Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
March 20, 2008
Albion Rooms
Hamilton Convention Centre

Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall,
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, M. McCarthy,
D. Mitchell, M. Pearson, B. Morelli, S. Merulla, R.
Pasuta, and R. Powers and T. Whitehead

Also Present:
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and
Economic Development
J. Kay, General Manager, HES/Fire Chief
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Jackson/Clark)
The Clerk noted the following addition to the agenda:
Added Presentation on Water for Life Project

The agenda was approved as amended. CARRIED.
(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 March 5, 2008
(Pearson/Mitchell)
The Minutes of March 5, 2008 were adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

d) STRATEGY SESSION CONTINUED

(i) Strategy Session with Facilitator, Dr. Chris Bart (continuation from March 5, 2008) (Item 5.1)

Glen Peace provide an overview of where the Committee currently stands with respect to the session.

Committee reviewed the remaining focus areas and amended those areas as required:

Skilled, Innovate and Respectful Organization

Dr. Richardson provided an overview of this focus area.

Amendments to Measures:

1.7 Decrease the number of injuries by half by 2011

Revised:

1.7 Zero lost time for injuries

1.9 Decrease in the number of substantiated human rights complaints by 20% by 2011

Revised:

1.9 20% changed to 0%

1.8 4% of Departmental budgets spent on employee development (budget Lines; personal membership/dues books/library, expenses, conferences, training) by 2011

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Revised:

1.8 personal changed to "professional" memberships

4% changed to 2%

1.11 Salaries are benchmarked and are competitive with comparator municipalities at the 50% level

Revised:
1.11 Salaries are benchmarked and are competitive with comparator municipalities at the 50 percentile level (target percentile to be specified)

Added Performance Measure:

1.12 Performance management system report is prepared for council by December 31st that would reflect an increase in the number of objective performance measures and linked to variable compensation.

Following discussion, the added performance was DELETED.

Added Performance Measure:

1.12 Reinstitution of the STAR$ program that maximizes employee engagement and recognizes their contributions and risk taking

Healthy Community – Focus Area #7

Dr. Richardson provided an overview of this focus area.

7.1 Increase voter turn-out by x%

Revised:

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7.2 Number of residential units within the downtown core by x
Revised:

7.2 Increase the number of residential units within the downtown core by x

7.5 Increase the number of housing options by type in each neighbourhood

Revised:

7.5 Increase the number of housing options by type to be specified in neighbourhoods where appropriate

7.9 Increase transit ridership per capita

Revised:

7.9 Increase transit ridership per capita walking, per capita, cycling per capita

Other Added Performance Measures:

7.11 Human Services Plan is completed by 2009

7.12 Establish an office of community development that increases community neighbourhood associations

Dr. Bart and Staff were thanked for assisting council through the strategic planning process.

(e) CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITY SETTING SESSION

(ii) Capital Budget Priority Setting Session with Facilitator, Tim Dobbie (no copy)

Tim Dobbie provided an overview of the process. Members of Council provided their submissions for consideration:

Councillor Bratina

1. Beasley Neighbourhood (handout provided) – $3 million to be applied to this project – (includes soil remediation)
Councillor Clark

1. Development of a proactive marketing campaign to bring business to area (increase spending)

2. Beautification of Traffic Islands – perennial gardens to be used rather than annuals.

Councillor Collins

1. Waterfront redevelopment and regeneration projects
   (a) new skating facility/restaurant on Pier 8

2. New Housing Units in the core

3. New Air Monitoring Stations

Councillor Duvall

1. Infrastructure Renewal - roads

Councillor Ferguson

1. Image/Gateways
   (waterfront initiatives and initiatives which enhance city’s image

2. Hammel House Project – (Ancaster Square) renovation - to host minor sport associations.

Councillor Jackson

1. Waterfront development and redevelopment (bridges, trails, café, upscale housing etc.)

2. Infrastructure Renewal

3. Development of a Land Acquisition Fund
Councillor McCarthy

1. Beasley Neighbourhood
2. Reducing the tax rate

Councillor McHattie

1. Downtown Housing – additional new housing in the core
2. Waterfront opportunities (skating rink, coffee pub)
3. Beasley Neighbourhood initiative

Councillor Merulla

1. Senior Centre on lands near Oriole crescent and revitalization in that quadrant
2. Accessibility by scooters, wheelchairs, children strollers on city sidewalks ramps

Councillor Morelli

1. Waterfront Development – clean up on East end waterfront
2. Seniors Recreation Centre in lower/inner City – combined recreational/seniors residence facility
3. Beasley Neighbourhood initiative

Councillor Pasuta

1. Beasley Neighbourhood initiative
2. Roads/Infrastructure (potholes)
3. Gypsy Moths (additional monies for rural area)

Councillor Mitchell

1. Gypsy Moths (additional monies for rural area)

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2. Roads/Sidewalks (including urbanization)
3. Attract and retain business

Councillor Pearson

1. Image – Doors Open – clean up graffiti, street lights that are burnt out
2. Senior/Youth Recreation Centre in the East end of Hamilton/Stoney Creek
3. Waterfront Redevelopment

Councillor Powers

1. Beasley Neighbourhood
2. Strategic Infrastructure that improves efficiencies and environmentally appropriate
3. Increase funding for tree maintenance and preservation

Councillor Whitehead

1. Waterfront Redevelopment
2. National Aquatic Centre
3. Feasibility Study for an Environmental Centre of Excellence

Mayor Eisenberger

1. Beasley Neighbourhood Project
2. Infrastructure payback
3. Waterfront Redevelopment
Next Steps:

Direction to staff to have costing estimates provided on the initiatives put forward by committee.

Added Item:
Recognition – World Water Day Presentation

The City of Hamilton’s Public Works Department presented to Ancaster Rotarian Roy Sheldrick and Renot Estime from Haiti a cheque in the amount of $22,400.00 for the Haiti “Water for Life” Project. The proceeds were raised at the Water and Wastewater Division’s 4th Annual World Water Day Walkathon.

City Manager Recruitment Process (Item 4.1)

(Jackson/Clark)
(a) That a steering Committee comprised of the Mayor and the Chairs of the Standing Committees be established to assist with the recruitment process for the City Manager;

(b) That the recruitment be both for Internal and external candidates.

(c) That Joe Rinaldo be appointed Acting City Manager on July 1, 2008 pending the hiring of the new City Manager. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher
March 20, 2008