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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, 27 June 2016

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr Gaetano Greco
Cr Tim Laurence
Cr Bo Li
Cr Trent McCarthy
Cr Steven Tsitas
Cr Angela Villella
Cr Oliver Walsh
Cr Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive
Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services
Katrina Knox – Director Community Development
Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance
Allan Cochrane – Chief Financial Officer
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business
Jody Brodribb – Council Business and Governance Officer
Verica Jokic – Senior Media Advisor

2. APOLOGIES

Gavin Cator – Director Corporate Services.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Williams declared an 'interest' in item 4.2 as the street she lives on is scheduled for resurfacing.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4.1 2016/2017 BUDGET REFERRALS

MINUTE NO. 265

Author: Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

Reviewed By: Chief Executive

Report Background

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to the 2016/2017 Budget.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Not applicable

Summary

Funding is included in the 2016/2017 Budget for a diverse range of activities across the municipality. The need for Councillors to disclose a conflict or interest where one exists in relation to any of these activities requires that they be addressed separately as part of the Budget process.

Any items in the Budget in which a Councillor discloses a conflict of interest are to be dealt with by separate resolution under this 'Budget Referrals' process. Once all disclosures have been made and the items which are the subject of any disclosure are determined by the Council, all Councillors are able to vote on the 2016/2017 Budget.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

THAT:

- (1) The Mayor invites Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to adoption of the 2016/2017 Budget by classifying the type and describing the nature of the interest in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Following each disclosure, Council approve the relevant project and the inclusion of associated funding in the 2016/2017 Budget.

CARRIED

4.2 ADOPTION OF 2016/2017 COUNCIL BUDGET AND DECLARATION OF RATES**MINUTE NO. 266****Author:** Chief Financial Officer**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services**Report Background**

The Proposed Budget 2016/2017 was received at a Meeting of Council on 2 May 2016. At that meeting, Council resolved to give public notice in accordance with section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) of Council's intention to adopt the Proposed Budget.

In response to the public notice, sixty-nine written submissions were received by the close of business on 3 June 2016. Twelve of the submitters were heard by the Hearing of Submissions Committee on 9 June 2016.

The Proposed Budget 2016/2017 presented a financially sound budget that maintains all services from the previous year which is balanced and community focused. It seeks to maximise meeting multi-pronged community expectations with a rate increase of 2.5% which has been set in accordance with the rate cap increase set by the State Government.

It is recommended that Council adopt the attached Budget 2016/2017, declare the rates for the 2016/2017 financial year and that public notice be given of the decision in accordance with the Act.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 2 May 2016, Council resolved:

That

- (1) *Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to adopt, at a Special Meeting of Council proposed to be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 27 June 2016, the proposed 2016/2017 Budget (Appendix A) presented to this meeting with an additional budget line 'Active Transport Infrastructure Partnerships – State and Federal' and an allocation of \$300,000 to be included under Capital Works – Footpaths and Clearways.*
- (2) *Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to grant, at a Special Meeting of Council proposed to be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 27 June 2016, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2016/2017 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004.*
- (3) *Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed 2016/2017 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2016.*

Previous Briefings

- Councillor Workshop – Briefing 1: 12 December 2015
- Councillor Planning Weekend – Briefing 2: 5 March 2016
- Councillor Briefing 3: 31 March 2016
- Councillor Briefing 4: 18 April 2016
- Councillor Briefing 5: 26 April 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

The Council must prepare a Budget for each financial year. The Council must ensure that the Budget contains the information specified in the Act and all details required by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* (“the Regulations”).

Council has completed its statutory obligations and the Act prescribes that Council must adopt its final budget by 30 June each year.

This report presents the 2016/2017 Budget and recommends that Council adopt the attached 2016/2017 Budget, declare the rates for the 2016/2017 Financial Year and that public notice be given of the decision in accordance with the Act.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Council having considered all submissions received and having complied with the requirements of sections 127 and 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopt the attached Budget 2016/2017 inclusive of the following amendments:
 - (a) The outcomes of Council’s consideration of public submissions to the Proposed Budget 2016/2017;
 - (b) Items that have been referred to the Budget 2016/2017 by reports to Council which require additional funding not considered during the budget development process;
 - (c) Decrease the financial assistance grant income by \$258,535 to reflect the Victorian Grants Commission allocation of general purpose and local roads grants;
 - (d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;
 - (e) Other minor modifications including revisions made to the fees and charges schedule including:
 - i) Correction of statutory fees for Loading Zone Clearway Offences \$155 (not \$156) and Stopping Offences \$93 (not \$91);
 - ii) Removal of Public Indemnity Insurance under footpath trading outdoor dining fees and renaming Itinerant Traders (per year) to Mobile Vendor Permit;
 - iii) Update of transfer station fees to reflect increased landfill disposal rates notified in June 2016 as follows:
 - Mixed (general) waste - (M3) \$92.50 up from \$87
 - Any Waste – (Car boot load) Flat rate \$35 up from \$30
 - Any waste – (Station Wagon load) Flat rate \$46.50 up from \$45
 - Mixed (General) Waste – Per Tonne (Minimum 1 tonne limit) \$215 up from \$205.

