Mayor DiIanni called the meeting to order

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Whitehead/Ferguson) Approved as amended. CARRIED.

The Clerk noted the changes to the agenda.
(a) David Heatley
(b) Brian Gordon
(c) Robert Pasuta
(d) Dennis Fiorasco
Committee of the Whole

2. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

(a) Vince Massarella
(b) Sharon Derkach

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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4. DELEGATION REQUESTS

4.1 Request to appear before the Committee from:

(a) Joanna Chapman respecting the audit of Mayor Larry Dilanni’s campaign finances

(b) Margaret Robertson respecting audit of Mayor Larry Dilanni’s campaign contributions

(Note: The above-noted requests to appear were referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration by the Corporate Administration Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005.)

(c) Mark-Alan Whittle respecting the election audit

(Ferguson/Kelly) approved

5. CONSENT ITEMS

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

6.1 Sale of City Owned Property – 863 Nebo Road to 6323812 Canada Inc. (Maple Leaf Foods Inc.) and Giuseppe DiCienzo and Vittoria DiCienzo. (PED05092/PW05104/FCS05093) (Ward 11)

6.1.1 Overview from staff

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Tim McCabe and Neil Everson Tony Sergi provided an overview of the report to Committee. A power point presentation address the following highlights:

6.1.2 Delegations from the public

Richard Love
Arthur Miles
Ed Fothergill (on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce)
Bonnie Cook
Bob Smith CAPS (Citizens Against Pig Slaughter)
Evelyn Smith CAPS
Bill Johnson
Gary Schwarz
Brian Storey
Eleanor Giacommazza
Ruth Graves
Florence Welsh
John Stewart
Harry Sutton – Regional Director, United Food and Commercial Workers Canada Local 175
Lee Raso
Susan Seguin
David Heatley
Brian Gordon
Robert Pasuta
Dennis Fiorasco
Joe Beattie
Michael Desnoyers on behalf of Hamiltonians for Progressive Development

Darek Nowakowski – Vice President and General Manager, Fresh Pork Operations for Maple Leaf fresh Foods
Ted Snure – from the City of Brandon, Manitoba
Fred Teeple – Employee with Maple Leaf Fresh Foods, Burlington
Anne Tennier – Vice President, Environmental and Manufacturing Services for Maple Leaf Foods.

That the written submissions from the following be received:
(a) Vince Massarella
(b) Sharon Derkach
7. MOTIONS

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

9. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

9.1 Supplementary Report to PED05092/PW05104/FCS05093; Sale of City Property to 6323812 CANADA INC. (Maple Leaf Foods Inc.) and Giuseppe and Victoria DiCienzo

10. ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The In Camera item was moved forward to follow Item 5.1 on the agenda. The agenda was adopted as amended.

(c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

(d) PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Peter George of McMaster University addressed members of Council. Dr. George presented the Mayor and Members of Council with a commemorative certificate on the occasion of McMaster University’s 75th Anniversary.

The Mayor in honour of the 75th Anniversary presented Dr. Peter George with a framed portrait of McMaster’s University Hall.

(e) 2006 Budget

(i) State of the City – Where we were; Where we are; Where we’re going (Item 6.1)

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Glen Peace, City Manager, provided an overview of the upcoming budget and how staff will work with council to bring forward the 2006 budget. Mr. Peace addressed the budget pressures, changes to the social programs, updating/reviewing the strategic plan – Right on Course

(ii) Mr. Rinaldo, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services provided Council with an overview in a power point presentation of the following:

(a) Tax Operating Budget (Item 6.2.1)
   (i) 2006 Pressures
   (ii) Options

(b) Tax Policy (Item 6.2.2)
   (i) Property Assessment Impact
   (ii) Area Rating

(c) Rate Budget (Item 6.2.3)

(d) Tax Capital Budget (Item 6.2.4)
   (i) Highlights
   (ii) Gas Tax
   (iii) Hamilton Utilities Corporation Dividend

(iii) Requests for additional information:

(a) Last five years of our assessment growth. Comparison with surrounding communities.

(b) Details of Dofasco – assessment impact

(c) Assessment vs. investments – numbers – impacts

(d) Seniors on fixed incomes – increases; look at as part of tax policy – staff will come back with options; consulting with Seniors Advisory Committee

(e) POA revenue shortfall – between collections and actual revenue – why constantly in shortfall position – how is this going to be addressed. Clerk to provide update at future budget meeting including Justice of the Peace shortage to adjudicate issues.

(iv) Provincial Residential Tax Reduction Program
Council agreed to have staff further clarify the following motion prior to the next council meeting with respect to the issue of income thresholds/poverty rate:

“That the Province be requested to investigate a Provincial Residential Tax Reduction program based on the parameters and concept of the Business Tax Reduction Program.”

(f) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

10.1 Property Matter

Committee moved in camera to discuss a property matter and reconvened in Open Session. Staff will provide committee with a report at the October 27, 2005 Committee of the Whole meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor L. Dilanni

M. Gallagher
Co-ordinator, COW/Council
October 13, 2005