Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
April 13, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent:
Councillor S. Merulla – City Business

Also Present:
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
L. A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J. Kay, General Manager, HES/Fire Chief
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Council referred the Rodeo Events report submitted by HECFI it has been noted as Item 5.1 on today’s agenda. However Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Smith are in attendance this morning should you wish to have this item moved forward on today’s agenda.
(Pearson/Pasuta) moved 5.1 forward on the agenda. CARRIED.

(Pearson/Pasuta) agenda approved as amended. CARRIED.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bratina declared an interest in any discussion on Macassa Lodge as his father resides at the lodge.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 April 11, 2007
(Powers/Pearson)
Minutes approved as presented. CARRIED.

Councillor Bratina apologized to the Mayor and Members of Council for his outburst at Council and advised that he would contribute one weeks pay to a downtown Ward 2 poverty initiative

5. NON BUDGET RELATED ITEM

5.1 Referral By City Council at its meeting of April 11, 2007
Rodeo Events In or On City-owned Lands and Facilities (HECFI 07-001)

Messrs. Duncan Gillespie and Scott Smith from HECFI were in attendance to address questions.

Members of Council addressed concerns respecting:
- treatment of the animals during the event
- timing of the signing of the contract by HECFI
- lack of information requested by council for consideration
- current City of Hamilton Policy/By-law and its status

(Bratina/Pearson)
(a) That an exemption to the City of Hamilton policy which prohibits the holding of rodeos and Wild West shows in all city-owned facilities so as to allow the hosting of a Professional Bull Riders Canada Competition event at Copps Coliseum on June 2, 2007, be approved.

(b) That following the event, City of Hamilton staff be requested to review the relevance and applicability of this policy and report back to the Audit and Administration Committee

(Bratina/Pearson)
(c) That the SPCA be in attendance and required to monitor the event. AMENDMENT CARRIED.
(McHattie/Collins)
(d) That the SPCA be requested to provide criteria to be used for evaluating the rodeo event. AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Motion as Amended Carried on a Recorded vote:
Yeas:
Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, McCarthy, Ferguson, Bratina, Morelli, Collins, Eisenberger
Total: 9
Opposed:
Powers, McHattie, Duvall, Clark
Total 4

4. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

4.1 Overview and Further Options for consideration (Capital) (to be distributed)

Joe Rinaldo, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services provided an overview of the options. Highlights included the following:
- 2007 Average Residential Tax Increase
- 2007 Capital Levy Reductions
- Operating Budget Impact
- Tax Impact
- 2007/2008 Capital Issues

(Collins/McCarthy)
Presentation be received. CARRIED.

Strategic Initiatives (new) remind council on what was on the lists and suggested funding sources.

4.2 Comprehensive Wayfinding Strategy (PED07113(a))

(Jackson/Pearson)
That $50,000 of the $150,000 be approved for the kiosk design and installation by Public Works and staff determining source of funding with no impact on the levy. CARRIED.
4.3 Downtown Block Funding Project Options (PED07123(a)) (Ward 2)

Ron Marini provided an overview of the report.

(Bratina/Collins)
That staff be directed to report back with costing analysis and impacts on the following options;

2. Purchase of Property in the Downtown
3. Enhance Grant Funding for Historically Designated/Listed Properties in the Downtown Core:
4. Artwalk in Downtown Hamilton:
5. Expansion of the Main Street Housing Loan and Grant Program CARRIED.

4.4 Hiring of Additional Full-time Employees for Ground Litter Pick-up; Educational/Promotional Anti-littering Campaign; and Safety and Security Audit

(Bratina/Jackson)
That a pilot project for 2007 in the amount of $150,000 one time funding be approved for this project. CARRIED.

Staff were requested to explore Models in other municipalities.

Rotary Club – Flower Garden – Jones Road and King Street West (Clark/Pearson)
That the City of Hamilton grant permission to the Rotary Club of Stoney Creek to plant a flower garden of annual flowers in the empty City owned property at the intersection of Jones Street and King Street as they did in 2006. CARRIED.

Staff to ensure that the area is made safe and any training be provided to the Rotary Club.

Committee recessed to 1PM
8. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

8.1 Matter respecting identifiable individuals including municipal or local board employees
(Pearson/Jackson)
That committee move into closed session to address a matter respecting identifiable individuals including municipal board employees. CARRIED.

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That Committee reconvene in Open Session with no report. CARRIED.

(Bratina/McHattie)
That the rules be waived to allow the introduction of a motion. CARRIED.

(Bratina/McHattie)
That staff consult with BIA’s and other parties as required and report back to committee on increasing parking meter rates from 50 cents an hour to one dollar an hour

(McHattie/Bratina)
Add the following wording “for possible generation of revenues in 2007” to the end of the motion. AMENDMENT CARRIED. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

Councillor Duvall Opposed to the motion as amended.

Children’s Museum
Councillor Collins requested that staff report back on the hours of the Children’s museum.

(Whitehead/Pearson)
That the rules be waived to allow the introduction of a motion. CARRIED.

(Clark/Bratina)
That a formal complaint be made with the Ministry of the Environment to address the City’s concerns with regards to the rendering of waste to the Taro Landfill. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.