



TOWN OF VINCENT

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 30 MAY 2006

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Dear Elected Member

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Vincent will be held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street (corner Loftus Street), Leederville, on **Tuesday, 30 May 2006** at **6.00pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and approve in principle the Draft Budget 2006/2007, prior to it being advertised for public comment.

JOHN GIORGI, JP
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
26 May 2006

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TOWN OF VINCENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide services and representation that meet the needs of our residents.

VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is that Vincent will strive to be a vibrant and dynamic community.

We will be a safe and healthy inner city area, rich in heritage and cultural diversity.

Our residents will have a strong sense of belonging and will value Vincent as an integrated community which has its own distinctive identity and community spirit.

Trees, gardens and parks will present a green landscape and principles of environmental sustainability will guide all Town decisions.

Our buildings will successfully blend old and new and embrace universal design principles to provide access for all.

We will foster a prosperous and dynamic business environment that serves local needs and attracts support from surrounding communities.

Vincent will be a place of opportunity for all people, inclusive of age, needs and abilities.

Working together, community, business and Council will turn our vision into reality.

DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

The Local Government Act 1995:-

- ◆ requires Elected Members and Officers who have an interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting to give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting or before the item is discussed;
- ◆ requires disclosures to be brought to the attention of the meeting;
- ◆ states that persons who make such disclosures must not participate or be present during any discussion relating to the matter unless approved by the Council, in accordance with Section 5.68 or 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995,
- ◆ specifies significant penalties for non compliance with the disclosure provisions.

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

- ◆ All Ordinary and Special Council Meetings are electronically recorded (both visual and audio), except when Council resolves to go behind closed doors;
- ◆ All recordings are retained as part of the Town's records in accordance with the General Disposal Authority for Local Government Records produced by the Public Records Office;
- ◆ A copy of the recorded proceedings and/or a transcript of a particular section or all of a Council meeting is available in accordance with Policy 4.2.3 - Recording of Council Meetings and Access to Recorded Information.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Declaration of Opening

2. Apologies/Members on Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3. Public Question Time and Receiving of Public Statements

Please Note: Section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 states that:

“Council at a Special Meeting is not required to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting. It is requested that only questions that relate to items on the Agenda be asked.”

4. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

5. Announcements by the Presiding Member (Without Discussion)

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. Reports

- 7.1 Draft Budget 2006/2007 (FIN0025)

8. Closure

7.1 Draft Budget 2006/2007

Ward:	Both	Date:	17 May 2006
Precinct:	All	File Ref:	FIN0025
Attachments:	-		
Reporting Officer(s):	M Rootsey		
Checked/Endorsed by:		Amended by:	

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council;

- (i) **APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE the Draft Budget 2006/2007; and**
- (ii) **ADVERTISES the Draft Budget 2006-2007 for public comment for a period of twenty-one (21) days and further considers any submissions received.**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present the Draft Budget prepared for the financial year 2006/2007.

BACKGROUND:

At the Special Meeting of Council of 16 May 2006 the following resolutions were adopted:

“That the Council;

- (i) **APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE the Draft Budget 2006/2007 subject to:**
 - (a) *the following further information being provided prior to the Special Meeting of Council to be held on 30 May 2006;*
 - 1. *Long Term Financial Plan;*
 - 2. *A comparison of the financial aspects comparing the proposed sale of land in Vincent Street, Leederville and Sydney Street, North Perth as compared to using loan borrowings to fund projects in the Budget;*
 - 3. *The safety aspects of Halverson Hall;*
 - 4. *The safety aspects of the water slides at Beatty Park Leisure Centre;*
 - 5. *Revised income of Development Applications, Parking Revenue, Beatty Park Leisure Centre;*
 - 6. *Costing for lighting on a part of Forrest Park along Curtis Street, Mt Lawley;*
 - 7. *Information on alternative options for the funding sources for the Leederville Child Care/Margaret Kindergarten and Loftus Recreation Centre Underground Car Park;*
 - 8. *An examination of current leases to ascertain whether increased revenue can be obtained;*

