Committee of the Whole
MINUTES 10-017

9:30 a.m.
June 21, 2010
Albion Room,
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall,
L. Ferguson, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, M. Pearson, D.
Mitchell, R. Pasuta, B. McHattie, R. Powers

Absent with regrets: Councillor M. McCarthy – Vacation
Councillor T. Jackson – Vacation
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal Business

Also Present: R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and Economic
Development
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
J. Kay, Fire Chief/General Manager HES
J. Soldera, Acting General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the
Whole/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORS - Patrick De New and Derek Hambly

The Mayor announced the two Deputy Mayors for the Month of June, Patrick
DeNew and Derek Hambly
1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The following was added as Item 10.2 Update on Setting Sail OMB litigation

(Pasuta/Ferguson)
That the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS

Rob Rossini provided an overview of the pressures, process and upcoming schedule for the 2011 Budget.

6.1 2011 Tax Budget Pressures, Process & Schedule (FCS10005) (City Wide)
(Clark/Pasuta)
(a) That user fees (excluding golf, transit and ice fees) be increased by inflation and that any user fee adjustments, other than inflationary, be forwarded for consideration with appropriate explanation;

(b) That the Boards & Agencies be requested to submit a 2011 budget to Committee of the Whole based on a guideline of at or below inflation and that Boards & Agencies be requested to justify any additional increase above this guideline; and
(c) That the budget schedule as identified in Appendix A to report FCS10055 be approved.

(Clark/Ferguson)
That subsection (b) be amended to reflect that Legislated Boards and Agencies be directed to submit the 2011 budget with a increase not to exceed inflation and any increase exceeding inflation be documented with reasons, further those Non Legislated Boards and Agencies be requested to submit a 2011 budget at 0 percent increase. Amendment CARRIED.

(Merulla/Clark)
That staff be directed to report back to council on the ongoing Provincial download deficit to the City of Hamilton of $129.3 million dollars equating to 21.5% in municipal taxes and formulate a plan of action to mitigate the financial impact to the residents of the city of Hamilton. CARRIED.

(Ferguson/Clark)
That in order to be compliant with the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Act that all departments, plus Boards and Agencies come in with a 0% wage and salary increase in 2011.

(Powers/Ferguson)
That this motion be Tabled pending discussion on 10.1. CARRIED.

Chief Kay was directed to provide a report in January on the EMS – MUMC Adult Emergency Department Closure including impact, what can be done to mitigate the $1.5 M annualized, and include information on ambulance utilization/ capital/operating requirements.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis (HUR10013)
(Pearson/Merilla)
That report HUR10013 respecting Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis be received. CARRIED.

Staff provided an overview of the report by power point.
8. MOTIONS

None

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

10. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(Pearson/Powers)
That Committee move into closed session further to section 8.1(d) and 8.1(e) of the City’s Procedural by-law and the Ontario Municipal act as the matter to be discussed pertains to labour relations matters and a litigation matter. CARRIED.

10.1 Collective Bargaining Strategy (2009 – 2011) - (HUR10012)

10.2 Update on Setting Sail OMB litigation

(Pearson/Powers)
That committee reconvene in open session at 1:05 p.m. CARRIED.

10.1 Collective Bargaining Strategy (2009 – 2011) - (HUR10012)
(Powers/Duvall)
That Report HUR10012 respecting Collective Bargaining Strategy (2009-2011) be received. CARRIED.

10.2 Update on Setting Sail OMB litigation
(Collins/Pearson)
That Council authorize the City Solicitor to request the Ontario Municipal Board to suspend processing of appeals regarding Zoning By-law 05-073 passed March, 2005 applicable to the area west of Bay Street and those portions of the West Harbour Secondary Plan/OPA 198/Setting Sail that pertain to the area west of Bay Street until the location of the stadium and stadium related facilities has been confirmed. CARRIED.

Further direction was provided to staff in closed session on this item.

Councillors Merulla and Mitchell opposed
The following motion was lifted from the table:

(Ferguson/Clark)
That in order to be compliant with the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Act that all departments, plus Boards and Agencies come in with a 0% wage and salary budget increase in 2011.

Councillor Clark removed his name as a seconder.

(Ferguson/Mitchell)
That in order to be compliant with the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Act that all departments, plus Boards and Agencies come in with a 0% wage and salary budget increase in 2011.

Motion was defeated on a Recorded Vote as follows:
Yeas: Duvall, Ferguson, Merulla, Pasuta, Mitchell
Total: 5

Nays: Eisenberger, Clark, Collins, Pearson, Powers
Total: 5

(Eisenberger/Powers)
That a citizen based services delivery review, multi year zero based budgeting and a financial sustainability plan be implemented in whole or in part, no later than the 2012 Budget process.

(Eisenberger/Merulla)
That the motion be referred to staff for a report to Committee of the Whole on September 14, 2010. CARRIED.

(Ferguson/Pearson)
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council/COW
June 21, 2010