- (2) In accordance with sections 158 and 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council declares the Rates and Annual Service Charges for the 2016/2017 rating year commencing 1 July 2016 and ending 30 June 2017 as detailed in the Budget 2016/2017.
- (3) The amount of \$116,337,736 declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates.
- (4) General rates must be paid by four instalments made on or before the following dates:
 - (a) Instalment 1 – 30 September 2016
 - (b) Instalment 2 – 30 November 2016
 - (c) Instalment 3 – 29 February 2017
 - (d) Instalment 4 – 31 May 2017.
- (5) In accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council declares a rebate in relation to rates of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* to assist the proper development of the municipal district as detailed in the Budget 2016/2017 and is being granted because Council considers that it provides a benefit to the Darebin community in that it provides some relief on rates to elderly and other eligible residents in addition to the State Government rates concession and is consistent with principles of fairness and equity.
- (6) In accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council will charge interest for rates and charges which have not been paid by the date the instalment is due and payable.
- (7) All submitters be advised that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Proposed Budget 2016/2017 and that the submitters be advised:
 - (a) The Budget 2016/2017 is financially responsible, supports the goals and strategies included in the 2013-2017 Council Plan, and fits within a longer term framework of financial sustainability.
 - (b) The Budget 2016/2017 raises general rates by an increase of 2.5%.
 - (c) The level of rates raised allows Council to maintain service levels and deliver the detailed capital works program.
 - (d) The capital works projects included and considered in the Budget 2016/2017 have been determined through a rigorous process of consultation, review and prioritisation.
 - (e) The outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission, and they be thanked for their contributions.
- (8) Council give public notice of the adoption of the Budget 2016/2017 in accordance with section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (9) A copy of the adopted Budget 2016/2017 be provided to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. FONTANA ADVISED COUNCILLORS THAT DUE TO THE NUMBER OF FORESHADOWED AMENDMENTS, EACH AMENDMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND IF ADOPTED, BE INCORPORATED INTO THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

CR. LAURENCE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (2) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) As per Officer's Recommendation.
- (2) Include an additional note to Budget: That council notes regarding the Open Space and Recreation Reserve reflect council approved land purchase commitments and does not reflect the Ruthven and Lakeside sites as the State Government has not accepted council's latest offer.
- (3) - (10) As per Officer's Recommendation.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (2) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

CR. LAURENCE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (3) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

- (1) - (2) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendment.
- (3) Add an extra \$20,000 for exercise equipment to be added to the gateway project on High Street, Reservoir and that this extra expense be meet with adjustment to surplus.
- (4) - (11) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendment.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (3) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

CR. LAURENCE PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (4) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) - (3) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
- (4) Allocate \$50,000 for a masterplan for the former joint-use Ruthven Primary School site to allow for community consultation for the development of the park to immediately commence if the site is transferred from the state government within the 2016/2017 financial year and that this extra expense be meet with adjustment to the surplus.

(5) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Villella.

- (4) Allocate \$50,000 for a masterplan for the former joint-use Ruthven Primary School site to allow for community consultation for the development of the park to immediately commence if the site is transferred from the state government within the 2016/2017 financial year and that this extra expense be met with adjustment to the surplus **and/or the Open Space and Recreation Reserve.**

THE AMENDMENT THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

(1) - (3) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

- (4) Allocate \$50,000 for a masterplan for the former joint-use Ruthven Primary School site to allow for community consultation for the development of the park to immediately commence if the site is transferred from the state government within the 2016/2017 financial year and that this extra expense be met with adjustment to the surplus and/or the Open Space and Recreation Reserve.

(5) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (4) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (1)(d)i) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

(1) (a)-(c) As per Officer's recommendation.

- (d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;
- i. Include borrowings of \$2M to establish a Community Infrastructure Fund, to enable the next Council to bring forward works identified in adopted masterplans and provide matched funding for possible State / Federal 'shovel-ready' projects. This borrowing facility will only be called upon if required and will be subject to a Council report and resolution. This is equivalent to an overdraft facility.

(2) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Angela Villella	Cr. Julie Williams
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Steven Tsitas
	Cr. Vince Fontana
	Cr. Tim Laurence
	Cr. Oliver Walsh

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be Lost.

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (1)(d)i) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

(1)(a)-(c) As per Officer's recommendation.

