

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street, Leederville, on Wednesday 28 May 2003, commencing at 6.05pm.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member, Acting Mayor Cr Ian Ker declared the meeting open at 6.05pm.

**2. APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**(a) Apologies:**

Nil.

**(b) Present:**

Cr Ian Ker	Presiding Member, Acting Mayor, South Ward
Cr Simon Chester	North Ward
Cr Caroline Cohen	South Ward
Cr Helen Doran-Wu	North Ward
Cr Steed Farrell	North Ward
Cr Basil Franchina	North Ward
Cr Sally Lake	South Ward
Cr Maddalena Torre	South Ward
John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Executive Manager, Environmental & Development Services (until 7.30pm)
Rick Lotznicher	Executive Manager, Technical Services
Mike Rootsey	Executive Manager, Corporate Services
Debbie Winfield	Minutes Secretary
Jenny D'Anger	Journalist – Voice News
Ryan Sturman	Journalist – Guardian Express

2 Members of the Public

**(c) Members on Leave of Absence:**

Mayor Nick Catania, JP.

**3. (a) PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & RECEIVING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**(b) RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Chester - Leave of Absence for Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 June 2003 due to business committments.

**Moved Cr Lake, Seconded Cr Torre**

*That Cr Simon Chester's Leave of Absence request for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 June 2003, be approved.*

**CARRIED (8-0)**

**(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

Nil.

**6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- 6.1 Financial - Local Government Act 1995, s5.60A
- 6.2 Proximity - Local Government Act 1995, s5.60B
- 6.3 Impartiality - Local Government (Administration) Regulations, Reg 34

**7.1 Draft Budget 2003-2004**

<b>Ward:</b>	Both	<b>Date:</b>	20 May 2003
<b>Precinct:</b>	All	<b>File Ref:</b>	FIN0025
<b>Reporting Officer(s):</b>	M Rootsey, John Giorgi		
<b>Checked/Endorsed by:</b>	-		
<b>Amended by:</b>	-		

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Council;*

- (i) APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE the Draft Budget 2003-2004; and*
- (ii) advertises the Draft Budget 2003-2004 for public comment for a period of 21 days and further considers any submissions received.*

Moved Cr Lake , Seconded Cr Cohen

*That the recommendation be adopted.*

At 6.08pm Moved Cr Cohen, Seconded Cr Doran-Wu

*That STANDING ORDERS be suspended to allow Members to speak more than once.*

**CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

The Presiding Member recommended that the Council consider the Draft Budget, page by page. This was unanimously agreed.

Debate ensued and Elected Members discussed various items. Explanations were given by the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Managers.

Moved Cr Doran-Wu, Seconded Cr Farrell

*That The Boulevard - roundabout at Inter. Ashby St (Traffic Management), \$60,000 be deleted, and the item be listed for consideration in the 2004/05 Draft Budget.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

Moved Cr Lake, Seconded Cr Doran-Wu

*That the Streetscape Improvements, Vincent St - William St to Beaufort St, priority be changed from "2" to "1".*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**Moved Cr Cohen, Seconded Cr Franchina**

*That the amount of the Rights of Way Programme be increased by \$50,000 each year from \$300,000 to \$350,000.*

**LOST (3-5)**

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>
Cr Cohen	Cr Chester
Cr Farrell	Cr Doran-Wu
Cr Franchina	Cr Ker
	Cr Lake
	Cr Torre

**Moved Cr Chester, Seconded Cr Lake**

*That \$15,000 from the Contribution to Cost Sharing (Rights of Way) be reallocated to Naming, lighting of dedicated ROW's, thereby reducing the former to \$15,000 and increasing the latter to \$40,000.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**Moved Cr Doran-Wu, Seconded Cr Farrell**

*That an item Community Visioning (Town Planning) with an amount of \$40,000 be added to the 2003/4 Budget.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**Moved Cr Chester, Seconded \_\_\_\_\_**

*That the amount of Car Parking Strategy Implementation - Year 1 of 5 years (Town Planning), be increased by \$7,000, from \$17,000 to \$24,000.*

Amendment withdrawn by Cr Chester.

