



CITY OF VINCENT

**SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

7 JULY 2015

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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 7 July 2015, commencing at 6.00pm.

1. (a) DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor John Carey, declared the meeting open at 6.04 pm 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:

Nil.

(b) Members on Approved Leave of Absence:

2.1 Cr Matt Buckels on approved leave of absence from 26 June to 27 July due to personal commitments.

(c) Present:

Mayor John Carey	Presiding Member
Cr Roslyn Harley (<i>Deputy Mayor</i>)	North Ward (from 6.20pm)
Cr Emma Cole	North Ward
Cr Laine McDonald	South Ward
Cr John Pintabona	South Ward
Cr Joshua Topelberg	South Ward
Cr Julia Wilcox	North Ward
Len Kosova	Chief Executive Officer
Rick Lotznicker	Director Technical Services
Gabriela Poezyn	Director Planning Services
John Paton	Director Corporate Services
Rob Boardman	Director Community Services
Geoff Garside	Manager Financial Services
Jerilee Highfield	Executive Assistant, Minutes Secretary

Media

Nil.

Approximately 2 Members of the Public.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & RECEIVING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

3.1 Dudley Maier of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate – Item 7.1

- Disagrees with the justification for the higher commercial rates for the reasons outline in his submission.
- The rate increase is actually the highest since 1999 and is variously referred to as 6.5 and 7%, although I think it is actually 6.2%. The predicted spending on Capital is 40% more next year than was spent this year and I think there is an issue with revenue living up to the budget figures.
- I would like to recognise the level of detail, the analytical fairness of the supporting documents and the focus on developing the long term plan.

The Presiding Member Mayor Carey thanked Mr Maier for his comments.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

Nil.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1 2015/16 Draft Budget.

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Ward:	Both	Date:	3 July 2015
Precinct:	All	File Ref:	SC245
Attachments:	1 – Draft Budget Commentary 2 – Budget Submission 3 – Statutory Statements 4 – Draft Capital budget 5 – Summary of Income and Expenditure by Service Unit 6 - Supporting Schedules 7 .- Fees and Charges		
Tabled Items:	-		
Reporting Officer:	J Paton, Director Corporate Services		
Responsible Officer:	J Paton, Director Corporate Services		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY;

1. BUDGET:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.2(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, **ADOPTS** the City of Vincent Annual Budget as detailed in Attachments 3 and 4 for the 2015/16 financial year, which includes:

- 1.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type showing a net result for that year of \$3,015,618 as detailed on page 3.1
- 1.2 Statement of Comprehensive Income by Program showing a net result for that year of \$3,015,618 as detailed on page 3.2 and 3.3
- 1.3 Rate setting Statement showing an amount required to be raised from rates of \$29,396,786 as detailed on page 3.4
- 1.4 Statement of Cash Flows showing a net cash provided by operations of \$7,974,058 and net increase in cash held of \$200,021 as detailed on page 3.5
- 1.5 Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget as detailed on page 3.6 – 3.38
- 1.6 Transfers to / from Reserves as detailed on the Reserve Fund Statement as detailed on page 3.20
- 1.7 Capital Works Program showing a total of \$12,657,347 as detailed on pages 4.1 to 4.10.

Subject to the following amendments being made:

- a) correction to Note 4 on page 3.25 to amend Cash – Unrestricted to \$4,946,584 and Net Cash from Operating Activities to a total of \$7,974,058’;
- b) correction to page 3.32 to adjust the ‘Number of Properties’ so that the Total ‘Number of Properties’ is reduced to 17,519 from 19,644;
- c) correction to the Elected Members Remuneration schedule detailed on page 3.36, in recognition of the determination of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal dated 17 June 2015, that there will be no increase at this time in the remuneration, fees, expenses or allowance ranges provided for elected members;
- d) correction to Note 8 on page 3.28 to reduce –
 - Cash – Unrestricted to \$4,946,584
 - Receivables to \$2,990,241
 - Trade and Other Payables to \$4,731,727

2. RATES:

For the purpose of yielding up the deficiency disclosed by the Budget adopted in 1 above, Council pursuant to Sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, IMPOSES the following differential general rates and minimum payments on Gross Rental Values:

- 2.1 **General Rates**
- Residential 5.951 cents in the dollar
 - Commercial Vacant 11.578 cents in the dollar
 - Other 6.281 cents in the dollar
- 2.2 **Minimum Payments**
- Residential \$907
 - Commercial Vacant \$1,414
 - Other \$907

2.3 **RATE PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Pursuant to Section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, ADOPTS the following due dates for payment in full by instalments:

	INSTALMENT	DATE
(a)	Due Date/First instalment	31 August 2015
(b)	Second instalment	02 November 2015
(c)	Third instalment	05 January 2016
(d)	Fourth instalment	08 March 2016

2.4 **INSTALMENT AND ARRANGEMENTS ADMINISTRATION FEES AND INTEREST CHARGES:**

2.4.1 Pursuant to Section 6.45(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 67 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, ADOPT an instalment administration charge of \$12.00 per instalment for payment of rates by instalments, to apply to the second, third and fourth instalment; and

