



MINUTES of

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on 21 March 2023 at 4:00pm

Attendance at Meeting:

Councillors: Mayor R Bell (Chair)

Cr T Bower

Cr S Burrows

Cr McMullen

Cr T O'Connor

Cr L Petrov

Cr T Toomey

Apologies:

Cr R Crouch

Cr L Doran

Staff:

Ms K Jessep, General Manager

Ms C Valencius, Executive Director Corporate & Community

Mr M Raby, Interim Director Infrastructure

Mr M Ahammed, Manager Finance & IT

Ms W Westbrook, Executive Assistant

Ms L Chalmers, Executive Support Officer

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1 OPENING & WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 4:07pm.

2 PRAYER & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair read the prayer and acknowledgement of country.

3 WEBCAST INFORMATION

The Chair advised the meeting is being audio recorded and reminded attendees

4 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 01.03/23

Moved: Cr Sarah Burrows

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

That the apologies be received from Crs Toomey, Crouch & Doran be accepted and a leave of absence granted for the meeting.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Bruce McMullen, Tom O'Connor and Lone Petrov

Against: Nil

Absent: Crs Robert Crouch, Tara Toomey, Leanne Doran

CARRIED 6/0

Nil

5 DISCLOSURE & DECLARATION OF INTEREST/S

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Chair advised that council adopted the minutes of the last meeting at its 13 December 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Lone Petrov

Finance Advisory Committee Meeting held 15 November 2022 adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 13 December 2022 (31.12/22) as a true and correct record.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Robert Crouch, Tim Bower, Leanne Doran, Bruce McMullen, Tom O'Connor and Lone Petrov

Against: Cr Tara Toomey

Absent: Cr Sarah Burrows

CARRIED 7/1

7 TABLING OF PETITONS

Nil

8 LATE REPORT/S

Nil.

9 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

9.1 SERVICE AREA BENCHMARKING REPORT 2022 - 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 02.03/23

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Sarah Burrows

Recommend that Council use the Organisation Strategic Development restricted asset to:

1. proceed to request for quote and engage an independent consultant service to commence the assessment and community engagement process (July – October 2023) for a possible special rate variation and, if required, to enable a council decision by November 2023 to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the 2024-25 financial year; and
2. invest in concept plans for the expansion of McMaugh Gardens – request a report to the Ordinary Council meeting 28 March 2023.

That the Finance Advisory Committee acknowledge the need to have significant improvement in the Water Fund and request further advice on options to achieve a balanced Water Fund.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Bruce McMullen, Tom O'Connor and Lone Petrov

Against: Nil

Absent: Crs Robert Crouch, Tara Toomey, Leanne Doran

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023 - 2024 ACTIONS

MAYOR REQUESTED COUNCILLORS TO:

Review the draft Operational Plan actions and send through feedback (by 30 March 2023) to assist with preparation of version two (V2) of draft Operational Plan.

9.3 DRAFT BUDGET REPORT 2023 - 2024

MAYOR REQUESTED COUNCILLORS TO:

Review version 1 draft 2023-24 budget and send through feedback (by 30 March 2023) to assist with preparation of version two (V2) of draft 2023-24 budget.

10 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 5:36pm.