Cr Chester departed the Chamber at 7.36pm.  
Cr Chester returned to the Chamber at 7.37pm.

**Moved Cr Lake, Seconded Cr Franchina**

*That the amount of the Rotary Fair (Community Arts Programmes) be reduced from \$10,000 to \$3,000, and the \$7,000 be moved to the category - "Festivals - Unallocated".*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**Moved Cr Farrell, Seconded Cr Chester**

*That the amount of the Christmas Tree Braithwaite Park (Tourism and area promotion) be increased from \$0 to \$5,000.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**Moved Cr Chester, Seconded Cr Torre**

*That the amount of Hyde Park - Construction of Boardwalks Over Tree Roots (Parks Development), be reduced by \$20,000, from \$60,000 to \$40,000.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

Cr Torre departed the Chamber at 8.22pm.

Cr Franchina departed the Chamber at 8.25pm.

Cr Torre returned to the Chamber at 8.26pm.

Cr Franchina returned to the Chamber at 8.28pm.

**Moved Cr Lake, Seconded Cr Doran-Wu**

*That the amount of the Rights of Way Programme Year 4 be reduced by \$25,000.*

**LOST (2-6)**

**For**  
Cr Ker  
Cr Lake

**Against**  
Cr Chester  
Cr Cohen  
Cr Doran-Wu  
Cr Farrell  
Cr Franchina  
Cr Torre

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**Moved Cr Torre, Seconded Cr Chester**

*That the Walcott Street - Redfern to Fitzgerald (Commercial Precincts Upgrade) be funded from the Capital Reserve.*

**AMENDMENT CARRIED (6-2)**

**For**  
Cr Chester  
Cr Cohen  
Cr Doran-Wu  
Cr Farrell  
Cr Ker  
Cr Torre

**Against**  
Cr Franchina  
Cr Lake

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

At 8.38 Moved Cr Torre, Seconded Cr Cohen

*That Standing Orders be resumed.*

**CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED (8-0)**

(Mayor Catania JP on approved leave of absence.)

**COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 7.1**

*That the Council;*

- (i) *APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE the Draft Budget 2003-2004; subject to the following amendments;*
- (a) *that The Boulevarde - roundabout at Inter. Ashby St (Traffic Management), \$60,000 be deleted, and the item be listed for consideration in the 2004/05 Draft Budget;*
  - (b) *that the Streetscape Improvements, Vincent St - William St to Beaufort St, priority be changed from "2" to "1";*
  - (c) *that \$15,000 from the Contribution to Cost Sharing (Rights of Way) be reallocated to Naming, lighting of dedicated ROW's, thereby reducing the former to \$15,000 and increasing the latter to \$40,000;*
  - (d) *that an item Community Visioning (Town Planning) with an amount of \$40,000 be added to the 2003/4 Budget;*
  - (e) *that the amount of the Rotary Fair (Community Arts Programmes) be reduced from \$10,000 to \$3,000, and the \$7,000 be moved to the category - "Festivals - Unallocated";*
  - (f) *that the amount of the Christmas Tree Braithwaite Park (Tourism and area promotion) be increased from \$0 to \$5,000;*
  - (g) *that the amount of Hyde Park - Construction of Boardwalks Over Tree Roots (Parks Development), be reduced by \$20,000, from \$60,000 to \$40,000; and*
  - (h) *that the Walcott Street - Redfern to Fitzgerald (Commercial Precincts Upgrade) be funded from the Capital Reserve; and*
- (ii) *advertises the Draft Budget 2003-2004 for public comment for a period of 21 days and further considers any submissions received.*
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**BACKGROUND:**

The budget timetable for the Budget 2003-2004 was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2003, Item 10.3.4, as shown below:

