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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 22 June 2017

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2017**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.34PM

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf opened the meeting with the following statement:

“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Steph Amir (7.46pm)

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Steve Hamilton - Director City Futures and Assets

Katrina Knox - Director Community Development

Andrew McLeod - Director Corporate Services

Jacinta Stevens - Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Allan Cochrane – Chief Financial Officer

Jim Barrett – Coordinator Council Plan and Performance

Jeanette Pope – Corporate Planner

Katia Croce - Coordinator Council Business

Jody Brodribb - Council Business and Governance Officer

Dave Bell - Senior Media Advisor

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was lodged for the initial absence of Cr. Steph Amir.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-227

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council reorder the agenda to hear Items 4.2 (Budget Referrals 2017/2018) and 4.3 (Adoption of 2017/2018 Council Budget and Declaration of Rates) prior to Item 4.1 (Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan 2017/2018).

CARRIED

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4.2 BUDGET REFERRALS 2017/2018

Author: Council Business and Governance Officer

Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 Budget.

Recommendation

That:

- (1) The Mayor invites Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to adoption of the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 Budget, OR
 - (3) Council notes there were no conflicts of interest to be disclosed by any Councillor.
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Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-228

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council notes there were no conflicts of interest to be disclosed by any Councillor.

CARRIED

4.3 ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 COUNCIL BUDGET AND DECLARATION OF RATES

Author: Management Accountant

Reviewed By: Director Corporate Services

Report Background

The Proposed Budget 2017/2018 was received at a Meeting of Council on 8 May 2017. 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, a total of fifty-six written submissions were received. Twelve of the submitters were heard by the Hearing of Submissions Committee on 15 June 2017.

The Proposed Budget 2017/2018 presented a financially sound budget that maintains all services from the previous year which is balanced and community focused. It seeks to maximise meeting diverse community expectations with a rate increase of 2.0% 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 2017/2018, declare the rates for the 2017/2018 financial year and that public notice be given of the decision in accordance with the Act.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 8 May 2017, Council resolved:

'That Council adopts the proposed 2017/2018 Budget for the purposes of public consultation with an amendment to page 123 that the submissions period closes on 8 June 2017 and 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 Council meeting proposed to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22 June 2017, the proposed 2017/2018 Budget (Appendix A).*
- (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 Council meeting proposed to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22 June 2017, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 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 15 June 2017.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

- Councillor Briefing – 16 December 2016
 - Councillor Briefing – 2 February 2017
 - Councillor Briefing – 16 February 2017
 - Councillor Briefing – 16 March 2017
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- Councillor Briefing – 30 March 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 20 April 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 15 June 2017

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - 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 2017/2018 Budget and recommends that Council adopt the attached 2017/2018 Budget, declare the rates for the 2017/2018 Financial Year and that public notice be given of the decision in accordance with the Act.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Having considered all submissions received and having complied with the requirements of sections 127 and 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopt the Budget 2017/2018 (attached as **Appendix A**) inclusive of the following amendments:
 - a. Decrease the financial assistance grant income by \$71,000 to reflect the Victorian Grants Commission allocation of general purpose and local roads grants;
 - b. Increase capital expenditure by \$1,000,000 for the completion of the synthetic pitch replacement at John Cain Memorial Park in line with contractual obligations;
 - c. Other minor modifications including revisions to employee costs, materials and services, other expenditure, user fees and statutory fees and fines;
 - d. Increase operational expenditure by \$78,890 to increase the base amount of funding to Neighbourhood Houses in the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network for 2017/2018 to \$50,000 with the exception of Reservoir Neighbourhood House which will be increased to \$65,000;
 - e. Increase operational expenditure by \$40,000 to undertake additional essential maintenance to the southern and northern rooms at Zwar Park;
 - f. Increase operational expenditure by \$50,000 to commence design works for new pavilion at Zwar Park;
 - g. Increase operational expenditure by \$30,000 for sportsfield lighting design at BT Connor Reserve;
 - h. Increase capital expenditure by \$510,000 to commence sportsfield lighting construction at BT Connor Reserve, Dole Reserve and Mayer Park;
 - i. Increase operational expenditure by \$30,000 for the development of a business plan for a communal food hub at the Melbourne Innovation Centre in conjunction with the Melbourne Farmers Market;

- j. Increase capital expenditure by \$20,000 for site works for a communal food hub at the Melbourne Innovation Centre in conjunction with the Melbourne Farmers Market;
 - k. Increase operational expenditure by \$40,000 to partner with the Melbourne Innovation Centre for the “Future Darebin Start-up Accelerator” project.
- (2) In accordance with sections 158 and 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council declares the Rates and Annual Service Charges for the 2017/2018 rating year commencing 1 July 2017 and ending 30 June 2018 as detailed in the Budget 2017/2018.
- (3) 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 2017/2018 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.
- (4) All submitters be advised that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Proposed Budget 2017/2018 and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission, and they be thanked for their contributions.
- (5) Council give public notice of the adoption of the Budget 2017/2018 in accordance with section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (6) A copy of the adopted Budget 2017/2018 be provided to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

