



**MINUTES OF THE
HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS
COMMITTEE OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.35 PM

1. PRESENT

Cr. Steven Tsitas (Mayor)
Cr. Stanley Chiang
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Ben Morgan

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer – Rasiah Dev
Director City Works and Development – Michael Ballock
Acting Director Corporate and Business Services – Kerrie Jordan
Group Manager Community Services – Katrina Knox
Director City Design and Environment – Daniel Freer
Acting Governance Manager – Jacinta Stevens
Council Business Coordinator – Ron Downes

2. APOLOGIES

It was noted that Cr. McCarthy is currently on leave of absence.

Apologies were lodged for the absence of the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Asmar and Cr. Katsis

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS
HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

COMMITTEE DECISION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. S. Chiang

THAT the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee meetings held on 23 April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 PROPOSED BUDGET 2012/2013

AUTHOR: Acting Manager Governance

DIRECTOR: Acting Director Corporate and Business Services

SUMMARY:

At its Ordinary Meeting on 7 May 2012, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to adopt the proposed Budget 2012/2013 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 18 June 2012.

Statutory procedures under the Local Government Act 1989 have been completed and twenty-two (22) submissions have been received.

Four (4) of the submitters have requested to be heard in support of their written submission. The submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee.

CONSULTATION:

Community Information Sessions were held on 21 and 23 May 2012

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council officers prepare a report for the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 June 2012 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the proposed Budget 2012/2013.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 7 May 2012, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to adopt the proposed Budget 2012/2013 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 18 June 2012. A public notice was placed in The Age on 9 May 2012 with copies in the Northcote Leader and Preston Leader the following week.

Those persons wishing to make a submission in relation to the proposed Budget 2012/2013 were invited to do so by Wednesday 6 June 2012 with any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission to be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 7.30pm on 12 June 2012.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

At the time of preparing this report (Thursday 7 June 2012), twenty-two (22) written submissions have been received in relation to the proposed Budget 2012/2013. The following four (4) submitters have requested to be heard in support of their written submissions:

- Vasil Metelovski
- Kate Long
- Sue Crow (on behalf Melbourne Heart Football Club)
- Jane Morton (on behalf of Darebin Climate Action Now)

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

Consideration of Submissions

In accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council is required to take into consideration all submissions received in relation to the proposed Budget and after it has made a decision, notify all persons who have made a submission of the decision and the reasons for the decision.

Council has established the Hearing of Submissions Committee to hear and report to Council on submissions received by Council under section 223 of the Act.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Nil

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Nil

Other

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE ACTIONS

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 June 2012 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the proposed Budget 2012/2013. The report will include a management response to the issues raised in the submissions.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Council Minutes 7 May 2012

Public Advertisement in The Age on 9 May 2012

PRESENTATIONS

(1) Vasil Metelovski

In support of his formal written submission dated 11 May 2012 regarding the proposed level of rates for vacant residential land, Mr Metelovski reiterated his concern in relation to the matter, emphasising that he is not a builder a speculator.

(2) Kate Long

In support of her written submission dated 28 May 2012, Ms Long highlighted key aspects and advocated fiscal constraint by the Council in bringing down its 2012/2013 Budget.

(3) Sue Crow and David Kobritz, on behalf of Melbourne Heart Football Club

In support of the Club's submission dated 4 June 2012 and substantive documented proposal provided, Ms Crow, General Manager Community, focussed on the Club's community programs and opportunities for Council to become more involved.

Mr Kobritz, Deputy Chairman, provided a 'snapshot' of Melbourne Heart Football Club since its establishment some 3 years ago.

He indicated that numerous approaches had been made to re-locate from other Councils pointing out that the Club was keen to stay in Darebin. He also advised, by way of example, that Brimbank, Whittlesea, Cardinia, Melbourne, Shepparton and Mornington Councils were having discussions with the Club regarding various proposed jointly funded programs.

(4) Jane Morton, on behalf of Darebin Climate Action Now

Ms Morton essentially spoke to her written submission dated 6 June 2012 on behalf of Darebin Climate Action Now and the issues raised, encouraging Council to invest in energy efficiency programs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Cr. S. Chiang
SECONDED: Cr. B. Morgan

THAT Council officers prepare a report for the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 June 2012 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the proposed Budget 2012/2013.

CARRIED

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.33pm