

**City of Kingston
Special Council Meeting**

Minutes

12 July 2010

A Special Meeting of the Kingston City Council was held at 7.00pm at 1230 Nepean Highway Cheltenham on Monday 12 July 2010.

Business was as follows:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest**
- 3. Reports by Officers**
M 124 2010/2011 Annual Budget
- 4. Urgent Business**
- 5. Confidential Items in Camera**

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Kingston City Council held at 1230 Nepean Highway Cheltenham, on Monday 30 November 2009 at 6.08pm.

Present: Cr Steve Staikos (Mayor)
Cr Donna Bauer (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Arthur Athanasopoulos
Cr Ron Brownlees
Cr Lewis Dundas
Cr Paul Peulich
Cr John Ronke
Cr Trevor Shewan
Cr Rosemary West OAM

In Attendance: John Nevins – Chief Executive Officer
Mauro Bolin – General Manager Community Sustainability
Tony Rijs – General Manager Environmental Sustainability
Paul Franklin – General Manager Corporate Services
Belinda Ayres – Acting General Manager Organisational
Development & Governance
Bernard Byrden – Manager Finance
Michael Fry – Team Leader Council Business

Business was as follows:

1. Apologies

Nil.

2. Declaration by Councillors or Officers of any conflict of interest.

Cr Brownlees declared an interest through close association in relation to Part A of agenda item M 124. Cr Brownlees also advised he had provided written advice on the conflict of interest to the CEO.

3. Reports by Officers

M124 Advertising of Proposed 2010/11 Budget

Approved by: John Nevins, Chief Executive Officer

Author: Paul Franklin, General Manager Corporate Services

Background

Under the *Local Government Act 1989* as amended by the *Local Government (Democratic Reform) Act 2003* (“the Act”), Council is required to prepare and adopt an annual budget. The budget is required to be adopted by 31 August each year.

The key objective of the Long Term Financial Plan and this budget is financial sustainability; in particular, this plan provides the resources to allow Council to adequately fund service delivery to the community and the required level of maintenance of the community’s infrastructure assets such as roads, footpaths, drains and Council buildings.

As directed officers have prepared a Budget for the 2010/11 financial year and Long Term Financial Plan which seeks to balance the demand for community services, prudent management of existing assets and the demand for new assets with the community’s capacity to pay.

Following the February Strategic Workshop, Councillors have previously considered briefings on both the long-term financial plan and the 2010/11 budget on: 3 May 2010; 7 June 2010; 21 June 2010; 1 July 2010; and 7 July 2010.

Council is required to formally resolve to advertise its inspection period for the Draft Budget and Statutory Information required pursuant to Section 127(2)(d) and Section 158(1) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004.

To give effect to these recommendations, a Public Notice will be inserted in *The Age* on Wednesday 14 July 2010 noting that copies of the Draft Budget and Statutory Information will be available for inspection at Council’s Customer Service Centres and Libraries. They will also be available for inspection and downloading from Council’s website www.kingston.vic.gov.au. Further, the Public Notice will invite written submissions on proposals contained in the Draft Budget by 5.00pm on Thursday, 12 August 2010. This is a period of 28 days for the community to provide comment on the Draft Budget and Council Plan as is required under Section 223 of the Local Government Act. Council will then meet at a Special Council Meeting to be held at 6:00pm on 16 August 2010 to hear any presentations in support of submissions received in relation to the Draft Budget. Council will then formally consider the Budget for adoption along with community comment on 23 August 2010.

Recommendation A

That:-

Council includes in its Budget, to be exhibited to the community, funding for its Library and Education Services as follows:

Materials	\$1,763,430
Employee Costs	\$3,456,502
Income	\$999,679
Net Rates Contribution	\$4,220,253

and Capital Projects as follows:

Clarinda Library Expansion	\$150,000; and
Library Amenity Improvements	\$100,000

Recommendation B

That:-

1. Council notes that the Budget annexed to this resolution has been prepared pursuant to Sections 125 and 127 of the Local Government Act 1989;
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to:-
 - (a) give public notice of the preparation of such Budget, in accordance with Sections 125 and 129 of the Local Government Act; and
 - (b) make available for public inspection the information required to be made available by Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004; and
3. Council hear any presentations in support of any submissions received in relation to the draft Budget, made in accordance with Sections 129(2) and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, at A Special Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 16 August 2010 at 6.00pm at 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham.

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The Chairperson, the Mayor, Cr Staikos, indicated that this matter would be dealt with in two separate parts.

Cr Brownlees disclosed a conflict of interest, through close association, in relation to Part A of this matter and left the room at 7.10pm, prior to the discussion commencing, and remained outside until after the vote had been taken.

Crs Ronke/Athanasopoulos

That the recommendation contained in Part A of the report be adopted.

Carried

Cr Brownlees returned to the meeting at 7.12pm.

Crs Athanasopoulos/Brownlees

That the recommendation contained in Part B of the report be adopted.

Carried

A division was called.

Division

For

Mayor Cr Staikos
Cr Athanasopoulos
Cr Brownlees
Cr Dundas
Cr Ronke

Against

Cr Bauer
Cr Peulich
Cr Shewan
Cr West

The Chairperson declared that the motion was **carried**.

The Chairperson thanked Councillors and staff for their time and efforts during the lengthy process undertaken to get the budget to this point. The Chairperson indicated that the proposed budget would now be released for public consultation.

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4. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

5. Confidential Items in Camera

There were no items in camera.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.

Confirmed.....His Worship The Mayor 26 July 2010.