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- (5) Council give public notice of the adoption of the Budget 2017/2018 in accordance with section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (6) A copy of the adopted Budget 2017/2018 be provided to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that point (1) l. to m. be added to the motion as follows:

- l. Increase operational expenditure by \$50,000 for master plan for multi purpose and multi user stadium at BTConnor Reserve Reservoir;
- m. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for safety upgrade for Storey Rd reserve Reservoir to address two missing lights on existing poles, cracked link footpath and overgrown trees casting shadows in park at night;
- n. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 to commence design and scope to increase size of pensioner meeting room at Reservoir Civic Centre;
- o. Refer to the Nature Trust community request for \$15,000 for habitat rehabilitation of former lakeside secondary land (-\$7500 budget impact);
- p. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for establishment of social housing trust;
- q. Increase capital expenditure by \$350,000 for drainage works at Purinuan Rd and Increase capital expenditure Reservoir;
- r. Increase capital expenditure by \$950,000 for the construction of Tee Street bridge Kingsbury as recommended in cycling strategy;

- s. Increase operational expenditure by \$20,000 for Kangaroo Habitat Protection Plan.

This was not accepted by Cr. Rennie and Cr. Messina.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) l. Increase operational expenditure by \$50,000 for master plan for multi purpose and multi user stadium at BTConnor Reserve Reservoir;
- m. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for safety upgrade for Storey Rd reserve Reservoir to address two missing lights on existing poles, cracked link footpath and overgrown trees casting shadows in park at night;
- n. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 to commence design and scope to increase size of pensioner meeting room at Reservoir Civic Centre;
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- s. Increase operational expenditure by \$20,000 for Kangaroo Habitat Protection Plan.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) l. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for establishment of local social housing initiatives;

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME PART OF THE MOTION.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) m. Increase operational expenditure by \$50,000 for master plan for multi purpose and multi user stadium at BTConnor Reserve Reservoir;

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME PART OF THE MOTION.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- (1) n. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 for safety upgrade for Storey Rd reserve Reservoir to address two missing lights on existing poles, cracked link footpath and overgrown trees casting shadows in park at night;

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) n. Increase operational expenditure by \$25,000 to commence design and scope to increase size of pensioner meeting room at Reservoir Civic Centre;

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: -

That Council:

- (1) n. Increase capital expenditure by \$350,000 for drainage works at Purinuan Rd and St Vigeons Rd and Increase capital expenditure Reservoir;

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Amendment

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THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) n. Increase capital expenditure by \$950,000 for the construction of Tee Street bridge Kingsbury as recommended in cycling strategy;

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) n. Increase operational expenditure by \$20,000 for Kangaroo Habitat Protection Plan.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

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THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-229

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

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- (6) A copy of the adopted Budget 2017/2018 be provided to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with section 130(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence called for a Division:

For

Against

Abstained

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

The Chairperson, Cr. Kim Le Cerf, declared the motion to be carried.

Cr. Amir entered the meeting during initial discussions of the above item at 7.46pm.

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf asked Cr. Amir if she had any conflicts. Cr. Amir disclosed no conflicts.

Motion

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

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday 26 June 2017 at 8.00pm.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

CARRIED

**4.1 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021, STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN
2017-2021 AND ACTION PLAN 2017/2018**

Author: Coordinator Council Plan and Performance

Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

The Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan for the Four Years Ended 2017-2021, and one year Action Plan 2017-2018, have been prepared and made available for public comment for 28 days. Amendments have been made as a result of public submissions and the plans are now ready to adopt.

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to prepare a Council Plan that contains the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives, and indicators to monitor the achievement of those objectives. It is also required to include a Strategic Resource Plan containing, among other things, a series of standard financial statements. The Act requires Council to publish a public notice for the draft plan notifying of the right to make a submission in relation to the adoption of a Council Plan, and of the right to appear at (or be represented at) a meeting in support of that submission.

Council made a decision to write an overarching strategic vision in the Council Plan and support that with an annual Action Plan to detail the work that would be undertaken to meet that vision.

Council received around 40 written and verbal submissions through its various mechanisms for feedback – our 'Your Say' website, an open town hall invitation, and formal hearing of submissions. The submissions were overwhelmingly positive and contained around 90 practical suggestions for the Action Plan. These suggestions, along with other feedback, were circulated to staff for consideration for this, or future, action plans. The Council and Action Plans were subsequently amended.

