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MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

21 MAY 2013

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of the City of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street, Leederville, on Tuesday 21 May 2013, commencing at 6.00pm.

1. (a) DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, declared the meeting open at 6.05pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country Statement:

(b) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT

"Today we meet on the lands of the Nyoongar people and we honour them as the traditional custodians of this land".

2. APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(a) Apologies:

Chief Executive Officer, John Giorgi, JP - *Unwell.*

(b) Members on Approved Leave of Absence:

Nil.

(c) Present:

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan Presiding Member

Cr Warren McGrath (*Deputy Mayor*) South Ward (*from 6.35pm*)

Cr Matt Buckels	North Ward
Cr John Carey	South Ward
Cr Roslyn Harley	North Ward
Cr Dudley Maier	North Ward
Cr John Pintabona	South Ward
Cr Joshua Topelberg	South Ward
Cr Julia Wilcox	North Ward

Rick Lotznicker	A/Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Director Community Services
Carlie Eldridge	Director Planning Services
Mike Rootsey	Director Corporate Services

Media

David Bell Journalist – *"The Perth Voice"* (*from 6.35pm*)

Nil members of the Public.

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

Nil.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

- 5.1 The Mayor advised that the City had secured the Sir Bob Geldof event and Councillors will be invited to attend. A function will be held at the City on Sunday 26 May 2013.

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 6.1 Cr Carey declared an Impartiality interest in the funding of the Beaufort Street Festival, as he is the Chair of the Beaufort Street Network.

7.1 Draft Annual Budget 2013/2014

Ward:	Both	Date:	17 May 2013
Precinct:	All	File Ref:	FIN0025
Attachments:	-		
Tabled Items:	2013/2014 Draft Annual Budget		
Reporting Officer:	M Rootsey, Director Corporate Services		
Responsible Officer:	John Giorgi, Chief Executive Officer		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council;

1. **APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE** the Draft Budget 2013/2014 as Tabled;
2. **ADVERTISES** the Draft Budget 2013/2014 for public comment for a period of fourteen (14) days and further considers any submissions received; and
3. In the event that a second Budget Special Council Meeting is required **APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to arrange the meeting for 29 May 2013.

Moved Cr Pintabona, Seconded Cr Maier

That the recommendation be adopted.

Debate ensued.

At 6.12pm: **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr Wilcox

That Standing Orders be suspended to enable free and open debate.

PROCEDURAL MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0)

(Cr McGrath had still not arrived at the meeting.)

Discussion ensued.

The Presiding Member, Hon. Alannah MacTiernan advised that she will ask each Councillor (in turn) to raise any items for discussion and any changes they wished to make to the Draft Budget. A list of any proposed changes will be kept by the Chief Executive Officer. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Standing Orders will be resumed and the proposed changes will be considered by way of an amendment.

Councillors then raised various matters and these were discussed.

Debate ensued.

Cr McGrath entered the meeting at 6.35pm.

At 7.34 pm: **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Moved Cr Topelberg Seconded Cr Pintabona

That Standing Orders be resumed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 1

Moved Cr Maier Seconded Cr Pintabona

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AMENDMENT NO 2

Moved Cr Maier Seconded Cr McGrath

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AMENDMENT NO 2 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 3

Moved Cr Maier Seconded Cr Buckels

Page	Description
1.11	Delete Robertson Park Self Cleaning Toilet:- \$160,000 Insert – Upgrade toilet at Halverson Hall for Public use:- \$45,000 from muni and \$20,000 carry forward amount

AMENDMENT NO 3 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 4

Moved Cr Carey, Seconded Cr Topelberg

Page	Description
2.1	Economic Development Strategy implementation actions - \$40,000 increase by \$10,000 to \$50,000 Replace initiative on "Support Precinct Based Groups" to "Mainstream & Business Network"

AMENDMENT NO 4 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 5

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Buckels

Page	Description
1.4 & 2.1	Combine Miscellaneous Travelsmart Workplace Initiatives \$15,000 on Page 1.4 and Travel Smart – Community Programs \$40,000 on Page 2.1 to form Travelsmart Community Workplace Initiatives - \$55,000

AMENDMENT NO 5 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 6

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr Pintabona

Page	Description
3.2	Information Technology iPad for Rangers - \$10,000 to be included in Budget funded from Information Technology Reserve Fund.

