



CITY OF VINCENT

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MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

3 JULY 2012

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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 3 July June 2012, commencing at 6.04pm.

1. (a) DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, declared the meeting open at 6.04pm 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:

Cr Roslyn Harley – on approved leave of absence from 23 June 2012 to 21 July 2012 inclusive for personal reasons.

(c) Present:

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan Presiding Member

Cr Warren McGrath (*Deputy Mayor*) South Ward

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

John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Director Community Services
Helen Smith	Acting Director Planning Services
Rick Lotznicker	Director Technical Services
Mike Rootsey	Director Corporate Services

No members of the Public or Media were present.

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

Nil.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Hon. Mayor Alannah MacTiernan requested leave from 4 July to 9 July 2012 (inclusive) for personal reasons.

Moved Cr Maier Seconded Cr Pintabona

That Hon. Mayor Alannah MacTiernan's request for leave of absence be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0)

(Cr Harley on approved leave of absence.)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

As there are no members of the public or media present, I will dispense with reading of the Budget Statement. A copy of the statement on the budget will be distributed at a later time.

I would like to thank everyone, for all the hard work that has gone into the preparation and it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the goodwill of all the Councillors and the hard work that the officers have put in to try and accommodate the aspirations of the Council.

We are going to see in the agenda that we clearly want to see a greener and more exciting City being delivered without comprising on the provision of basic services.

5.2 RECOVERY OF COSTS FROM CARR STREET DERELICT FACTORY FIRE

I would like to provide an update on the costs of the Carr Street factory fire which occurred on 16 May 2012 at 27-29 Carr Street, West Perth. During that fire, there was asbestos contamination to public and private property and the City was required to act quickly to avoid a threat to the health and for the safety of residents. The City engaged specialist personnel to carry out the clean up.

The City spent a sum of \$160,000 towards the clean up and have sought to recover the sum from the owners of the property. If the City is unable to recover the costs, legal proceedings will commence in the District Court of WA, and necessary steps will be taken to ensure that the City's interest's are protected, as there is currently no provision within the budget.

Cr Buckels asked if he could raise a question. The Presiding Member Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan advised that the Mayoral Announcements are "*without discussion*", and the question could be asked before the Budget report.

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

The Presiding Member Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan advised Cr Buckels that he could raise his question.

Cr Buckels queried if any further information/advice had been received from FESA regarding the fire on Carr Street as there was a discussion at Council about sending a letter to FESA regarding the costs etc.

The Director Community Services advised that he would answer the question. No correspondence had been sent to FESA in relation to this matter and he will take the question "*on notice*".

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Council of the action taken to date. The City will seek to recover the cost from the owners and a letter has been sent today.

The owners have been asked to make a payment of the City's cost by the 3 August 2012.

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan requested that an update be provided at a future meeting.

7.1 Adoption of the City of Vincent 2012/2013 Annual Budget

Ward:	Both	Date:	29 June 2012
Precinct:	All	File Ref:	FIN0025
Attachments:	Nil		
Tabled Items:	001 – Annual Budget- 2012/2013		
Reporting Officer:	M Rootsey, Director Corporate Services		
Responsible Officer:	John Giorgi, Chief Executive Officer		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council **APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY;**

1. BUDGET:

To **ADOPT** in accordance with Section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 the City of Vincent Annual Budget 2012/2013 for the year ending 30 June 2013, as “Tabled” and shown in electronic Attachment 001, and incorporating the:

- 1.1 Statutory Budget, Significant Accounting Policies and Schedule Notes, as shown in Section 4 of the Annual Budget;
- 1.2 Reserve Fund Budget, as shown in Section 4 of the Annual Budget;
- 1.3 Capital Works Budget, as shown in Section 5 of the Annual Budget;
- 1.4 Operating Budget, as shown in Section 6 of the Annual Budget; and
- 1.5 Schedule of Fees and Charges, as shown in Section 8 of the Annual Budget;

2. RATES:

To **IMPOSE**, in accordance with Section 6.32(1) and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995:

- 2.1 a General Rate of 6.731 cents to be applied to all rateable property in the City of Vincent for the year ending 30 June 2013; and
- 2.2 a Minimum Rate of \$655 in respect of any rateable property within the City for the year ending 30 June 2013;

3. RATE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

To **ADOPT**, in accordance with Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following payment dates for payment of rates by instalments:

	INSTALMENT	DATE
(a)	Due Date/First instalment	27 August 2012
(b)	Second instalment	29 October 2012
(c)	Third instalment	3 January 2013
(d)	Fourth instalment	7 March 2013

4. INSTALMENT AND ARRANGEMENTS ADMINISTRATION FEES AND INTEREST CHARGES:

To IMPOSE:

- 4.1 a charge of \$10.00 per instalment for payment of rates by instalments, to apply to the second, third and fourth instalment, in accordance with Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996; and**
- 4.2 an interest rate of 5.5% on instalments, to apply to the second, third and fourth instalment in accordance with Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;**

5. LATE PAYMENT INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND AMOUNTS:

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

- 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; and**
- 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;

