Committee of the Whole
MINUTES 10-018

9:30 a.m.
June 25, 2010
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger

Absent with regrets:
Councillor R. Pasuta – Personal
Councillor R. Powers – City Business
Councillor T. Jackson - Vacation

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 and Economic Development
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
P. Barkwell, City Solicitor
A. Grozelle, Legislative Assistant
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator, Council and Committee of the Whole/Budgets

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Morelli/Duvall)
That the agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

None

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2010 Council Strategic Capital Allocation (FCS10040) (City Wide)

(McHattie/Merulla)

(a) That the projects and programs as identified in Appendix “A” of Report FCS10040 be received for consideration; and

(b) That the original funding source of the Innovation Park property purchase of $2,156,027 approved by Council on October 20, 2009 be amended by deleting "2009/2010 Strategic Initiative Funds" and replacing it with "Economic Development Initiative Capital Project 3620908900" in lieu thereof.
(c) That $2 million for the ASSIST Program (project number 1 from Appendix A of FCS10040) be funded from the Economic Development Initiative Capital Project 3620908900.

(Whitehead/McHattie)
(d) That $500,000 for the Creative Catalyst Project (project number 3 from Appendix A of FCS10040) be funded from the Economic Development Initiative Capital Project 3620908900.

(Bratina/Ferguson)
That subsection (d) be amended by adding the words “if approved by Council” following the word “That”. WITHDRAWN

(Clark/Pearson)
That the following be added as subsection d(i) and d(ii):

(i) That the governance model must be approved by council before any further expenditure of funds

(ii) That a letter of agreement be signed by all partners in the catalyst project clarifying roles, responsibilities and obligations. Amendment CARRIED.

Councillors Bratina, Ferguson, Mitchell to subsection (d) as amended.

(Clark/Whitehead)
That Jeremy Freiburger be allowed to address committee. CARRIED.

(Whitehead/McHattie)
That the projects outlined as follows be approved as amended:

Project #1(a) – Accelerated shovel ready strategy for industrial servicing and transportation

Project #3 – Hamilton Creative Catalyst as amended

Councillors Bratina, Ferguson, Mitchell opposed to Project 3.
(e) That the balance of the funding under the Economic Development Initiative Capital Project 3620908900 be transferred to Investment Economic Reserve Fun.

(Mitchell/Bratina)
That $1.5 million be put in a reserve for projects that come up during the year. – as an item in priority list

(Morelli/Merulla)
#12 – Central City Seniors Facility – Scott Park Arena
That $1.2 million be approved for feasibility and design. CARRIED.

(McHattie/Collins)
That Project 9 and 2(b) Waterfront development corporation and Item 7 pedestrian traffic signals be approved. WITHDRAWN

(McHattie/Merulla)
Project 9 – 95 King Re-development – work/live space for creative arts ($900,000), be approved. CARRIED.

Ferguson, Pearson, Eisenberger, Mitchell Opposed

City Solicitor advised that additional information is required to be brought to the attention of the Committee prior to consideration of approving the above-noted motion.

(Collins/Whitehead)
That Committee move into Closed Session at 11:55 a.m. pursuant to Sections 8.1(e) and (f) of the City’s Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City and for the receiving of advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege and communications necessary for that purpose with respect to the installation of pedestrian/traffic signals.

(Mitchell/Merulla)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 12:05 p.m.

(Merulla/Collins)
That the legal advice be received. CARRIED.
(Merulla/Collins)
Item 7(c) – Pedestrian/Traffic Signals – 20 signs ($2,700,000)
CARRIED

Councillor Ferguson opposed

Approval of approved projects leaves a balance of 600,000

(Merulla/Collins)
Balance of $600,000 be used for sidewalks in Glenview East Neighbourhood

(Merulla/Collins) – Call the question CARRIED.

Yeas: Merulla
Total: 1
Nays: McHattie, Collins, Duvall, Bratina, Ferguson, Pearson, Mitchell, Clark, Whitehead
Total: 9

(Collins/Merulla)
Project 2(b) – Ice Rink and Restaurant ($400,000)

(Collins/Ferguson)
That Werner Plessl be allowed to approach the podium to respond to questions of the Committee. CARRIED.

(Clark/Collins) That the comments be received CARRIED.

(Collins/Merulla)
Project 2(b) – Ice Rink and Restaurant ($400,000) CARRIED.

Councillor Ferguson and Mayor Eisenberger opposed

Unallocated balance is $200,000

Councillor Mitchell presented the following Notice of Motion:

That the relocation grant in the amount of $82,700 for 447 Wing to move from airport into alternate accommodations in Mount Hope be approved due to displacement from their location at the airport.

(Mitchell/Pearson)
That the rules be waived to allow the motion to be considered. CARRIED
(Mitchell/Clark)
That the relocation grant in the amount of $82,700 for 447 Wing to move from airport into alternate accommodations in Mount Hope be approved due to displacement from their location at the airport.  
CARRIED.

(McHattie/Clark)
That the balance of the funding (approximately $100,000) be used toward funding part of the Blue Print for Emergency Shelters Project (Project 5), specifically for capital renovations to 3 shelters to accommodate 24-hour operation.  
CARRIED

8. MOTIONS

8.1 Review of Policy Applying to Intersection and Mid-block Pedestrian Signal Installations

(McHattie/Mitchell)
Whereas, the City policy “Installation Policy for Intersection and Mid-Block Pedestrian Signals was passed by City Council in January 2001, and;

Whereas, there has been much work undertaken on walkability since that time, with a new understanding of the importance of facilitating pedestrians on our streets.

Therefore Be it Resolved,

That staff be requested to undertake a public review of the Installation Policy for Intersection and Mid-Bloc Pedestrian Signals (previous staff report TOE01010), and report back to Public Works Committee with recommendations to update the policy.

The following issues to be included with the staff report when considered by the Public Works Committee:
- Incorporate criteria into process for petitions from schools, organizations, neighbourhood groups.
- Implement crosswalks with flashing yellow lights for seniors in Binbrook

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION
10. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

11. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

(Clark/Pearson)
That the meeting adjourn at 12:35 p.m.  CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
COW