AMENDMENT NO 6 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 7

Moved Cr McGrath, Seconded Cr Buckels

Page	Description
12	General Donations to be increased from \$22,000 to \$25,000

AMENDMENT NO 7 PUT AND CARRIED (7-2)

For: Mayor Hon. MacTiernan, Cr Buckels, Cr McGrath, Cr Maier, Cr Pintabona, Cr Topelberg, Cr Wilcox
Against: Cr Carey, Cr Harley

AMENDMENT NO 8

Moved Cr Pintabona, Seconded Cr Buckels

Page	Description
126	Community Subsidy to HQ Facility increase from \$60,000 to \$65,000

AMENDMENT NO 8 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 9

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr Maier

Page	Description
3	Meals and Refreshments to increase from \$31,900 to \$35,000 Functions and Receptions to decrease from \$41,200 to \$35,000

AMENDMENT NO 9 PUT AND LOST (3-6)

For: Cr Buckels, Cr McGrath, Cr Maier
Against: Mayor Hon. MacTiernan, Cr Carey, Cr Harley, Cr Pintabona, Cr Topelberg, Cr Wilcox

AMENDMENT NO 10

Moved Cr McGrath, Seconded Cr Pintabona

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AMENDMENT NO 10 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 11

Moved Cr McGrath, Seconded Cr Topelberg

Page	Description
1.2	Source of funding for Beaufort Street Streetscape upgrade Stage 3 be changed from Cash in Lieu to the Parking Funded City Upgrade Reserve

AMENDMENT NO 11 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 12

Moved Harley Seconded Pintabona

Page	Description
1.6	Forrest Park installation of barrier and furniture across the park to be increased from \$50,000 to \$65,000

AMENDMENT NO 12 PUT AND CARRIED (8-1)

For: Mayor Hon. MacTiernan, Cr Buckels, Cr Carey, Cr Harley, Cr McGrath, Cr Maier, Cr Pintabona, Cr Wilcox

Against: Cr Topelberg

AMENDMENT NO 13

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

Page	Description
1.12	Highgate Toy Library Refurbish Storeroom to be reduced from \$25,000 to \$10,000 with \$15,000 to be funded from Carry Forward funds

AMENDMENT NO 13 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 14

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

Page	Description
2.1	The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day funding to be increased from \$15,000 to \$45,000, with \$30,000 to be grant funded

AMENDMENT NO 14 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 15

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Topelberg

Page	Description
1.8	Mary Street embayed Parking reduced from \$35,000 to \$20,000, with the funding source being changed from Cash in Lieu to Muni

AMENDMENT NO 15 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 16

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Topelberg

Page	Description
1.13	That the CEEP funding allocation be reduced by \$45,000 from \$372,000 to \$327,000 and that \$45,000 be funded from Carry Forward funds

AMENDMENT NO 16 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 17

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Topelberg

That a new 'Underground Power Investigations' item be added with a budget of \$30,000 to be funded from the Underground Power Reserve, to develop a long term financial model for the undergrounding of power in the City.

AMENDMENT NO 17 PUT AND CARRIED (8-1)

For: Mayor Hon. MacTiernan, Cr Buckels, Cr Carey, Cr Harley, Cr McGrath, Cr Maier, Cr Topelberg, Cr Wilcox
Against: Cr Pintabona

AMENDMENT NO 18

Moved Cr Harley, Seconded Cr Maier

Page	Description
1.10	Increase the On Road cafe budget from \$22,000 to \$30,000 to enable additional cafes to be installed

AMENDMENT NO 18 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 19

Moved Cr Pintabona, Seconded Cr Maier

Page	Description
58	"Rough Sleepers workshop" be renamed " <i>Rough Sleepers Project</i> "

AMENDMENT NO 19 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 20

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

Page	Description
103	Leederville Oval recoup be increased by \$27,000 to recover the full cost of electricity

AMENDMENT NO 20 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 21

Moved Pintabona Seconded Maier

Page	Description
2.2	That Little Citizens Kindergarten landscaping rear of building be fully funded from grant funding

AMENDMENT NO 21 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

AMENDMENT NO 22

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

RECIEVES a report on the possibility of using any surplus funds from the 2012/2013 Operating Budget to reduce the 2013/2014 funding requirement.

AMENDMENT NO 22 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

MOTION CLAUSE 1

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

That clause 1 of the Officer Recommendation as amended be adopted.

MOTION CLAUSE 1 AS AMENDED PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

MOTION CLAUSE 2

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

That clause 2 of the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

MOTION CLAUSE 2 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

MOTION CLAUSE 3

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Pintabona

That clause 3 of the Officer Recommendation, together with the following change, be adopted:

4. ~~in the event~~ **NOTES** that a second Budget Special Council Meeting is not required.

**MOTION CLAUSE 3 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (9-0)**

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 7.1

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2. ADVERTISES the Draft Budget 2013/2014 for public comment for a period of fourteen (14) days and further considers any submissions received; and
3. NOTES that a second Budget Special Council Meeting is not required.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present and consider the Draft Budget for the financial year 2013/2014.

BACKGROUND:

The budget timetable for the 2013/2014 Draft Annual Budget was adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December 2012.