6. RUBBISH CHARGE:

To ADOPT pursuant to the provisions of Division 5 of Part IV of the Health Act 1911, (as amended) a rubbish charge of \$270 per 240 litre bin per annum for a weekly service for all non rateable properties receiving the service;

7. REPORTING OF BUDGET VARIANCES:

To ADOPT the monthly reporting variance for the 2012/2013 financial year of 10% on items more than \$10,000, in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations No. 34 and 35 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;

8. GROSS RENTAL VALUATIONS:

To RECORD the gross rental valuations as supplied by the Valuer General totalling \$350,008,995 in the Rate Book for use in the 2012/2013 financial year;

9. TRANSFER OF BUDGET 2011/2012 SURPLUS:

To:

- 9.1 TRANSFER the Budget 2011/2012 Surplus to the Capital Reserve to fund future capital works;**
- 9.2 NOTE that the amount transferred to the Reserve Fund will be adjusted in the finalisation of the 2011/2012 annual accounts; and**
- 9.3 AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary adjustment after the finalisation of the 2011/2012 annual accounts; and**

10. RESERVE FUNDS:

To CREATE the following new Reserve Fund:

NAME OF RESERVE FUND	PURPOSE
Tamala Park Land Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a significant/major capital works and/or infrastructure, project and/or debt reduction programme for the benefit of the City.

Moved Cr McGrath, Seconded Cr Maier

That the recommendation be adopted.

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT NO 1

Moved Cr Maier, Seconded Cr Topelberg

“That the Events Operating Budget (Page 6.16) be amended as follows:

That the Council deletes the following line items:

<u>Festival – Events</u>	<u>\$195,000</u>
<u>Harmony/Multicultural Celebrations</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>

And inserts the following line items:

<u>Leederville Festival</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
<u>Angove Festival</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
<u>Beaufort Street Festival</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
<u>Jazz Festival</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>

AMENDMENT NO 1 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0)

(Cr Harley on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT NO 2

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr McGrath

“That page 6.3 Members of Council – “Stationery and Office Consumables” (\$5,300) and “Printing and Photocopying” (\$4,800) (total \$10,100) be reduced to \$6,500”.

AMENDMENT NO 2 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0)

(Cr Harley on approved leave of absence.)

AMENDMENT NO 3

Moved Cr Topelberg, Seconded Cr Maier

“That a new Capital Budget line item is created as follows:

That the Council create a new Capital Budget line item titled “*Art Acquisition*” for the amount of \$10,000 to be funded by a reduction in the Budget for the 2013 “*Artist in Residence Programme*”.”

Debate ensued.

AMENDMENT NO 3 PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0)

(Cr Harley on approved leave of absence.)

Debate ensued.

**MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (8-0)**

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COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 7.1

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- 1.7 The following amendments;

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1.7.2 Operating Budget – Members of Council

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SUBSEQUENT MOTION

Moved Cr Buckels, **Seconded** Cr Maier

“That the Council **REQUESTS** that a report be prepared in October as part of the mid year budget review, to identify potential funding sources from which the Council may allocate funds to progress those projects which have been deferred to fund the shortfall in parking revenue.”

MOTION PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-0)

(Cr Harley on approved leave of absence.)

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present the Annual Budget 2012/2013 to the Council for adoption.

BACKGROUND:

The City's Administration, in conjunction with the Council Members, have prepared the Budget for 2012/2013. This is in keeping with the Strategic Community Plan (Plan for the Future), the Council's Strategic Plan (2011 – 2016) and adopted Annual Plan – Works Programs 2012/2013.

A Briefing Session on the Draft Budget 2012/2013 for Council Members was held with the City's Senior Officers on Thursday 3 May 2012.

A Special Council Meeting was held to discuss the Draft Budget 2012/2013 on the 15 May 2012.

At the Special Council Meeting held on 15 May 2012 the Draft Budget 2012/2013 was adopted in principle to be advertised for community consultation as follows:

"That the Council:

1. *APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE the Draft Budget 2012/2013 as tabled, subject to the following changes:*
 - 1.1 *(Page 16) That the four (4) listed Urban Festivals be shown as a composite sum;*
 - 1.2 *(Page 16) That "Harmony Week" be renamed "Harmony/Multicultural Celebrations";*
 - 1.3 *(Page 1.7) That the funding source for "Walcott Street" be amended to delete "Municipal" and replace it with "Cash-In-Lieu";*
 - 1.4 *(Page 119) That consideration be given to an increase in the Loftus Community Centre funding from \$55,000 to \$75,000, subject to:*
 - (a) *receiving a report on the justification for the increase; and*
 - (b) *how the funding is to be spent;*
 - 1.5 *(Page 9) That the "Leederville Gardens Retirement Village Management Fee" be increased from \$42,440 to \$50,000;*
 - 1.6 *(Page 2) That "Advertising Budget" be increased by \$20,000, (i.e. from \$11,000 to \$31,000);*
 - 1.7 *(Page 60) That the Administration Charge be reduced from \$15 to \$10 per instalment and revert back to the original interest rates for instalment and penalty interest;*
 - 1.8 *(Page 90) That the budget for the "Local Plant Sales" be increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000;*
 - 1.9 *(Page 91) That the budget for the "Environmental Monitoring" be increased from \$6,000 to \$10,000;*
 - 1.10 *(Page 1.17) That the "Drawing Commission/Art Acquisition" amount of \$10,000 be deleted and reallocated to the "Bike Racks Project" (Page 1.4);*
 - 1.11 *(Page 1.6) That a new item be inserted for \$5,000 for the Re-use of the North Perth Bowling Club Flood Lights;*
 - 1.12 *(Page 1.3) Change the wording in justification for the "Beaufort Street Streetscape Enhancement – Stage 2)" to delete "artwork project" and replace it with "streetscape project"; and*
 - 1.13 *(Page 1.3) Change the wording of "Oxford St – Vincent St – Leederville Pde" to "Leederville Town Centre";*

