Mayor DiIanni called the meeting to order

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

   None

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

   None
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 9, 2006

(Samson/Bratina)
Minutes of January 9, 2006 were adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor made introductory remarks with respect to the 2006 Budget and commented on the tax rate, provincial issues (i.e. social services downloading) which affect our budget and various pressures to be addressed by Council during this budget deliberation.

Joe Rinaldo, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services provided Committee with a power point presentation. The following issues were addressed:

Components of the Residential Municipal Tax Impact
Review of the 2006 Net of Extraordinary Items
2006 Boards and Agencies
Capital Budget Impacts
Outstanding Issues
Process

Staff to follow up with MPAC on a response to Council’s correspondence

Committee requested a report which tracks expenditures at the end of the year for purchases, acquisitions and transactions made by departments – The City Manager advised that he would report back on this matter.

Staff will provide a breakdown on Go Transit allocations/formulas, capital plan and any future improvements with respect to Go Transit in our area.

Committee directed staff to inform HECFI, Library and Conservation Authorities prior to the Budget meeting of the 19th to limit their increase to 3%.

Staff were directed to inform the Art Gallery to be prepared to answer the justification to the requested increase since they have already received Future Funds from the City.

What is the debt to budget ratio – staff to provide figure
Staff were directed to provide list of projects allocated to the 12 million dollars of the Federal Gas Tax monies.
5. BUDGET DISCUSSION

5.1 2005 City of Hamilton Capital Program

5.1.1 Proposed 10 Year Capital Budget for Downtown Hamilton, the West Harbourfront and Downtown Renewal (PED06009) (Whitehead/Jackson)

a) That Report PED06009 be received for information;

b) That the following capital projects in the amount of $2,250,000 be considered for approval during the 2006 Capital Budget process, with funding from the 2006 Downtown Block Funding:
   i) Hamilton Farmers’ Market - $2,050,000
   ii) Downtown Public Art Master Plan - $100,000
   iii) York, Wilson and Catharine Streets Master Plan - $100,000;

c) That the following capital projects in the amount of $500,000 be considered for approval during the 2006 Capital Budget process, with funding from the 2006 Other Downtowns and Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Block Funding:
   i) Ancaster Square Landscaping - $125,000
   ii) Dundas Memorial Square - $100,000
   iii) Streetscape Improvements in B.I.A.s - $25,000
   iv) Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program - $250,000;

d) That the following capital project in the amount of $400,000 be considered for approval during the 2006 Capital Budget process, with funding from Taro Royalties:
   i) Olde Towne Stoney Creek Urban Design Plan Implementation; and,

e) That the following capital projects in the amount of $855,000 be considered for approval during the 2006 Capital Budget process, with funding from the Parking Capital Reserve:
   i) Repairs to Convention Centre Parking Garage - $605,000
ii) Pay and Display and Pay on Foot Equipment Replacement - $150,000
iii) Resurface Carpark #1 (John and Rebecca) - $100,000

(Collins/Whitehead)
(f) That staff be directed to report back during budget deliberations with the budget requirement for the commercial and residential component of Setting Sail. Amendment CARRIED. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

Brownfield – assessment drivers that would generate new revenues for city – is anything possible to advance funds for 2006? 10-15% - staff to report back with amendment to find source of funding for brownfields for 2006.

Recess to 1pm

(Collins/Jackson)
That Committee of the Whole move In Camera to discuss two matters relating to litigation. These are two non budget items for council’s consideration. CARRIED.

(Collins/Whitehead)
That Committee of the Whole reconvene in Open Session. CARRIED.

