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CITY OF HAMILTON

AMENDING MOTION

General Issues Committee (Budget): January 30, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

Hamilton Police Services Board

WHEREAS, in 2011 Council voted 8-7 to approve a motion tabled by Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson and Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson that the budget submitted by the Hamilton Police Services Board of a \$130,752,220 increase or 4.97% “be referred back to the Police Services Board requesting further review and consideration of their budget”;

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Hamilton Police Services Board has put forward a total budget increase of \$19,826,637 or 10.24% for a total budget of \$213M;

WHEREAS Mayoral Directive MDI-2023-02, released on August 31, 2023, states that the City of Hamilton must “reduce the burden on residential property taxes” and all budget asks are reviewed prior to submission “to ensure that redundancies and efficiencies have been identified and addressed and that program lines are assessed for ongoing public benefit before continued funding is recommended”;

WHEREAS further deliberation by the Hamilton Police Services Board toward this directive may result in finding further redundancies and efficiencies;

WHEREAS the City recognizes its fiduciary obligation to fund any mandatory capital costs as outlined in the *Police Services Act* 4(3).; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2024, the General Issues Budget (Committee) approved a motion from Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin and Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson that, “Hamilton City Council go on record to embrace a municipally generated tax cap no greater than 4% for the 2024 Budget.”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council refer the proposed Hamilton Police Services Board budget increase of \$19,826,637 or 10.24% back to the Hamilton Police Services Board requesting further review and consideration and report back with a “municipally generated tax cap no greater than 4% for the 2024 Budget”, outlining any additional redundancies and efficiencies, by February 15, 2024.