This report provides the final versions of the Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan, and Action Plan 2017-2018.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 8 May 2017, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- 1) *Formally adopts the draft Council Plan 2017-2021 (Appendix A), the Action Plan 2017-2018 (Appendix B) and the Strategic Resource Plan (Appendix C) and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with sections 125 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.*
- 2) *Notes that any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed Council Plan and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Councils Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street, Person at 7pm on Thursday 15 June 2017.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

- Councillors Workshop – 16 December 2016
- Councillor Briefing – 6 March 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 27 March 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 26 April 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 15 June 2017

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Strategy 6.1 Good Governance

Summary

After extensive consultation with residents, businesses and other stakeholders Council developed a Council Plan 2017-2021, Strategic Resource Plan for the four years ended 2017-2021, and Action Plan 2017-2018 where it outlines the priorities and vision that will guide its four year term. The City of Darebin faces a number of challenges in the coming years and the Council Plan sets out how Council will address them. For the first time at Darebin, there is also an Action Plan that sets out in more detail how the objectives of the Plan will be achieved.

At its meeting of 8 May 2017, Council resolved to give public notice of the proposed Plan, Action Plan and associated Strategic Resource Plan on public exhibition according to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Responses to the proposed Plan closed at midnight on Thursday 8 June 2017. In addition to the public exhibition, the proposed plans were on display in the Shire Hall, available online with an electronic submission form and promoted via social media and at Darebin Libraries.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Having considered all written and verbal submissions received and having complied with section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopts the Council Plan 2017-2021 attached at **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) In accordance with section 126 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopts the Strategic Resource Plan attached at **Appendix B** to this report.

- (3) Adopts the Action Plan 2017-2018 attached at **Appendix C** to this report, which outlines Council's commitment to meet objectives within the Council Plan 2017-2021 over the first twelve month period.
- (4) Notes an Action Plan will be developed with Council annually over the four year Council Plan period to ensure all objectives are met by 2021.
- (5) Notes all submitters to the Council Plan 2017-2021 will be thanked for their contributions and advised of the outcome of the considerations made as it relates to their specific submission.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Having considered all written and verbal submissions received and having complied with section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopts the Council Plan 2017-2021 attached at **Appendix A** to this report.
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- (4) Notes an Action Plan will be developed with Council annually over the four year Council Plan period to ensure all objectives are met by 2021.
- (5) Notes all submitters to the Council Plan 2017-2021 will be thanked for their contributions and advised of the outcome of the considerations made as it relates to their specific submission.

Cr. Gaetano proposed to the mover and seconder that the following changes be made to the Council Plan.

'Our Vision: A greener, bolder, more ~~connected~~ **welcoming** city'.

This was not accepted by Cr. Amir and Cr. Rennie

Katia Croce, Coordinator Council Business temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.16pm and returned at 9.18 pm.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That our vision in the Council Plan be 'A greener, bolder, more ~~connected~~ **welcoming** city'.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

ADJOURNMENT – 9.20 PM

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf adjourned the meeting for a 5 minute break.

The meeting resumed at 9.30 pm.

Amendment

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

That Our big actions section in the Council Plan also include the following:

Develop a new model to maintain quality aged care services (Goal 2.1)

Increase participation of diverse population groups, in our services, facilities and programs (Goal 5.1)

Increase the intercultural competency of our workforce and upgrade our recruitment practises to actively recruit for diversity to ensure our workforce reflects our community. (Goal 5.1)

With leave of the Chairperson, both Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence withdrew the Amendment.

Amendment

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

That Goal 2 in the Council Plan be amended as follows:

We make our opportunities accessible to all, including **prioritising people on low income and** our most vulnerable.

2.1 (Re: "Over this plan we will:" - para 7)

Review **with a view to maintaining** our **quality** aged and disability care services in light of Federal Government changes and maintain short waiting timers for our aged care services, keeping levels of satisfaction above 85%

*(Re: Box headed "Working in a changing aged care and disability service system" change as follows:) Aged and disability care is provided by all three levels of government. Local government has traditionally been a provider of services. New Federal government reforms (Aged Care Reform and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)) will introduce an open market and increased client choice and control over the period of this plan. This will bring new service providers into the market. This changed service system presents a **challenge** opportunity for Council to **continue** ~~transform~~ its activities to ensure it a ~~local response that~~ reflects the needs and desires of our older people and those with disability. We will still **maintain** ~~provide~~ services and facilities, but will also provide information, planning, coordination and partnership building in the new more complex environment. We will also need to take on greater advocacy leadership to ensure Darebin continues to be an inclusive, age-friendly and accessible city into the future.*

2.2 (Re: "Over this plan we will:" - para 7)

Markedly increase participation for girls, women, **CALD, refugees, asylum seekers** and low income residents by reviewing the "inclusivity" of facilities and programs and reducing barriers such as fees or perception of safety.

