

CITY OF WEST TORRENS



MINUTES

of the

SPECIAL FINANCE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

of the

CITY OF WEST TORRENS

held in the Civic Centre
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton

on

**TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2017 and adjourned to TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017
at 7.00pm**

**Terry Buss
Chief Executive Officer**

City of West Torrens Disclaimer

Please note that the contents of this Committee Minutes have yet to be considered by Council and officer recommendations may be altered or changed by the Council in the process of making the formal Council decision.

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1 MEETING OPENED

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 9.15pm.

1.1 Evacuation Procedures

The evacuation procedures were taken as read.

2 PRESENT

Committee Members:

Cr G Vlahos (Presiding Member)

Mayor J Trainer

Councillors: R Haese, G Palmer, C O'Rielly, K McKay, S Rypp, M Hill, A Mangos, S Tsiaparis, G Nitschke, J Woodward, M Farnden

Officers:

Mr T Buss (Chief Executive Officer)

Ms P Koritsa (General Manager Business and Community Services)

Mr B Ross (General Manager Corporate and Regulatory)

Mr A Catinari (General Manager Urban Services)

Ms L Gilmartin (Finance Coordinator)

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies

Committee Members:

Cr Tony Polito

Cr George Demetriou

Lateness

Cr Garth Palmer (9.16pm)

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Simon Tsiaparis

Seconded: Cr Arthur Mangos

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9.16pm Cr Garth Palmer entered the meeting.

4 DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Regulatory Prescribed Standing Committee held on 21 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Arthur Mangos

Seconded: Cr Cindy O'Rielley

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

6 COMMUNICATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The following communication was presented by the Presiding Member, Cr George Vlahos:

'Welcome fellow councillors and senior staff to the first of a number of meetings to consider and eventually adopt the 2017/18 budget and business plan.

It is my intention during the course of deliberations on the budget to relax formal proceedings, as has been normal practice over recent years. This will allow all members of this Council to participate in the consideration and review of the budget without being constrained by rules that normally govern standing committee meetings.

I also intend to follow the structure proposed in the Agenda report, which will involve starting at page 1 and working progressively through the document.'

7 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

8 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

9 REPORTS OF GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Budget and Annual Business Plan 2017/18

The first draft of the 2017/18 budget and annual business plan was tabled for Council review and consideration.

Short Term Suspension of Proceedings

Moved: Cr Kym McKay

Seconded: Cr Simon Tsiaparis

That in accordance with Division 2 (Prescribed Procedures) of Council's Code of Practice for Procedures at Meetings, proceedings be suspended temporarily to allow informal discussion on the 2017/18 Draft Budget and Annual Business Plan.

CARRIED

9.18pm Short term suspension of proceedings commenced.

A review of the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan 2017/18 commenced on page 1.

The document was discussed, with Elected Members asking questions which were responded to by the Administration.

End of Short Term Suspension of Proceedings

Moved: Cr Kym McKay

Seconded: Cr Michael Farnden

That the period of short-term suspension of proceedings, be ended.

CARRIED

10.02pm Short term suspension of proceedings ended.

Adjournment of the Meeting

Moved: Cr Michael Farnden

Seconded: Cr Kym McKay

That the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 11 April 2017, with proceedings to be resumed at page 26 of the 2017/18 Draft Budget and Annual Business Plan document.

CARRIED

The Presiding Member adjourned the meeting at **10.04pm**.

TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017 MEETING RECONVENED

MEETING RESUMED

7.05pm the Presiding Member reconvened the meeting adjourned from 4 April 2017 to 11 April 2017.

Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedures were taken as read.

PRESENT

Committee Members:

Cr G Vlahos (Presiding Member)

Mayor J Trainer

Councillors: R Haese, G Palmer, C O'Rielly, K McKay, S Rypp, G Demetriou, M Hill, A Mangos, G Nitschke, T Polito, J Woodward, M Farnden, S Tsiaparis

Officers:

Mr T Buss (Chief Executive Officer)

Ms P Koritsa (General Manager Business and Community Services)

Mr B Ross (General Manager Corporate and Regulatory)

Mr A Catinari (General Manager Urban Services)

Mr N Biggs (Manager Financial Services)

Ms L Gilmartin (Finance Coordinator)

APOLOGIES

Lateness

Cr Garth Palmer (7.09pm)

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Simon Tsiaparis

Seconded: Cr Steven Rypp

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATION BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Nil

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

Resumption of Item 9.1 Budget and Annual Business Plan 2017/18**Short Term Suspension of Proceedings**

Moved: Cr Arthur Mangos

Seconded: Cr Steven Rypp

That in accordance with Division 2 (Prescribed Procedures) of Council's Code of Practice for Procedures at Meetings, proceedings be suspended temporarily to allow informal discussion on the 2017/18 Draft Budget and Annual Business Plan.

CARRIED

7.07pm Short term suspension of proceedings commenced.

Page by Page Review of the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan 2017/18 resumed from page 26. The document was discussed, with Elected Members asking questions which were responded to by the Administration.

7.09pm Cr Garth Palmer entered the meeting.

8.09pm Cr Tony Polito retired from the meeting.

8.25pm Cr George Demetriou retired from the meeting.

8.37pm Cr Rosalie Haese retired from the meeting.

9.06pm Cr Megan Hill retired from the meeting.

End of Short Term Suspension of Proceedings

Moved: Cr Garth Palmer

Seconded: Cr Arthur Mangos

That the period of short-term suspension of proceedings, be ended.

CARRIED

9.20pm Short term suspension of proceedings ended.

MOTION

Moved: Cr John Woodward

Seconded: Cr Simon Tsiaparis

That \$200,000 in dog kennel funding be removed from the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan for 2017/18.

CARRIED**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Steven Rypp

Seconded: Cr John Woodward

That \$200,100 in funding to facilitate post-radio frequency identification system changes in the Hamra Centre be removed from the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan for 2017/18.

CARRIED**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Arthur Mangos

Seconded: Cr Kym McKay

That \$105,000 in funding for the purchase of portable CCTV equipment be added to the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan for 2017/18.

CARRIED**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Arthur Mangos

Seconded: Cr Kym McKay

That \$150,000 in funding to upgrade the bluestone cottage be added to the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan for 2017/18.

Cr Steven Rypp declared a perceived conflict of interest during debate on this item when rate capping was introduced into the debate as he is the Liberal Party candidate for Seat of Lee in the 2018 State Election and remained in the meeting for discussion and vote on the item.

CARRIED

Cr Steven Rypp voted against the motion moved by Cr Arthur Mangos and seconded by Cr Kym McKay.

The decision was set aside by the Presiding Member when Cr John Woodward called for a Division.

In Favour: Crs George Vlahos, Arthur Mangos, Kym McKay, Cindy O'Rielly, Garth Palmer, Mayor John Trainer and Simon Tsiaparis

Against: Crs Graham Nitschke, Steven Rypp, John Woodward and Michael Farnden

The Presiding Member declared the motion **CARRIED**

MOTION

Moved: Cr Arthur Mangos
Seconded: Cr Simon Tsiaparis

That a table showing State Government charges that are a part of the draft Budget and Annual Business Plan for 2017/18 be included in the Summary Annual Business Plan for Council that is circulated to ratepayers with their rates notices, with this table to show how these charges have increased.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee recommends to Council that the proposed 2017/18 budget and annual business plan be released for public consultation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kym McKay
Seconded: Cr Garth Palmer

The Committee recommends to Council that the 2017/18 budget and annual business plan as amended by the Committee be released for public consultation.

CARRIED

10 MEETING CLOSE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 9.41pm.