Present: Deputy Mayor J. Partridge (Chair)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr, L. Ferguson,
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, T. Jackson, B. Johnson,
R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Clark – Personal

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. 2012 Operating Budget – Additional Information (FCS11098) (City Wide)
   (Powers/Collins)
   That Report FCS11098 respecting 2012 Operating Budget – Additional Information, be received.
   CARRIED

2. 2012 Budget Overview
   (Johnson/Pearson)
   That the staff presentation respecting the 2012 Budget Overview, be received.
   CARRIED
3. 2012 Budget Guiding Principles (FCS11097) (City Wide)

(Powers/Farr)
That the 2012 Budget Guiding Principles attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS11097, be approved.  CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Farr/Johnson)
That the agenda be approved, as presented.  CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) PRESENTATIONS

(i) 2012 Budget Overview (Item 4.1)

Rob Rossini provided introductory remarks with respect to the purpose of the workshops the information to be presented. Today’s meeting is the first of 5 budget workshops, 3 for the Operating Budget and 2 for the Capital Budget. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to the Committee and to engage Council and get feedback on priorities, issues, direction, etc. before the actual budget deliberations.

Mr. Rossini spoke to the following issues outlined in the power point presentation:

- Operating Budget Workshops – future meeting dates
- Outline of Operating Workshop #1, including 2011 Community Wellness Indicators, 2012 tax budget preliminary outlook; additional information list, 2012 tax budget schedule, 2012 budget guiding principles; and, priorities.
- Hamilton Community Wellness Indicators as of September, 2011, including Ontario Works Caseloads; Child Care Fee Subsidy Waitlist; OSDP Caseloads, Social Housing Waitlist; Unemployment Rate – Hamilton CMA; Bankruptcies; Building Permits Total $ Value; Real Estate – MLS Sales; Housing Stats; Canadian Composite Leading Indicator; Monthly Penalty & Interest; TOP Hamilton News Headlines for September; Residents Reporting “Good Health”; Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Revenue; Transit Revenue
• 2012 Tax Budget Preliminary Outlook (from September 12)
  • Preliminary Pressures/Risks
  • City Departments: Compensation, Pre-approvals, Provincial, Corporate
  • Boards and Agencies
  • Capital
  • 2012 Budget Guidelines
  • 2012 Approved Budget Guidelines
• 2012 Budget Additional Information
• 2012 budget schedule
  • 2012 Approved Budget Schedule
• 2012 Budget Guiding Principles
• 2012 Budget Priorities Feedback

Copies of the presentations have been retained in the Office of the City Clerk and can also be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Partridge
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
October 27, 2011