Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
L. A. Coveyduck, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Pearson/Duvall)
That the agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 March 23, 2007
(Pasuta/Clark)

That the minutes be approved as presented. CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Joe Rinaldo provided a status update on the 2007 Operating Budget Adjustments to date.

5. BUDGET DISCUSSION

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4.2 CITY MANAGER

1. Additional Reports/Recommendations for consideration:

None

2. Council Referred Items

(a) Implementation of Internal Audit Operational Review +$183,140 (McCarthy/Pearson) be approved. CARRIED

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5.2 PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

2. Grids

(a) Capital Planning and Implementation – GRIDS +$85,000 Net Levy Zero (Collins/McCarthy) be approved. CARRIED.

3. Fleet and Facilities

(a) Security Master Plan +$360,000 (Collins/McCarthy) Be received. CARRIED.
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(b) Furniture, Equipment and Space Inventory Capital Project 350741726 (PW07038) (McCarthy/Pearson) Be received and the capital expenditures associated be approved. CARRIED.

(c) Revised Fuel Estimate ($300,000) (No Copy) (Collins/McCarthy) Be approved. CARRIED.

(d) Energy Savings Related to Interval Metering ($115,000) (No Copy) (Collins/McCarthy) Be approved. CARRIED.

(e) Capital Facilities Tax Reduction ($300,000) (No Copy) (Collins/McCarthy) Be approved.

4. Operations and Maintenance

(a) Floral Traffic Island Program +$285,000 (Jackson/Duvall)
   (i) Floral Traffic Island Program – 2007 Program Enhancement (PW07027) Be approved. CARRIED. Councillors Clark and Pearson Opposed. (Jackson/Collins) That the capital portion be approved. CARRIED. Councillors Clark and Pearson Opposed.

(b) York Boulevard Gateway Enhancement +$102,750
   (i) York Boulevard Gateway Improvements (PW07028) (McHattie/Bratina) Be approved. CARRIED. Councillor Clark Opposed

(c) Recycling Collection in Parks (PW07030) +$37,200 (net levy $0) (Collins/Merulla) Be approved. CARRIED.
(Collins/Merulla)
That Rosedale be included +$1,500 (net levy $0).
   AMENDMENT CARRIED.

(Mitchell/Merulla)
That Glanbrook Sports Complex be included +$1,500 (net levy $0).
   AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Staff directed to consider one park in each ward for future consideration.

(d) Winter Control Phase In Reduction ($300,000) (No Copy)
   (Powers/Pearson)
   Be approved.      CARRIED.

(e) Forestry (PW07039)
   (Duvall/Pasuta)
   Be approved.      CARRIED.

(McHattie/Jackson)
That a Sustainability target be developed for urban forest and for overall city of Hamilton, including specific targets for streetscapes and parklands; which would define annual performance targets and annual budget requirements for both street tree and park planting programs.      CARRIED.

Staff directed to report back on expand geography to plant additional trees where needed (i.e. school board properties) for street tree planting.

(f) Street Light Maintenance Contract ($500,000) (No copy)
   (McCarthy/Jackson)
   That the reduction be approved.      CARRIED.

(g) West Nile Recovery ($112,590) (No Copy)
   (Powers/Morelli)
   That the reduction be approved.      CARRIED.
4.1. Transit

(a) Bicycle Racks on Buses (PW07015) +$224,000 capital and +$20,000 operating funded from gas tax (net levy $0)

(McHattie/Duvall)
Be approved. CARRIED.

Staff were directed to implement a success measure to this program.

(b) Rapid Transit Office
(McHattie/Mitchell)
(a) That Council provide the Transit Master Plan and Gas Tax Steering Committee with a budget of $200,000 per year for a three year period, extending from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2010 for the creation and staffing of a Rapid Transit office, to be funded from the transit dedicated Federal Gas Tax Reserve;

(b) That staff be authorized and directed to recruit contract staff for the Rapid Transit Office, under professional services contracts for the duration of the three-year period above, acting on the advice of the TSC.

Staff directed to provide additional information to the Public Works Committee including terms of reference and goals for the long term CARRIED.

Councillors Ferguson, Mitchell Opposed.

