

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON TUESDAY 16 JULY 2002.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Mayor

J BOMBAK, JP - Chairman

Elected Members:

Cr P KADAK	Lakeside Ward	<i>Absent from 2101 hrs to 2103 hrs</i>
Cr P KIMBER	Lakeside Ward	<i>Absent from 2101 hrs to 2102 hrs</i>
Cr J F HOLLYWOOD, JP	North Coastal Ward	
Cr A WALKER	Pinnaroo Ward	
Cr T BARNETT	South Ward	
Cr M O'BRIEN, JP	South Ward	
Cr A L PATTERSON	South Coastal Ward	
Cr G KENWORTHY	South Coastal Ward	<i>Absent from 2131 hrs to 2133 hrs</i>
Cr J HURST	Whitfords Ward	
Cr C MACKINTOSH	Whitfords Ward	

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer:	D SMITH	
Director, Planning & Community Development:	C HIGHAM	
Director, Infrastructure & Operations:	D DJULBIC	
Acting Director Corporate Services & Resource Management:	A SCOTT	
Manager Project Policy & Planning:	R HARDY	
Manager, Audit & Executive Services:	K ROBINSON	
Manager, Marketing Communications & Council Support:	M SMITH	
Manager, Approvals, Planning and Environmental Services:	C TERELINCK	
Management Accountant	J STENHOUSE	
Publicity Officer:	L BRENNAN	<i>to 2132 hrs</i>
Committee Clerk:	J AUSTIN	

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 2053 hrs.

Apologies:

Apologies for Absence: Crs Carlos, Nixon, Baker and Rowlands

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2002**

MOVED Cr Kadak, SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 5 June 2002 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Nil

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chief Executive Officer gave a brief overview of the documents presented to this meeting of the Budget Committee.

ITEM 1 PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET OVERVIEW– [76514]

The Acting Director Corporate Services and Resource Management provided details of the proposed final budget overview.

During discussion:

Cr Kimber left the Room at 2101 hrs and returned at 2102 hrs;

Cr Kadak left the Room at 2101 hrs and returned at 2103 hrs.

The Committee was advised that within Attachment 1 “2002/2003 Budget – Revised Budget” the first shown amount of \$133,000 was incorrect and should read “\$248,000”.

The Committee was advised that the draft 2002/2003 Budget is a balanced budget.

Discussion ensued in relation to:

- The reference made by Mr Ron de Gruchy at the Briefing session held on 16 July 2002 to a \$ 7.5 million surplus within the previous year’s budget. This matter was clarified as including ‘Carry Forward Works’;
- The refurbishment of the administration building;
- Additional costs relating to RANS and the future operations at the leisure centre;
- Feasibility of the transfer of funds allocated for the proposed new Depot site.

MOVED Cr Kadak, SECONDED Cr Hurst that it be recommended that the Draft 2002/2003 Budget Documentation INCORPORATE the additional costs and income to achieve a balanced budget as detailed in Attachment 1 hereto.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Appendix 1 refers.

ITEM 2 CARRY FORWARD SURPLUS – [76514]

The Acting Director Corporate Services and Resource Management provided an overview of the carry forward surplus including End of Year Surplus, Carry Forward Capital Works, Carry Forward Projects and Carry Forward Grants as at 30 June 2002.

Discussion ensued.

Cr Kenworthy left the Room at 2131 hrs.

MOVED Cr Kadak, SECONDED Cr Kimber that it be recommended that the end of year surplus and carry forward balances as at 30 June 2002 be AGREED for inclusion in the Draft 2002/2003 Budget Documentation as detailed in Attachment 1 hereto.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Appendix 2 refers.

ITEM 3 CHANGES DUE TO RANS SITUATION – [76514]

Cr Kenworthy entered the Room at 2133 hrs.

Discussion ensued in relation the feasibility of transferring funds from Reserve.

MOVED Cr Kadak, SECONDED Cr Walker that it be recommended that the Draft 2002/2003 Budget Documentation BE AMENDED to take into account the lost revenue of \$13,000 from the former lease income and the inclusion of \$500,000 as an estimated cost for the operation of the leisure centres by the City of Joondalup.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ITEM 4 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES PLAN 2002/2003 to 2006/2007 - PUBLIC COMMENT – [76514]

The Chief Executive Officer advised that four submissions had been received, and a summary of matters raised. The matters raised were considered, however did not significantly change the Principal Activities Plan.

MOVED Cr Kadak, SECONDED Cr Kimber that it be recommended that Council:

- 1 NOTES that four submissions were received on the draft Principal Activities Plan 2002/2003 to 2006/2007;**
- 2 ENDORSES the action to revise the draft Principal Activities Plan 2002/2003 to 2006/2007 to incorporate relevant changes based on community comment, if required and to reflect the approved 2002/2003 Budget.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ITEM 5 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES – [76514]

MOVED Cr Kimber, SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that the Draft 2002/2003 Budget Documentation INCORPORATE the Schedule of Fees and Charges as detailed in Appendix A and B hereto.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Appendix refers

ITEM 6 RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES – [76514]

MOVED Cr Kadak, SECONDED Cr Walker that it be recommended that the Reserve Account balances and the amounts shown BE AGREED for inclusion in the Draft 2002/2003 Budget Documentation.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer advised it was proposed that the Special Meeting of Council be held to adopt the 2002/2003 Budget on Tuesday 30 July 2002. He stated that if the Council had any concerns which may affect the adoption of the Budget on that date, it is suggested that a Budget Committee be held on 24 July 2002 to resolve such concerns.

Cr Patterson raised opposition to the proposed 4.5% rate increase, and would like less funds to be transferred to Reserves to reduce the rate increase. Cr Hollywood advised that a 4.5% rate increase could be increased in view of future works and the lag behind CPI over the past five years. Extensive discussion ensued.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that elected members had given a direction that the budget was to be prepared on the basis of a 4.5% rate increase. This had been done to achieve a balanced budget, and elected members would now have to look at the reduction of funds placed in Reserve or a reduction in the Capital Works Programme to accommodate a reduction in rates.

Cr Patterson requested information on previous rate increases. It was advised that this information had been supplied previously at the meeting of 7 May 2002.

Cr Kadak requested information on the rate increases approved by other local governments.

In response to a query from Cr Hurst regarding the inclusion of Refuse Charges in Pensioner/Senior rebate schemes, the Acting Director Corporate Services and Resource Management advised that a report is currently being prepared for submission to the next meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association North Zone to commence lobbying the State Government to obtain pensioners' rebate for refuse charge on behalf of all local governments.

Cr Hurst requested that information be provided of elected members' attendance at all previous Budget Committee meetings.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that in view of the comments made in relation to a rate increase, a Budget Committee meeting would be held on 24 July 2002, with a complete draft Budget to be presented to that Committee meeting to enable elected members to reach agreement on the proposals prior to the Special Meeting of Council.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 2200 hrs; the following elected members being present at that time:

MAYOR J BOMBAK
Cr P KADAK
Cr P KIMBER
Cr J HOLLYWOOD
Cr A WALKER
Cr M O'BRIEN
Cr T BARNETT
Cr A PATTERSON
Cr G KENWORTHY
Cr J HURST
Cr C MACKINTOSH