2. *ADVERTISES the Draft Budget 2012/2013 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, and APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to amend the adopted Budget Timetable to:*
 - 3.1 *delete the 2nd Budget Briefing/Special Council Meeting (open to the Public) on 29 May 2012; and*
 - 3.2 *vary the dates for the advertising of the Draft Budget for community consultation and the closing date for receiving of public submissions.”*

DETAILS:

1. Overview

The Draft Annual Budget 2012/13 as presented, provides for a wide range of projects and programmes to the Vincent community. The Budget is aligned to the goals and objectives of the Council's Strategic Community Plan - "*Plan for the Future 2011–2016*".

The Capital Works Programme will cater for a number of important building projects in the City. The most significant is the completion of the Beatty Park Leisure Centre Redevelopment, which will be completed in this coming financial year. The Leederville Masterplan is to be progressed in this financial year and an allocation to finalise the planning process has been included. Monies have also been included for the Cheriton Street Refurbishment Project (into a community facility) and 81 Angove Street (the former North Perth Police Station).

This year's building budget includes further funds allocated to:

- Mt Hawthorn Community Centre
- North Perth Bowling Club
- Halverson Hall
- Barlee Street Car Park – unisex toilet
- Auckland/Hobart Street reserve – unisex toilet
- Banks Reserve Pavilion – refurbish courtyard

The Infrastructure Works Programme is designed to provide a variety of works to meet the community requirements and to ensure that the budgeted funds are allocated to maintain and replace the City's existing infrastructure.

A significant number of Traffic Management projects that have been allocated funding as a result of resident requests include:

- Albert, Kadina and Barnett Streets;
- Dunedin/Scarborough Beach Road intersection;
- Hobart/ London Street intersection;
- Scarborough Beach Road/Oxford Street;
- Salisbury, Loftus and Shakespeare Street;
- Throssel Street;
- Angove/Woodville street;
- Merredin Street;
- Purslowe/Brady Street;
- Lake Street;
- Fitzgerald/Carr Street; and
- Charles/Albert Streets.

The City has allocated funds to undertake the following Streetscape Improvements in the City Centres in this year's Draft budget at:

- Beaufort Street; and
- Oxford Street between Vincent Street and Leederville Parade.
- In addition funds have been included to provide Public Artwork as part of a five year programme for our City Centres, the first centre to receive the Artwork will be Leederville.

The City will again continue to receive grant funding from both the State and Federal Government through Main Roads, Black Spot and Roads to Recovery submissions. This year projects with a value of \$944,375 will be undertaken.

This is the fourteenth year of the Footpath Replacement Programme, with the majority of the ranked as "poor" paths being replaced as the programme nears completion.

This draft budget includes a major capital investment in our Parks and Reserves area.

Funds for the second year of the Eco-zoning implementation plan have been included with work to be undertaken at both Woodville and Ellesmere Reserve.

There are several significant Park Development projects to be undertaken this financial year. Construction work on the Hyde Park's Restoration project will commence in this financial year, this project is part funded by monies received from State and Federal Governments.

Stage 3 of the Weld Square Redevelopment has been listed to be undertaken this financial year.

The first stage of the Britannia Reserve Masterplan has been included, which is the construction of the Greenway path adjacent to Brentham Reserve. Significant funds have also been included for the Walters Brook Redevelopment.

An allocation has again been made this year to upgrade park furniture installed in the parks and reserve locations in Vincent.

To continue the upgrade of the City's drainage systems, eleven streets and a gully soakwell programme have been included in this year's budget for drainage work.

To improve the City's Bicycle Network, a shared path in Beatty Park Reserve is proposed, in addition as part of the Greenway Plan a path to Pennant Street has been listed in the budget.

The economic indicators for the 2012/13 financial year with the Western Australian economy the strongest in the country and Australia's economy recognised as being one of the best placed in the developed world.

However, the State Government continues to increase utility charges which will not only have an impact on the City's operating budget but the community in general.