9. *Details of the proposed Leederville Oval Public Open Space project;*
 10. *Whether the internal painting of the Mt Hawthorn Pre-Primary School is the Town's or the Lessee's responsibility;*
 11. *Whether the allocation of \$30,000 for the Mt Hawthorn Strategy is required to be carried forward, similarly with the Oxford Centre Study Implementation - \$25,000;*
 12. *Details on the costings for the Axford Park Budget Allocation to be provided and whether the description should be changed to better reflect the proposal; and*
 13. *Consideration be given to the scope of work and funding implications for the proposed Oxford Street upgrade works; and*
- (b) *the following amendments being included:*
1. *Britannia Road – South Playground*
That the matter relating to the total upgrade of the Britannia Road – South Playground (on Bourke Street) at an estimated cost of \$52,000 be included in the Draft Budget 2006/2007;
 2. *Parks and Reserve Study (Page 1.15)*
That the amount for the Parks and Reserve Study be increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000;
 3. *Drainage upgrades associated with road resurfacing (Page 1.11)*
That the amount for the Drainage upgrades associated with road resurfacing (gullies) be increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000;
 4. *Ellesmere Reserve Playground Upgrade (Page 1.8)*
That the Ellesmere Reserve Playground Upgrade (\$75,000) be funded from the Cash-in-Lieu Contribution for public open space from the subdivision at No 98 (Lot 50) Flinders Street, corner Woodstock Street, Mt Hawthorn, subject to it being legally permissible;
 5. *2 x additional computers for library and printer for front counter of library (Page 2.3)*
That two (2) additional computers/screens and printer for the Town's Library at an estimated cost of \$2,800 be included in the Draft 2006/2007 Budget;
 6. *Research for the Heritage Assistance Fund - \$50,000 (Page 1.14); and*
 7. *Community Based Environmental Projects - \$20,000 (Page 6.80).*
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The budget timetable for the Budget 2006-2007 was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 January 2006, Item 10.3.1, as shown below:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TOPIC</i>
<i>1-30 April</i>	<i>Executive Management Team (EMT) to review Draft Budget input.</i>
<i>12 May</i>	<i>Draft budget issued and a Confidential Briefing provided to Elected Members</i>
<i>16 May</i>	<i>1st Budget briefing/Special Council Meeting (open to the public)</i>
<i>30 May</i>	<i>2nd Budget briefing/Special Council Meeting (open to the public)</i>
<i>1-2 June</i>	<i>Budget documentation finalised for public comment</i>
<i>5 June</i>	<i>Advertise for public comment</i>
<i>23 June</i>	<i>Public comment closes</i>
<i>23 June-6 July</i>	<i>Final Budget documentation and report for Council prepared</i>
<i>7 July</i>	<i>Agenda report issued</i>
<i>11 July</i>	<i>Adoption of Annual Budget first Council meeting in July</i>

An allowance was made on the Budget timetable for two Briefing/Special Council meetings; these have now been scheduled for the 16 May and 30 May 2006 respectively.

DETAILS:

Draft Budget

The Draft Budget 2006-2007 as presented proposes the funds for the new capital works as follows:

Land and Buildings	\$11,885,050
Infrastructure	\$7,003,113
Plant and Equipment	\$621,925
Furniture and Equipment	\$96,800

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;

<i>Priority Rating</i>		
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 \$26,675,315. In addition an allocation of \$354,030 has been made for new operating items.

The rates figure on the summary page of the Draft Budget of \$14,442,012 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. The value of operating revenue other than rates income is \$11,528,280.

As the summary indicates, if all the works included on the Draft Budget 2006/07 as presented are funded, the Council will need an estimated increase of **3.09%** in the rate in the dollar to meet all of the requests.

The following changes to the budget were made as a result of resolutions adopted at the Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 16 May 2006:

Inclusion of Britannia Reserve Playground upgrade	\$52,000
Increase to drainage upgrades associated with road surfacing item	\$15,000
Parks and Reserves Study increase in funding	\$10,000

Ellesmere Reserve Playground upgrade
Change of funding source from Municipal Account to Contributions

Inclusion of the following items:

2 additional computers for the library	\$2,000
Printer for library front counter	\$800

At the Special Meeting of Council on 16 May 2006 the following issues were raised and Council requested that officers review the matters listed and report back to the Special Meeting of Council to be held on 30 May 2006.

