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AGENDA

Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting to be held
at Preston Town Hall
284 Gower Street, Preston
on Thursday, 25 June 2020
at 6.00pm.



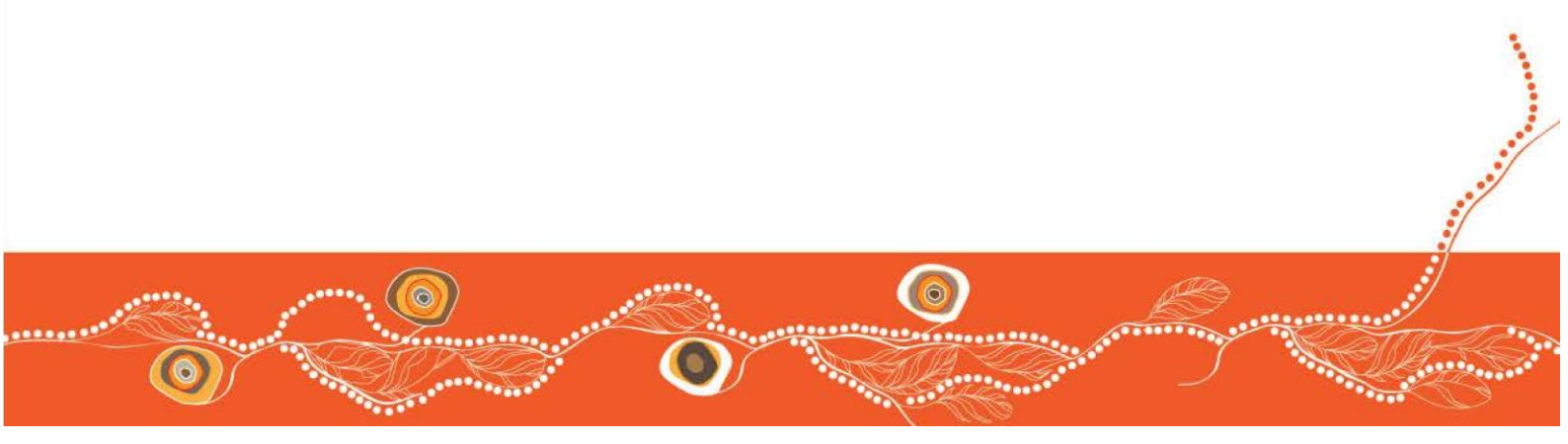
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



English

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Arabic

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Hindi

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Italian

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Nepali

यो परिषद्को बैठकको एजेन्डा हो। एजेन्डाका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

Punjabi

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Somali

Kani waa Ajandaha Kulanka Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

Spanish

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Urdu

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Vietnamese

Đây là Chương trình Nghị sự phiên họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong chương trình nghị sự, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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Agenda

1. MEMBERSHIP

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2020-21

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Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 13 May 2020, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to adopt the draft Annual Budget 2020-21 at a Special Council meeting to be held on 15 July 2020.

Prior to adopting the Budget in its final form, Council placed the Draft Budget on public display inviting submissions by Monday, 15 June 2020 with any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission to be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 6.00pm on 25 June 2020.

Eighty-four (84) submissions were received by the closing date for submissions including thirty-two (32) submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.

The community submissions in total are requesting an estimated \$19.70 million (\$19.42 million for capital works projects and \$282,000 for operating projects).

The submissions have been themed in the following way:

- Recreation & Reserves
- General Matters
- Cycling Infrastructure
- Children's Centres
- Traffic Management
- Environmental Issues
- Public Places
- Additional Funding, Grants and Addressing Disadvantage

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report in relation to all submissions received will be submitted for consideration at a Special Council meeting of the scheduled for 15 July 2020.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Receives and notes the written and verbal submissions.
- (2) Thanks all submitters and presenters for addressing the Committee in support of their written responses.
- (3) Refers all submissions for further consideration to the Council meeting to be held on 15 July 2020 as part of Council's deliberations in the adoption of the Annual Budget 2020-21.

BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION

Council is required to adopt a Budget for each financial year. Prior to adopting the Budget in its final form, Council is required to place the proposed Budget on public display inviting submissions and then after considering all submissions Council can formally adopt a Budget for the financial year.

This report provides details of the submissions made on the Draft Annual Budget 2020-21.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 13 May 2020, Council resolved:

'That Council

- (1) *Adopts the draft Annual Budget 2020–21 and the draft Strategic Resource Plan 2020–24 for the purposes of Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.*
- (2) *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to adopt, at a Special Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 15 July 2020, the Annual Budget 2020–21 (**Appendix A**) and the Strategic Resource Plan 2020–24 (**Appendix B**) presented to that meeting.*
- (3) *Gives public notice in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Council's intention to grant, at a Special Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 15 July 2020, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2020–21 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.*
- (4) *Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the draft Annual Budget 2020–21 or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners, and requests to be heard in support of their written submission, will be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 25 June 2020.*
- (5) *Notes that the draft Annual Budget 2020–21 supports the commencement in 2019-20 of the Darebin City Council COVID-19 Community and Business Resilience and Recovery Package which includes the Community and Economic Development Program and the Business Grants Program.*
- (6) *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any and all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act.'*

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Consultation

The Draft 2020-21 Budget went on public display on 15 May 2020. Given the current conditions and social distancing measures, the consultation will not include public-facing elements. The consultation will include:

- Providing the budget information process to advisory groups and funded bodies through their Council representatives, noting the opportunity for submissions
- Correspondence with clubs etc.
- Social media, including sponsored advertisements with online information and pointers on how to make a budget submission

- Traditional media including newspapers and papers
- Comments to be received on Your Say Darebin
- Councillor media packages

ANALYSIS

Alignment to Council Plan / Council policy

Goal 6 - A well governed Council

Environmental Sustainability Considerations

The Draft Annual Budget 2020-21 continues Council's funding of environmental operations in a range of areas including waste collection, recycling services, street cleaning, litter collection, park and sporting field maintenance and improvements in the context of drought, water-saving and energy efficiency measures.

Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Considerations

The Draft Annual Budget 2020-21 has been prepared using key principles of social inclusion, fairness and equity. These principles determine how Council proposes to raise income and allocate expenditure to fund services and infrastructure.

Around 9,430 eligible Darebin pensioners will receive Council's \$150 rate rebate and one free animal registration.

Cultural Considerations

The Draft Annual Budget 2020-21 includes approximately \$5.1 million for cultural activities including festivals, arts programs and the management and operation of community venues.

Economic Development Considerations

The Draft Annual Budget 2020-21 includes approximately \$1.5 million for economic development activities including the Green Business Expo, export program, activation of vacant shops, working with local trader and business associations to help them improve business performance to develop and implement regional economic growth.

Financial and Resource Implications

No changes have been made to the draft budget arising from the submissions at this time. The community submissions in total are requesting an estimated \$19.70 million (\$19.42 million for capital works projects and \$282,000 for operating projects).

The draft budget has been compiled under the relevant financial and human resource limitations. The consideration of all submissions must take into account the finite resources available to Council in particular, Council's limited financial and resource capacity to undertake all desired projects.

Legal and Risk Implications

Aside from meeting the various relevant sections of the Local Government Act, there are no further legal implications. The operational risk of our spending decisions in the draft budget are a key element in the decision-making process. Full consideration will be given to the risk impacts.

DISCUSSION

The community response to the consultation process this year has been particularly pleasing. Eighty-four written submissions had been received in relation to the Draft Annual Budget 2020-21. The process has been resource intensive but rewarding and has reinforced the value of our processes.

A total of thirty-two have requested to be heard in support of their written submissions.

Copies of all submissions have been circulated separately to Councillors for their information.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Details

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report in relation to all submissions received will be submitted for consideration at the meeting of Council scheduled for 15 July 2020.

Attachments

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.


6. CLOSE OF MEETING

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