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Hearing of Submissions meeting to be held
at Darebin Civic Centre,
350 High Street Preston
on Thursday, 9 June 2016
at 7.00 pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS
COMMITTEE OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Bo Li
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Angela Vilella
Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Julie Williams (7.02 pm)

Council Officers

Gavin Cator – Acting Chief Executive
Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services
Katrina Knox – Director Community Development
Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance
Allan Cochrane – Chief Financial Officer
Kyle D’Souza – Business Support Accountant
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was lodged for the absence of Cr. Tsitas.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Vilella disclosed a conflict of interest in relation to submitter 10 - Rosebank Cricket Club.
Cr. McCarthy declared an ‘interest’ in relation to submitters 30 to 37 – WH Robinsons Reserve Pavilion

Cr. Williams entered the meeting at 7.02 pm

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 15 March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 PROPOSED BUDGET 2016/2017

Author: Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Director Corporate Services

Report Background

Council is required to adopt a Budget for each financial year. Prior to adopting the Budget in its final form, Council is required to place the Proposed Budget on public display inviting submission and then after considering all submissions Council can formally adopt a Budget for the financial year.

This report provides details of the submissions made on the Proposed 2016/2017 Budget.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 2 May 2016, Council resolved:

'That any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed 2016/2017 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2016.'

Previous Briefing(s)

- Councillor Workshop – Briefing 1: 12 December 2015
- Councillor Planning Weekend – Briefing 2: 5 March 2016
- Councillor Briefing 3: 31 March 2016
- Councillor Briefing 4: 18 April 2016
- Councillor Briefing 5: 26 April 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

At its meeting on 2 May 2016, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to adopt the Proposed 2016/2017 Budget at a meeting of Council to be held on 27 June 2016.

Prior to adopting the Budget in its final form Council placed the Proposed Budget on public display inviting submissions by Friday 3 June 2016 with any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission to be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at 7.00pm on 9 June 2016.

Seventy-five submissions have been received including thirteen submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.

The submissions in total are requesting an estimated additional \$3.35 million for capital works projects excluding purchase of Ruthven Primary School and Lakeside Secondary School and \$1.65 million for operating projects.

Following the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting, a report in relation to all submissions received will be submitted for consideration at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 27 June 2016.

Presentations

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, the following people spoke in support to their written submissions.

- Vance Duke (Queen Street Reservoir Residents) – Submission # 2
- Paddy McVeigh (PRACE) – Submission # 6
- Colleen Duggan (SPAN Community House) – Submission # 7

Cr Vilella disclosed a conflict of interest in hearing the following submission declaring it as an indirect interest by close association as her cousin is the treasurer of the club.

Cr Vilella left the meeting prior to the submission being heard at 7.18 pm

- James Allery (Vice President - Rosebank Cricket Club) – Submission # 10

Cr. Vilella returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above submission at 7.13 pm

- Freedom Preston-Clark (Darebin Information Volunteer and Resource Service (DIVRS)) – Submission # 12
- Lee O'Mahoney (animal rescue volunteer) – Submission # 21
- Kathleen Chapman (resident, Save Darebin Pets) – Submission # 25

Cr. McCarthy declared an 'interest' in the following item as his daughter plays for the Darebin Falcons and he is an assistant coach at the club.

- Jasmine Hirst (Darebin Women's Sports Club) – Submission # 30
- Natarajan Balakrishnan (resident) – Submission # 46
- Serena O'Meley (resident) – Submission # 52
- Stephanie Amir (resident) on behalf of Kim Le Cerf (resident) – Submission # 66
- Susanne Newton (resident) – Submission # 68
- Stephanie Amir (resident) – Submission # 69

Cr. Laurence declared an 'interest' in the above submission as there was reference made to the United Soccer Club during the submission and he has a relative playing for the club.

Cr. McCarthy also declared an 'interest' in the above submission as there was reference made to Bell Primary School and his daughter attends the school.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana thanked all speakers for addressing the Committee in support of their written submissions.

Recommendation

That Council officers prepare a report for the Council Meeting on 27 June 2016 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the proposed budget 2016/2017.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That:

- (1) Council officers prepare a report for the Council Meeting on 27 June 2016 addressing the written submissions received and verbal presentations heard in respect of the proposed budget 2016/2017.
- (2) Thank presenters for addressing the Committee in support of their written and/or verbal submissions.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Li and Cr. Walsh.

- (3) Thanking submitters in writing be a part of the standard recommendation for all future submissions.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

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- (3) Thanking submitters in writing be a standard recommendation for all future submissions.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COMMITTEE DECISION AS FOLLOWS:

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

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CARRIED

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.