General

Long term financial plan

The preparation of a long term plan is almost finalised, however due to the short time from this meeting to the time the agenda has to be distributed it was not possible to complete the plan for this meeting

Page 1.1

Information on alternative options for the funding sources for the Leederville Child Care/Margaret Kindergarten and Loftus Recreation Centre Underground Car Park.

The options for the funding sources are as follows:

Option 1

- Proceeds from the sale of two properties owned by the Town in Vincent Street, namely 291 and 295 Vincent Street, it is estimated the proceeds from the sale of these properties would be \$2.3 million.

Comments:

- The benefits of this option is that it takes into account the high property values, at this point of time and would reduce the Town's requirement to borrow for the funding of the underground car park which is the Town's only unsecured loan.
 - It is anticipated that the property market will remain buoyant in Perth for another two years and therefore the Town may receive a higher return on its investment.
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- The Leederville Masterplan for the area should be completed before the Town sells assets in the area so that the Town is fully aware of the potential before a decision is made on property sales.

Option 2

- Borrow funds for the construction of the underground car park at the Loftus Recreation Centre - \$1.6 million.
- Repayments for the loan would be estimated to be approximately \$140,000 per annum (repayments would not commence until the 2007/08 financial year).
- Fund the Town's contribution for the Leederville Child Care Centre from the Land and Building Acquisition Reserves \$300,000.
- Fund the Town's contribution to the Margaret Kindergarten from the Capital Reserve - \$400,000

Comments:

- Retention of assets to take advantage of higher property values and Masterplan potential
- Consideration of early loan payout from future land sales
- Utilisation of Reserve Funds
- Loan will be the only unsecured loan of the Town

Option 3

- Borrow funds for construction of the underground car park for the Loftus Recreation Centre
- Fund the Town's contributions for the Leederville Child Care Centre/Margaret Kindergarten from the Municipal Fund

Comments:

- Reserve funds remain
- Loan can be repaid early from asset sale at a higher value
- Funding from the Municipal Fund would either require reduction in \$700,000 worth of projects or a significant rate increase

Option 4

- Borrow for the construction of the underground car park and the Town's contributions to both the Leederville Child Care and the Margaret Kindergarten.

Comments

- No impact on the Town's reserves
- No sale of assets
- Simple solution
- Increases the Town's unsecured borrowings
- Repayments impact on future budgets

**** Please note that Option 2 has been utilised in the preparation of this Draft Budget**

Page 1.17 Mt Hawthorn Pre-primary - Interior painting - \$8,200

It is confirmed that this work is the responsibility of the lessee and the school should contact the Education Department to complete the work, the item has been removed from the budget.

Page 2.1 Halverson Hall - \$60,000

Item not included in the Draft Budget description, advises the use of the kiln is a safety issue.

This matter has been investigated. The kiln could be better located with more space and circulation, but is not a safety issue.

Page 2.1 Beatty Park Leisure Centre - \$7,500

Upgrade surface of indoor pool, slides - this is a safety issue.

The slide surfaces are now pitted and the Centre's Acting Manager has advised that action should be taken in the next financial year.

Page 4.2 Mt Hawthorn Strategy - \$30,000

This item is required to be carried forward, similarly with the Oxford Centre Study Implementation - \$25,000

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 October 2006, \$6,000 of the Oxford Centre Study Implementation was transferred to Vincent Vision 2024, hence \$19,000 is remaining. It is requested that this remaining sum be carried forward.

The \$30,000 allocated for the Mount Hawthorn Strategy is to be used for the finalisation of the strategy. Officers met with the Executive Manager Technical Services late last year to discuss the intended works proposed for along Scarborough Beach Road, and the Mount Hawthorn core area in general. It was decided at this meeting that the monies allocated to undertake this study were no longer required, given that Technical Services were already undertaking streetscapes works and had been allocated funding in part from the Black Spot Project. The Town's Strategic Planning Services has since been waiting further direction as to where and how the Council wishes to use the funds originally allocated for the completion of the Mount Hawthorn Strategy.

In this instance, the funds are not required for the abovementioned works and it is requested that funding be distributed to the following projects:

- Townscapes Study (\$10,000);
- Town Planning Scheme Review (\$18,000); and
- Conferences/Training (\$2,000).