2.4.2 Pursuant to Section 6.45(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, ADOPT an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates through an instalment option;

2.5 **LATE PAYMENT INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND AMOUNTS:**

ADOPTS an interest rate of 11% per annum, calculated daily from the due date and continues until the date of payment on overdue:

2.5.1 rates in accordance with Section 6.51(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, subject to Section 6.51(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and

2.5.2 amounts due to the City in accordance with Section 6.13 of the *Local Government Act (1995)*;

Excluded are deferred rates, instalment current amounts not yet due under the four (4) payment options, registered pensioner portions and current government pensioner rebate amounts;

3. RUBBISH CHARGE:

Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery Act 2007*, ADOPTS the following annual charges for the removal of domestic waste and recycling for all non rateable properties receiving the service:

- 240L weekly waste collection \$350
- 140L weekly waste collection \$220
- 240L fortnightly recycling collection \$95
- 360L fortnightly recycling collection \$125

4. REPORTING OF BUDGET VARIANCES:

Pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, ADOPT the monthly reporting variance for the 2015/16 financial year of 10% on items more than \$10,000;

5. RESERVES

Pursuant to Section 6.11(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, APPROVES the establishment of:

5.1 the North Perth Tennis Reserve, with the following purpose:

“For the upgrade, renewal and replacement of the North Perth tennis courts, with funds contributed by the Lessee in accordance with the Special Condition – Sinking Fund provision of the Lease”

5.2 the Leederville tennis Reserve, with the following purpose:

“For the upgrade, renewal and replacement of the water bore and/or pump at the Leederville tennis courts, with funds contributed by the Lessee in accordance with the Special Condition – Sinking Fund provision of the Lease”

6. FEES AND CHARGES

Pursuant to Section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, ADOPTS the Schedule of Fees and Charges included in Attachment 6-7.

Moved Cr Cole, Seconded Cr McDonald

That the recommendation be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Cr Harley entered the Chamber at 6.20pm.

Cr Pintabona departed the Chamber at 6.30pm.

Cr Pintabona returned to the Chamber at 6.31pm.

AMENDMENT 1

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr Cole

That a new Recommendation 1 be inserted and the remaining Recommendations be renumbered;

1. **NOTES that \$2,563,818 was previously budgeted for the sale of 291-295 Vincent Street, Leederville in the 2014/15 budget but will now be received in 2015/16;**

AMENDMENT 1 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Buckels was on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT 2

Moved Cr Harley, Seconded Cr McDonald

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to insert a new Recommendation 2 e) as follows:

- e) the addition of \$2000 for the Mount Hawthorn Community Fair as part of the Festivals Programme**

AMENDMENT 2 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Buckels was on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT 3

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr Cole

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to insert a new Recommendation 2 f) as follows:

- 2. f) Amend the Capital Works Programme to include the following project:**

Forrest Park Hall Facilities upgrade \$40,000

And advises the Forest Park Croquet Club that provision of this funding is contingent upon Council being satisfied with the level of contribution from the Club.

AMENDMENT 3 PUT AND LOST (1-7)

For: Presiding Member Mayor Carey

Against: Cr Cole, Cr Harley, Cr McDonald, Cr Pintabona, Cr Topelberg and Cr Wilcox

(Cr Buckels was on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT 4

Moved Cr Harley, Seconded Cr Cole

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to insert a new Recommendation 2 f) as follows:

- 2. f) On page 6.2 in the supporting Schedules (Attachment 6), clearly defining that \$20,000 of the Mural/Wall Art Programme is allocated to the Laneway Collective.**

AMENDMENT 4 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Buckels was on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT 5

Moved Cr Harley, Seconded Cr Cole

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to insert a new Recommendation 2 g) as follows:

- 2. g) On page 6.1 in the supporting Schedules (Attachment 6), reducing general donations to \$5,000 and including a new category of community support grants at \$47,500.**

AMENDMENT 5 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT 6

Moved Cr Harley, Seconded Cr Cole

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to insert a new Recommendation 2 h) as follows:

- 2. h) On page 6.1 in the supporting Schedules (Attachment 6), reducing NAIDOC/Reconciliation Week Events funding to \$5,000 and adding a new item under Reconciliation Programmes for preparation of a Reconciliation Action Plan in the amount of \$10,000**

AMENDMENT 6 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

(Cr Buckels was on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT 7

Moved Cr Harley, Seconded Cr Cole

That the Officer Recommendation be amended to insert a new Recommendation 2 i) as follows:

- 2. i) On page 8.7 in the Fees and Charges Schedule (Attachment 7) to delete the hourly and all day fee for the Oxford Street Carpark in line with the previous Council Decision on this matter.**

AMENDMENT 7 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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Debate ensued.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 7.1

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Pursuant to Section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, ADOPTS the Schedule of Fees and Charges included in Attachment 7.

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member, Mayor John Carey, declared the meeting closed at 7.07 pm with the following persons present:

Mayor John Carey	Presiding Member
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Jerilee Highfield	Executive Assistant, Minutes Secretary

1 Member of the Public was present.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 7 July 2015.

Signed:Presiding Member John Carey.

Dated this day of 2015.