This year the Department of Local Government has reduced the percentage interest that can be charged on outstanding debts and on the interest applied on instalment payments. The new Building Act introduced in April 2012, has reduced the fee paying work on the building licence applications. As a result, the estimated revenue to be received has been reduced.

The Council has again been cognisant of the rising costs of living for the community as well as ensuring the financial position of the City in setting the rates.

The 2012/13 Draft Annual Budget has therefore been prepared in conjunction with the objectives outlined in the *Plan for the Future (Strategic Plan 2011-2016)*, and includes a proposed rate increase which takes into account the current inflation rates and the Local Government Cost Index.

An estimated inflation rate of 3.0% (State Consumer Price Index) together with an estimated Local Government Index of 3.5% for 2012/13 has been used in the preparation of this Budget.

Salary budgets have been calculated in line with current salaries and increases based on performance and are in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010.

The provision for the transfer of funds to reserves to minimise the financial impact of future significant projects and the replacement of assets has again be included.

2. Key Financial Summary

The key financial features for the 2012/2013 Draft Annual Budget include:

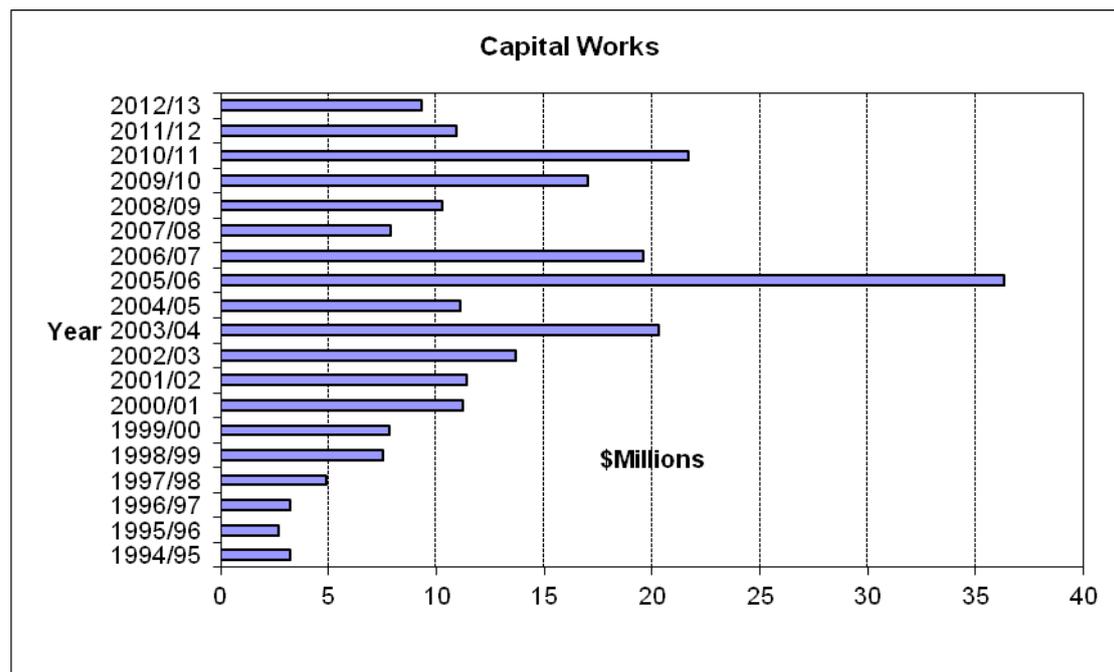
- Increase in the rate revenue of 4.93%;
- Rate Revenue required – \$23,962,298;
- Operating Revenue from other sources – \$20,215,925;
- Operating Expenditure – \$45,137,470;
- Depreciation Charges – \$8,638,100;
- New Capital Works Programme – \$9,114,215; and
- New Operating Costs – \$233,800

3. Capital Works

The significant items in the Capital Works Programme include:

Road Works – Rehabilitation	
Beaufort Street – Broome Street to Walcott Street	\$336,600
Lord Street – Harold Street to Lincoln Street	\$259,505
Fitzgerald Street – Vincent Street to Raglan Road	\$157,760
Vincent Street - Leederville Parade to Mitchell Freeway Overpass	\$89,250
Loftus Street – Vincent Street	\$56,525
Roads to Recovery Programme	
Roads to Recovery Programme details to be advised	\$173,115
Black Spot Submissions	
Intersection Loftus/Bourke Street	\$75,000
Intersection Lindsay/Monger Street	\$50,000
Intersection Vincent/Cleaver Street	\$50,000
Intersection Walcott/York Street	\$35,000
Intersection Broome/Stirling Street	\$35,000
Streetscape Improvements	
Underground Power LEP	\$1,200,000
Beaufort Streetscape Improvement – Stage 2	\$200,000
Oxford Street – Streetscape enhancement	\$400,000
Town Centre – Public Artwork	\$100,000
Landscaping	
Beatty Park Leisure Centre Car Park - Landscaping	\$70,000
Eco-Zoning Woodville and Ellesmere Street Reserve	\$30,000
Reticulation	
Central Control Irrigation System – Stage 2	\$20,000

