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MINUTES OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Thursday 15 June 2017

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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 STREET PRESTON ON THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.01PM

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. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina (7.02pm)

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Katrina Knox - Director Community Development

Nathan Moresi – Acting Director City Futures and Assets

Andrew McLeod - Director Corporate Services

Jacinta Stevens - Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Oliver Vido - Director Operations and Environment

Allan Cochrane - Chief Financial Officer

Kyle D'Souza - Business Support Accountant

Katia Croce - Coordinator Council Business

Jody Brodribb - Council Business and Governance Officer

2. APOLOGIES

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

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Decision

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

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting held on 27 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Committee Decision

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

That the following submitters who have requested to speak, be allowed to speak and present to Council in relation to their written submissions:

- Graeme Martin (submission #33)
- John Berriman (submission #55)
- Stefan Schutt/Angie Davidson-Slater (submission #54)
- Whitlam Malkoun (submission #11)
- Stephen Wilson (submission #56)

CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 PROPOSED BUDGET 2017/2018

Author: Management Accountant

Reviewed By: Director Corporate Services

Report Background

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 Proposed 2017/2018 Budget.

Previous Council Resolution

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

'That 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
- Councillor Briefing – 30 March 2017
- Councillor Briefing – 20 April 2017

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

At its meeting on 8 May 2017, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to adopt the Proposed 2017/2018 Budget at a meeting of Council to be held on 22 June 2017.

Prior to adopting the Budget in its final form Council placed the Proposed Budget on public display inviting submissions by Thursday 8 June 2017 with any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission to be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 7.00pm on 15 June 2017.

Sixty-one submissions have been received including eight submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.

The submissions in total are requesting an estimated \$5.26 million for capital works projects and \$1.02 million for operating projects.

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report in relation to all submissions received will be submitted for consideration at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 22 June 2017.

The following people spoke in support of their written submissions and were thanked by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Serena O'Meley (submission #1)*
- *Anne Laver (submission #3)*
- *Colleen Duggan (submission #10)*
- *David Furniss (submission #13)*
- *Zak Gruveski (submission #14)*
- *Olaf Ciolek (submission #21)*
- *Juliet Hall (submission #25)*
- *Miranda Sharp (submission #29)*
- *Graeme Martin (submission #33)*
- *John Berriman (submission #55)*
- *Stefan Schutt/Angie Davidson-Slater (submission #54)*
- *Stephen Wilson (submission #56)*

Committee Decision

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

That Council:

- (1) Officers prepare a report for the Council Meeting on 22 June 2017 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the Proposed Budget 2017/2018.
- (2) Thank presenters and all submitters for addressing the Committee in support of their written responses.

CARRIED

Cr. Lina Messina entered the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.02pm.

Katia Croce, Coordinator Council Business, temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.50pm and returned at 7.55pm.

Allan Cochrane, Chief Financial Officer, temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.58pm and returned at 8.00pm.

Oliver Vido, Director Operations and Environment, temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.20pm.

Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services, temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.22pm.

5.2 PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 AND ACTION PLAN 2017/2018**Author:** Coordinator Council Plan and Performance**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to prepare a Council Plan ('the Plan'). The Act requires that the Plan contain the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives and indicators to monitor the achievement of those objectives. Further, the Council Plan is required to include a Strategic Resource Plan containing, among other things, a series of standard financial statements.

Following the development of a Council Plan, Councils are required to publish a public notice 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.

This report provides details of the submissions made on the Proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 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

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 has developed a proposed Plan 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 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, 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*. Responses to the proposed Plan closed at midnight on Thursday 8 June 2017. In addition to the legal guidelines on 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.

The following people spoke in support of their written submissions and were thanked by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Allan Hale*
- *Anne Laver*
- *Robert Stopajnik*

Committee Decision

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

That Council:

- (1) Officers prepare a report for the Council Meeting on 22 June 2017 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the proposed Council Plan 2017-2021 and Action Plan 2017/2018.
- (2) Thank presenters and all submitters for addressing the Committee in support of their written responses.

CARRIED

Oliver Vido, Director Operations and Environment, returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.24pm.

Andrew McLeod, Director Corporate Services, returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.24pm.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.