



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

27 APRIL 2022



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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL HELD 27 APRIL 2022 IN ST KILDA TOWN HALL

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Pearl (Chairperson), Cr Baxter, Cr Bond, Cr Clark, Cr Crawford, Cr Copsey, Cr Cunsolo, Cr Martin, Cr Sirakoff.

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Tony Keenan, General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion, Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer Operations and Infrastructure, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager City Growth and Development, Claire Stevens, General Manager Governance and Organisational Capability, Joanne McNeill, Manager Property and Assets, Peter Liu, Head of Management Accounting and Financial Analysis, Kirsty Pearce, Head of Governance, Merryn Shaw, Council Business Officer, Emily Williams, Council Business Officer.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following submissions were made verbally and can be listened to in full on our Website: <http://webcast.portphillip.vic.gov.au/archive.php>

Item 3.3 Draft Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two - Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Release for Public Consultation

- Brenda Forbath
- Louise Hird
- Rhonda Small
- John Spierings
- Simon Rashleigh
- Claire Byrne
- Peter Moraitis

The Following Question was taken on notice during public comment on agenda items:

- Jack Halliday: \$5.5m has been provisioned for new open space acquisition, can Council provide an update on how the search is progressing?

Tony Keenan, General Manager Community Wellbeing and Inclusion took the question on notice



3. WELL GOVERNED PORT PHILLIP

3.1 Draft Enterprise Asset Management Plan

Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to endorse the draft Enterprise Asset Management Plan for consultation.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that the draft Enterprise Asset Management Plan documents Council's approach to looking after and growing the approximately \$3.6 billion worth of community assets including parks and sports fields, roads, drains, children's centres, community facilities and much more. It complies with the requirements in the Local Government Act 2020 for Council to adopt an asset management plan.
- 3.2 Authorises the draft Enterprise Asset Management Plan to be released for community consultation.
- 3.3 Notes that the consultation period for the draft Enterprise Asset Management Plan aligns with the consultation on the draft Budget 2022/23 and that the draft Plan will be updated to align with any changes to the Budget 2022/23 that occurs as a result of the community consultation prior to being brought back to Council for adoption.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

3.2 Draft Rating Strategy 2022-2025 and draft Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-2025

Purpose

- 1.1 To consider release of the draft *Rating Strategy 2022-25* and draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* for community consultation.

PART 1

MOVED Crs Martin/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that officers have finalised a draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25*, that is based on an Accelerated Transition Plan for waste services.
- 3.2 Notes the draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* includes the following new waste services:
 - Weekly collection of 120-litre FOGO bin to eligible Single Unit Developments (SUDs), commencing early 2023.
 - Weekly collection of FOGO bin (size to be determined) to eligible Multi-Unit Developments (MUDs), commencing July 2023.
 - A move to fortnightly garbage collection for properties with kerbside FOGO bins, six months after the commencement of the FOGO services.

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- Communal organics services for properties that are ineligible or unable to accommodate the additional FOGO kerbside bin from July 2023.
 - Communal glass recycling services to be rolled-out across the City providing access for all residents from early 2023
- 3.3 Notes that the funding of the draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* is a key issue influencing the draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025*.
- 3.4 Releases the draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* (Attachment 1) for community consultation.
- 3.5 Notes that the draft Budget 2022/23, to be considered by Council on 27 April 2022, has been informed by the draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25*.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Sirakoff, Copley, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED.

PART 2

MOVED Crs Martin/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.6 Notes that a review of Council's *Rating Strategy* has been undertaken to provide Council with enough flexibility to:
- Effectively deal with issues associated with valuation shifts between property classes.
 - Effectively deal with changes in rates distribution within the residential property class.
 - Raise sufficient income to fund new waste services and above rates cap increase in waste costs.
- 3.7 Notes the draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025* proposes:
- Shifting the rating system from Net Annual Value (NAV) to Capital Improved Value (CIV)
 - Introducing Differential Rating at property class with the following rates in the dollar:
 - Residential rate in the dollar 0.001615
 - Commercial rate in the dollar 0.002062
 - Industrial rate in the dollar 0.002073
 - Separating the cost of private benefits/direct waste services (Kerbside Bins Collection, Communal FOGO & Glass, Hard & Green Waste, and Resource Recovery Centre) from General Rates (approximately \$13.7 million) to a waste charge structure.
 - Implement a tiered waste charge structure including rebates to ensure a fairer fee structure based on user-pays principle as follows:
 - Default waste charge for rateable properties at \$176.20
 - Kerbside FOGO Collection Charge at \$88.10