Parks Development	
Weld Square Stage 3	\$248,000
Britannia Reserve – Masterplan Implementation Stage 1	\$160,000
Walters Brook Redevelopment	\$150,000
Hyde Park Lakes Feasibility – Sewer Mining	\$25,000
Banks Reserve – Design of nature based playground	\$20,000
Woodville Reserve – Community Garden	\$15,000
Parks Furniture and Lighting	
Upgrade various locations	\$60,000
Kyilla Park – Training Lights	\$35,000
Brigatti Gardens – Lighting	\$15,000
Braithwaite Park – Bbq and Light relocation	\$6,000
Jack Marks Reserve – Lighting	\$5,000
Drainage	
Gully Soakwell Program	\$75,000
Shakespeare/Edinboro Street	\$50,000
Clieveden Street	\$50,000
Dunedin Street	\$40,000
Selden Street	\$35,000
Barlee Street	\$30,000
Bourke Street	\$25,000
Buxton Street	\$25,000
Eton Street	\$25,000
Norfolk Street	\$25,000
180 Scarborough Beach Road	\$25,000
Car Parking	
Beatty Park Car Park reconfiguration	\$390,000
Hobart St adjacent to Auckland St Reserve – perpendicular on road parking	\$75,000
Harwood Place – Embayed parking	\$40,000
Albert St adjacent Macedonian Community Centre – perpendicular parking	\$25,000
Walcott St – Request for embayed parking	\$20,000
Banks Reserve Hall – Car park	\$18,000



4. Rates

The Draft Annual Budget as prepared estimates a **4.93%** increase in the rate revenue to fund the works as presented.

As a result of this, the rate in the dollar has been adjusted to **6.731** cents, with a minimum rate of **\$655** for the 2012/13 financial year.

Rates notices will be scheduled for distribution by **23 July 2012**.

The objective of the minimum rate is to ensure that all ratepayers make at least a reasonable contribution towards the cost of services provided by the City. Without the minimum rate there would be wide range in rate relativities, with some properties with lower gross rental values only paying a fraction of the rates paid on higher valued properties while receiving the same level of service.

The objective of the rate in the dollar of gross rental value is to raise the balance of funding necessary to cover the Budget deficit after adjustment for the yield from the minimum rate.

Payment of Rates

The *Local Government Act (1995)* provides for ratepayers to pay rates by four instalments.

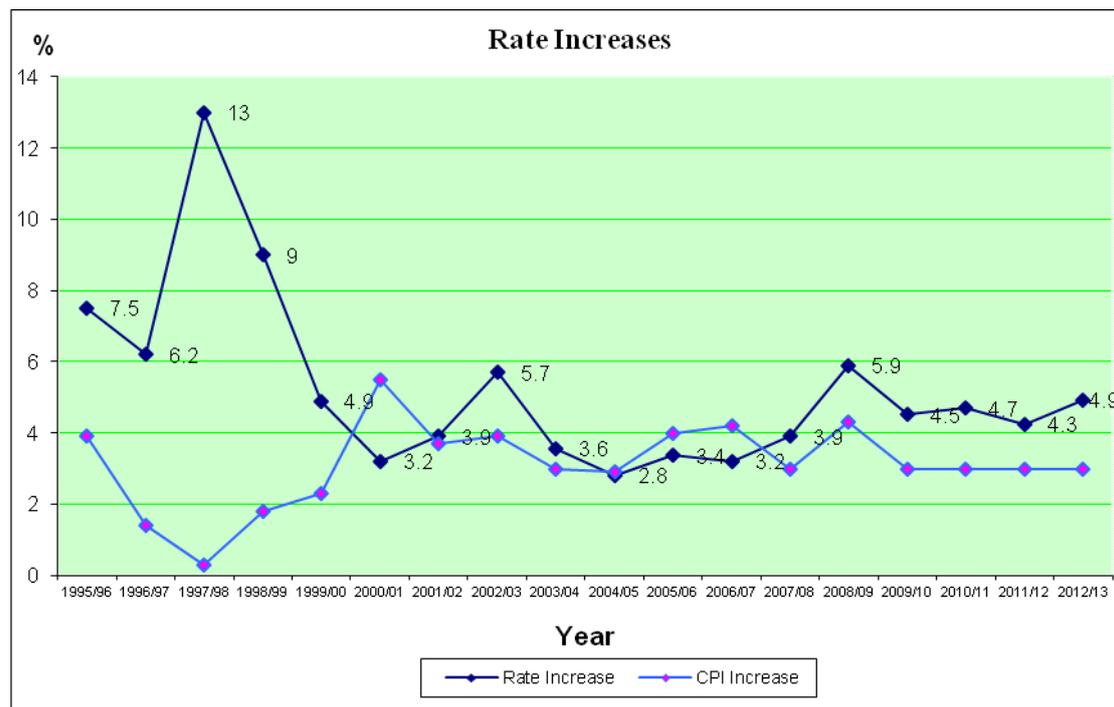
The due dates for each instalment are:

- First Instalment** **27 August 2012**
- Second Instalment** **29 October 2012**
- Third Instalment** **3 January 2013**
- Fourth Instalment** **7 March 2013**

To cover the costs involved in providing the instalment programme, the following charge and interest rates apply:

Instalment Administration Charge per instalment (to apply to second, third and fourth instalment)	\$10.00
Instalment Interest Rate	5.5%
Late Payment Penalty Interest	11% per annum

Pensioners registered with the City for rate concessions do not incur the above charge or interest.