Page 6.33 Development applications

Consideration be given to increasing the amount to \$260,000

The Town's Development Applications Fee Structure is determined by the *Town Planning Regulations 2000* (the Regulations), Cl.5 which stipulates the maximum fees for services in relation to certain planning matters, which includes development applications. Therefore, the fee structure for processing applications for development for the Town of Vincent will remain as is, to reflect that fee structure stipulated by the Regulations and applied to all Council's across the State.

The estimated amount of revenue expected to be collected from development application fees for the 2006/07 year is proposed to be \$230,000. This the same amount estimated for the 2005/06 Budget. With more vigilant checking of the development applications fees submitted against the real development cost values, it is probable that the revenue for development applications is likely to be higher than the estimated amount. However, it is considered more appropriate to project a more conservative figure for the estimated revenue amount collected from development application fees, as such factors as building costs, property market trends, volume of development applications that may be submitted etc, are unpredictable and unable to be taken into account when estimating such figures.

Parking Revenue

Revenue is currently 10% of total revenue, considered increasing to 11%

The parking fees have been increased this year in the proposed Fees and Charges, additional revenue has been added to parking revenue in an attempt to attain the 11%.

Page 2.9

Review of maintenance programs for the Town's heritage buildings and update property register - consideration of reinstatement for this item - \$5,000

Capital investment into the Town heritage buildings 5 years ago (North Perth Town Halls; Perth Oval Gates; No.245 Vincent Street; and Lee Hops Cottage) should now be reviewed as per timeframes generally suggested in Conservation Management Plans.

The program would consider appropriate uses, particular "wear and tear" issues, set up specific maintenance schedules and requirements. Examples are: specialised graffiti treatments, paints or floor finishes which have to be applied on a regular basis and often with specialised costs, materials and application.

The program will largely be undertaken in-house, but some funds are requested for specialist advice and/or quotes.

The program will benefit future planning and building maintenance programs, realistic budget planning, grant funding applications, and preventative care to reduce long-term damage and costs to these heritage assets.

Page 1.8 Ellesmere Playground

Check that the developer's contribution can be used to upgrade the park.

The developer's contributions are able to be used to upgrade the park.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 August 2005, the Council resolved the following in relation to "No. 98 (Lot 50) Flinders Street (Corner Woodstock Street), Mount Hawthorn - Proposed Green-Title/Freehold Subdivision - Public Open Space and Cash-in-Lieu Contribution":

- "(i) ADVISES the applicant that it APPROVES the required public open space to be provided as a cash-in-lieu amount of \$109,507 based on 291.3 square metres to be paid to the Town in relation to the proposed subdivision of No. 98 (Lot 50) Flinders Street (corner Woodstock Street), Mount Hawthorn (subdivision reference 119765); and*
- (ii) AUTHORISES the monies to be placed in the Public Open Space Reserve Fund subject to the monies being used in accordance with the purpose of the Reserve Fund and also in accordance with Section 20(c) of the Town Planning Development Act 1928."*

You will note that the monies can only be used in accordance with Section 20(c) of the Town Planning Development Act 1928. The following clauses sighted from the Town Planning and Development Act 1928 outlines how the cash-in-lieu for open space should be determined.

"20(c) When owner may pay money in lieu of land being set aside for open spaces

- (1) Where the Commission has approved a plan of subdivision of land upon condition that portion thereof be set aside and vested in the Crown for parks, recreation grounds or open spaces generally, if the local government in whose district the*
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portion is situated and the Commission approve, the owner of the land may, in lieu thereof, pay to that local government a sum that represents the value of the portion.