**Budget Timetable**

DATE	TOPIC
1-30 April	Executive Management Team (EMT) to review Budget input & initial report.
TBA - April	Budget briefing for Community input
5 May	Issue first draft to Elected Members
13 May	1st Budget briefing/Special Council Meeting
20 May	2nd Budget briefing/Special Council Meeting
21-22 May	Finalise documentation for Public Comment
23 May	Advertise for Public Comment/Send to Community Groups
13 June	Close Public Comment
16-30 June	Prepare final Budget documentation and report for Council
4 July	Issue Agenda Report
8 July	Adoption of Annual Budget first Council meeting in July

The Budget timetable allowed for a Community briefing session in April. This briefing session was held on Wednesday 23 April 2003. The Executive Manager Corporate Services provided a presentation on the process involved in the preparation of the Budget.

An allowance was made on the Budget timetable allows for two Briefing/Special Council meetings.

A briefing session for elected members was held on Saturday 10 May 2003, where details on the items listed for consideration were provided to the Elected Members.

**DETAILS:****Draft Budget**

The Draft Budget 2003-2004 as presented proposes the funds for the new capital works as follows:

Land and Buildings	\$15,058,266
Infrastructure	\$ 4,317,750
Plant and Equipment	\$ 829,070
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 133,050

The Town's Administration has prepared the draft budget and has included the following;

- (a) Council adopted programs;
- (b) items that have come from Council resolutions;
- (c) Elected Members' requests;
- (d) ratepayer/resident requests; and
- (e) projects identified by the Town's Administration.

The Town's Administration has used the following criteria to determine project priorities;

Priority Rating		
1	Very High	Adopted program/Legislative requirement/safety issue/significant Ratepayer benefit
2	High	Essential/cost benefits/Community need
3	Medium	Desirable/may benefit the Community
4	Low	Nice to do/not a priority
5	Very Low	No demonstrated benefit/need

The budget for recurrent operating expenditure is \$22,993,212. An allocation of \$863,750 has been made for new operating items.

The rates figure on Page 1 of the Draft Budget of \$12,275,315 represents the funds that would be generated from a rates calculation at this point of time using the existing rate in the dollar, therefore taking into account any interim accounts that would be applicable for the full year.

As the summary on Page 1 indicates, if all the works included on the Draft Budget as presented are funded, the Council will need an estimated increase of **4.39%** over 2002/2003 to meet all of the requests.

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

The Council’s Policy No. 4.1.21 “Community Consultation” prescribes the Draft Budget to be advertised on a local basis for a period of 21 days. Copies are also placed on the Town’s Web page, placed in the Library and sent to the Community/Business Groups.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

**Adoption of Budget**

The Council is required under Section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 to prepare and adopt an Annual Budget, no later than 31 August in each financial year.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

The Council’s budget process is in accordance with the Council’s Draft Strategic Plan 2002-2007, Key Result Area Governance and Management – *“Action Plan 4.1 (c) Continue to develop a long term Strategic Vision and Financial Plan for the Town”*

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The approval of the Draft Budget is essential to maintain the timeframe to allow adoption of the Annual Budget in line with the Council approved timetable. This then ensures funding for the operations of the Council for the next financial year.

**COMMENTS:**

It is considered the Draft Budget 2003-2004 provides a comprehensive capital works programme with a balanced approach of funding over all the areas of the Council.

It is recommended the Council consider and approve in principle the Draft Budget 2003-2004 and for this to be advertised and issued for public comment.

**8. CLOSURE**

Presiding Member, Acting Mayor Ker, declared the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Present:**

Cr Ian Ker	Presiding Member, Acting Mayor, South Ward
Cr Simon Chester	North Ward
Cr Caroline Cohen	South Ward
Cr Helen Doran-Wu	North Ward
Cr Steed Farrell	North Ward
Cr Basil Franchina	North Ward
Cr Sally Lake	South Ward
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John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
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Jenny D'Anger	Journalist – Voice News
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2 Members of the Public	

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 28 May 2003.

Signed: .....Presiding Member  
Mayor Nick Catania, JP

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2003