Rates Incentive Prizes

The City will again provide incentive prizes to encourage the payment of rates in full in the 35 day period:

- 1 x Commonwealth Bank cash prize to the value of \$2,000;
- 1 x one night Breakaway Package at the Esplanade River Suites, South Perth plus breakfast for two;
- 1 x one night in a standard family cabin at any Aspen Park in WA;
- 4 x \$50 vouchers for lunch/dinner The Garden Leederville;
- 1 x \$100 voucher for lunch/dinner at Fibber McGee's Leederville;
- 1 x \$50 voucher for lunch/dinner at The Oxford Hotel; and
- 5 x \$20 vouchers for Kailis Bros Fish Market and Café Leederville.
- 4 x \$90 tickets to Mozart & Strauss WASO Gala Performance
- 1 x 3 month membership to the Loftus Recreation Centre
- 1 x 6 month full membership to Beatty Park Leisure Centre

RATES COMPARISON 2011/2012						
Municipality	Residential Rate (Cents)	General Minimum	Residential Rubbish	Other Charges	Total Account On GRV \$21,000	Variation
Perth	3.6770	560	162	116	934	-30.7%
Canning	4.0540	477	315	20.2	1166	-13.4%
Claremont	5.8564	1035			1230	-8.7%
Cottesloe	5.8929	890			1238	-8.1%
Subiaco	5.1350	626	240		1318	-2.1%
Belmont	5.1706	710	250		1336	-0.8%
Vincent	6.4150	624		13.75	1347	0.0%
Stirling	4.9050	709	260	59	1349	0.1%
East Fremantle	6.4344	759			1351	0.3%

RATES COMPARISON 2011/2012						
Municipality	Residential Rate (Cents)	General Minimum	Residential Rubbish	Other Charges	Total Account On GRV \$21,000	Variation
<i>Peppermint Grove</i>	6.4653	970			1358	0.8%
<i>Nedlands</i>	5.0300	1060	325		1381	2.5%
<i>Melville</i>	4.8455	625.5	374		1392	3.3%
<i>Joondalup</i>	5.2590	695	298		1402	4.1%
<i>Kalamunda</i>	5.0665	648	340		1404	4.2%
<i>Victoria Park</i>	6.7300	800			1413	4.9%
<i>Bayswater</i>	5.3780	681	294	13.75	1437	6.6%
<i>South Perth</i>	5.9325	750	220	26.5	1466	8.8%
<i>Mosman Park</i>	5.9841	716	250	13.75	1507	11.8%
<i>Gosnells</i>	6.1100	784	231	16.5	1514	12.4%
<i>Rockingham</i>	5.9700	699	320	64	1574	16.8%
<i>Bassendean</i>	6.6350	85	198		1591	18.1%
<i>Cockburn</i>	4.6500	600	365	474	1601	18.8%
<i>Swan</i>	6.2100	715	300.5	235	1605	19.1%
<i>Cambridge</i>	6.4552	792	198	80	1634	21.3%
<i>Wanneroo</i>	6.9050	1010	320		1770	31.4%
<i>Fremantle</i>	6.7810	1014	446		1870	38.8%
<i>Armadale</i>	7.9600	875	231		1903	41.2%
<i>Mundaring</i>	8.0900	800	149	62	1910	41.8%
<i>Kwinana</i>	7.4470	796	390		1954	45.0%

5. New Operating Items

An amount of **\$233,800** has been allocated in the 2012/13 Draft Annual Budget for new operating items, as follows:

Statutory Planning has requested the inclusion of the provision of the Nearmaps product for the provision of high resolution aerial photography not satellite images.

Community Development has requested funds for two projects listed below:

- Mural/Wall Art – for an allocation to produce and develop wall/mural art as per the City of Vincent policy and develop a programme as recommended by the Art Advisory Group.
- Community Bus Feasibility Study. This is a feasibility study based on a model currently used in Japan for Community Buses.

Rangers and Community Services

An allowance in the budget for licence agreement for the software held for the Auto Cite machines used by the Rangers has been included.