DATE	ITEM
25 March - 19 April 2013	Chief Executive Officer and Directors to review 1 st Draft Budget
19 April 2013	1 st Draft Budget issued to Council Members
25 April 2013	Briefing provided to Council Members
7 May 2013	1 st Budget briefing/Special Council Meeting (open to the public)
21 May 2013	2 nd Budget briefing/Special Council Meeting (open to the public) – if required

DATE	ITEM
21 May – 24 May 2013	Budget documentation finalised for public comment
24 May 2013	Advertise for public comment (14 days)
7 June 2013	Public comment closes
7 June - 14 June 2013	Final Budget documentation and report for Council prepared
14 June 2013	Issue Agenda report
2 July 2013	Adoption of Annual Budget at the Special Council meeting

The Chief Executive Officer authorised a change to the Adopted Budget timetable as the Briefing for Council Members was originally scheduled for ANZAC Day. The briefing was rescheduled to Tuesday 30 April 2013, however this briefing was also cancelled due to the unavailability of some Council Members. A briefing for the Council Members was subsequently held on Tuesday 7 May 2013. As a result the first Special Budget Council Meeting will be held on 21 May 2013.

DETAILS:

Draft Budget

The City's Administration has prepared the draft budget and has included the following:

- (a) Council adopted programs;
- (b) Items from Council Resolutions;
- (c) Council Members' requests;
- (d) Ratepayer/resident requests; and
- (e) Projects identified by the City's Administration.

The City's Administration has used the following criteria to determine project priorities:

Priority	Rating	Criteria
1	Very High	Adopted program/legislative requirement/safety issue/significant community benefit
2	High	Considered necessary/demonstrated cost benefits/Community need
3	Medium	Desirable/may benefit the Community
4	Low	"Nice to do"/not a priority
5	Very Low	Minimal demonstrated benefit/need

The Draft Budget 2013/14 as presented proposes the funds for the new capital works as follows:

Land and Buildings	\$1,099,000
Infrastructure	\$6,920,158
Plant and Equipment	\$1,754,000
Furniture and Equipment	\$111,750

The Draft Budget for 2013/2014 for recurrent operating expenditure is **\$48.1** million.

Rates revenue required for the Draft Budget 2013/2014 is **\$24.9** million.

The value of operating revenue other than rates increases is **\$22.0** million.

As the summary indicates, if all the works included on the Draft Budget 2013/14 as presented are funded, the Council will need an estimate increase of **4.14%** in the rate in the dollar to meet all of the requests.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

The Council's Policy No. 4.1.5 "*Community Consultation*" prescribes the Draft Budget to be advertised on a local basis for a period of 14 days. Copies of the Draft Budget will also be placed on the City's website, placed in the Library and letters will be sent to the Community/Business Groups.

The approved Budget timetable provides for two Special Council Meetings (7 and 21 May 2013).

LEGAL/POLICY:

Adoption of Budget

The amendments to the Local Government Act (1995) now allow a Council to adopt its budget prior to the end of a financial year. However, the City will continue to its retain process of adopting the Budget in the first week of the new financial year. This year it is scheduled that the Council will adopt the budget at a Special Meeting of Council on 2 July 2013.

There is no legal requirement for a Local Government to advertise their Draft Budget for Community Consultation. However, as the Council is aware, the City has been advertising its Draft Budget for Community Consultation for many years in accordance with Community Consultation Policy No. 4.1.21.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Council's budget process is in accordance with the Council's Plan for the Future and Strategic Plan 2011-2016, Objective "4. Leadership, Governance and Management":

"4.1.2 Manage the organisation in a responsible, efficient and accountable manner"

"4.1.4 Plan effectively for the future":

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The City has been independently assessed as being viable and sustainable.

The City is in a sound financial position, with a sound level of reserves, borrowings covered by money-back guarantees together with significant future revenue sources from its share of the Tamala Park land together with potential income from the future developments in Leederville.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The approval in principle 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 will then ensure funding for the operations of the next financial year.

COMMENTS:

The 2013/2014 Annual Budget has been prepared in improved economic conditions, but with some uncertainty for the City with proposed amalgamations yet to be determined. However, the Draft Budget has been prepared on a "business as usual" basis.

The Draft Budget 2013/2014 provides funding for a wide ranging Capital Works Programme to provide good quality infrastructure for the City. In addition, the Operating Budget includes funding allocations to provide and maintain the current level of service for the ratepayers and community.

It is recommended the Council consider and approve, in principle, the Draft Budget 2013/14 and for this to be advertised for public comment.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm with the following persons present:

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan	Presiding Member
Cr Warren McGrath (<i>Deputy Mayor</i>)	South Ward
Cr Matt Buckels	North Ward
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No members of the Public were present.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2013.

Signed:Presiding Member
Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan

Dated this day of 2013