Strategic Planning and Budgets
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 6, 2006
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Mayor L. DiIanni
Vice-Chair Councillor A. Samson
Councillors B. Bratina, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy
M. Pearson

Absent with Regrets:

Also Present: Councillor T. Whitehead
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services, B. McMullen, Corporate Services,
O. Shewfelt, HUC
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Clerks

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:

1. Report 06-001 of the External Audit Sub-Committee (Item 8.1)
   (a) Appointment of External Auditor for Fiscal Year 2006 to 2010 –
       City of Hamilton
       (Pearson/McCarthy)
       (i) That Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants be
           appointed as External Auditors for the City of Hamilton;

       (ii) That the term of engagement be five years 2006 to 2010 for
            a contract fee of $1,355,107 plus applicable taxes;

       (iii) That the engagement be subject to a satisfactory annual
            performance review; and
(iv) That the fees be reviewed annually to reflect changes in audit scope.  CARRIED.

(b) Appointment of External Auditor for Fiscal Year 2006 to 2010 – Hamilton Utilities Corp. (Pearson/McCarthy)
(i) That KPMG Chartered Accountants be appointed as External Auditors for Hamilton Utilities Corporation;
(ii) That the term of engagement be five years 2006 to 2010 for a contract fee of $391,015 plus applicable taxes;
(iii) That the engagement be subject to a satisfactory annual performance review; and
(iv) That the fees be reviewed annually to reflect changes in audit scope.  CARRIED.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(McCarthy/Samson)
Agenda approved as presented.  CARRIED.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 June 21, 2006 (Jackson/McCarthy)
The Minutes of June 21, 2006 were adopted as presented.  CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor L. Dilanni

M. Gallagher
Co-ordinator

Council – September 13, 2006