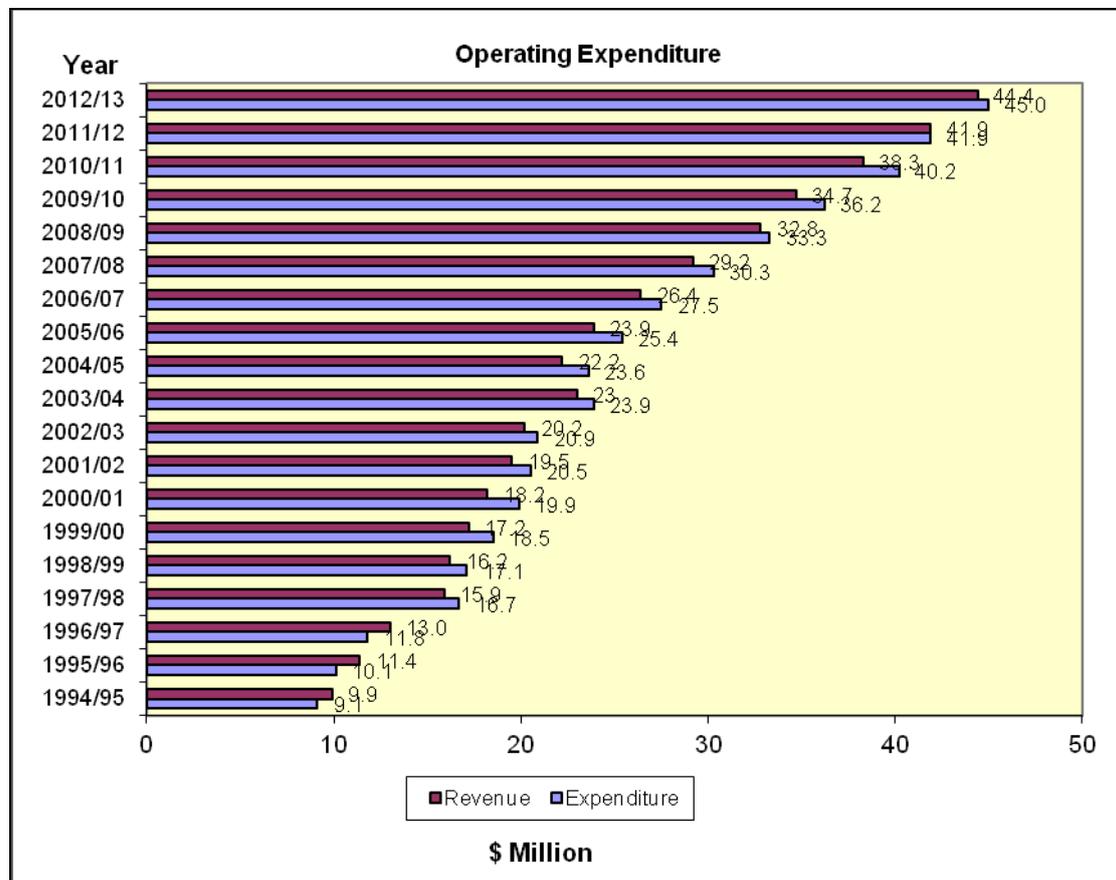
Technical Services

Technical Services has requested the inclusion of contributory funding for a Travel Smart Officer as a result of the successful EOI submitted to the Department of Transport.

In addition they have required funding to support monthly newspaper advertising of environmental initiatives. Also, funds have been included to conduct an Energy Audit which will reduce the Carbon Footprint and energy costs at the City.

The Specified Maintenance budget this year is to be spent at the following locations:

- Berryman Street Playgroup
- Highgate Child Health Clinic
- North Perth Migration Centre
- North Perth Tennis Club
- Highgate Pre-Primary
- Administration and Civic Centre



6. Operating Budget

The increase in the Operating Expenditure is attributed to:

- Increased utility charges
- Cost (inflationary increases)
- Salaries - Additional position of Personal Assistant for the Mayor and Director of Planning Services.

The Revenue Budget has been impacted by:

- Increase in parking infringement revenue.
- New kerb side ticket machine locations
- Reduction in the percentage interest allowed to be charged on outstanding debts and instalment payments.
- Impact of the new Building Act on building licence revenue.

7. Interest on General Debtors

The City of Vincent will impose a late payment penalty of 11% per annum on overdue sundry debtor accounts.

8. Emergency Services Levy

The Fire and Emergency Services Association (FESA) have advised that the rate in the dollar for the 2012/13 financial year for the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) Category 1 is 0.0119 per GRV. There is a minimum and maximum per property use:

Residential, Farming and Vacant Land:

Minimum: \$57;
Maximum: \$290

Commercial, Industrial and Miscellaneous:

Minimum: \$57;
Maximum: \$165,000

9. Reserve Funds

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 June 2012 the Council considered the matter of creating a new Reserve Fund for the revenue to be received from the Land Sales at Tamala Park and resolved (in part) as follows:

“That the Council;

2. APPROVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY the:
 - 2.1 creation of a new Reserve Fund named the “Tamala Park Land Sales Reserve Fund” for the revenue received from the land sales; and
 - 2.2 purpose of the Reserve Fund shall be as follows; “for future significant/major capital works, infrastructure, project or debt reduction programme for the benefit of the City”; and...

10. Reporting Variance 2012/2013

It is a requirement of the Local Government Act Financial Management Regulations, Regulation 34 and 35, that Local Governments adopt the reporting variance amount to be used in a financial year. This should be adopted at the start of the financial year.

