Present: Mayor L. Dilanni  

Absent with regrets: Councillors M. Ferguson, B. Morelli - Illness  
Councillor T. Whitehead – Vacation  
Councillor A. Samson  
Councillor B. Kelly  

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager  
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services  
C. Graham, General Manager, Human Resources  
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services and Public Health  
L. A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and Development  
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief HES  
K. Christenson, City Clerk  
M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator  

Councillor McHattie called the meeting to order  

(Collins/Braden) waive the rules to call a special meeting. CARRIED.
1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as amended with the addition of a Private and Confidential matter respecting solicitor/client privilege.
(McCarthry/Bratina)
Move In camera to receive advice subject to solicitor client privilege
CARRIED.

(Pearson/McCarthry)
Reconvened in Open Session.
CARRIED.

(Bratina/Bruckler)
That the City Solicitor be directed to secure the services of outside counsel whose name will be released publicly by the City Solicitor following confirmation.

That the outside Counsel determine if the Auditor, Mr. Froese’s attendance is required at the special Committee of the Whole meeting currently being scheduled.
CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

I. Corporate Financials/Non Program Revenues (Book 1), Appendix 1-1, page 38 and Book 1, Appendix 1-1, page 40

1. Additional Reports/Items for consideration:

(a) Senior’s Tax Rebate Policy (FCS06012)
Staff provided a presentation on the program
(Jackson/Collins)

(i) That the Seniors’ (65+) Tax Rebate criteria be amended in accordance with the policy set out in report FCS06012;

(ii) That the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary amendments to the appropriate By-Law for the consideration of City Council; and

(iii) That CAC Agenda, Outstanding Business Item K regarding Seniors’ Tax Increase Deferral be identified as completed and removed from the outstanding list.
CARRIED.
(b) Utilization of “standby” pay in the City of Hamilton
(Bratina/Bruckler)
Be received. CARRIED.

(Collins/Jackson)
That staff be directed to explore further what can be
done to minimize the costs for this program in 2006
for suggested savings in 2007. Address value for
dollar and where can savings be generated.

K. Other Boards and Agencies (Book 1), Appendix 1-1,
page 39

1. Additional Reports/Items for consideration:

(a) Financial Assistance to Hamilton Artists Inc.
(McCarthy/Pearson)
That the request for one time grant in the
amount of $18,000 for the Hamilton Artists Inc.
be received.

CARRIED.

(b) Financial Assistance to Workers Arts and
Heritage
(McCarthy/Pearson)
Be received. CARRIED.
Councillors McHattie, Bratina opposed.

(c) Correspondence from Maureen McKeating,
Hamilton Public Library Board respecting
reduction in budget

(Pearson/Jackson)
That the budget for the Hamilton Public Library
be approved at 3.7% .

CARRIED.

(d) Resolution from HECFI respecting reduction in
budget
(Bruckler/Pearson
That the HECFI budget be reduced by 10,000.

Lost on a RECORDED VOTE:

Yeas: Bratina, Bruckler, Jackson, McHattie,
Pearson
Total: 5
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Nays: Merulla, Braden, Collins, McCarthy, Mitchell
Total: 5

(Collins/Jackson)
That the budget be referred back to HECFI for further review. CARRIED.

HECFI was also requested to provide information with respect to what subsidies HECFI receives and provides.

HECFI was also further directed to make a presentation sometime in 2006 to advise Council on what has been done with respect to the transition. – Business Plan, Strategy for revenue generating

(Jackson/Braden) move in camera. CARRIED, (Braden/Bratina) Reconvene In open Session. CARRIED.

(e) Appeal of Conservation Halton and GRCA Levy (FCS06022)

(Pearson/McHattie)
That Report FCS06022 respecting appeals of Conservation Halton and GRCA Levy be received.

That the report not be released. CARRIED

(Pearson/McHattie)
8.1 Identifying Core Services and Obligations of Animal Control for the City of Hamilton (PED06011)

Staff direction provided in camera.
Issue to be revisited at a later date.
(Pearson/McHattie)
8.2 Costs of Job Evaluation, 2001-2005 (HUR06004)

That report HUR06004 respecting the costs of job evaluation from 2001 through 2005 be received.

That the report remain in camera. CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.