



Cardinia

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL 1

held in the Council Chambers, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer
on Tuesday, 16 May 2017
The meeting commenced at 7pm

PRESENT: Mayor, Brett Owen, Chairman

Councillors Michael Schilling, Collin Ross, Jodie Owen, Graeme Moore, Ray Brown, Leticia Wilmot, Jeff Springfield (7.03pm)

Messrs Garry McQuillan (CEO), Derek Madden (GMCS),
Andrew Paxton (GMPD), Jenny Scicluna (GMCWB), Doug Evans (MG)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly request that you bestow your blessings upon this Council, direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of your glory and to the betterment of the peoples of Cardinia Shire. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LANDOWNERS

The Cardinia Shire Council respectfully acknowledged that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people.

APOLOGIES:
Cr Carol Ryan.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS
Nil.

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RESPONSIBLE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR Richard Williams

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council receive and note the submissions received in response to the public advertisement of the Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan; and
2. The submissions be considered by the Council at its meeting to be held on Monday 29 May, following which all submitters be advised in writing of the outcome of their submission and the reasons the decision has been taken.

Attachments

- 1 Summary table of submissions 2 Pages
- 2 Copies of written submissions received 45 Pages

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the closing date for the lodgement of submissions on the Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan, 18 submissions had been received. In addition, approximately 158 anonymous submissions have been received, these being postcards produced by the Property Council of Australia titled 'Stop Penalising Retirement Village Residents'.

Details of submissions received are included in the table attached.

BACKGROUND

At the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 3 April 2017, Council resolved to release the Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan for public comment in accordance with legislative requirements of the Act. Public notice was given advising of the required statutory details regarding the Budget and Council Plan submissions to be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 3 May 2017.

The Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan have been on public display at the Council offices, libraries, and on the Council website.

Council will consider the adoption of the Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan, with or without amendments, at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday 29 May 2017, to be held at the Council Chambers, Siding Avenue, Officer.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council is required under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 to hear those persons who have lodged submissions and have requested to be heard in support of their submission.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

Long term financial sustainability (Section 5.3).

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan have been made available at the Pakenham, Emerald, and mobile libraries, Council offices, and on the Council website as part of the statutory consultation process.

Community information sessions were held at the Officer Civic Centre, Gembrook Community Centre and Koo Wee Rup Community Centre during April 2017. Although not overly attended, these sessions provided the opportunity for the community to engage with Senior Management of Council. A number of issues were discussed at these forums. The main items are listed below.

1. Council infrastructure, in particular roads, was highlighted as an area that needs to be adequately resourced. At the Gembrook meeting, a number of the attendees voiced their concern over the condition of the unsealed road network and the maintenance program required to improve this.
2. Sporting infrastructure - the issue around a second oval needed for Koo Wee Rup was discussed.
3. At the Gembrook meeting, the importance of the town keeping its character and dealing effectively with any additional traffic etc. that may be caused with the expanded operations of the Puffing Billy railway in the town.
4. Council's financial sustainability was discussed and residents expressed a desire for Council to be as prudent as possible with public funds and ensure that value for money was been received for works completed.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Any changes to income or expenditure would require corrections to be made to the Proposed Budget 2017-18 document.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to hear those persons who have wished to speak in support of their submission lodged in regard to the Proposed Budget 2017-18 and Amended Council Plan.

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Cardinia Waters Retirement Village

Dorothy Tippelt thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and introduced the Village Manager, Mr Matty Vella to present to the submission.

Mr Vella, Manager, Cardinia Waters Village, spoke in support of the submission lodged in regard to the budget and explained that the Village was seeking a development grant in the order of 7.5% to 15% of the income received by the Council from rates levied on the retirement village units as an infrastructure grant to the Retirement Village. This was intended to recognise that the Village has very little drain on the Council's resources as they were self-sufficient for many of the services provided.

Graeme Taylor also spoke in detail in regard to the proposal and in support of the 333 units at the Village and affirmed that the Village was not seeking a differential rate for the village, but a development grant as a rebate to the Village as part of an agreed process to assist with developments at the Village.

The Mayor asked why council should be spending council funds in a private retirement village.

Mr Vella advised that he saw the grant as no different to council investing in other community facilities.

Cr Schilling asked in regard to service fees charged on the retirement village units.

Mr Taylor advised that he did not see that question to be relevant as the service fees are provided to maintain the facilities and units within the Village.

Ms Tippelt asked if Council had enquired into what other Councils were doing in regard to retirement villages.

The Mayor advised that once the Council digests the submissions received investigations would be undertaken in regard to other Council's rating of retirement villages.

Mr Rob Castelow

Mr Castelow circulated a detailed written presentation to the Council regarding the Council Plan and spoke to the presentation and encouraged the Council to take a bottom up approach to the development of the bicycle strategy and pedestrian paths.

Mrs Gloria O'Connor

Mrs O'Connor congratulated Mr Castelow on his presentation and then spoke to her submission, noting that the rates had been capped at 2% however with the growth that is occurring this is putting pressure on the Council's budget.

The Chief Executive Officer clarified that the growing suburbs fund was applicable to the whole Shire and not just the growth corridor.

Mrs O'Connor proceeded to raise particular issues of concern in regard to maintenance issues and requested the Council to address these maintenance issues, Mrs O'Connor also mentioned the delay in contacting the Council via the 1300 number and suggested further staff resources to improve this service.

In conclusion Mrs O'Connor congratulated the Council on a well-planned budget document and enquired in regard to the detail included in the other budget submissions.

Moved Cr G Moore Seconded Cr L Wilmot

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The Mayor thanked all of the persons present in the gallery, in particular those that spoke to their submissions and declared the meeting closed

Meeting closed at 7.51pm

Minutes Confirmed
Chairman