Vice-Chair Councillor A. Samson called the meeting to order.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGETS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 06-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:


   (a) That the presentation of the 2005 Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements be received;

   (b) That the 2005 Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the City of Hamilton attached as Appendix “B” to FCS06051 be approved.
2. 2005 Consolidated Financial Statements presented by External Auditors, Grant Thornton (Item 7.2)

(a) That the presentation of the 2005 Consolidated Financial Statements by External Auditors Grant Thornton, be received;

(b) That the 2005 Consolidated Financial Statements prepared by the External Auditor Grant Thornton, be received

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
None

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The Minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting were adopted as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Presentation of the 2005 Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements (FCS06051) by Joe Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (Item 7.1)

Mr. Rinaldo provided an overview of the following:

- Five Year Financial and Statistical Review
- Consolidated Financial Statements
- Sinking Funds
- Homes for the Aged Trust Funds
- City Trust Funds for the Library, Cemetery and General
- Pension Funds for HMRF, HWRF and HSR

(ii) Presentation of the 2005 Consolidated Financial Statements by External Auditors, Evan McDade and Melanie Dugard, Grant Thornton (Item 7.2)

Grant Thornton, External Auditors Evan McDade and Melanie Dugard provided an overview of the following:

- Audit Scope and Responsibility
- Responsibility of Management
- Review of Significant matters to be reported
- Current accounting and reporting developments

(e) Question from the Audience

Shekar Chandrashekar was provided the opportunity to ask a question of the Auditor.

Is there a difference between the percentage of auditing and accounting of salaries and expenses?

The Auditor and staff reported that the numbers do reconcile although they are reported differently.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vice-Chair
A. Samson

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
May 17, 2006