CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2003

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Mayor

MAYOR D CARLOS - Chairman

Elected Members:

Cr L PROSPERO Lakeside Ward Absent from 2053 to 2054 hrs

Cr T BREWER Marina Ward

Cr C BAKER Marina Ward Absent from 2219 to 2221 hrs

Cr J F HOLLYWOOD, JP
Cr A WALKER
Pinnaroo Ward
Cr S HART
Cr M O'BRIEN, JP
South Ward

Cr J GOLLANT South Coastal Ward Absent from 2315 to 2317 hrs

Cr M CAIACOB Whitfords Ward

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer: D SMITH
Director Planning and Community Development: C HIGHAM

Director, Corporate Services

& Resource Management:

Director Infrastructure and Operations:

Manager Financial Services:

Management Accountant:

P SCHNEIDER

D DJULBIC

A SCOTT

Management Accountant:

J STENHOUSE

Manager, Marketing Communications &

Council Support M SMITH
Manager Audit and Executive Services: K ROBINSON
Manager, Strategic and Sustainable Development: R HARDY
Manager, Assets & Commissioning: C SMITH
Manager Community Development Services; G HALL

Manager Infrastructure Management &

Ranger Services: P PIKOR
Committee Clerk: J AUSTIN

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 2052 hrs.

Apologies:

Apologies for Absence: Crs Rowlands, Nixon, Kimber and Kenworthy.

Leave of absence previously approved:

Cr C Mackintosh 13 May 2003 to 3 June 2003 inclusive

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Cr Prospero left the Room at 2053 hrs and returned at 2054 hrs.

Cr Baker declared a financial interest in the Joondalup Regional Performing Arts Centre project as the centre will be located in close proximity to Cr Baker's business.

Cr Baker declared an interest which may affect his impartiality in the Connolly Community Centre as he lives within the district.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2003

MOVED Cr Baker SECONDED Cr Gollant that the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on 22 May 2003 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

ITEM 2 CORPORATE PROJECTS

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the format for the presentation to be provided to the Budget Committee. The Chief Executive Officer stated that the senior management team was of the opinion that 14 projects were a stretch on existing resources and that 10 would be a more manageable number.

Senior Officers then gave a presentation of the Corporate Projects – Attachment 1 refers.

Discussion ensued, with the following points raised on the Corporate Projects:

Connolly Community Centre

Cr Baker declared an interest which may affect his impartiality in the Connolly Community Centre as he lives within the district.

The Director Infrastructure and Operations provided background information.

A query was raised in relation to costs of chairs. It was advised that the chairs were a higher cost to accommodate users' special needs.

Following a query from Cr Baker, the Director Infrastructure and Operations advised there would not be surplus funds available at the conclusion of the project.

Currambine Community Centre

The Director Planning and Community Development provided background information and advised it was unlikely that the budgeted funds would be spent over the next year.

Cr O'Brien believed the City should lobby members of Parliament to advance the area.

Ocean Reef Development

The Manager Audit and Executive Services provided background information and advised that State Government support was needed to progress the project.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that an additional amount in the region of \$700,000 would be required to undertake all the studies.

Mayor Carlos stated he would raise the project at his forthcoming meeting with the Premier.

IT Review

The Director Corporate Services and Resource Management provided background information.

Support for Small Business

The Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development provided background information

Cr Baker queried why no funds were included within the 2004/05 year. The Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development advised it was hoped that the majority of the work for the CBD will be undertaken within the next 12 months and future projects have not yet been discussed.

Discussion ensued in relation to tourism and possible initiatives within the City.

Learning City of Joondalup

The Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development provided background information

Discussion ensued in relation to support and assistance provided by ECU and TAFE.

Cr Baker believed the community needed to be better informed on what is involved in this project.

Craigie Leisure Centre

The Chief Executive Officer stated that Craigie Leisure Centre will be the most important of the City's projects.

The draft budget has been prepared showing a 3% rate increase in accordance with the Council guidelines set in late 2002, which would allow the City to continue with the Capital Works Programme which has been submitted.

In the event of the Craigie Leisure Centre project proceeding, at a cost in the region of \$7.5 million, the City would be required to borrow substantial funds. The Chief Executive Officer advised that if the Council wished to proceed with the Craigie Leisure Centre Project and the Capital Works Programme as submitted, the City would be looking at a rate increase between 6-7% based on the figures available at the moment.

Discussion ensued as to where other funds would be obtained.

Tamala Park (Lot 118)

The Chief Executive Officer provided background information and advised that this project will probably be removed as a corporate project until the seven owner Councils come to an agreement.

Discussion ensued. Cr O'Brien requested information on the legal agreement.

Secondary Waste Treatment Facility

The Director Infrastructure and Operations provided background information and stated there is no immediate budgetary impact from this project. He believed a 12-month delay may occur.

Discussion ensued

Cr Baker left the Room at 2219 hrs and returned at 2221 hrs.

Employer of Choice

The Chief Executive Officer provided background information.

Discussion ensued.

Works Depot

The Manager Assets and Commissioning provided background information and advised that the construction of the bridge is an 18 month process. Discussion ensued in relation to relocation of high voltage power poles within the site.

The Works Depot is scheduled to open in June 2005, to coincide with the end of the lease of the Wanneroo Depot.

Sorrento Beach Development

The Director Infrastructure and Operations provided background information and spoke of project costs and time span.

Following a query from Cr O'Brien, information was provided in relation to special area rating, which was not considered an option for funding of this project.

Discussion ensued in relation to grant funding and asset swapping.

Joondalup Regional Performing Arts Centre

Cr Baker declared a financial interest in the Joondalup Regional Performing Arts Centre project as the centre will be located in close proximity to Cr Baker's business.

The Manager Audit and Executive Services provided background information.

Discussion ensued.

Mullaloo Beach Development

The Director Planning and Community Development provided background information.

Discussion ensued.

Cr Caiacob spoke in support of the construction of the dual use path.

ITEM 1 BUDGET COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Budget Committee meetings not be held with open doors.

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Cr Hollywood that it be recommended that Council APPROVES that the Budget Committee meetings be held with OPEN DOORS.

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

TIED (5/5)

There being an equal number of votes, the Mayor exercised his casting vote and declared the Motion CARRIED

Minimum rating.

Mayor Carlos requested that a report be submitted to the next Budget Meeting to be held on 12 June 2003 in relation to minimum rating for residential blocks.

Cr Gollant left the Room at 2315 hrs and returned at 2317 hrs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for 12 June 2003.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 2318 hrs, the following elected members being present at that time:

MAYOR D CARLOS
Cr L PROSPERO
Cr T BREWER
Cr C BAKER
Cr J F HOLLYWOOD, JP
Cr A WALKER
Cr S HART
Cr M O'BRIEN, JP
Cr J GOLLANT
Cr M CAIACOB