction was **LOST** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Bratina, McCarthy, Mitchell
Total Yeas: 3
Nays: Collins, Jackson, Merulla
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Ferguson, Powers
Total Absent: 2

Item (k) – Parking Fees at Major Municipal Park Sites - $310,000 reduction, was **DEFEATED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: McCarthy, Mitchell
Total Yeas: 2
Nays: Bratina, Collins, Jackson, Merulla
Total Nays: 4
Absent: Ferguson, Powers
Total Absent: 2

Items (l), (m) and (n) respecting transit-related items, were not debated as these issues have been referred to the Committee of the Whole by Council at its meeting of November 26, 2008.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 2009 Program Change Options – Public Works (FCS09011(e))
(City Wide) (From January 30, 2009 Public Works Budget Agenda Item 5.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the following 2009 Program Change Options be included in the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

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<td>Street Tree Trimming Program Deferral of Phase 4</td>
<td>($530,000)</td>
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(ii) Trail Maintenance Program Reduction - Budget Mitigation Option ($22,600)
(iii) Open Space Maintenance – Program Reduction (Budget Mitigation Option) ($42,000)

(b) That the following 2009 Program Change Option be added to the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

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<td>(i) Parks Operating Impacts from Inventory Growth (Development)</td>
<td>$320,530</td>
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The Committee requested that the program change options be split for voting purposes.

Item (a)(i) was **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

- Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Jackson, Mitchell, McCarthy
- Total Yeas: 5
- Nays: Merulla
- Total Nays: 1
- Absent: Ferguson, Powers
- Total Absent: 2

Item (a)(ii) **LOST** on the following recorded vote:

- Yeas: Bratina, McCarthy, Mitchell
- Total Yeas: 3
- Nays: Collins, Jackson, Merulla
- Total Nays: 3
- Absent: Ferguson, Powers
- Total Absent: 2

Item (a)(iii) **LOST** on the following recorded vote:

- Yeas: Bratina, McCarthy, Mitchell
- Total Yeas: 3
- Nays: Collins, Jackson, Merulla
- Total Nays: 3
- Absent: Ferguson, Powers
- Total Absent: 2
Item (b)(i) CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas:         Bratina, Collins, Jackson, Merulla
Total Yeas:   4
Nays:         McCarthy, Mitchell
Total Nays:   2
Absent:       Ferguson, Powers
TotalAbsent:  2

5.2 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Public Works (FCS09007(h))
(From January 19, 2009 Public Works Budget Agenda Item 4.2)

(Collins/Merulla)
(a) That the following Council-referred items be approved for inclusion in the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

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<td>(i) Green Cart Program, Leaf &amp; Yard Waste and Grass Recycling</td>
<td>($ 5,000)</td>
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<td>(ii) (Large) Multi-Residential Organic Collection Program</td>
<td>($ 10,000)</td>
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<td>(iii) CP Rail Trail</td>
<td>$ 40,000</td>
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<td>(iv) Street Tree Trimming Program</td>
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<td>(v) Splash Pad Operations</td>
<td>$ 3,360</td>
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<td>(vi) Recycling Collection in Parks</td>
<td>$ 0</td>
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<td>(vii) Ground Litter Control in the Downtown</td>
<td>$172,630</td>
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<td>(viii) Cigarette Receptacle Program</td>
<td>$ 5,600</td>
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(b) That the Council-referred item respecting Waste Management Services for Festivals and Special Events in the amount of $40,000 not be included in the 2009 Public Works Operating Budget:

(c) That the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Sub-Committee be requested to review the Waste Management Services for Festivals and Special Events.

(d) That the 2009 net operating levy for Public Works in the amount of $172,400,872, be approved and forwarded to the Budget Steering Committee.  

CARRIED
6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Bratina, Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
February 5, 2009