

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2004

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

CMR J PATERSON – Chairman
CMR P CLOUGH
CMR M ANDERSON
CMR S SMITH
CMR A FOX

Officers:

Acting Chief Executive Officer:	C HIGHAM
Director, Corporate Services & Resource Management:	P SCHNEIDER
Acting Director, Planning and Community Development:	G HALL
Manager Operations Services:	D CLUNING
Manager Audit and Executive Services:	K ROBINSON
Manager Infrastructure Management and Ranger Services:	P PIKOR
Manager Financial Services:	A SCOTT
Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development:	R HARDY
Management Accountant:	S RYAN
Team Leader, Organisational Policy & Planning:	G BLAKE
Committee Clerk:	J HARRISON

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1837 hrs.

Apologies:

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Cmr Smith declared an interest that may affect her impartiality in all Budget items that relate to:

- Currambine, as her daughter lives in that suburb;
- Padbury, as her husband owns property in that suburb.

Cmr Smith advised she would declare a financial interest in relation to Padbury if the need arose.

Cmr Clough declared an interest that may affect his impartiality in all Budget items that relate to:

- Woodvale, as he lives in that suburb;
- Kingsley, as he owns property in that suburb.

Cmr Fox declared an interest that may affect her impartiality in all Budget items that relate to the suburb of Padbury as she lives in that suburb.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JULY 2004

MOVED Cmr Smith SECONDED Cmr Anderson that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget Committee held on 27 July 2004 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (5/0)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Director Corporate Services and Resource Management outlined the outcomes from the previous Budget Committee meetings and the proposed process for this evening's meeting. A powerpoint presentation was made to the Committee in relation to:

- Craigie Leisure Centre project funding;
- Financial Hardship policy;
- Principal Activities Plan;
- Draft Budget.

A copy of the powerpoint presentation forms Appendix 1 hereto.

ITEM 1 CRAIGIE LEISURE CENTRE PROJECT FUNDING

The Director Corporate Services and Resource Management provided a detailed explanation of the four funding options for the Craigie Leisure Centre, and advised the Committee that Option 1 has the least negative impact on the five year model.

Discussion ensued. Cmr Paterson believed that Option 1 was the most responsible option for Commissioners to adopt, taking into account the following years' budgets.

Cmr Smith raised concern at the reduction in the budget for library staff training, and felt that the allocation for elected members' child care was overstated. The Committee was advised that there is the capacity within the current budget to accommodate library staff training. In relation to the child care allowance, this was an estimate based on previous years and includes costs for Commissioners as well as elected members.

MOVED Cmr Smith SECONDED Cmr Clough that the additional funding required for the Craigie Leisure Centre redevelopment is achieved by using Option 1 – Savings, deferrals and partial utilisation of 2003/04 surplus, as detailed on Appendix 2 hereto.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (5/0)

ITEM 2 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

The Acting Director Planning and Community Development advised that the Financial Hardship Policy was resubmitted for consideration by the Committee, following input from Cmr Smith and Fox.

Discussion ensued in relation to the rewording of the policy under “2 – Applicant contribution”.

MOVED Cmr Clough SECONDED Cmr Anderson that the Budget Committee RECOMMENDS that Council accepts the amended clause covering Financial Hardship contained within Policy 2.4.4 – Rates Charges, as shown on Appendix 3 hereto, subject to the following amendment:

Point 2 – Applicant Contribution, 2nd dot point be amended to read:

“If it is determined from evidence that the contribution will exacerbate the level of hardship then consideration may be given to writing off all or part of the late payment interest.”

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (5/0)

ITEM 3 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES PLAN

The Committee was provided with an overview of the report and submissions received.

Comment was sought on the use of the term ‘cultural facility’. The Committee was advised that historical reference would necessitate use of the term ‘*performing arts centre*’, and future reference will refer to ‘cultural facility’.

Discussion ensued in relation to the Ocean Reef Boat Harbour project. Cmr Smith asked that positive note be taken of the intense support of the community and also time lines be provided for the project. The Acting Chief Executive Officer suggested that an indication could be given that the Structure Plan is likely to be completed in 2006.

In relation to the comments of the Burns Beach Residents, Ratepayers and Community Recreation Association relating to the groyne, Cmr Smith asked that the wording be amended to indicate that comments reflect the views of the Association. Cmr Smith raised concern as to whether warning signs were required at Burns Beach and requested the administration to give consideration to this matter.

MOVED Cmr Clough SECONDED Cmr Fox that the Budget Committee, having considered the submissions received, NOTES the content of the submissions and RECOMMENDS the Principal Activities Plan for 2004/2005 – 2008/2009 for acceptance by the Joint Commissioners, with the following modifications:

- 1 include the City’s vision, mission statement, values and guiding principles in the Plan (pages 4-5);**
- 2 the first paragraph on page 9 to read: “It is expected that in 2004/2005 the City will have an overall expenditure budget of \$98.3 million and will collect rates of \$45.1 million from 57,479 properties.”;**
- 3 the last paragraph on Page 11 to read: “The Principal Activities Plan provides for the transfer to reserves totalling \$3.5 million over the next four years to provide for the Joondalup Regional Performing Arts Centre – Cultural Facilities”.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (5/0)

ITEM 4 DRAFT BUDGET

Cmr Fox queried whether it was more appropriate that reference to percentages be removed from Policy 2.4.4, to avoid the need for future amendments. The Director Corporate Services and Resource Management advised that at this stage it was considered preferable to amend the figures, with a more comprehensive review of the policy being undertaken at a later stage. Cmr Anderson requested that at that time consideration be given to the hardship policy and its application to other payments to the City.

Cmr Clough requested to be provided with information in relation to Reserves and their target figures for corporate projects.

MOVED Cmr Clough SECONDED Cmr Anderson that it be recommended that Council ADOPTS the 2004/2005 Draft Budget (forming Appendix 4 hereto) at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 19 August 2004, subject to appropriate reference to the “year ending” being amended to read: “30 June 2005”.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (5/0)

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 1955 hrs; the following Commissioners being present at that time:

CMR J PATERSON
CMR M ANDERSON
CMR P CLOUGH
CMR S SMITH
CMR A FOX