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- Annual Garbage Charge for non-rateable tenements at \$402.00
 - 240 Litre Waste Bin Charge at \$221.00
 - 80 Litre Waste Bin Rebate at (\$70.00)
 - Private Waste Collection Rebate at (\$60.00)
 - Residential One-Occupancy Waste Rebate (residential car park space and or storage area) at (\$176.20)
 - Commercial One-Occupancy Waste Rebate (car park space) at (\$158.50)
- 3.8 Notes the average of general rates and waste charges are proposed to increase by the rates cap of 1.75% despite inflation forecast at 2.75% and new waste services and related waste costs increases of 14%.
- 3.9 Releases the draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025* (attachment 2) for community consultation.
- 3.10 Notes that the draft Budget 2022/23, to be considered by Council on 27 April 2022, has been informed by the draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025*.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Crawford called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED.

PART 3

MOVED Crs Clark/Martin

That Council:

- 3.11 Notes that the consultation period for the draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* and draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025* aligns with the consultation on the draft Budget 2022/23 and that the draft strategies will be updated to align with any changes to the budget that occurs as a result of the community consultation prior to being brought back to Council for adoption.
- 3.12 Receives and hears feedback and submissions from the public at the Special Council meeting on 14 June 2022, commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall, prior to considering adoption at the Special Council Meeting on 27 June 2022 commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall.
- 3.13 Authorises the CEO to make amendments to the draft *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* and draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025* to reflect any changes through this resolution, and to make minor editorial adjustments to the document to prepare for publication and distribution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED.

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3.3 Draft Council Plan 2021-2031 Year Two - Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan, Revenue & Rating Plan, and Budget 2022-23: Release for Public Consultation

Purpose

- 1.1 To consider release of the draft Council Plan 2021-31 updated for year two and the draft Budget 2022/23 for community consultation.

MOVED Crs Martin/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes that the draft Budget 2022/23 has been informed by the draft revised *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* and draft *Rating Strategy 2022-2025*.
- 3.2 Notes that the draft Budget 2022/23 includes:
 - 3.2.1 A rate increase of 1.75 per cent, which is equivalent to the rates cap set by the Victorian Government.
 - 3.2.2 Increased funding for the draft revised *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25* which includes new waste services.
 - 3.2.3 Fees and charges generally increasing between 2 to 2.75 per cent unless it makes sense to vary, and to provide support to those who need it most.
 - 3.2.4 Ongoing efficiency savings of \$1.5 million and one-off portfolio savings of \$1.4 million. Cumulative efficiency savings since 2016/17 are more than \$70 million and forecast additional efficiency savings over the 10-year Financial Plan are \$73m.
 - 3.2.5 No debt– some finance lease liabilities will remain as part of our financing strategy.
 - 3.2.6 Cash reserves for operational needs including staff leave and contingency of \$25.2 million.
 - 3.2.7 Project investment of \$68.5 million to maintain, grow and improve services and assets.
 - 3.2.8 One-off waivers of a maximum of \$750 on application up to 50% of general rates and charges to the Chief Financial Officer in cases of extreme financial hardship.
 - 3.2.9 Deferring the introduction of business parklet fees for 6 months to January 2023, and waiving footpath trading fees for the first 4 months to November 2022 and applying the revitalisation rate to areas with a commercial vacancy rate greater than 16% to support COVID recovery efforts.
 - 3.2.10 A cash surplus of \$1.22 million providing additional contingency for likely enterprise financial risks (per section 4.33) particularly as this is the first budget post COVID-19 pandemic and projected impact of inflation.
 - 3.2.11 Intention to lease 10 properties as required by section 115 of the Act as per section 4.60.
- 3.3 Releases the draft amended Council Plan 2021-2031, inclusive of the Community Vision, Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan, draft (10-year) Financial Plan, draft Revenue and Rating Plan, and the draft Budget 2022/23, amended to reflect any changes made through this resolution, for community consultation (Attachments 1, 2 and 3).
- 3.4 Receives and hears feedback and submissions from the public at the Special Council meeting on 14 June 2022, commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall, prior to considering adoption of the amended Council Plan 2021-31, including Budget 2022/23 at the Special Council Meeting on 29 June 2022 commencing 6.30 pm at the St Kilda Town Hall.

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3.5 Authorises the CEO to make amendments to the draft amended Council Plan 2021-2031 including the draft Budget 2022/23 to reflect any changes through this resolution, and to make minor editorial adjustments to the document to prepare for publication and distribution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Baxter, Crawford, Cunsolo, Sirakoff, Copsey, Martin, Pearl and Clark

AGAINST: Cr Bond

The MOTION was CARRIED.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:03pm.

Confirmed: 4 May 2022

Chairperson _____