(Re: "Over this plan we will:" - para 13)

Continue to support and invest in community based organisations, activities and programs that promote participation and social connection, **particularly for low income residents and marginalised groups..**

Phil Shanahan, CEO temporarily left during discussion at 9.41pm and returned at 9.44 pm

9.47pm

Suspension of Standing Orders

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Councillors to have an open discussion.

CARRIED

Jacinta Stevens, Director Civic Governance and Compliance temporarily left during discussion at 9.54 pm and returned at 9.58 pm

10.09pm

Resumption of Standing Orders

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council resolves to resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

Extension of Time

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the Council meeting continue after 10.10pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-230

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That the Amendment be put to the vote.

CARRIED

Amendment

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

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Continue to support and invest in community based organisations, activities and programs that promote participation and social connection, **particularly for low income residents and marginalised groups...**

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That the Council Plan be put to the vote now with no further debate.

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf, the motion was not accepted due to the interest of fairness, the motion had not been fully debated.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

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- (2) In accordance with section 126 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, adopts the Strategic Resource Plan attached at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (3) Adopts the Action Plan 2017-2018 attached at **Appendix C** to this report, which outlines Council's commitment to meet objectives within the Council Plan 2017-2021 over the first twelve month period.
- (4) Notes an Action Plan will be developed with Council annually over the four year Council Plan period to ensure all objectives are met by 2021.
- (5) Notes all submitters to the Council Plan 2017-2021 will be thanked for their contributions and advised of the outcome of the considerations made as it relates to their specific submission.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder point 6) be added to the motion. This was accepted by Cr Amir and Cr. Rennie.

- (6) Receive quarterly updates on progress of the Action Plan and provide a process for potential word changes to the above plans later in 2017.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

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Amendment

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

That Goal 4 in the Council Plan be amended as follows:

4.1 (Re: 'Over this plan we will' –para 1)

Support and increase local business of all kinds, **including the CALD business owners**, micro businesses, freelancers, social enterprises and Non-Government Organisations that are emerging in our increasingly service based economy.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

Cr. Amir temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.24pm.

Cr. Laurence temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.25pm.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: -

That Goal 5 in the Council Plan be amended as follows:

We will lead on equity and **harness the talents** of ~~recognise~~ our diverse community as ~~our greatest asset~~ for solving future challenges.

5.1 We will ensure our services, facilities and programs benefit all, ~~including~~ **prioritising low income earners and** our most vulnerable

Re: 'Over this plan we will':

*(dash point 1) - **Increase** Foster participation of by diverse population groups in our services, facilities and programs*

*(dash point 3) - combat discrimination, racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia **with targeted projects and programs***

*(new dash point 4) - **structure services and programs to prioritise low income earners and the vulnerable***

*(last dash point) - **increase the intercultural competency of our workforce and upgrade our recruitment practises to actively recruit for diversity to ensure our workforce reflects our community** ~~Eliminate barriers to bring a diverse workforce, such as language and the reach of our advertising, and increase intercultural competency of our workforce~~*

THE AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco

SECONDED: -

That Goal 5 in the Action Plan be amended as follows:

Goal 5 (include all changes as per Council plan above)

Re: 2017/18 actions working towards targets – changes as follows:

- **Conduct a diversity profile of our workforce**
- Advocate to the Federal government to provide greater support for **newly arrived migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers**
- **Apply co-design principles and approaches to** implement actions to improve our communication with our multicultural community in response to the 2016 Census and research we undertook in 2016/17 to understand community preferences
- **Review service fees and discounts for healthcare card holders and low income earners**
- **Develop and conduct a diversity audit program of council services, facilities and programs**

THE AMENDMENT LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 10.28pm.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Goal 5 in the Action Plan be amended as follows:

Goal 5 (include all changes as per Council plan above)

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- **Conduct a diversity profile of our workforce**
- Advocate to the Federal government to provide greater support for **newly arrived migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers**
- **Apply co-design principles and approaches to** implement actions to improve our communication with our multicultural community in response to the 2016 Census and research we undertook in 2016/17 to understand community preferences
- **Continue to review service fees and discounts for healthcare card holders and low income earners**
- **Develop and conduct a diversity audit program of council services, facilities and programs**

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

Cr. Amir returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.29pm.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

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Cr. Messina temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.33pm and returned at 10.38 pm.

Extension of Time

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That the Council meeting continue after 10.40pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-231

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

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CARRIED

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.40pm.