- (2) *All money received by a local government under subsection (1) shall be paid into a separate account of the local government and shall be applied:*
 - (a) *for the purchase of land by the local government for parks, recreation grounds or open spaces generally, in the locality in which the land included in the plan of subdivision referred to in that subsection is situated;*
 - (b) *in repaying any loans raised by the local government for the purchase of any such land; or*
 - (c) *with the approval of the Minister, for the improvement or development as parks, recreation grounds or open spaces generally of any land in the said locality vested in or administered by the local government for any of those purposes.*
 - (3) *For the purposes of subsection (1), the value of the portion shall be such percentage of the market value of the land of which the portion forms part as the area of the portion bears to the area of that land on the date of the subdivision.*
 - (4) *For the purposes of subsection (3), the market value of land:*
 - (a) *is the capital sum which an unencumbered estate in fee simple in the land might reasonably be expected to realise if offered for sale on such reasonable terms and conditions as a bona fide seller would require;*
 - (b) *shall be determined, at the cost of the owner of the land, by a licensed valuer agreed upon by the parties or, failing agreement, appointed by the local government; and*
 - (c) *shall be so determined:*
 - (i) *as at the date of the subdivision;*
 - (ii) *on the basis that there are no buildings, fences or other improvements of a like nature on the land;*
 - (iii) *on the assumption that any rezoning necessary for the purpose of the subdivision has come into force; and*
 - (iv) *taking into account the added value of all other improvements on or appurtenant to the land.*
 - (5) *If either the owner of the land or the local government disputes a valuation made under subsection (4), the valuation may be varied by agreement between the parties or the dispute may be settled by such method as they may agree upon.*
 - (6) *If after 28 days from the date when both parties have received the valuation the dispute has not been settled or an agreement made as to the method of settlement, either the owner of the land or the local government may refer the dispute for determination by an arbitrator under the Commercial Arbitration Act 1985 .*
 - (7) *For the purposes of this section:*
 - (a) *land is subdivided on the date on which the Commission approves of the plan of subdivision of the land subject to the condition mentioned in subsection (1); and*
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(b) "licensed valuer" means

- (i) a licensed valuer within the meaning of the Land Valuers Licensing Act 1978 ;
- (ii) the Valuer-General,

but nothing in subsection (4)(b) or in this paragraph shall be construed as obliging the Valuer-General to undertake any valuation for the purposes of this section."

The cash-in-lieu contribution can be used for the Ellesmere Playground however, the Town would need to seek the approval of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in the first instance.

Page 1.9 Axford Park Budget Allocation

Description to be changed to better reflect the work to be undertaken and details on the costings.

Description has been changed as requested.

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 August 2001, a report on the Axford Park Restrooms was considered by the Council.

The report outlined various options, including:

- Demolition of the existing restrooms and replacement with a self cleaning "unisex" toilet facility closer to the commercial precinct
- Refurbishment of the existing building, and
- The removal/replacement of the existing building with a gazebo.

On 19 July 2001, 454 letters with reply paid envelopes were distributed to residents and businesses in the Mount Hawthorn area in the surrounds of Axford Park. In addition, an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper and the proposal was advertised on the Town's web site.

At the time the results of the public consultation indicated that 77% of respondents wanted the existing toilets removed and 23% wanted them retained.

Of the 77% who wanted the existing toilets removed, 18% wanted them replaced with a gazebo and 13% wanted the existing toilets replaced with a self cleaning unisex toilet facility.

In addition on 21 June 2001 a petition with 169 names was received stating:

"We, the undersigned, would like the toilet block in Axford Park' to be demolished' for the following reasons:

- Axford Park would be a safer recreational facility for families and their children.
 - The ANZAC memorial to be the highlight for present and future generations.
 - Axford Park is our gateway to Mt Hawthorn. It should reflect our suburb's unique flavour of community, family, heritage, beautiful gardens, and shopping village.
 - The Town of Vincent to honour its commitment to a modern and safe self cleaning toilet system for Mt Hawthorn to be located discreetly in a newly landscaped Axford Park."
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The estimated costs for various scenarios at Axford Park are:

▪ Removal of existing Building*	\$ 10,000
▪ Install high quality Gazebo*	\$ 20,000
▪ Self-cleaning unisex toilet	\$105,000
▪ Reinstatements / Landscaping*	\$ 20,000
▪ Relocate memorial	\$ 30,000

Comments

An amount of \$50,000 has been listed for consideration in the 2006/2007 draft budget. This allows for*:

▪ Removal of existing Building	\$ 10,000
▪ Install high quality Gazebo	\$ 20,000
▪ Reinstatements / Landscaping	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	\$ 50,000

Page 1.6 Oxford Street - Vincent to Leederville Parade *Executive Manager Technical Services to consider options.*

Oxford Street - Rehabilitation

An amount of \$120,000 has been allocated in the 2006/2007 draft budget for the above project to be funded 2/3 State (\$80,000) and 1/3 Town (\$40,000). The Town's contribution would be from the annual road resurfacing allocation.