- (d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;
- i) Include borrowings of \$1M to support Solar Savers mark 3, with repayments to made over a 10 year period as per Solar Savers mark 1.

(2) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Julie Williams
	Cr. Steven Tsitas
	Cr. Vince Fontana
	Cr. Tim Laurence
	Cr. Oliver Walsh
	Cr. Angela Villella

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be Lost.

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (1)(d)i) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council:

(1)(a)-(c) As per Officer’s recommendation.

(d) Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;

i) Include \$50,000 for front boundary fencing, establishment of planter boxes and a pram / bike holding area and possible relocation of an onsite car parking bay at the front of Thornbury Kindergarten to improve safety and amenity of this expanded facility. This was a request made by Thornbury Kindergarten (corner Dundas and Newcastle Streets) to Councillors prior to the Budget submission process, however it wasn’t included in the budget submissions.

(2) - (12) As per Officer’s Recommendation and Amendments

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (1)(d)i) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

Cr. Walsh called for a Division:

- | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Cr. Angela Villella | Cr. Tim Laurence |
| Cr. Gaetano Greco | |
| Cr. Oliver Walsh | |
| Cr. Vince Fontana | |
| Cr. Steven Tsitas | |
| Cr. Julie Williams | |
| Cr. Trent McCarthy | |
| Cr. Bo Li | |

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (1)(d)ii) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

(1)(a)-(c) As per Officer’s recommendation.

(d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;

- i) As per Officers Recommendation and Amendment.
- ii) Include \$32,000 to expand the Active Spaces Program, particularly in the northern parts of Darebin.

(2) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Greco.

- ii) Include \$32,000 to expand the Active Spaces Program, particularly in the northern parts of Darebin.

THE AMENDMENT THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

(1)(a)-(c) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

- (d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;
 - i) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendment.
 - ii) Include \$32,000 to expand the Active Spaces Program in the northern parts of Darebin.

(2) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (1)d)ii) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT 1(d)iii) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council:

(1)(a)-(c) As per Officer's recommendation.

- (d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;
 - i) - ii) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
 - iii) Include \$50,000 for masterplans for Mayer Park and Penders Park.

(2) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Julie Williams
Cr. Oliver Walsh	Cr. Steven Tsitas
	Cr. Vince Fontana
	Cr. Tim Laurence
	Cr. Angela Vilella

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be Lost.

Cr. Williams temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above Amendment at 6.39 pm and returned at 6.41 pm.

CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT 1(d)iii) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council:

(1)(a)-(c) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

- (d) Decrease the capital works program – roads by \$433,000 due to Roads to Recovery funding of this amount being deferred to 2017/2018 by deferring Garden Street road rehabilitation and Myrtle Grove road rehabilitation projects to be completed in 2017/2018;
 - i) - ii) As per Officers Recommendation and Amendments.
 - iii) Include \$30,000 for 'Darebin Open Air Cinema' initiative, with multiple events to be delivered in each ward in partnership with local sports clubs or community organisations or as part of Council-run festivals, eg. True North.

(2) - (12) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Cr. McCarthy called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Angela Vilella
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Oliver Walsh	Cr. Steven Tsitas
Cr. Tim Laurence	Cr. Julie Williams
	Cr. Bo Li

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be Lost.

CR. WILLIAMS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (5) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council:

- (1) – (4) As per Officer’s Recommendation and Amendments.
- (5) Council to deliver \$100,000 of works for safety initiatives at Queen Street, Reservoir in 2016/17 from the \$1.5 million allocation for transport management / road safety in the Budget 2016/2017
- (6) – (13) As per Officer’s Recommendation.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (5) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

CR. WILLIAMS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (6) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council:

- (1) – (5) As per Officer’s Recommendation and Amendments.
- (6) Council to allocate an additional \$30,000 for the de-sexing, vaccination, and worming & flea treatments voucher program for pets to be rehomed.
- (7) – (14) As per Officer’s Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (6) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

Cr. Williams called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Julie Williams	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Angela Villella	Cr. Steven Tsitas
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Tim Laurence	

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be carried.

CR. WILLIAMS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (7) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council:

- (1) – (6) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
- (7) Council to allocate \$15,000 to provide a subsidy for the Lost Dogs Home cat de-sexing van to operate in the areas of most need where there are un-owned or semi-owned cats within the Municipality
- (8) – (15) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (7) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

Cr. Williams called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Julie Williams	Cr. Steven Tsitas
Cr. Vince Fontana	Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Tim Laurence	Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Angela Villella	

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be carried.

