

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2003

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Mayor

MAYOR D CARLOS - Chairman

Elected Members:

Cr L PROSPERO	Lakeside Ward	
Cr P KIMBER	Lakeside Ward	
Cr T BREWER	Marina Ward	<i>Absent from 1925 hrs to 1926 hrs</i>
Cr J F HOLLYWOOD, JP	North Coastal Ward	
Cr A WALKER	Pinnaroo Ward	
Cr S HART	South Ward	
Cr M O'BRIEN, JP	South Ward	
Cr J GOLLANT	South Coastal Ward	<i>Absent from 2029 hrs to 2032 hrs</i>
Cr G KENWORTHY	South Coastal Ward	<i>Absent from 1938 hrs to 1940 hrs</i>
Cr C MACKINTOSH	Whitfords Ward	<i>Absent from 1917 hrs to 1923 hrs</i>
Cr M CAIACOB	Whitfords Ward	

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer:	D SMITH
Director, Planning & Community Development:	C HIGHAM
Director, Corporate Services & Resource Management:	P SCHNEIDER
Director Infrastructure and Operations:	D DJULBIC
Manager Financial Services:	A SCOTT
Management Accountant:	J STENHOUSE
Manager, Strategic and Sustainable Development:	R HARDY
Manager Infrastructure Management & Ranger Services:	P PIKOR
Team Leader, Sustainable Development:	S EVANS
Minute Clerk:	L TAYLOR

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1840 hrs.

Apologies:**Leave of absence previously approved:**

Cr C Baker - 5 July 2003 to 31 July 2003 inclusive
Cr A Nixon - 10 July 2003 to 30 July 2003 inclusive
Cr T Brewer - 11 July 2003 to 21 July 2003 inclusive

Apologies for Absence: Crs Nixon and Rowlands

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Cr Kimber declared an interest which may affect his impartiality in the application for \$80,000 for a new boat, submitted by the Whitfords Sea Rescue Group, as he is employed by FESA.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2003**

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Cr Brewer that the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on 26 June 2003 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Director Corporate Services and Resource Management outlined the process for this meeting of the Budget Committee.

A Powerpoint presentation was provided to elected members – Attachment 1 refers – with information being provided in relation to the following:

- Five year financial forecast
- Comparative rate increases of other Councils
- Recap of capital works programme
- Review of proposals
- Budget timetable

Director Infrastructure and Operations referred to the Budget Committee meeting held on 26 June 2003 and made reference to various adjustments that have been made to the 2003/04 Five Year Capital Works schedule as a result of discussions at that meeting. This has created a net total adjustment of \$749,041 – Appendix 2 refers.

Proposals as at 7 July 2003

Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate Services and Resource Management gave an overview and explanation of all proposals listed as Priority One Projects which were recommended for inclusion in the draft budget – Appendix 3 refers.

A number of questions were raised by elected members regarding the projects.

CM36 - Promotion of the 2003 World Cup Rugby

Chief Executive Officer advised that the amount for this project is listed as \$20,000. However, recent advice received from the West Australian Rugby Union has stated costs would be more in the vicinity of \$60,000 for a major screen to be erected at Arena Joondalup.

It was requested that a report be provided to elected members in relation to costs associated with this issue.

F229 - Midge Strategy

Cr O'Brien queried the full-time employment of the person currently undertaking the duties of Yellagonga Catchment Group Co-Ordinator.

Director, Planning and Community Development advised this position was not required in a full-time capacity, part time was adequate. The situation of the position being full-time could be looked at as a separate budget item at a future date should this be required.

J023 - Public Website Development

Cr O'Brien indicated he had been having problems with email and queried whether any adjustments/upgrades had been undertaken.

Manager, Information Management to send email to all elected members to explain the changes in email processes.

Projects for Future Years**F489 - YMCA Mobile Youth Service**

Cr Hollywood raised a query as to whether the mobile bus would remain within the City and felt this item should be included in the 2003/04 draft budget.

Priority 3 Listings**F678 - Whitfords Sea Rescue Boat Replacement**

Cr Kimber gave an overview of the need for the Whitfords Sea Rescue group to purchase a replacement vessel and the funding requirements associated with this.

He advised funding for this did not fall within the emergency services levy and was the first request made to Council for funding assistance.

Mayor Carlos requested a report be provided to elected members in relation to this issue.

Late Item

F701 - Environmental Centre Feasibility and Master Plan

Manager, Strategic and Sustainable Development referred to the report sent out Friday 4 July 2003 as requested by the Budget Committee which outlined the above proposal.

Manager, Strategic and Sustainable Development gave an overview of the recent announcement by CALM with reference to the possibility of locating the proposed environmental centre at Luisini Winery. If this plan were to eventuate, it would be funded by the Federal Government. A meeting will be held with CALM on Wednesday, 9 July 2003 with a view to discussing this issue.

A report on this issue is to be prepared for consideration by the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Budget Timetable

Director Corporate Services and Resource Management advised that the next meeting of the Budget Committee scheduled for Tuesday, 15 July 2003 was now not necessary. The next meeting would be scheduled for Thursday, 24 July 2003.

Refurbishment - Craigie Leisure Centre

Elected members raised a number of concerns in relation to the proposed refurbishment of Craigie Leisure Centre.

Discussion ensued in relation to the public consultation process and the need to fully take into account the wishes of the community.

It was suggested that the architect be requested to attend the next Briefing Session to address elected members and revisit the various options and cost implications associated with each of those options.

During discussions, the following movements occurred:

Cr Mackintosh left the Room at 1917 hrs and returned at 1923 hrs;

Cr Brewer left the Room at 1925 hrs and returned at 1926 hrs;

Cr Kenworthy left the Room at 1938 hrs and returned at 1940 hrs;

Cr Gollant left the Room at 2029 hrs and returned at 2032 hrs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Thursday 24 July 2003.

Director Corporate Services and Resource Management advised the next meeting would discuss the Principal Activity Plan feedback and possibly an update with respect to the Craigie Leisure Centre facility. This meeting should show the final budget document prior to approval.

At this stage, it was still envisaged that a Special Meeting of Council would be held on 5 August 2003 for the purpose of adoption of the 2003/04 Budget.

Director Corporate Services and Resource Management referred to the Schedule of Fees and Charges sent to elected members on 12 June 2003. He requested that elected members communicate any comments/changes they may have by Friday 11 July 2003.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2045 hrs, the following elected members being present at that time:

MAYOR D CARLOS
Cr L PROSPERO
Cr P KIMBER
Cr T BREWER
Cr J F HOLLYWOOD, JP
Cr A WALKER
Cr S HART
Cr M O'BRIEN, JP
Cr J GALLANT
Cr G KENWORTHY
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