The following motion was referred to a special Council meeting scheduled on January 12, 2006 for approval:

Applications ZAC-04-23 and 25T-95013(R) for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Change in Zoning for 203 Parkside Drive (Flamborough), Owners - MC2 Homes Inc. (Ward 15) (Ward 15) (McCarthy/McHattie)

(a) That approval be given to Subdivision Application 25T-95013(R), MC2 Homes Inc. (c/o Metrus Developments Inc.), owner, to establish a draft plan of subdivision on lands located at 203 Parkside Drive, comprising 8.83 hectares (21.81 acres), as shown redlined revised on Appendix “B” subject to the execution of a City standard form Subdivision Agreement, including the conditions contained in Appendix “C” and the following:

(i) Acknowledgement by the City of Hamilton of its responsibility for cost-sharing with respect to this development for the following items:
(1) the cost of over-sizing watermains beyond a 300mm diameter pipe, as may be required;

(2) the cost of extra asphalt beyond a width of 8.0 m on Streets “A” and “C”, excluding the extra width required for the traffic calming features at the intersection of Street “A” and “C”; and,

(3) the Stormwater Management Facility as per costs provided within the Development Charges background study,

all in accordance with the Financial Policies for Development and Development Charges By-law, as approved by Council.

(b) That the City agrees to purchase Block 105 for parkland purposes, at market value, at the time of registration of that portion of the plan containing the parkland, with funding provided through the City’s Park Trust Fund Reserve.

(c) That approval be given to Zoning Application ZAC-04-23, MC2 Homes Inc. (c/o Metrus Developments Inc.), owner, for changes in zoning from the Agriculture “A” Zone to a Modified, Urban Residential “R1-31” Zone to permit eighty-four (84) single detached dwelling units on Block “2”; from the Agriculture “A” Zone to a Modified, Medium Density Residential “R6-13” Zone to permit ninety-seven (97) street townhouse units on Blocks “1” and “5”; from the Agriculture “A” Zone to a Conservation Management “CM” Zone to permit a stormwater management pond on Block “3”, and pedestrian walkway and buffer on Block “4”, all on a portion of lands described as Part of Lots 9 and 10, Concession 4, municipally known as 203 Parkside Drive (Flamborough), as shown on Appendix “A” on the following basis:

(i) That Blocks “1” and “5” be rezoned from Agriculture “A” Zone to a Site Specific Medium Density Residential “R6-13” Zone.

(ii) That Block “2” be rezoned from Agriculture “A” Zone to Site Specific Urban Residential “R1-31” Zone.

(iii) That Blocks “3” and “4” be rezoned from Agriculture “A” Zone to Conservation Management “CM” Zone.

(viii) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix “D” which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council.

(ix) That the proposed changes in zoning are in conformity with the Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan and Flamborough Official Plan.
(d) That Appendix C remain confidential until 9 am Friday morning, January 13th as Burlington City Council will be addressing this same matter on Thursday evening January 12th in the context of a Hearing to commence Monday January 16, 2006. CARRIED.

West Harbour OMB Appeal
Staff was provided direction in camera on this matter.

(Mitchell/Pearson)
Recess and move into City Council. CARRIED

(Mitchell/Pearson)
Reconvene in Committee of the Whole. CARRIED

5.1.2 2006 City of Hamilton Capital Program
2006 – 2015 Capital Forecast (FCS06003(a)) (City Wide)
(Jackson/Whithead)

a) That the $74,147,000 2006 Tax-supported Capital Levy, as identified in Table 1 on Page 19 of Report FCS06003, Book 1, 2006 Tax Budget, be approved.

b) That the Hamilton Future Fund, as a source of funding in the amount of $7,735,000 per the 2006 Tax Capital Budget & Financing Plan (Appendix 3-1-2 of Book 3), be approved.

c) That the 2006 Tax Capital Budget and Financing Plan as identified in Appendix 3-1-2 of Book 3 of report FCS06003, Pages 14-24, be approved.

d) That the 2007-2015 Tax Capital Budget Project Summaries identified in Book 3, Appendices 3-2-1 thru 3-2-30 to report FCS06003 be approved as forecasts.

e) That the 2006 Tax Supported Capital Budget and Financing Plan for the Red Hill Valley Project in the amount $45,522,000 including additional debenture financing in the amount of $29,550,000, as per Appendix 3-2-27 of Book 3 to Report FCS06003, be approved. CARRIED

Councillor McCarthy opposed to a) and e)
(Jackson/Merulla)
That the City Manager and CMT be directed to reduce the levy by an additional 3% and report back to Committee of the Whole.
(Include Rationale for suggested reductions) CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next budget meeting will commence with Item 5.2 2005 Tax Supported Operating Budgets (FCS06003)