Economic Development and Planning Committee
REPORT 09-028
Budget
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
9:30am
Albion Room, Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summer’s Lane, Hamilton
and
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
9:30am
Sheraton Hotel, King Street, Hamilton

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Present: Chair: L. Ferguson
Vice Chairs: Councillors B. Bratina, R. Pasuta
Councillors: B. Clark, S. Duvall, B. McHattie, D. Mitchell,
M. Pearson, T. Whitehead

Staff Present: T. McCabe, General Manager – Planning and Economic
Development
P. Mallard, T. Sergi, M. Hazell, B. Janssen, N. Everson, J. Spolnik,
C. Thomas, R. Marini, J. Lane, S. Hamilton, J. Hahn, A. Chan,
J. Norton, K. Ahmad, S. Robichaud – Planning and Economic
Development
R. Sabo -Legal Services
A. Rawlings – City Clerk’s Office

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Staff Present: C. Murray – City Manager
T. McCabe, General Manager – Planning and Economic
Development
R. Rossini – General Manager – Finance and Corporate
Services
J. Spolnik, B. Janssen, P. Mallard, M. Hazell, T. Sergi,

Committee of the Whole Budgets – February 9, 2010
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 09-028 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2010 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Planning & Economic Development (FCS09120d) (City Wide)

   That the 2010 net operating levy for Planning & Economic Development, inclusive of Savings Options per Appendix Two to report FCS09120d, be approved at $16,346,326.

2. Jobs Prosperity Collaborative

   That the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative be provided with funding in the amount of $100,000, on an annual basis, commencing in 2010.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

   The Clerk advised of the following addition to the agenda:

   Disposition of the 2010 Budget

   Chair Ferguson advised Committee that the 2010 Planning Departmental Budget had not been passed at the Budget Meeting. He noted that Committee had been moving towards an approval, and outlined the alternatives for proceeding;

   -Committee could pass a Motion today, to be forwarded to Committee of the Whole
   or
   -Committee could have a second budget meeting on January 21, 2010.
Committee passed an appropriate Motion to approve the departmental budget (See item 1).

Committee then continued with the regular Agenda for January 19, 2010.

(b) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

- one added Notice of Motion from Councillor Ferguson, which has been distributed this morning, and added as Item 7.1

On a Motion, the agenda for the December 9, 2009 meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee respecting the 2010 Budget was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) 2010 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Planning & Economic Development (FCS09120d) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

Tim McCabe provided an overview of the matter, with the aid of a powerpoint presentation.

Highlights included, but were not limited to the following;

Major challenges include;
- Co-ordination and implementation of Pan Am Games facilities and related infrastructure/city building
- Uncertainty of the economic recovery – is it soon over?
- Declining revenues directly related to recession
- Vacancies/gapping to minimize draw on Reserves but affecting Work Program
• Limited Development Charge (DC) revenues for required infrastructure
• Lack of shovel-ready and City-owned employment land
• City’s image (Waterfront and Downtown)
• Need to accelerate Downtown and Waterfront revitalization plans
• Final Approval and servicing of the Airport Employment Growth District
• Completion of new comprehensive Zoning By-Law
• Effective communication/engagement with the community
• Implementation of One-Stop Shopping
• Changing focus to intensification within City’s built boundary and managing public and development industry concerns and education
• Building solid, respected Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Teams
• Succession planning, particularly at senior management level

Committee discussed the issues raised and asked questions, including, but were not limited to the following;

Committee approved the staff recommendation.

(d) MOTIONS (Item 6)

None

(e) Funding respecting Ancaster Farmers’ Market (Added Item 7.1)

Councillor Ferguson read his Notice of Motion;

a) That a one time Grant in the amount of $15,000 to cover one time costs for the Ancaster Farmers’ Market be approved and forwarded to the Ancaster BIA;

b) That the $15,000 Grant to the Ancaster BIA for the Ancaster Farmers’ Market be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account #3620908900.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 8)

None

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 9)

None
(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Maria Pearson, Chair
Economic Development & Planning Committee

Alexandra Rawlings
Co-ordinator
December 9, 2009