CR. GRECO PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINTS (8) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) – (7) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
- (8) Include \$475,000 to install 3 portables on vacant block 35 Sturdier Street, Reservoir (Merrilands community centre) for community use.
- (9) Remove \$225,000 funding for the demolition of the former Preston Police Station in Roseberry Avenue, Preston
- (10) Remove \$150,000 funding for the demolition of the former Preston RSL in Kelvin Grove Preston
- (11) Reduce funding by \$20,000 for Office Accommodation for Darebin City Council municipal buildings to \$80,000
- (12) Reduce project cost by \$85,000 for vehicular plant replacement to \$2,038,000
- (13) Reduce funding by \$25,000 for Professional Development
- (14) Reduce funding by \$25,000 for Industrial relations

(15) – (22) As per Officer’s Recommendation.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – 7.04PM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council adjourn the Special meeting to commence the Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION – 7.06PM

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Council resume the Special Council meeting.

CARRIED

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. FONTANA, CR. GRECO AND CR. MCCARTHY PROPOSED THAT THE AMENDMENT BE SPLIT TO DEAL WITH ITEM (8) ON ITS OWN AND THAT ITEMS (9) - (14) BE DEALT WITH AS ONE.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) – (7) As per Officer’s Recommendation and Amendments.
- (8) Include \$475,000 to install 3 portables on vacant block 35 Sturdier Street, Reservoir (Merrilands community centre) for community use.
- (9) – (16) As per Officer’s Recommendation.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME POINT (8) OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

Cr. Greco called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Bo Li	Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Trent McCarthy	Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Angela Villella	Cr. Julie Williams
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Steven Tsitas
Cr. Tim Laurence	

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be carried.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) – (8) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
- (9) Remove \$225,000 funding for the demolition of the former Preston Police Station in Roseberry Avenue, Preston
- (10) Remove \$150,000 funding for the demolition of the former Preston RSL in Kelvin Grove Preston
- (11) Reduce funding by \$20,000 for Office Accommodation for Darebin City Council municipal buildings to \$80,000
- (12) Reduce project cost by \$85,000 for vehicular plant replacement to \$2,038,000
- (13) Reduce funding by \$25,000 for Professional Development
- (14) Reduce funding by \$25,000 for Industrial relations
- (15) – (22) As per Officer's Recommendation.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Cr. Walsh called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Angela Villella	Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Gaetano Greco	Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Oliver Walsh	Cr. Julie Williams
	Cr. Steven Tsitas
	Cr. Vince Fontana
	Cr. Tim Laurence

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be Lost.

CR. WALSH PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (9) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: -

That Council:

- (1) – (8) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
- (9) \$80,000 for community consultation for grade separation be removed from the Budget.
- (10) – (16) As per Officer's Recommendation.

THE AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above Amendment at 7.14 pm.

CR. WALSH PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE POINT (9) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council:

- (1) – (8) As per Officer's Recommendation and Amendments.
- (9) \$20,000 be allocated to undertake marketing/promotional event(s) for the Thornbury Traders. Business Development is to consult with the Informal Business Group to come up with appropriate event(s) that suit their precinct.
- (10) – (16) As per Officer's Recommendation.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Cr. Walsh called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Oliver Walsh	Cr. Angela Vilella
Cr. Tim Laurence	Cr. Gaetano Greco
	Cr. Vince Fontana
	Cr. Julie Williams
	Cr. Trent McCarthy
	Cr. Bo Li

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the Amendment to be Lost.

UPON COMPLETION OF VOTING ON ALL OF THE SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS, THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. A. Vilella

That Council:

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 - ii) Include \$32,000 to expand the Active Spaces Program in the northern parts of Darebin.
- (e) Other minor modifications including revisions made to the fees and charges schedule including:
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THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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CARRIED

Cr. Tsitas returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.18 pm.

Katia Croce, Council Business Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.22 pm and returned at 7.25 pm.

4.3 STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN 2015 – 2019: REVISION FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET 2016/2017

MINUTE NO. 267

Author: Chief Financial Officer**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services**Report Background**

As the Budget 2016/2017 year is the first year of the Strategic Resource Plan, the previously adopted Strategic Resource Plan must be revised.

This report re-presents the Strategic Resource Plan 2016-2020 and recommends that Council adopt it as its Strategic Resource Plan 2016-2020 and that it forms part of its Council Plan 2013-2017.

The Strategic Resource Plan supports and is consistent with the Council strategic and policy objectives contained in the 2013-2017 Council Plan.

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires that Councils review and adopt a Strategic Resource Plan not later than 30 June each year. The Strategic Resource Plan outlines the resources required to achieve the strategic objectives articulated in the Council Plan and its format and contents are governed by section 126 of the Act.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefings

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

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Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

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- (3) Makes the Strategic Resource Plan 2015/2019 available to the public at its Customer Service Centres and on its website.

CARRIED

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.