A detailed inspection of the road was undertaken and the following options are presented:

Option 1

Profile/remove the existing poor quality asphalt layer between Vincent Street and Leederville parade (including the Newcastle Street intersection) and carryout kerb repairs, drainage adjustments/repairs.

This would achieve the best outcome taking advantage of the State funding. The majority of the kerbing is in good condition and the existing footpaths are also in good condition. The road and sections of kerbing are in poor condition.

When a final concept for a 'full' streetscape upgrade has been developed and subsequently implemented, the works proposed (in option 1) may need to be removed, or partially removed (depending on the scope of works to be proposed).

To maximise the retention of this work a future concept could comprise the following:

- Removal of the central median (currently comprising raised kerbing, brick paving and trees) and replacing it with a quality paved 'flush' median with flush kerbing around proposed trees.
- Removal of the existing verge kerbing and brick paving and replacement, on a similar kerb alignment, with a lower profile kerb, paved nibs (to delineate parking and increase alfresco areas and high quality paving).

Estimated cost **\$120,000** (\$80,000 State, \$40,000 Town)

Option 2

Profile/remove the worst area of asphalt layer at the Newcastle Street, carryout minor kerb and asphalt repairs.

This would address the worst area however the remainder to the road would generally still be in poor condition

Estimated cost \$25,000 (fully funded by the Town)

Option 3

Patch up/repair the worst areas of asphalt carryout minor kerb and asphalt repairs.

This would improve safety however most of the area would still be in poor condition and the works work appear as a 'patch up' job

Estimated cost \$10,000 (fully funded by the Town)

Comments:

Main Roads WA have advised that the current grant (2006/2007 - \$80,000) must be expended by December 2007 i.e. (extended into the 2007/2008 financial year). Should an extension of time be required at this stage, a formal request is to be made to the Regional Road Group to extend the funds to 30 June 2008.

Therefore given that:

- It is unknown when the 'full' streetscape upgrade will take place (hopefully in 2007/2008);
- The future upgrade could be designed to maximise the retention of the works outlined in option 1; and
- That Main Roads WA will be contributing a large portion of the upgrade costs.

It is considered that option 1 should be the preferred option and that the works be 'held off' until at least December 2007.

MRWA have suggested that the project remain as a 2006/2007 project and that the Town can claim the first 40% to activate the grant.

It is considered that Option 1 should be implemented in 2006/07

Page 1.11 Shalom Dental Clinic - Embayed Parking

The amount of \$40,000 is included for improvement of parking requirements in the area. Should the Sydney Street land not be sold off, this work will not be required for the Council's previous decision to include this funding in the budget and will need to be rescinded.

Dogs Study - costing for lights at Forrest Park

The Town's officers discussed the lighting at Forrest Park with early morning users (dog walkers). It has been determined that a light pole situated near the playground/amenities building that will cast light over the grassed area to the north-west is required. The light would not require operation all through the night as the main use is in the early hours of the morning.

The estimated costs for supply and installation of one light pole with 2-3 floodlights, operated with a time clock control and connected to the main switchboard from the Forrest Park amenities building is as follows:

• 3 x 1000watt floodlights	\$3,000.00
• 1 x 12 metre light pole/cross arm	\$1,500.00
• Installation of pole & ragbolt assembly	\$500.00
• Time clock, cables and accessories	\$750.00
• Labour	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
Total	\$7,500.00

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 recent amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 now allows the Council to adopt its budget prior to the end of the financial year 30 June 2007. However, this year the Council will continue with its normal practice of adopting the Annual Budget at the first meeting in July 2006.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Council's budget process is in accordance with the Council's Draft Strategic Plan 2005-2010, Key Result Area Governance and Management – Action Plan 4.1

“(a) Continue to develop a long term Strategic Vision and Financial Plan to ensure the long term financial viability of the Town.”

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 Council for the next financial year.

COMMENTS:

It is considered the Draft Budget 2006-2007 provides funding for a comprehensive capital works programme together with existing and new operational requirements.

It is recommended the Council consider and approve in principle the Draft Budget 2006-2007 and for this to be advertised and issued for public comment.