(Whitehead/Mitchell)
That this item be referred to the Public Works Committee. DEFEATED

(c) O&M – Alternate Transportation Co-ordinator $85,500

(McHattie/Bratina)
That the program enhancement be approved.
Motion was DEFEATED on a Standing Recorded Vote:
Yeas: Councillors McHattie, Bratina, Mayor Eisenberger
Total: 3
Nays: Councillors Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, McCarthy, Jackson, Ferguson, Duvall, Clark, Whitehead, Merulla, Collins, Powers
Total: 12

(McHattie/Bratina)
That funding for the Alternative Co-ordinator be funded from the Roads Budget or by increasing parking fees at a cost of $85,000.
Motion Ruled out of order by the Clerk

(Collins/Merulla)
That the $300,000 Cycling capital project be deleted for 2007.
CARRIED.
Eisenberger, Bratina, McHattie opposed

(Whitehead/Merulla)
Staff be directed to explore Options to get Council to a 3% budget target
No action taken

(d) Transit – Provincial Gas Tax Revenue ($750,000)
or combination below:

(i) Provincial Gas Tax Revenue ($390,000)
(ii) Parts Budget based on actuals ($190,000)
(iii) Benefits based on actuals ($170,000)

(Whitehead/Merulla)
That the Parts budget reduction ($190,000) and Benefits budget reduction ($170,000) be approved and 390,000 balance be utilized to draw from gas tax to maintain transit budget levy as published in budget book
CARRIED.
Eisenberger, McHattie opposed.

(e) 2007 – 2010 Transit Service Level

(i) Transit Service Enhancement Plan (PW07032)
(McCarthy/Jackson)
(a) That Council approve: $1,116,000 in ongoing annualized operating expenditures; $100,000 in associated capital funding from the Provincial Gas Tax Reserve; and an increase in the Transit approved complement of 8.5 employees from 565.71 to 574.21
and direct Staff to implement the following transit service level enhancements in 2007, as recommended by the Transit Master Plan Steering Committee (TMPSC), and selected transit service level improvements recommended by the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD):

(i) Expansion of HSR Route #10 Beeline Express service.

(ii) Extension of Specialized Transit service hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 11:00 pm until 12:30am.

(iii) Introduction of an Accessible Taxi Pilot Program, with an 18-month duration, to provide additional trip availability for non-ambulatory customers and report back to Council on the performance of the program within 12 months of implementation with a recommendation as to whether to discontinue or make the pilot permanent, or permanent with expansion.

(iv) Increased service frequency on HSR Route #11 Parkdale.

(v) Introduction of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evening service on HSR Route #43 Stone Church to the same level as currently provided on Thursday/Friday.

(vi) Introduction of a new ATS Priority Waiting List Management service, to accommodate a limited number of long distance and priority waiting list return trips.

(b) That Council receive the list of 2008 Service Enhancement priorities itemized in Appendix B and further direct Staff, prior to 2008 Budget deliberations, to report to Public Works Committee, through TMPSC and in consultation with the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD), the Senior’s Advisory Committee, and affected stakeholders on further Transit service enhancements to be implemented in 2008, accompanied by an appropriate funding strategy. CARRIED.
Whereas, public transit is an essential service to the residents of the city of Hamilton;

Whereas, the proposed transit fare increase would affect the most marginalized citizens within Hamilton;

Whereas, a correlation has been proven that an increase in transit fares will result in a decrease of ridership which will minimize any potential financial benefits;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That Public Works staff be directed to freeze all Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) fares at their current prices for 2007 (i.e. passes) with the exception of the 15 cent increase for cash fares.

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That the question be put.

CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:
Yeas: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Powers, McHattie, McCarthy, Ferguson, Clark, Eisenberger
Total: 9
Nays: Jackson, Duvall, Morelli, Collins, Merulla, Whitehead
Total: 6

Main Motion was DEFEATED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Jackson, Duvall, Morelli, Collins, Merulla, Whitehead
Total: 6
Nays: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Powers, McHattie, McCarthy, Ferguson, Clark, Bratina, Eisenberger
Total: 10

Councillor Whitehead requested that staff report back on a pilot for Providing free off peak hours 10-3 for seniors

(ii) Consideration of a Transit Fare Increase (PW07031)

(McCarthy/Pearson)

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement a Transit fare increase effective upon the direction of Council and as described in Option 1 of Table 1 contained in the
Financial Section of this report; such fare increase to include a $0.15 per trip increase in cash fares; a $0.10 per trip increase in ticket fares; a $6.00 per month increase in monthly passes or equivalent programs (average $0.10 per trip); a $40 increase ($0.10 average per trip) in the Senior Annual Bus Pass program; and an increase of $0.10 in the ticket fare for DARTS to $2.20;

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That the question be put.

CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:
Yeas: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Powers, McHattie, McCarthy, Ferguson, Clark
Total: 8
Nays: Jackson, Duvall, Morelli, Collins, Merulla, Whitehead, Eisenberger
Total: 7

Main Motion was SPLIT FOR VOTING PURPOSES and the following standing recorded votes were taken:

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement a Transit fare increase effective upon the direction of Council and as described in Option 1 of Table 1 contained in the Financial Section of this report; such fare increase to include a $0.15 per trip increase in cash fares; a $0.10 per trip increase in ticket fares; a $6.00 per month increase in monthly passes or equivalent programs (average $0.10 per trip); a $40 increase ($0.10 average per trip) in the Senior Annual Bus Pass program; and an increase of $0.10 in the ticket fare for DARTS to $2.20;

Motion CARRIED:
Yeas: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, McHattie, McCarthy, Ferguson, Clark, Bratina, Eisenberger
Total: 9
Nays: Powers, Jackson, Duvall, Morelli, Collins, Merulla, Whitehead
Total: 7
(b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to fund any shortfall from unrealized annualization of the recommended fare increase that may result from delayed implementation in 2007 from Transit Working Fund Reserve Dept ID 112405.

Motion CARRIED:
Yeas: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Powers, McHattie, McCarthy, Ferguson, Clark, Bratina, Eisenberger
Total: 10
Nays: Jackson, Duvall, Morelli, Collins, Merulla, Whitehead
Total: 6

(c) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement further Transit fare increases, effective on January 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 respectively, as recommended below:

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<td>$0.10 per trip</td>
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Motion DEFEATED:
Yeas: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, McCarthy, Ferguson, Clark, Eisenberger
Total: 7
Nays: Powers, McHattie, Jackson, Duvall, Bratina, Morelli, Collins, Merulla, Whitehead
Total: 9

(iii) Affordable Transit Pass Program (Presentation by Community Services)

(Pearson/McCarthy)
Presentation be received. CARRIED.
(iv) Resolutions of the Seniors Advisory Committee and Persons with Disabilities PW07002 Information Item
(j) (ii)
(Pearson/McCarthy)
Presentation be received. CARRIED.

(f) ATS Service Level – Extended Service Duration
see recommendation above

(g) ATS Service Level – Priority Waiting List Management
see recommendation above

(h) Traffic Signal Installation Program for 2007/2008 (PW07044)
(McCarthy/Mitchell)
(a) That full traffic signals, identified by evaluation of existing traffic conditions, be installed at Silverton and Upper Ottawa, Arvin and Fruitland and Highway 8 and Winona and funded by Annual Full Traffic Signal Installation Program;

(b) That full traffic signals, as identified by the site plan approval process, be installed at Highway 5 and Flamborough Power Centre, Dakota/Upper Mount Albion and Rymal, Power Centre and Winterberry and Stone Church and Upper Mount Albion and funded by development charges secured in the planning process;

(c) That full traffic signals, as identified by the site plan approval process, be installed at Centennial and Eastgate Mall, Eastgate Mall and Queenston, Limeridge Mall South Entrance and Upper Wentworth and Aberdeen and Studholme when funding arrangements have been finalized with the respective proponents;

(d) That full traffic signals, related to the opening of the Red Hill Valley Parkway, be installed at Barton and RHVP West Ramp, Barton and RHVP East Ramp, Queenston and RHVP West Ramp, Queenston and RHVP East Ramp, Queenston and RHVP East Ramp, King/Lawrence and RHVP West Ramp, King and RHVP East Ramp and Stone Church and RHVP Ramp and funded by the RHVP Capital Budget;
(e) That a pedestrian signal be installed at Hamilton General Hospital and Wellington and funded by the Annual Traffic Signal Modernization Program. CARRIED.

Councillor Whitehead requested and received confirmation that monies will be in the budget for the roundabout at Stone Church and Omni.

Item 8.1 was moved forward
8.1 Proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes (PED07048(a)/FCS07042)

(Collins/Duvall)
That no action be taken on this report. DEFEATED

Motion DEFEATED on a Standing Recorded Vote as follows:
Yeas: McHattie, Duvall, Clark, Collins, Merulla
Total: 5
Nays: Pearson, Mitchell, Pasuta, Ferguson, Powers, Whitehead, Eisenberger
Total: 7

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That committee move into closed session to deliberate a matter respecting land acquisition. CARRIED.

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That committee reconvene in open session

(McCarthy/Pearson)
That 8.1 be deferred to the City Council of March 28, 2007 to allow legal counsel to be present to address the issue. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

M. Gallagher, Co-ordinator
Council/COW
March 27, 2007