The Local Government Department and auditors in the industry have recommended that the reporting variance be adopted as part of the adoption of the Annual Budget.

Last year the Council approved of a variance of 10% on items over \$10,000. It is recommended that these reporting variances are retained for the forthcoming financial year.

11. Amendments to Draft Annual Budget Adopted in Principle

1. The Fees and Charges 2012/13 were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 June 2012, the amendments to the Parking Fees resulted in a reduction of revenue in the Draft 2012/13 Budget of \$255,500.

The Director Technical Services advised that the City has been unsuccessful with the grant applications for the following projects and therefore these projects will not proceed:

	Draft Budget Amount	Muni Amount	Grant Amount
Beatty Park Reserve Shared Path	\$88,000	\$66,000	\$22,000
Greenway – Northern Extension to Pennant Street	\$115,000	\$86,250	\$28,750
Swan River Regional Recreational Path Upgrade	\$80,000	\$60,000	\$20,000
Total	\$283,000	\$212,250	\$70,750

The above table represents \$212,250 towards the shortfall.

It is proposed that the remainder of the shortfall will comprise the reduction of the carried forward amount for the footpath from Charles Street to Angove Street for the amount of \$43,250.

2. Following the receipt of the submission below, discussions were held with the Mayor and President of the North Perth Bowling Club and it was agreed that the replacement of the balustrading was a priority. As a result, the replacement of the handrailing and balustrading for the amount of \$31,000 has been reinstated in the Capital Budget and previously the item listed in New Operating Items to replace the asbestos to the eaves and wall sheeting for the amount of \$36,000 has been deferred for a year and will not be included in the Budget.
3. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 June 2012 Item 9.4.3 the Council resolved to increase funding to the Loftus Community Centre for the Draft Budget 2012/13 for the following projects:
 - 'Class Manager' Database Management System (\$5,000); and
 - Playground Redevelopment (\$15,000).

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

The Draft Budget 2012/13 was advertised for fourteen (14) days for public comment in accordance with the City's Community Consultation Policy No. 4.1.5.

One submission was received from the North Perth Bowling Club as below:

From: Barry Dey
Sent: Monday, 21 May 2012 3:10 PM
To: Records Section
Subject: North Perth Bowling and Recreation Club

Dear Mr Rootsey,

I am currently the President of the above club, the only remaining one in the city of Vincent, and I looked on the web site regarding the meeting for works to be carried out in the next budget and noticed our application for new and safe balustrades has been declined.

I would like to inform you that this club now has more than 230 members and a lot of that membership is from walking distance local families with a lot of small children, we draw our membership from North Perth Primary and Kyilla schools amongst others, it was disappointing to see our application declined even with a letter from council last year describing the current railing as unsafe, the rails are too low and do not conform to current regulations, just because they are "existing" does not make them safe.

We have seen several children fall through and with a drop of approx one metre it is clearly a hazard easily rectified, it is only a matter of time before someone is injured, last Saturday there was a children's party for a one year old attended by approx 30 children and 50 adults, our club is now a very popular venue and needs upgrading to the 21st century.

I ask that at the next meeting the matter of the balustrades be reconsidered as a matter of urgency,

Yours Sincerely,

Barry Dey,
President."

LEGAL/POLICY:

The Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.2 requires each local government to prepare and adopt, in the prescribed form and manner, an Annual Budget, prior to 31 August of each year.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The preparation and adoption of the Annual Budget is in keeping with the Council's Plan for the Future - Strategic Plan 2011-2016 - Key Result Area 4.1 *"Provide Good Strategic Decision-Making, Governance, Leadership and Professional Management"*;

4.1.2 – *Manage the organisation in a responsible, efficient and accountable manner.*

- "(a) Continue to adopt best practise to ensure the financial resources and assets of the City are responsibly managed and the quality of services, performance procedures and processes is improved and enhanced."*

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

When setting the Annual Budget, the City is exposed to financial risk over the long term if little regard is given to both revenue and expenditure implications beyond the budget period. The City has a long term Strategic Financial Plan which helps to mitigate the long term risks.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Budget 2012/2013 includes a number of sustainability initiatives which the City is committed to starting in this coming financial year.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The Annual Budget outlines the funding for works and services in the City for the financial year ending 30 June 2013.

COMMENTS:

The Annual Budget 2012/2013 has been prepared in an improved economic climate. The budget provides a comprehensive programme of works and operations which will allow the City to continue to maintain the existing service levels required. Accordingly, it is recommended that Council adopt the Annual Budget 2012/2013.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member, Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, declared the meeting closed at 6.25pm with the following persons present:

Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan Presiding Member

Cr Warren McGrath (Deputy Mayor) South Ward

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

John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Director Community Services
Helen Smith	Acting Director Planning Services
Rick Lotznicker	Director Technical Services
Mike Rootsey	Director Corporate Services

No members of the Public or Media were present.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 3 July 2012.

Signed:Presiding Member
Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan

Dated this day of 2012