

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Monday, 26th June 2023

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The meeting commenced at 6.51pm in the Council Chamber, 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham.

Present: Cr Hadi Saab (Mayor)
Cr Chris Hill (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Tamsin Bearsley
Cr Tim Cochrane
Cr Jenna Davey-Burns
Cr Tracey Davies
Cr Cameron Howe
Cr George Hua
Cr Steve Staikos

In Attendance: Peter Bean, Chief Executive Officer
Jonathan Guttmann, General Manager Planning and Place
Dan Hogan, General Manager Customer and Corporate Support
Samantha Krull, General Manager Infrastructure and Open Space
Kate Waters, Acting General Manager Community Strengthening
Bernard Rohan, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Shacklock, Acting Manager Governance
Patrick O’Gorman, Governance Officer
Gabrielle Pattenden, Governance Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cr Oxley and Cr Eden were submitted to the meeting.

Moved: Cr Bearsley

Seconded: Cr Cochrane

That the apologies from Cr Oxley and Cr Eden be received.

CARRIED

2. Foreshadowed Declaration by Councillors, Officers or Contractors of any Conflict of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest submitted to the meeting.

3. Chief Finance Office Reports

3.1 Adoption of 2023/24 Budget, 2023-2033 Financial Plan and 2023-2027 Revenue & Rating Plan

Moved: Cr Staikos

Seconded: Cr Davey-Burns

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2023/24 Budget and statutory information (including fees and charges) as attached to this report (refer Appendix 1);
2. Adopt the 2023-2033 Financial Plan (refer Appendix 2);
3. Adopt the 2023-2027 Revenue & Rating Plan (refer Appendix 3);
4. In respect of Rates and Charges declare:
 - a) A differential rate for rateable land having the characteristics specified in the Revenue & Rating Plan, which characteristics will form the criteria for each differential rate so declared:
 - i. General Land;
 - ii. Agricultural Land;
 - iii. Extractive and Landfill Land;
 - iv. Retirement Village Land;
 - v. Residential Heritage Land;and that the rate (based on the cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value set out below) be;

Category	Rate in the \$
Agricultural Land	0.0014129
Extractive and Landfill Land	0.0052983
General Land	0.0017661
Residential Heritage Land	0.0015895
Retirement Village Land	0.0015895

- b) A Municipal Charge of \$100 per rateable property; and
- c) Waste Service Charges as follows:

Service Choice A - 120 litre garbage, 240 litre recycling and 240 litre green waste bins including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy

Service Choice B – 80 litre garbage, 240 litre recycling and 240 litre green waste bins including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy

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Service Choice C – 120 litre garbage, 240 litre recycling and 120 litre green waste bins including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$329
Service Choice D – 80 litre garbage, 240 litre recycling and 120 litre green waste bins including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$276
Service Choice E – 120 litre garbage and 240 litre recycling bins including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$267
Service Choice F – 80 litre garbage and 240 litre recycling bins including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$220
Service Choice G – 240 litre x 2 Share Garbage, 240 litre Recycle including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$209
Service Choice H – 240 litre x 3 Share Garbage, 240 litre Recycle including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$167
Service Choice I – 240 litre x 4 Share Garbage, 240 litre Recycle including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$150
Service Choice P – 120 litre x 2 Share Garbage, 240 litre Recycle including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$150
Service Choice W – Additional 120 litre Green Waste Bin	\$67
Service Choice X – Additional 240 litre Green Waste Bin	\$84
Service Choice Y – Additional 240 litre Garbage Bin including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$206
Service Choice Z – Additional 120 litre Garbage Bin including recovery of costs attributable to the State Government Landfill Levy	\$195
5. Grant a waiver of \$120.0 of general rates for properties eligible for the State Government Municipal Rates Concession in accordance with Section 171 of the Local Government Act 1989.	
6. Determine to allow:	
6.1. in accordance with Section 167(1) and (2), payment of rates and charges by four approximately equal instalments paid on or before 30 September 2023, 30 November 2023, 28 February 2024 and 31 May 2024;	
6.2. in accordance with Section 167(2A) and (2B) payment of rates and charges by lump sum on or before 15 February 2024;	
6.3. payment of rates and charges by ten approximately equal direct debit payments from 1 September 2023 until 1 June 2024;	
6.4. payment of rates and charges in any instalment (only via the Payble	

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payment solution, and providing rates and charges are paid in full by 31 May 2024).

7. Determine that no incentive be declared for early payment of general rates, municipal charge and waste service charge.
8. Note that a Cultural and Recreation Lands Policy will be considered at a future Council meeting that affects the rating of these properties. Should the Cultural and Recreational Lands Policy not be adopted, Council will rollover the existing Cultural and Recreational Lands Agreements for another year.
9. Determine the following changes to Council Reserves to be enacted:
 - 9.1. Continue existing Council contributions to the Green Wedge Reserve and Foreshore Reserves beyond 2024/25 and ongoing (previously scheduled to lapse in the existing Financial Plan)
 - 9.2. Establish the Art Fund Reserve in line with previous Council resolution to fund public art
 - 9.3. Establish the Capital Reserve Fund and direct \$3 million to this fund in 2023/24 with future project savings allocated to this fund for utilisation on the capital works program, including to potentially offset future borrowing requirements for the new aquatic and leisure centre.
10. Determine that the Chief Executive Officer of Council be authorised to give public notice of the adoption of these documents if required.
11. Determine that the Manager Finance be authorised to levy and recover the general rates, municipal charge and annual waste service charges in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
12. Having considered all feedback made, provide written responses to each of the contributors of the decision, and thank them for their interest in Council's Budget process.
13. Authorise the Manager Finance to make any changes to these documents as a result of this resolution, including minor and/or administrative wording and grammar changes if required.
14. Authorise Officers to do all things necessary to make all required applications to commence the statutory processes required for the delivery of the budgeted capital works program.
15. Upon consideration of the Walking and Cycling Strategy in the July or August 2023 cycle, Council be presented with options for additional cycling projects to be funded in 2023/24 from the available capital works program, road infrastructure renewal program or any other source officers recommend.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Staikos requested through the Chair and was granted an extension of time to speak on the matter.

Note: Cr Hill requested through the Chair and was granted an extension of time to speak on the matter.

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4. Confidential Items

Nil

The meeting closed at 7.19pm.

Confirmed.....

The Mayor 26 June 2023